

Castrate Children? The President Says "Yes"!

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Ladies and gentlemen, I had a discussion with about 45 Christians in the Ukraine yesterday via zoom. They're all in different locations. And I hope to reveal a couple of things about what we talked about a little bit later in the program. But I want to start with something that actually happened the day before in the news regarding President Biden and transgenderism. If your God agrees with you on everything you probably don't have the right God. You might be making God in your image rather than submitting to the fact that he made you in His image. President Biden put out a video recognizing a new Trans Day, the Trans Visibility Day, I think he called it. And he said that you are made in the image of God and he's absolutely right about that. We're all made in the image of God, and everybody needs to be treated with respect regardless of what political position you have, regardless of what your beliefs are, regardless of what your gender is, or your sexes are. Everybody needs to be treated with respect because they are made in the image of God. He's got that right. But he didn't read the next verse. Here's what Genesis 1:27 says. "So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

The President, for some reason, decided he wasn't going to read that part. Why cherry pick from the same verse what phrase you like, and not the next phrase, God created us male and female? And by the way, as I've said several times before, transgenderism presupposes fixed genders. Look, if I'm a man physically, but I think I'm a woman, I have to have some idea of what a man is and some idea of what a woman is, in order to know the difference. Also, if I want to commit myself to some sort of transition, I have to know what a man is and what a woman is to even do that. So, transgenderism presupposes fixed genders.

Here's the problem, you can change your mind, but you can't change your sex. If you have a mismatch between your mind and your body, with regard to sex, you can change your mind, but you can't change your body, okay. This should be obvious. You can't change the 100 trillion cells that you have that all declare very clearly via science that you are either a male or a female. You can try and change your body to look more like a male or a female, but you can't



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change your sex. You can change the appearance, but you can't really change your sex. It's part of every cell of your body.

Now, why was the President talking about this? Well, here's an article from the Christian Post on it. It says, "President Joe Biden declared his support for allowing children..." I'm interrupting my thought here. He doesn't want to just recognize that all people are made in the image of God. He wants to say this, "President Joe Biden declared his support for allowing children and adolescents with gender dysphoria to undergo body mutilating surgeries or use puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to look more like the opposite sex despite unknowns about long-term side effects. In multiple documents released Thursday, which is observed by some as the Transgender Day of Visibility, the Biden administration backed what it described as "gender-affirming health care" for children. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Population Affairs released a document titled "Gender Affirming Care and Young People. "Now, if you go look at this document online you will see up in the right hand corner they have some definitions. And here's what their definition is of cisgender. This is the definition: describes a person whose gender identity aligns with their sex assigned at birth.

Alright, first of all, this is gobbley gook from the very beginning. This is a politically motivated document. Your sex is not determined at birth, your sex is discovered at birth. In fact, it's discovered in the womb. We have our second grandson on the way. He's not gonna arrive here, outside of the womb, until July, Lord willing, but we already know it's a he. He's a he. How do we know that? Because you can discover sex in the womb via a test. It's easy to do, and yet there are people out there denying that sex actually exists, or they're trying to say that it's just in my mind. Your sex is not assigned at birth, it's discovered at birth. It's not determined, it's discovered. But what do I know? I'm not a biologist. Ladies and gentlemen, how did we go, during the Cavanaugh hearings, from believe every woman, to the Jackson hearings where we're asking, what's a woman? I mean, we've gone from, believe every woman to what's a woman, in like three years. How does this happen?

The world has gone mad, but thankfully our friends at the Babylon Bee are there helping us regain our sanity. Here's a couple of Babylon Bee headlines about this. Adam Confused by New Creature God Put in the Garden As He is Not a Biologist. Another Babylon Bee headline: Kindergartner Granted PhD in Biology After Correctly Distinguishing Boy From Girl. I mean, it's

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so absurd now. When you post some of these headlines, on Twitter, there are people that will actually respond back, hey, did you know this is a satire site? Yeah, we know it's a satire site and the satire is so real you actually think it's true, don't you? And you think I think it's true. Well, it almost is true. Because when you have somebody who is trying to be on the United States Supreme Court, and when she's asked a question: What's a woman?, she says, I'm not a biologist, you go this world is crazy. This woman should not get anywhere near the Supreme Court if she can't tell you what a woman is? I mean, how is she going to rule on cases that have to do with women's rights? How is she gonna rule on Title IX cases or civil rights cases if she doesn't know what a woman is? This is madness.

