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## **Why Would a Good God Create People He Knew Would Go to Hell? Plus More Q&A**

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### **FRANK:**

Welcome to CrossExamined with Dr. Frank Turek. Ladies and gentlemen, if God knew from before the world began, before creation, that millions or billions of people would not only sin, but in the end reject Him and therefore spend eternity in hell, why would He create mankind to begin with? In other words, why would God create people He knew would go to hell? That's one of the questions that you have sent in.

If you want to send in a question, go to your email account and type in [hello@crossexamined.org](mailto:hello@crossexamined.org) and we'll see about getting to your question. Unfortunately, we can't get to all of them, but we're going to cover that today. We'll also talk a little bit about something called, let's see, it's called conversational prayer or listening prayer. We also have a question about, you know, how can I stand for Christ when I'm afraid, I'm afraid to stand for Christ?

We'll talk a little bit about the objection that atheists sometimes give us, and that is extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. Is that really true? Welcome to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist, with me, Frank Turek, on the American Family Radio network. This weekend, as you know, is Easter weekend, Resurrection Sunday. That is, of course, the biggest holiday, holy day in Christianity. Everything points to the resurrection.

If Jesus rose from the dead, Christianity is true. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, Christianity's false. And if He did rise from the dead, there's hope for you and me beyond the grave. We are going to have this weekend the great Dr. Chip Bennett on and we're going to look into this question, where is Jesus predicted from the Old Testament to be resurrected on the third day? Because that's what the great creed in 1 Corinthians 15 says. You don't want to miss this weekend's podcast with Dr. Chip Bennett, pastor of Grace Community Church down in Sarasota, Florida.

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He just held an apologetics conference down there and he has some great insights on the Scripture. So, we're going to look into that. But today let's go to the Q&A. And this one comes from Samuel. He starts out by saying he really appreciates the debates and the opportunity to work, and talk, and be challenged by an anti-theist atheist, he says, so our debates have helped him interact with this person.

He said, I started listening to your podcast and have a Calvinist friend of mine that asked me this question and I would love to hear your answer to it. Here it is. The one I started with at the top of the program. If God knew from before the world began, before creation, that millions or billions of people would not only sin but in the end reject Jesus and therefore spend eternity in hell, why would He create mankind to begin with? In doing so, He condemned those who reject Him to hell.

The only conclusion that I have found that makes biblical sense, backed up by Scripture, is that of divine and sovereign election for his glory and purpose. Thank you for your ministry, Samuel. Okay, this question comes from a Calvinist friend of Samuel, and he says the only way we can explain this is the Calvinistic explanation, that it's just God's preference that His divine and sovereign election is for his glory and purpose.

Well, let's unpack this a little bit. First of all, notice this is a moral question. It seems to say that it would be somehow immoral for God to create anyone who He knew would go to hell. Is that really true? Well, let's go back to the options that God has prior to creating anything. If God exists and He knows all things, which of course I think you can show by argumentation that there is a God and that He does know all things, then by definition God knows that any universe He creates, He knows who's going to believe and who isn't.

You ask the question, well, why doesn't God just create everybody? Or put another way, why doesn't God just create a universe where everybody believes? Well, that might be logically possible that God could create a universe where everybody believes. However, it is not actually achievable with free creatures. Why? Because if God truly does create free creatures, by definition He can't force them to do what He wants, otherwise then they wouldn't be free.

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So yeah, logically it's possible God could create a universe where everyone believes, but it's not actually achievable with free creatures because free creatures can do evil. And in order for there to be love and moral responsibility, then God has to give us free will because otherwise it would be immoral for Him to hold us accountable for something we had no capability of doing otherwise. And we couldn't love because love requires the ability to make a free choice, and to be morally accountable, to make moral decisions.

So, God does give us free will. So, God elects to create this universe. When He elects to create this universe, He knows how it's going to turn out. But that doesn't mean that we don't have free will. Don't confuse causality and knowledge. Just because God knows what we're freely going to do doesn't mean He's causing us to do it. As I've said before, you can know a lot of things that don't imply you're causing them.

