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Too Raw for Radio: Natasha Crain Reveals What Some Want to Do to Kids

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FRANK:

Ladies and gentlemen, last podcast, we had the great Natasha Crain on the program to talk about her phenomenal new book, 'When Culture Hates You'. And we got to the end of the program, and there is a chapter at the end of Natasha's book that I said we could not talk about on radio because children would have heard it. And I said we're going to have to talk about this on just the podcast version, the midweek podcast.

So, that's what we're going to talk about on this show. And every parent, and grandparent, and concerned person, every Christian certainly should know what's going on that very few people talk about. But it's in Natasha's book, the very last chapter. The chapter is called 'Hateful Bigots the View from the Sexual Revolution'. And by the way, if you didn't hear the first podcast we did on this, you need to go back and listen to that, because we're just going to pick up our conversation where we left off.

This is a book 'When Culture Hates You' that will help you be a better disciple, and it will help you love your neighbor better. And there are very practical ideas on how to do that, suggestions in the book. But we don't have time to totally repeat everything we did in the last podcast. So, we're going to dive into the last couple of chapters of this book with Natasha. Natasha, the final chapter of 'When Culture Hates You' deals with the sexual liberation of children. What does that even mean?

NATASHA:

Yeah, so this was absolutely the hardest chapter in the book to write, because as I started immersing myself in some of the content from the culture around this subject, you can just feel the weight of the evil. I think most Christians realize that for a while now, children have been exposed to various LGBT ideas through cartoons and children's entertainment. We've seen more and more of that come along.

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But I think that most people assume that the goal of all of that is just to gain acceptance, not just from adults of different sexualities, but to gain that also from children.

It would make sense that that's just an extension of what the LGBT activists want from the wider community. But what I discovered as I started reaching into this subject a lot more is that there is actually a subset of activists. And as I said on our last show together, I want to emphasize as a subset, I'm not saying that all people who are LGBT activists are advocating for this. This is not the case. But there is a subset that is advocating actually for the sexual liberation of children, meaning, freeing them from any kind of societal taboos or constraints around not being able to be sexually active themselves.

And so, if you look up childhood innocence, for example, if you want to Google that term, and you can look that up along with queer theory, you will see all kinds of academic articles that have been written on this. And I use that term loosely. From their perspective, they're academic articles, but academic articles where they're basically advocating for this idea that childhood innocence is just, it's a social construct.

There's no such thing as this period of childhood where you're not fundamentally a sexual being. They take the whole, and we can get into this in a little bit if you want, but they take this whole history of the Freudian idea that we're all just sexual in our identity, that that's fundamentally who we are.

And they say, well, of course, that means that you're therefore sexual from birth. This is who you are as a human being. And therefore, any kind of boundaries we have in society that say, hey, children should not have any kind of sexual pleasure themselves are just merely taboos. That there's no actual rationale for it other than that's just what society has deemed to be okay or not okay over time.

So, they're actually advocating for children to have the ability to have sexual pleasure themselves. And that's what sexual liberation of children means. And I encourage anyone who wants to dig into this. It is grim, it is dark, it is evil. But look up childhood innocence and queer theory and you will find the articles on this.

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FRANK:

Sigmund Freud was the father of psychoanalysis. He lived from 1856 to 1939. And this quote that you have in the book 'When Culture Hates You' really shocked me. I'm going to read it, ladies and gentlemen. Here it is.

Man's discovery that sexual meaning, genital love, afforded him the strongest experiences of satisfaction and in fact, provided him with the prototype of all happiness, must have suggested to him that he should continue to seek the satisfaction of happiness in his life along the path of sexual relations and that, get this, ladies and gentlemen. This is the key phrase.

And that he should make genital eroticism the central point of his life, unquote. The central point, the central purpose of your life, according to Sigmund Freud, is basically orgasm. That's it. Now, what would happen, ladies and gentlemen, if that was the central goal and point of our lives without any consideration for anything else or anyone else? What would happen?

Well, I think we're seeing some of it happen. So, Natasha, you've documented that there are, as you say, a subset of this so-called community. And when I read the section in here on what Alfred Kinsey did, maybe you can in a tactful way tell our listeners what he did to even young children.

NATASHA:

So, I point out that there are three kinds of pivotal places over the last hundred years that we can point to that have led to the movement that we're seeing today that's so disturbing. One is Freud. That was the first one I talked about because he was the first one who explicitly connected happiness to sexual pleasure.

So many people have written about how happiness should be the central goal of life before Freud, but he was the first one who kind of came along and said, yes, it should be happiness and happiness is directly related to your sexual pleasure. And you read that quote, which is just, it is so, it's so telling and so stunning. And so, you get Freud saying, we're fundamentally sexual beings, that's who we are. That is who we are. Sounds familiar to what we hear today, right?