Now, obviously, she does know what a woman is, but she feels like she can't say without upsetting someone. Ladies and gentlemen, you are not in a free country when you are worried about every word that comes out of your mouth, a word that could cancel you and destroy your career forever. You no longer live in a free country. You're living in a tyrannical, totalitarian regime if you're worried that you can't even call a man a man, or a woman a woman. This is absurd. And this woman is allegedly going to be on the Supreme Court and she's going to have to decide what our freedoms mean in light of the Constitution. Well, if you don't know what a woman is, you don't know what a man is, how you even know what women's rights are, or men's rights are, or rights in general are? How are you going to know what religious freedom is? It boggles the mind to think that we're going to put someone on the Supreme Court who doesn't even have the courage enough to say what everybody in the room already knows.

Alright, friends, there's a lot more on this right after the break. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with me, Frank Turek, on the American Family Radio Network. 180 stations around the country. Also, in podcast at I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. Check it out there. We're back in just a couple of minutes. Please don't go anywhere.

I don't know if you've heard but the Babylon Bee has been banned from Twitter because they had a satirical story that gave Rachel Levine the Man of the Year award, because, well, Rachel Levine is really Richard Levine. That's what he was for 54 years and then he transitioned to become Rachel Levine, who is in the government as some kind of Admiral. And Babylon Bee decided, well, this is going to be a fun story. Because USA Today, I think, came out and said, okay, Rachel Levine is a woman of the year. So, Babylon Bee said, Rachel Levine is the man of

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the year. So, they were banned from Twitter and my friend, Seth Dillon, who owns the Babylon Bee said, we're not taking that tweet down. It's true. We're not going to kowtow to this. And my other friend, Charlie Kirk...and by the way, thank you, Charlie Kirk listeners. Charlie and I did a podcast on his show a couple of weeks ago, maybe three weeks ago now. And Charlie is such a good interviewer. He knows the apologetics material just as well as he knows the country and politics. And so, when he interviewed me on evidence for God, I think that might be the most concise interview I've ever been able to do by somebody asking me questions because Charlie knew the right questions to ask. And we packed more evidence in a 40 minute podcast than I think I've ever done before. And so, go to Charlie Kirk's podcast and look back in the beginning of March, maybe mid-March or so, for a podcast with me if you're interested in this because we covered a lot of material in a short period of time.

And I know many people then discovered our podcast, I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist through Charlie. So, thank you for listening. Our podcast has gone up in rankings on Apple. I'm glad we're reaching more people now. And if you really want to help us do that more, please go wherever you listen to this podcast and put a positive review up there. In any event, Charlie has been kicked off Twitter too, because he retweeted the Babylon Bee headline, and maybe something else about Rachel Levine. The Babylon Bee put out another headline that says this, Taliban Spokesman Finally Banned from Twitter After Sharing Babylon Bee Headline. It's absurd what's going on. They also have a video up on the Babylon Bee about new Twitter employees and how they decide who to ban. It's very funny, you ought to check it out. You can find it on their YouTube channel.

In any event, let me go back to the story of the day that we've been talking about, and that is the President releasing just this week, a number of initiatives, and one of them is this idea of gender affirming health care. And I'm back to the Christian Post story on this. Here's what the story says. "The network's document defined gender-affirming care as including so-called "evidence-based interventions such as puberty blockers and gender-affirming hormones" and proclaimed that "gender-affirming care is neither child maltreatment nor malpractice." The statement comes as officials in Texas have defined administering puberty-blocking drugs on children who question their gender as "child abuse" and experimental since the Food and Drug Administration has not approved such drugs for that use."

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About a month ago, we did a podcast called *Its Biology Not Bigotry*, where I went through a speech by Abigail Shrier, and I learned so much from that speech that Ms. Shrier gave. She's the one that wrote the book *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters*. She points out that these drugs we've been giving young people are not approved by the FDA. We've been giving young people, and are giving young people, Lupron. Lupron is a drug that we used to give people who were sex offenders to chemically castrate them and now we're giving it to kids to prevent puberty. We don't know what the outcome is going to be. The FDA hasn't even approved this drug for that use. This is absurd.