You can know the sun's going to rise in the east, but you're not causing it to rise in the east. You can know when you put your baby down at night that the baby's going to wake up at night and want to eat, but you're not causing the baby to wake up and eat. I mean, you can know several things. Most of the things you know you're not causing. And God knows when He creates this universe that some people are not going to believe, but that doesn't mean He's causing them not to believe or He's causing certain people to believe.

He just knows according to 1 Peter 1, that God elects according to the foreknowledge of God in accord with the foreknowledge. Now, as you know, the Bible is written from an observational perspective. It's not foreknowledge for Him, but it is foreknowledge for us. Right? God doesn't have to look down the corridor of time to discover what we're going to do. He already knows what we're going to do.

But from our perspective, the way Peter describes it, it would be like a foreknowledge because it hasn't happened yet because we're locked into time. God is outside of time. He can see the end from the beginning. So, God elects to create this universe. He therefore elects the outcome. But He doesn't do it against our free will, but in accord with our free will. So, we are still free and yet we are still chosen.

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In fact, Dr. Norman Geisler wrote the book 'Chosen but Free.' We're chosen. Yes, because when God elected this universe, He chose us, but we're still freely doing what we're doing. And so, it seems to me the Calvinistic viewpoint is the one that has the problem and it's not the solution. How does God get glory by making robots who don't have the free will to love him or hate him? How does He get glory? What does that even mean?

How does He get glory by creating a bunch of robots that do what He wants them to do? It doesn't seem like He would get any glory or any magnification for that. But He would get it if people freely do give Him glory because they love Him. So, God creates this universe where the maximum number of people, given the restraints of free will, are saved and the minimum number are lost.

Now you say, well, why didn't God again create a universe where everyone would believe? It's not possible with free creatures. He can't force them to do what they want, then they wouldn't be free. Secondly, God still gets His will done, even through people who don't obey Him. I'll give you an example. Richard Dawkins, not a Christian, obviously. Top atheist in terms of notoriety probably in the world right now, writes a book, 'The God Delusion.'

A Christian picks it up, reads it and goes, oh I've never heard that argument before against God. Let me look it up. Let me see if it's valid. Turns out it's not. But it causes the Christian to actually get off his fanny and investigate something that ultimately brings him closer to God. Here is Richard Dawkins writing a book that actually causes a Christian to learn more about Jesus and learn more about his own faith and more about the evidence for God.

There's actually a book written recently; I can't remember the name of it. I think Alistair McGrath is the editor of it, where they talk about how God, or I should say... We talk about how Richard Dawkins... I'm going to look for it right now as I'm talking. How Richard Dawkins' vociferousness and bad argumentation has brought many people to faith in Christianity. It's actually counter to what you might think here, is God getting His will done through an atheist.

Here's the name of the book. I found it. It's called 'Coming to Faith Through Dawkins: 12 Essays on the Pathway from New Atheism to Christianity' by Dennis Alexander and Alistair McGrath. So, God can get His will done even when people do evil. And we could give a legion of different

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examples of that. In fact, there's a new one that I heard from Tim Stratton at the end of our podcast from a few weeks ago on molinism.

He was saying that a friend of his has been an atheist for quite a while. And Tim was trying to convince him that Christianity was true. In fact, he gave them, he gave this guy, 'I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist.' And the guy said, oh, that's written by a Christian. You can't trust him. As if some atheist is going to give arguments for Christianity. Well, it turns out Dawkins inadvertently has, by his vociferousness and his invalid arguments he tries to give for atheism.

But there's kind of a guy in the middle that actually has brought him to faith. Because Tim saw him recently and the guy was born again. The guy's a Christian now. And he said, why? And he said, well, I've been listening to Jordan Peterson, and Jordan Peterson has been the segue from atheism to Christianity. Even though Jordan Peterson has never said he's a Christian, he tries to be coy about that. Or maybe he's not. I mean, maybe coy, maybe. Maybe he's just not a Christian at this point.

He seems to try and be kind of an honest broker in between. And this guy, this atheist, said, oh, he must be an honest broker. I'll read what he says. And it's led him to Christ. Which is another example of why even people who claim they are non-resistant, non-believers, you probably heard people say, well, I'm a non-resistant, non-believer.