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Well, that was the genesis of that. And then you get to the mid-century, and you have Alfred Kinsey, who was a sexologist and a researcher. He wrote a couple of very, very popular books at the time about this. And he documents in these books where he was basically doing sexual, he was taking data in from people about sexual experiences of children.

So, he was documenting their sexual pleasure at various ages over time. And so, he was very effective in putting forth this idea that, oh, there's actually the scientific basis for what we're saying, that yes, we are fundamentally sexual beings.

Yes, that is who we are, even from birth. And now he puts the scientific data behind it, in people's minds at least this is the scientific data of saying not only is this a physiological just response as he's recording sexual pleasure from children. Not only is this physiological, but he brings in the idea that this is a pleasurable, that they're actually enjoying it, that it's not just this purely biological response.

And so, he and I include a quote, I don't have it in front of me right now, but I include a quote from him in the book as well that basically says there's no reason that children shouldn't be involved in sexual pleasure, but for the rules that society has put around it. And so, you get these two people together between Freud and Kinsey, that make it so that children are now, by an extension of the same thought, sexual beings, just like adults would be, and that there's no reason to think that they should not have pleasure themselves.

And then you get to the third component in the last hundred years that has pushed us forward, and that is queer theory specifically. And I won't go into all the details of that, but I have that in the book as well in chapter eight where I introduce that. But the basics of queer theory, despite how it might sound at first to people, it's not just some kind of theory about sexuality.

To be queer is not to be gay in the sense that a lot of people think it is. To be queer, according to this theory, is to reject all norms. So, it's an idea without an essence. It's to reject every norm of gender and sexuality completely. And so, whereas Kinsey and Freud were talking specifically about sexuality, now you get the queer theorists who come along and they're saying all norms of gender and sexuality need to be thrown out. And that goes along with ages too.

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So, it doesn't matter if you are 3 or if you're 33, you are a person who is fundamentally sexual in nature. There's no reason that you need to assume that there's any kind of standard of gender and sexuality. So, you should be able to do whatever you want because everything around these ideas is merely a social construct. That's the idea.

So, when I said earlier, Google childhood innocence and queer theory, you'll see it's the queer theorists specifically today who are taking their predecessor's idea. They're taking the Freudian ideas, they're taking the ideas from Kinsey, and they're baking it into this idea that everything is a social construct. We need to push against all of these norms, and we need to liberate children sexually.

FRANK:

Friends, those of you who've listened to this program long enough realize that what they are saying is actually self-defeating. To say to get rid of all norms, we ought to do that, well, is that their norm? I mean that's a moral position they have there. It's a moral position we've got to get rid of all moral positions. This is our morality in other words. Our morality is people get to do whatever they want and if you oppose me, you're wrong.

Well, that's a moral position. And I don't know if I read this right, Natasha, but correct me if I'm wrong. Did Kinsey actually somehow manipulate children sexually or...? You have a line in here. It says he referenced observational details from the 317 children to explicitly claim that they had experienced true orgasm.

NATASHA:

It's my understanding that he was collecting this data from someone else that from actually people who... And there's debate over this about whether or not these were multiple people who collected this or if it was one person.

But of course, if somebody's collecting this is a child molester. Right? So, he's getting data from people who are doing horrible things to children and collecting this over time. And it's amazing because today Indiana University, they have their Kinsey Center, and they still celebrate Kinsey. It's really—

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FRANK:

Indiana University.

NATASHA:

Amazing thing. Yes, they still celebrate him. They have a center there for the Kinsey. I don't know what it's called, but it's based on his work.

FRANK:

Yeah. Well, they ought to, they ought to abort that. That's ridiculous. And there's also this term heteronormativity. What does that mean according to them?

NATASHA:

So cis heteronormativity is the full word that basically means what they think of as the social construct around there being gender norms and sexuality norms. So, the idea that there can be a male and a female, this binary, and the idea that there can be a heterosexual norm versus homosexuality. So, anytime in their mind a society is putting forth this idea that it's normal to see that there are two genders, and that heterosexuality is the normal version of sexuality, then that is inherently problematic in their view, because that is just a social construct.

It's, you know, it's interesting because it's consistent with their worldview. If these are people who say, yeah, there is no God, there is no creator, there is no design, then all of this is a social construct. Right? It's consistent with their worldview. Their worldview is just so grossly wrong that it leads to disastrous consequences for children in this case.

FRANK:

Well, without the biological fact that there are two sexes, we wouldn't even have a society to have a social construct. So how do you...? I mean, if you just think about this logically. I know you do. I'm just throwing this out. Man, this is so dark.