Back to the Christian Post article. "There is no scientifically sound research showing negative impacts from providing gender-affirming care...". This is what the government is saying. "[Transgender, gender diverse, and intersex] youth can thrive when they are supported and affirmed in their identities and their identity development." This is what the government's saying to us. And the story goes on to say, "An entry on Mayo Clinic's website states that drugs aimed at blocking puberty "might..." This is "might" ladies and gentlemen in scare quotes. "... 'might' help reduce depression among youth". And here's the quote from the Mayo Clinic. "'However, puberty suppression alone might not ease gender dysphoria," said the clinic, adding, Using medication to delay puberty "beyond one's peers can be stressful," and thus, a child "might experience lower self-esteem."

Anyway, the story goes on to say this. "The conservative..." They always have to put this. Even the Christian Post has to say, the conservative American College of Pediatricians. They don't say the liberal pediatrician academy are the other group that's on the left side. Anyway. "The conservative American College of Pediatricians, an association of physicians and healthcare professionals "dedicated to the health and well-being of children," has long voiced its opposition to using puberty-blocking drugs on children suffering from gender dysphoria "There is not a single long-term study to demonstrate the safety or efficacy of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and surgeries for transgender-believing youth," the organization said in a statement. This means that youth transition is experimental, and therefore, parents cannot provide informed consent, nor can minors provide assent for these interventions. Moreover, the best long-term evidence we have among adults shows that medical intervention fails to reduce suicide."

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“Temporary use of puberty blocker Lupron has also been associated with and may be the cause of many serious permanent side effects including osteoporosis, mood disorders, seizures, cognitive impairment and, when combined with cross-sex hormones, sterility,” the American College of Pediatricians added. “In addition to the harm from Lupron, cross-sex hormones put youth at an increased risk of heart attacks, stroke, diabetes, blood clots and cancers across their lifespan.” And we think we're going to experiment on the kids with this stuff. Ladies and gentlemen, the left's religion is sexual license, and we need to protect our children from this harmful religion. It's sexual license.

In fact, let me find another story over here from Joel Abbott. This is on NotTheBee.com. This is the real news, not the fake news, website of the Babylon Bee. And in an article, Joel Abbott says this. "We aren't talking about grown men suffering from the mental illness known as gender dysphoria. We are talking about kids – some as young as toddlers – who are being pressured by our elites to carve up their bodies, stop natural processes, make themselves sterile, and embark on a lifelong hormone ride that will turn them into living Frankenstein's monsters. It's sick. It is contra naturam in the highest order. Freaking Josef Mengele never imagined such horrors." This is Joel Abbott speaking.

Is this madness? If this isn't madness I don't know what madness is. Why does the government think it has the medical expertise to encourage children to stay in their state of gender dysphoria and get untested and risky treatments that may sterilize them and bring these diseases on them for the rest of their lives? Why don't they follow the science? Is the government aware that those with gender dysphoria have a suicide rate 19 times higher than the general public after surgery? So, how does affirming young people in this help them? It doesn't. Does the government also recognize, apparently Joe Biden doesn't, that more than 80% of young people who experience gender dysphoria as children grow out of it by the time they're 18. And yet, here's Joe Biden and his entire administration, encouraging people to get these treatments. Ladies and gentlemen, if you're not going to stand up and protect children, who you're going to stand up for? This is insanity and it comes from the very top of our government. I can't think of one thing Joe Biden's doing right now. Well, maybe there's one. I don't know what it is. And tragically, I don't even think he's in charge. I think he's being pushed from people around him, from his staff. This is very sad and very scary.

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By the way, back to the Christian Post article, in February Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a formal opinion stating that prescribing puberty blockers or conducting sex change surgeries on children with gender dysphoria, "can legally constitute child abuse under several provisions of chapter 261 of the Texas Family Code". Texas is also investigating whether AbbVie Inc and Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc, manufacturers of puberty blockers, have been engaging in deceptive advertising practices. Paxton's office had issued civil investigative demands against these two companies seeking to determine "whether these manufacturers or puberty blocking drugs deceptively advertised and promoted hormone blockers for unapproved uses without disclosing the potential risks to children in their parents. Companies should never promote or supply puberty blockers for uses that are not intended or approved", stated Paxton. "I will not allow Big Pharma to misleadingly promote these drugs that may pose a high risk of serious physical and psychological damage to Texas children who cannot yet fathom or consent to their potential long term effects of such abuse."