In other words, I'm not a Christian, but I believe that I would be a Christian if I was given enough evidence. I just haven't seen any evidence for it. So, I'm not a Christian. But your Bible says if you seek, you'll find. And I've sought and I haven't found Jesus yet. So, how can you say your Bible is true then? And, well, the answer is it might be that God might not want you to be a Christian just yet.

Maybe He's keeping something from you because you can have more of an influence for Him doing what you're doing now, like Jordan Peterson, perhaps in this example anyway. And maybe later than you'll become a Christian if you truly are open. Although I've noticed that if you ask people when they say, I'm a non-resistant, non-believer, oh, you are.

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How much have you read? How many books on Christianity have you read? Well, not many. I guess you're not really seeking then, are you? You may say you're open, you may say you're seeking, but there's no evidence you are. In any event, God can still get His will done even through the evil that we do. And that is called the ripple effect. We've talked about that on this program quite a bit.

You might look at something and you go, I see no possible good coming from the evil that's being done here. Of course you can see no possible good. How much knowledge do you have? Not very much. You hardly know the past and the present. You can't know the future. Your perspective is very small. But if there is a God outside of the universe, He can see how all the decisions that are made throughout history all ripple toward one final state.

And maybe when an evil event occurs, evil is done. That event can ripple forward to create good later, good we might not be able to see now. We can't see now. So, as Tim Keller has put it, any God that you think you need to be mad at because He hasn't stopped evil must be big enough for you to be mad at. And He also must therefore be big enough to have a reason that you don't know about a particular evil that has been done.

You might say, I can't see a reason for it, but that God is big enough to have a reason you can't see. So, you can't rule out that good has come from this evil that's being done. Also, when you think about this, going back to the question, why would God create people He knew would go to hell? None of us, Christians or not, wouldn't be here without atheists, without people from other belief systems. The way we are, we reproduce.

We have people, all of us in our ancestry, who weren't Christians. And none of us would be here if they weren't Christians because they would have probably taken a different path in life, and you and I never would have been conceived. Our parents wouldn't have been conceived. Their parents wouldn't have been conceived. That's part of the ripple effect.

And so, their ancestors, our ancestors aren't all Christians, and yet here we are. And people then say, well, it's unfair for God to put people in hell just because they haven't accepted Jesus. Well, they don't go to hell just because they haven't accepted Jesus. They go to hell because they've sinned. That would be like saying, I died because I didn't go to the doctor. No, you died

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because you had a disease. Now, maybe you could have prevented dying by going to the doctor, but the reason you died is you have a disease.

Same thing is true with us right now. You don't go to hell because you've rejected Jesus. You don't go to hell because you haven't gone to the doctor, the Great Physician. You go to hell because you've sinned in other ways. Now, it's also a sin to reject Jesus. Don't get me wrong. I'm simply saying that there are other sins that'll take you on the way to hell. Now, you could prevent that by going to the doctor, going to the Great Physician, and accepting the free gift of salvation, accepting the substitutionary atonement, accepting the fact that He took your punishment on Himself and will not only forgive you, but give you His righteousness.

You can do that, but that's up to you because God is not going to force you or anybody else into heaven against your will. So, it seems to me, Sam, great question. It seems to me the right answer to the question, why would God create people that He knew would go to hell? It's not to give Him glory and purpose by mandating they go to hell without their choice. Actually, you say the Calvinists will say, for His glory and His purpose.

What purpose would He have to punish people when they didn't have any capacity to accept Him? That's Allah, that's not Yahweh. He gives us the ability to grieve the Holy Spirit. He gives us the ability to love the Holy Spirit, and it's up to us whether we do. So, it seems to me He gets glory by giving us the free choice. And those that accept Him will give Him glory, and those that won't will be quarantined away from those who have accepted Him. That's what hell is. It's separation from God.

And people continue to sin in hell. That's why it goes on forever. It's not like you stop sinning when you get to hell. There's still weeping and gnashing of teeth. You are still in a state of rebellion against your Creator in hell. So, why would you want to go there? Well, you're making the choice. All right let's go to another question. This comes from, who does it come from? Oh, Bryler writes in, I really appreciate your work as a 17 year old. Thank you, Bryler.

He says many churches seem to do this, and I can't help but wonder if listening prayer is biblical, where a group sits together, and they ask God to speak to them. They wait for the first thought that pops into their heads and they tell the group that it could be that God told them

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that. Thank you. Great question, Bryler. Well, first of all, this idea of listening prayer, I don't really see much of that in the Bible. And if it does happen, it's happening to Apostles who are getting new revelation from God. But when God communicates to those Apostles or those Old Testament prophets, does He have to wait for the prophet to pray? No, He can just come right out and contact that prophet or that Apostle.

So, I think not to say that God doesn't give us certain thoughts, or certain impressions, or lead us like any kind of, in a conviction of sin that's the witness of the Holy Spirit. Not to say He doesn't do that and not to say that God can't do this if He wants to. I just think you need to be very, very cautious because I've seen too many instances where people thought that God told them something and He really didn't. In fact, there's two sides to communication.

It might not be from God's side. It might be from the demonic realm if you've opened yourself up to that. And I mean, I remember Greg Koukl saying this. He heard that a woman who was reading a part of the Bible, and she took it completely out of context where Paul says, put on the new man, like, put on the new nature. And she took that as a clue from God that she needed to divorce her husband and get a new man.

Let me say something that Dr. Norman Geisler used to say. And that is, the will of God is never contrary to the word of God. The will of God is never contrary to the word of God. So, if you're getting an impression that's contrary to the word of God, it ain't from God. Look, He gave us Scriptures because Scriptures are stable. You can study them. You can have discussions about them. You can learn from other people that have studied them, people that have been dead for centuries.

You can discuss them with other folks, and you can have a stable standard by which you can make decisions and know about God and worship God and also evangelize other people. It's a standard, stable revelation that you can also use to judge any other kind of revelation you think you've gotten. So, the primary way that God communicates to us is through His word, not us sitting around and just asking God to tell us new things.

In fact, Dr. Geisler always used to say this, people asking for new revelation. He envisions God looking down on us saying, you want new revelation? How are you doing with the old

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revelation? Not too good, Lord. Okay, once you start obeying the old revelation, I'll send you new revelation. I mean, do we have enough revelation right now to live a life faithful to Jesus? Of course we do. In fact, that's what the Scriptures say.

All Scripture is God breathed. And it's useful for correcting, rebuking, teaching. So, the man of God may be trained. I can't remember the exact phraseology in 2 Timothy 3, the man of God may live a wholesome life, essentially in Christ. The man of God may be equipped for every good work. That's the phraseology I'm looking for.

So, in other words, the Bible is enough to live the Christian life in faith and practice. You don't need God telling you new things. Now, can God do that if he wants to? Of course he can. Does God do that on occasion? Of course He does. I've heard too many people get specific revelation. Like for example, I've recently read a book called 'The Insanity of God' by Nik Ripken, who was a missionary in some of the worst parts of the world, like Somalia, and parts of China, and parts of Russia, where Christianity in many cases is met with violence.

And he's had situations that have occurred to him where people have met him in areas that they never knew he would even be there. And these people would say, the Holy Spirit told me to come and meet you here. Sure, God can do that. But is that the normative way God communicates? No, it might be the special way God communicates. The normative way God communicates is through His word.

And if you ever get a communication that you think is from God and it disagrees with His word, it's not from God. So, spend more time learning the Scriptures than sitting around waiting for God to tell you something new. Chances are, you don't even know what He's already said. So, why are you asking for more? This is what I would tell people who are doing this. I know that sounds harsh.

And by the way, let me say one other thing about this. I don't think God needs to treat everybody the same way in the sense of how He communicates. He may communicate with certain people on occasion, even audibly, if He wants to. Of course He can. He's done it in the Bible. He can do it to us too. And there may be people out there right now that are getting that kind of revelation. I haven't gotten it.

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But who am I to say that God, if He wants to, can't do that in specific cases with other people? Of course He can do it. He did it throughout the Scriptures. So, I can't just write it off. I can't say no. It never happens. But it seems to me that many of us want this to be the way God communicates with us all the time. And I don't even see that in the Bible.