The Biden administration has since challenged Texas. Of course they have. They're doing everything contrary to common sense, the Biden administration. Thank God for Texas down there saying, we're going to call an end to this. This is child abuse. And it is. It's ridiculous, giving Lupron to kids, chemically castrating them. In fact, even over at the United Kingdom, their national health service reports this, "little is known about the long term side effects of hormone or puberty blockers in children with gender dysphoria". Yet they're doing it over there too. Let's experiment on the kids ladies and gentlemen. Crazy. Absolutely crazy, ladies and gentlemen. And we need to stand up against this. Actually, we need to stand up for children. Instead of being against something let's be for the children and get them the proper care that they need. Everybody's made in the image of God. You're right, President Biden. Read the next phrase, he made them male and female. Let's help them be what they're created to be. I'm Frank Turek. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. We're back in two minutes.

Just this past week ladies and gentlemen, I spoke down at Louisiana Christian University. Great little Christian school, maybe 1000 students or so, right in the middle of Louisiana...Alexandria, Louisiana. They have a great president there, Rick Brewer, and great staff. They are really interested in apologetics and equipping young people in order to make them ready to be disciples when they get out in the world. And so, if you're looking for a Christian college, you might want to take a look at Louisiana Christian University. Great little school. I enjoyed being

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there. I look forward to going back. And by the way, you can see all of the events that we did there. We did two events there last week. Go to our YouTube channel and you will see them up there. Every time we go to a college campus we stream the events. And this is the first Christian College we've done this year. Toward the end of April, I think it's April 24th and 25th, we'll be down in Louisiana again. This time, though, at LSU, Louisiana State University. And all the details are on our website, so you can check that out there. And if you're anywhere near Baton Rouge the Monday night event is open to the public. And if you're not near Baton Rouge, it will be streamed, so I hope to see you there.

A lot of people will say, oh, Frank, this is so overblown. I mean, people aren't really transitioning. They're not transitioning young people, despite what the President says. I mean, this is very rare if it happens at all. Oh, contraire ladies and gentlemen. This just came out this week. And I think this was broken by the Daily Mail over in the UK. Here's the headline; School Nurse Suspended Revealing Student, 11 on Puberty Blockers. And this is in Connecticut ladies and gentlemen. Here is a UK newspaper covering something that goes on in a Connecticut school. Kathleen Cataford, who worked at the Richard J. Kinsella Magnet School in Hartford was axed from her role Monday over the post, which was branded transphobic. She posted something on Facebook. Here's what she posted this lady. I think it said in the article that she's 77 years old, this school nurse.

Here's what she posted. I have the post on Facebook. Her name is Kathleen Cataford. She said, "Buyer beware. Investigate the school system curriculum. Connecticut is a very socially liberal gender confused state. As a public school nurse, I have an 11 year old female on puberty blockers and a dozen students identifying as non-binary, all but two keeping this a secret from their parents with the help of teachers, social workers, and the administration. Teachers and social workers are spending 37 and a half hours a week influencing your children, not necessarily teaching your children what you think is being taught. Children are introduced to this confusion in kindergarten by the school social worker who 'teaches' social and emotional regulation and school expectations. "This lady goes on to say, "Science tells us that a child's brain continues development into the early 20s, hence laws prohibiting alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and pot. But it's okay to inject hormones into confused pre-pubescent children and perform general mutilating surgery on adolescents? How incongruent is that thinking?" Exactly.

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Now this lady has gotten axed from her job for exposing this kind of corruption in the school. Oh, you can't expose the privacy of students. Notice she didn't name anybody. She didn't say this 11 year old girl is getting hormone puberty blockers, she just said, I have an 11 year old. She's not exposing anybody by name, she's just exposing the tyranny and the secrecy going on where the schoolteachers and social workers and the administration themselves think that they are the gods of these young kids and are influencing these young kids to make decisions that may make them sterile and give them the diseases that we've already spoken of earlier in the program. This is child abuse. These people ought to be arrested, but maybe in Connecticut, maybe there's a law like there is an Oregon, Washington where you don't have to get parental consent to do these things. We talked about this when we did the Abigail Shrier podcast about a month ago, the one called It's Not Bigotry, It's Biology. Go back and listen to that one because there was a girl out there as young as 13 years old who had a double mastectomy, top surgery, without parental consent. And it just frosts me to even talk about this, how maddening this is.