Greg Koukl has done a lot of good work on this. In fact, if you want to read more about this, go to Stand to Reason's website and look up a three-part article called 'Does God Whisper?' Also, if you really want to dive into this, get a book called 'Decision Making in the Will of God', Bryler. 'Decision Making in the Will of God.' Now, this is a robust book. It's been around for 40 years. It's written by Friesen and Maxson, I think the two names are. I know Gary Friesen is the one author. I think Robin Maxson, if I'm not mistaken, is the other author.

But look, look those two resources up if you want to go further. But great question. Spend more time studying the Bible than asking God to give you new revelation. We've got to master the old revelation first. All right, all right. Question comes in from Simosethu. Sorry if I mispronounce that wrongly. And he writes this. He said, I had a question.

I'm not brave. I hide from letting my college peers know that I'm a Christian. I'm not very vocal about my faith. Every time I'm put in a position to defend my faith, I sweat and tremble, literally. But I put a brave face on and defend my lord. I moved from Africa, and I have very few, if any traditional Christian friends. He's living in Canada now, by the way. And he says, I'm scared of losing a few friends I've made here in college. I've already gotten myself rejected by a job on campus after I told them I was a Christian.

And that shattered my Christian confidence. How do I stand up for my faith and not run away with my tail tucked between my legs? I have read so many apologetics books. It's not that I don't know how to defend my faith. I'm just not brave and I'm scared. Well, thanks for this honest question, SimaSethu. It's probably a question that we all could benefit from. And I think the way forward in today's culture, instead of making statements, is to ask more questions.

And one of the things that we do in our CrossExamined Instructor Academy, CIA, which, by the way, is coming up this August. If you want to be a part of it, go to [Crossexamined.org](http://Crossexamined.org) and click on events. You'll see CIA there, August 1st to 3rd here in Charlotte, North Carolina. Of course,

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one of the instructors is Greg Koukl, and his book 'Tactics' is one of the two books that we require people to read before they come here. The other is called 'I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist,' as you know.

In any event, in 'Tactics,' Greg talks about questions we ought to be asking people. And these questions can be helpful for you to defend your lord. You don't need to make statements. In many cases, you just need to ask the right questions to get the person you're talking to, to start to question his or her own beliefs. Because before somebody's going to accept your worldview, they have to at least to begin to doubt their worldview in order to say, maybe I need to make a change.

So, questions like, what do you mean by that? How'd you come to that conclusion? What evidence do you have for that position? Why do you think that's true? What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? Why do you think that's the case? And there's several other questions that you can bring to bear on the issues of the day. A big one now, of course, is about rights. People say they have all sorts of different rights, and you can ask questions like, where do rights come from? Why do you think that's a right? And see what they say.

In other words, just start asking questions. Asking questions is easy. Answering them is hard. And by asking questions, you can get people to discover that what they actually believe isn't actually true. Instead of just making statements as to why Christianity is true, you ought to be asking questions as to why they think their worldview is true. Or if they say, like, well, you can't believe in God, there's too much evil in the world.

What do you mean by evil? I don't want an example of evil. They'll say, well, murder is evil, rape is evil. No, no, I'm not talking about examples. Define what evil is. What is it? How do you define it? They're not going to be able to define it without reference to good. As soon as they reference good, you can say, well, what do you mean by good? And are we obligated to obey the good? And where does the good come from?

You see, they're going to walk right into God if you lead them with enough questions. You can also ask the famous question that GK Chesterton answered when someone in a newspaper column asked, what's wrong with the world? And Chesterton wrote in and said, I am.

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Everybody believes there's something wrong with the world. I don't care what their worldview is. I don't care whether they're atheists, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, agnostics, no matter what they are, New Agers, Satanists, doesn't matter. If you ask what's wrong with the world, everybody's going to say something.

Well, as soon as you ask that question, what's wrong with the world? You're implying that there must be a standard of rightness we all ought to be living by, that things ought not be the way they are. Well, how can that be unless there is a God who created this universe and has given it objective purpose and meaning and will bring us on into eternity one way or the other?