I'm looking for a section in here, the government document that Joe Biden talked about the other day when he talked about Trans Visibility Day. The government document lists top surgeries, elective mastectomies and breast enhancements, and bottom surgeries, removal of genitals, as, get this, gender affirming care. That's not gender affirming care ladies and gentlemen, that's gender destruction. You're not caring for anybody when you are cutting off perfectly working sexual organs or, when it comes to breasts, childbearing organs, child feeding organs.

In fact, there's another story that you need to be aware of. This is a story that has a positive message. And it's again, Not the Bee. Former trans folks flooded social media with their stories for Detrans Awareness Day. I don't have time to read all these, but these are people who were young, maybe in their teens, who were encouraged to get transition surgery and now regret it and are trying to recover. They're trying to detransition. Here's one by the name of Jessie who says this, "The LGBT community online brainwashed me into thinking my confusion and pain with gender dysphoria at 16 years old. I am so grateful I only socially transitioned. At 24, I am happy, thriving, feminine. I love being a woman, was never anything else." There are several other stories here. I can't go through them but if you go to Not The Bee...in fact, we'll put all these links in the description of the podcast, so if you want to read them yourself, you can see these people saying, I wish I had never done this. Look at percent of these young people who

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grow out of it by the time they're 18. Why would we give them a life of difficulty and sterility when there is a very good chance just waiting is going to solve the problem? Why would we do that? Because the left has a religion known as sexual license and they will do anything it seems, even against a parent's knowledge, to affirm sexual license.

Look, transgenderism is like anorexia. You would never give liposuction to an anorexic, you would say your mind is not aligned with your body, let's change your mind. We need to do the same thing when it comes to transgenderism, especially with children. Look, if you're an adult and you want to go down that road, that's your choice. But when you're a child, you need to say, look, your mind and your body are at odds. You can change your mind; you can't change your sex. You can't do it. It's impossible. It's a scientific fact. And I know that may hurt your feelings but as Ben Shapiro has said, facts don't care about your feelings. If you want to truly respect people, you tell them the truth, you don't tell them what they want to hear. As Thomas Sowell famously said, "When you tell people what they need to hear you're helping them, when you tell people what they want to hear you're helping yourself". You're helping yourself because you don't want people to get mad at you when you tell them the truth. Well, your job is to tell people the truth and leave the results to God. You love people by telling them the truth, you disrespect them by lying to them. You can't change your sex. Sorry. It's impossible.

One of the major differences between the left and the right is this, the right believes that you should change your behavior to fit reality, the left believes you should change reality to fit your behavior. You can't change reality to fit your behavior. Certainly not when it comes to your sex. It is what it is. All are made in the image of God, all deserve respect, but God made them male and female. So, we need to defend what's true and what's right because people are getting hurt, young people are getting hurt. Just read that article, or you can go to SexChangeRegret.com. We need to stand for what's right. And if you can't stand for what's right, then you're not following the Lord.

Now, one of the problems is, in our culture, people think feelings must be followed at all costs. Follow your heart. No, your heart is deceitful and wicked. Your heart changes. Your heart is conflicting. I mean, the evidence actually shows your heart does change. 80% of kids who think they're another sex grow out of it, as I've mentioned. And by the way, why is that? Why have we had this explosion of transgenderism in our country? The reason is because of social media.

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I mean, it used to affect 1 of every 10,000, mostly men, gender dysphoria did. Now in some girl's schools, 30% of the girls are saying, oh, I'm trans now. We've gone 1 in 10,000, mostly men, to 3,000 in 10,000 girls.

How does that happen? It's all social contagion. Young people are lonely and depressed, and they want to get out of it, so they think they're going to get applause if they come out as trans and anyone who says they're wrong is going to get canceled. And secondly, that this is going to solve their problem. And it doesn't solve their problem. Even people that get the surgery are 19 times more likely to commit suicide. You treat this problem with psychiatry, you treat this problem with the love of God, you treat this problem with giving people purpose, the purpose of being in God's kingdom, you don't treat it with surgery. Just like you don't treat anorexia with surgery, you don't give an anorexic liposuction. There's more we could talk about this but we're running out of time, and I got to tell you a little bit about the Ukraine, what's going on over there. We have some inside information. Information that might surprise you actually. So, don't go anywhere. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with me, Frank Turek, on the American Family Radio Network. Back in just two minutes.