There is no ultimate purpose or meaning if there is no God. It's just your opinion against somebody else's opinion. So, ask a bunch of questions. Simosethu, that's the way to move forward. Of course, pray. And God hasn't given us a spirit of fear, as the Scriptures say. If you feel fear, that's okay. It's a feeling. But you probably know much more than anybody you're going to interact with. If you've read all these apologetics books, then you don't have to be afraid of what they ask you.

And even if you are, you can say you don't know. You can say I don't know but let me get back to you. There's nothing wrong with saying I don't know. So, get the book 'Tactics.' I think it will help. And also try and find some churches. You say you were in my area of Canada on March 4. I was up in Chilliwack. If you're anywhere near Chilliwack, you should seek out the church at which I spoke. It's Main Street Church, I believe.

Let me make sure that I get the right name of the church because I've been to so many churches lately. Sean is the pastor there. Yeah, it's Main Street Church in Chilliwack. So, if you're up in Chilliwack, go to that church and start getting involved there. And get some people around you that can support you. And there's other churches, of course, up in that area that you can, but that's especially a good one, Main Street Church in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

So, if you're in that area, you may want to check that out. So, thanks. And by the way, this is a problem for all of us. And Christians are going to have to start standing up, particularly in corporate America. Because if we don't stand up, and not just corporate America, but life all

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around, school board meetings, politics, anywhere, we need to start standing up and pointing out the truth by asking good questions, questions that we've talked about on this program before. If your place of employment has bought into the woke ideology, you can go to the HR director and say, hey, I just have a few questions I hope you can answer for me because I want to make sure I'm in compliance here. And there are some things here that are a bit confusing. And the questions I'm asking aren't made in the...

I'm not trying to blame anybody. I'm just thinking there may be some unintended consequences with some of these policies. Like, we talk about how we're all for inclusion, tolerance, and diversity. Can I just ask you, what does the company mean by inclusion? What does it mean by tolerance? What does it mean by diversity? And see what they say, because they're going to have a hard time actually defining those terms without pointing out that they're excluding a certain group of people.

Like, I was excluded at Cisco and Bank of America when it was discovered I had written the book 'Correct, Not Politically Correct.' I was actually fired from those companies in the name of inclusion, tolerance, and diversity. I don't have time to tell you the whole story now. I've talked about it before, but get the book 'Correct, Not Politically Correct: About Same-Sex Marriage and Transgenderism,' because I explain what happened in there in the third edition.

In any event, start asking questions. When you say that we're all about tolerance, what does that mean? This has come up in the Planet Fitness issue. Have you heard about the Planet Fitness location that actually had a man dressed as a woman go into the women's restroom? And there was a problem that arose because one of the ladies, I think she may have had a child, too. I can't remember.

But anyway, one of the ladies was just appalled and went out to the front desk and said, there's a man in the women's restroom. And they apparently have somewhere written there, this is a no judgment zone. Well, they kicked her out of Planet Fitness for pointing this out. Wait a minute. I thought it was a no judgment zone. Why are you judging this woman? Her position should be just as valid as anybody else's. if you're saying it's a no judgment zone.

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You're judging this woman because she is concerned about safety in the showering facilities, her own safety, and that of her daughter. Because no judgment doesn't really mean. no judgment, ladies and gentlemen. It means if you don't see it our way, we will judge you and kick you out of here. See, it's completely hypocritical what happens when people have conflicting values. You're going to have to side with one side or the other, and that means making a judgment. And you're making a judgment either way.

If you're going to decide on the side of the woke ideology that's making a judgment, if you're going to decide on the side of what we all know to be reality, that there are men and women, and they ought to have privacy in the showering facilities, then that's making a judgment too. And if you're saying, I'm not going to adjudicate this, that's still a judgment. I'm going to let them duke it out on their own. You can't avoid making judgments.

So, you're going to come down on one side or the other. There's going to always be values that you're going to say, we're going to adhere to these and not these. It's unavoidable. And yet you're claiming you're not making judgments. Sure, you're making judgments. And you might ask people at your facility, at your workplace, do you think it's right to force people to violate their conscience? Hopefully, of course, they're going to say no.