Ladies and gentlemen, we had a bonus podcast this week called The Bible Story You Are In. It's about the prodigal son passage. And I forgot to mention one thing in that podcast that I just didn't get to it. I have so much to cover. The prodigal son parable is, I think, probably the best parable that explains the overall meaning and purpose of Christianity if you understand it rightly. If you didn't listen to that podcast, go back and listen to it, please. Because when I first heard what I was able to share with you on that podcast, it really revolutionized my thinking about what Christianity really is and what the grace of God really means. Anyway, if you remember in that podcast, for those of you that did listen to it, I said in every parable there's at least two characters, sometimes three. God is in every parable, and you are in every parable. And in the parable of the prodigal son, there's actually a third character in the parable, and that is the Pharisees.

For example, in the parable, God is represented by the father in the parable. And the sinners are represented by the prodigal son, the younger son who runs off and wastes his father's resources. And the elder brother who stays home and continues to work for the father represents the Pharisees. Well, if you remember why Jesus told that parable, he told that

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parable, along with the last coin and the last sheep, he told that parable because the Pharisees were muttering that this man Jesus hangs out with sinners and eats with them. And the Pharisees think, you can't do that man, you need to separate yourself from these immoral people. So, Jesus tells the three parables: lost coin, lost sheep, lost son. In other words, Jesus is responding to the Pharisees by telling these parables and he's claiming that he's doing what the Father in the parable does, that he goes out and he seeks and finds what is lost. You know what Jesus is doing when he says this when he gives those three parables? Jesus is claiming to be God. Because you see in the parable the father represents God. Well, Jesus is claiming that's who he is. He's God. He's going out to seek that which is lost. So, when the Pharisees say, why are you hanging out with sinners and lost people, Jesus is saying, because I'm God, that's who I hang out with. I go out to find these people and bring them into the kingdom.

Now, there's a lot more to the parable that we don't have time to talk about now. You got to go back and listen to the last podcast. It's called The Bible Story You Are In. And a lot of that, by the way, I learned from Tim Keller in his book, The Prodigal God. So, if you want a book on it, get Tim's book, The Prodigal God. Anyway, I had to add that in there because I think that's fascinating. Jesus claims to be God in many ways and one of the ways he claims to be God is by being the father in the prodigal son parable, and also the one that goes out and seeks the lost coin and the lost sheep.

In any event, now, let's talk about Ukraine. I had the opportunity to speak with a friend in Ukraine who is part of a ministry over there. I've spoken to him before. I'm going to keep his name out of it just to protect him. He's in an area where the Russians are right now. And yesterday, they interviewed me for about an hour asking me about my insights on war, the Ukraine war, my insights in the military. Is war justified? Is it not justified? All those issues. If you want to know my thoughts on that I actually wrote an article back in 2008. It's still on our website, CrossExamined.org. It's called Jesus and the Case for War. Just look it up on our website. And despite that title, not all war is justified. Don't get me wrong. I'm just pointing out that some wars are justified. So, check out that and we'll put the link in our description of this podcast as well.

In any event, I got a report on the situation in Ukraine from a former congressman who puts out a report once a week. And I'm not at liberty to tell you what this is right now but I'm going

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to read a section of it. And this is as of March 29, just a couple of days ago. He says this. "This slow motion tragedy has turned into a grinding war of attrition with huge collateral damage and casualties of non-combatants. After nearly five weeks of war, it has become clear that Russia's much vaunted force is, in reality, lacking in quality training, sustainable logistics, quality vehicle and system maintenance, and clear objectives. Moreover, there seems to be a lack of strong unit cohesion among Russian forces. There is an age old saying that the greatest source of inspiration is desperation. To that end, the Ukraine defense force, and groups of citizens committed to resisting the Russians, have developed amazing initiative, creativity, and resourcefulness, not to mention extraordinary levels of moral and physical courage in the face of the larger Russian formations. In the end, Russia seems to have stumbled into an ugly conflict and still intends to join Crimea and Donbass regions by conquering a land bridge via Mariupol, the scenes of horrific devastation and attacks on civilians. This war is far from over."

So, they're intending to do this by attacking civilians [unintelligible]. Okay, so this is just an introductory paragraph to a full report that is several pages. So, I sent this to my friend in Ukraine and I asked him: Is this entire report accurate? Here's what he wrote back.