And then you can say, thank you. Please don't try and force me to violate mine. Also, you can ask, do you think, or you might ask, is it a requirement to work here that we all agree on every single political, moral, and religious issue? They're going to have to say no. If they say yes, they have violated all sorts of civil rights laws. If they say no, then you'd say, well, then why are you trying to force us to all agree with a certain sexual practice when it has nothing to do with workplace productivity as long as we all treat one another with respect? And I will. I pledge myself to do that.

In fact, that's what I was doing at Cisco and Bank of America, which both fired me. I was treating everyone with respect, regardless of whether I agreed with them or not on their sexuality. As long as we all do that, why are we even talking about sex at work? Why is this even an issue? Are we supposed to have sex at work? By the way, I actually wrote a column on that. Do not Google 'Sex at Work.' It'll take you right to Harvey Weinstein's website. No.

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Go to [Crossexamined.org](http://Crossexamined.org). Click on the search engine there and type in 'Sex at Work.' Because I have the column that I wrote back in 2011 on this very issue, why I was fired from Cisco and Bank of America. You can also get the book 'Correct, Not Politically Correct: About Same-Sex Marriage and Transgenderism,' because that column and many others are now in the third edition.

So, asking some questions can be very helpful. And look, I'm not saying that this is going to work. You might be fired for even bringing these things up. But if you are fired illegitimately, you'll have a lawsuit. And ADF, the Alliance Defending Freedom, can help you. They are a couple thousand strong, maybe more than that now, of attorneys who defend Christians in the workplace and around the country, even around the world, who are being, or having their religious liberties usurped.

So, if you do fall into that problem, the ADF will be there to help, and you ought to be in a small group that can help you. If you stand up and get cut down, they can help you either find a new job or support you until you do. In fact, that's what we're supposed to do in the Church. We're supposed to bear one another's burdens. We're supposed to help one another when things go bad. And things are not going to change in our society until Christians start getting out from under their desks and trying to make a difference to protect innocent people from evil, including themselves.

We can't continue to be cowards, and we certainly can't join the rebellion against Jesus. Do not join the rebellion against Jesus. Too many of us are willing to do that. We've got to stop that. All right, let me mention one other issue that's come up. In fact, it was a question that I asked Dr. William Lane Craig on a podcast or a live stream we had a few years ago. And it's this claim that atheists sometimes make called the extraordinary evidence claim. Or extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. You probably heard people say this.

If you're going to say there's a resurrection, well, that's an extraordinary claim. It requires extraordinary evidence. First of all, you've got to ask them, what do you mean by extraordinary? What does that even mean? Well, if you're going to say a miracle occurred, you've got to have really good evidence. What do you mean, like another miracle?

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Well, then you'd go on an infinite regress of miracles to try and show that the first miracle actually occurred, or that miracle in question has actually occurred. It can't mean that. What does it mean by extraordinary? And William Lane Craig has a good answer on this you can see on our YouTube channel. But I also want to point this out, that if Genesis 1:1 is true, and the evidence shows it is, even atheists are admitting that, yeah, the universe exploded into being out of nothing.

If that verse is true, every other verse is possible. Why? Because if God can create the universe out of nothing, then He can do whatever He wants. That's not logically impossible inside the universe. Of course, Jesus could have been resurrected from the dead by God if God exists and created the whole universe out of nothing. You can't rule it out. And do you need extraordinary evidence for that? Well, I've noticed that atheists don't require extraordinary evidence for what they believe.

For example, as I just mentioned, nearly all atheists believe the universe came into existence out of nothing. But some of them, like Lawrence Krauss, a physicist that taught at Arizona State University, he actually said in his book 'A Universe from Nothing,' he tried to argue that the universe came into existence without a cause, out of nothing.

Now, to say that something can come into existence without a cause is an extraordinary claim. Now, does Lawrence Krauss or anybody else who makes this claim, do they have extraordinary evidence for this extraordinary claim? No. In fact, not only do they have no evidence for it, the claim contradicts everything we know about reality and would destroy the heart of science, which is that every effect has a cause. So, so much for extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. They don't even apply that to their own theories.