"I have reviewed this report, and in general, it accurately reflects the situation. The Russian plan failed because they underestimated the patriotism of the Ukrainians and also because they forcibly sent their people to war. Therefore, Russian soldiers surrender or run away at the slightest opportunity. However, the losses on both sides are huge. I doubt some of the news, because as you rightly said today, people tend to demonize each other."

He's saying that because we had just done this Zoom meeting for an hour and I wanted to point out that we ought not demonize... Look, even in war, you don't demonize the opponent. They're human beings made in the image of God. If you demonize them, you're attacking the nature of God, and it's gonna cause you to commit war crimes. Do you have to defend yourself against them? Yes. Might you have to kill them? Yes, you might have to do that in self-defense. But you don't demonize people. That's what the Nazis did. That's how they were able to get everyday German guards to murder innocent women and children because they told them that these Jews were sub-human. You don't demonize the Russians. You don't demonize Ukrainians. You don't demonize even the Nazis. You don't demonize the Jews. You don't demonize anyone. They're all made in the image of God. That's what President Biden had right in his statement, as

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we talked about earlier, and we treat everybody with respect, but that doesn't mean that we accept every idea, or every policy, or every action as equal equally good. We don't.

In any event, let me get back to what my friend in the Ukraine said. He said, "Living among Russians, I generally consider them to be the same people as Ukrainians, simply deceived by their authorities. They sincerely believe that Naziism is flourishing in Ukraine and so on. Moreover, the Ukrainians also harm the civilian population..."

This is quite an admission for a Ukrainian to make.

"...although they try not to talk about it, but it's just a fact. Here is a video of my friend's house after yesterday's shelling."

So, he shows me a video of this building just being bombed out. So, I write him back, I said: What city is the video from? And the area he's in, which is right where the Russians are, is Donetsk. I then sent him a news article; this happens to be from NBC. I don't know if I can trust them, but it had to do with the Nazi problem in Ukraine. Is that true? And of course, I went on to say, even if it's true, it doesn't justify what Putin has done. It's not a just war to invade another country unprovoked. I don't care who's in that country, if it's totally unprovoked, and it has been unprovoked. So, I sent him the article from NBC News about Nazis being in Ukraine. And of course, Laura Logan, the former 60 Minutes reporter has pointed that out, as well, that there are Nazis in Ukraine. And so, here's what my contact in Ukraine said.

"Yes, in general, this article correctly describes the situation, although most Ukrainians would deny it. But since I have been living in Donetsk..." I might not pronounce it right. That's in the southeastern part of Ukraine. This is where the Russians are trying to come across and connect it to Crimea and have a land bridge to Crimea, right into the Black Sea area. Okay. So, that's where this guy is. He says, "I've been living in Donetsk all this time of the war. I know perfectly well what this article is talking about. There are indeed radical parties in Ukraine that support Nazi doctrine in some areas, but I must say that there are not as many of them as Russia says. And I must say, in general, the government of Ukraine is quite bad." This is from a Ukrainian.

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Now, in fact, only President Zelenskyy is showing his good side. As our moderator said yesterday, "There are always two sides to a war, but I think that this is just a pretext for Putin. And his main task is to eliminate the threat from NATO to Russia by any means. He does not want to give up control of neighboring territories." And then he shows me another video and another photo of the shelling in Donetsk, where he is, where a missile or a bomb has taken out the top two floors of an apartment building. They're attacking civilians over there, the Russians are. Now this Ukrainian even admits that sometimes Ukrainians are doing that as well. So, there are war crimes being committed over there.

None of this justifies what Putin has done. Let me say that again. I'm just pointing out this Ukrainian, who is a Christian apologist over there, he is telling the truth about what's going on over there. And he's saying, yeah, we've got problems on both sides, but of course, Putin is ultimately responsible for this. And he is. And we need to pray. We need to pray for the Ukrainians. We need to pray for their leaders. We need to pray for the Russians and pray for their leaders too. We need to pray for Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and all the people you might not agree with, and I certainly don't agree with. They're all made the image of God, they just got to start governing rightly and with common sense. And we can all pray that that can happen. Let's do that. Let's get involved. Let's stand up for what's right. Always treating people with respect ladies and gentlemen. Alright, I'm Frank Turek. Back next week. God bless.

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