And by the way, many of the things we know we have good evidence for, and yet they're still true. We have good evidence that the universe exploded into being out of nothing, yet just about everybody believes it. What does it even mean to say it's extraordinary? It's an event in the past. We can't prove it empirically. I mean, we can look at effects from it. We can look at the redshift in the light, and expanding universe, and extrapolate back and say, yeah, there must have been a beginning.

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We can talk about that. There can't be an infinite number of moments before today or an infinite number of days before today. So, there had to be a beginning. Yeah, we can come to really good conclusions based on that evidence. But is it extraordinary? I don't know. What do you mean by that? I know that what you're saying as an atheist is an extraordinary claim, but it has no evidence. Yet you're just willing to believe it.

Now, we'll talk also more about this when we go to churches and college campuses coming up. What do we have coming up in the ensuing weeks? Don't forget to listen to the podcast I mentioned this coming weekend with Chip Bennett. It's going to be an eye opener for you. It's going to be an eye opener for me as well. But this Thursday night, just prior to Good Friday, I'm going to be north of Grand Rapids, Lord willing, and it's going to be in a town called Grant.

We're going to do a Grant Community Event, which is essentially, I'll do an abbreviated version of I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist, and then take your questions. It's going to be at the Grant Fine Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. on March 28. Everybody's welcome. It's open to all. And then the 3rd of April, Lord willing, I will be at the University of Buffalo. You can check our website for the location. It's at 7:00 p.m. That will also be live streamed.

Then on April 7, we'll be at Calvary Chapel Star, that's right near Boise, Idaho in the morning and Mountain Heights Calvary Chapel in the evening. The next day we'll be at Boise State University at 7:00 p.m. Mountain time, 9:00 p.m. Eastern time. That's April 8. And we have much more coming up as well. We're going to be at a Worldview Apologetics Conference and at church the weekend of the 20th and 21st up near Seattle, Washington. All the details are on our website.

I'll be at the Culture and Christianity Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, or near Nashville, Murfreesboro, actually on the 26th and 27th. Then Fervent Church, Las Vegas the 28th. And then the Unshaken conference with the great Natasha Crain, the equally great Alisa Childers on the 18th of May. That's going to be in Pittsburgh or near Pittsburgh. I'm going to be teaching at four consecutive Wednesday nights in May, beginning on May 1, Central Church of God in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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On Wednesday nights we'll be doing, 'If God, Why Evil?' Can we legislate morality? We'll also be talking about should you follow your heart? That's May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22. All the details are on our website. So, a lot coming up. And we're also doing the 'Digging through the Bible' series where we're going through every section of the Bible and pulling out the top archaeological discoveries related to it. We're going to do the 18th, a 1-hour session on this. That's how much archaeology intersects with the Bible.

Let's see, when's the next time we're doing this? I want to say it's the 15th of April. It'll be live streamed at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time on our YouTube channel and our website, [Crossexamined.org](http://Crossexamined.org). And not only that, we've got a brand-new version of a, well, it's another course that we're running called 'Jesus vs. the Culture.' We're running it, I think, for the second time this summer. And actually, we're starting it in April and then we're picking it up again in September. We're going to have a break over the summer.

This is the course you want to take in an election year, because we're dealing with all the election issues like, does Jesus trump your politics? What about critical race theory? What about transgenderism? What about intelligent design? What about socialism, and capitalism, and creation, and evolution? All the issues that are going to be cultural issues over the next several months, we're going to hit in 'Jesus vs. the Culture.'

If you want to be a part of it, go to [Crossexamined.org](http://Crossexamined.org). Click on online courses. You will see it there. So, there's a lot going on. We're also really launching our Kingdom AI Project, where we're translating much of our top material into the top seven languages in Africa. And then we're going to move on to the Middle East and around the world. Thanks to your donations, we're able to do that. And as you know, we are listener supported.

So, go to [crossexamined.org](http://crossexamined.org) if you want to make a donation. 100% goes to ministry, 0% to buildings. We are completely virtual. So, friends, I want to thank you for all the support you have given and the support you'll give in the future. Go to [crossexamined.org](http://crossexamined.org) for more. And Lord willing, we will see you here on Good Friday with another edition of I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. This one with Dr. Chip Bennett. You don't want to miss it. Hope to see you there. God bless you this Easter weekend, resurrection weekend. See you then.

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