NATASHA:

It is.

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FRANK:

To say that heteronormativity is just a social construct belies the fact that we wouldn't even have a society unless our society was heteronormative. We wouldn't. If people all acted in, say, a homosexual way, we wouldn't even have a society. We would go extinct. I mean, it's so crazy that it's even hard to talk about, and yet—

NATASHA:

But crazy ideas have crazy consequences.

FRANK:

Totally.

NATASHA:

That's the problem. It is a crazy idea. It's without a logical basis. And yet, when you execute these ideas, you can see the harm that's being done to children.

FRANK:

John Mark Comer, who I don't agree with on everything, but he did say something quite profound. He said, giving in to the desires of our flesh does not lead us to freedom in life, as many people assume, but instead to slavery and in the worst case scenario, addiction, which is a kind of prolonged suicide by pleasure, unquote.

It's prolonged suicide by pleasure. If you follow Freud's advice that the point of your life is orgasm, you're ultimately going to destroy your life and you're going to destroy every relationship you ever had. Because if... Can we just be honest? If you have sex with somebody, ladies and gentlemen, everything changes forever. It's not just a physical relationship.

It's not just a physical act. It's social, it's emotional, it's psychological, it's spiritual. There's so much more to sex than just the physical pleasure of it. And if you make that the point of your life, you're going to destroy your life and destroy all your relationships. I mean, can you imagine if you just had sex with anybody at any time, no matter what your relationship? That's basically what they're saying. That's just madness.

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And these people who are advocating this actually admit that when they do these Drag Queen Story hours, that is their goal. Can you speak to that, Natasha? Because you have a whole section in the book on that.

NATASHA:

Yeah. So, Drag Queen Story Hour is interesting because it seems like such an almost mainstream thing at this point, if anyone isn't familiar with that, it's basically that drag queens, men who are dressed in exaggerated female clothing, that they're going to public places, especially public libraries, and they're reading to children storybooks about ideas that they feel are important in the LGBTQ community, like, about diversity, and tolerance, and acceptance and ideas like this.

And so, this has become a major program all over the country. It's been going on since, I believe, 2015, so several years now. And they continue to host these even at some progressive Christian churches, which is just amazing to see that this is even happening in churches. But when they go into these locations, they have the support of what I call in the book mainstream allies.

And so, mainstream allies are people who might not be part of the LGBTQ community, but they're people who want to be supportive, that they're affirming of the LGBTQ ideas, and they want to take their kids there because they want to expose them to these ideas. They think that they're taking them there to be, to learn about acceptance and tolerance. And so, you see lots of happy, smiling families and parents who are proud that they took their kids to these Drag Queen Story Hours.

Well, it's fascinating because by the admission of people who are actually involved in this, and you can go look up the paper for yourself, because I'll name it in a second. But by their own admission, this is not what Drag Queen Story Hour is actually about. So, there's a paper that's written by a guy named Harris Kornstein, and he's actually on the board of Drag Queen Story Hour.

And it is called 'Drag Pedagogy, the Playful Practice of Queer Imagination in Early Childhood'. It is so telling and so revealing in terms of what they're actually trying to accomplish by Drag

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Queen Story Hours. I would encourage everyone to go read it. Because even as Christians, if we say, yes, I know I can't support Drag Queen Story Hour, you might not necessarily know why in its entirety you should not be supporting it. It's not just about supporting a different type of sexuality. As you can read about in this paper, what they basically say is that it's not about teaching kids about people who are different.

It's not about teaching kids about queer lives. It's about teaching kids to live queerly themselves. This is literally, I'm paraphrasing what they're saying, but this is literally the idea behind that paper. Again, it's called drag pedagogy. Pedagogy is the process and the methods of teaching. So, you have to ask yourself, okay. They're saying there's something they're trying to teach through drag, drag pedagogy. And they fully acknowledge in this academic paper that they're trying to teach kids how to live queerly themselves from a young age.

But now, remember, that doesn't necessarily mean that they're teaching kids they should be gay per se, because if you recall what I said a few minutes ago about what queer theory teaches, it's not even teaching a specific sexuality. It is a rejection of all norms. That's the nature of queer theory, specifically. It's the rejection of all norms of gender and sexuality. So, they are teaching kids to reject all of the norms around being male or female and any kind of ideas around sexuality from a young age so that they can learn to live clearly themselves.

Which, again, includes taking away all these social constructs around age. There's no need to wait until you're a certain age to live queerly. You can live queerly right now. They even, and I give some quotes about this in the book. They even talk about how this is preparing kids for an alternative mode of kinship, that this isn't just about the queer family, as they call it, but teaching kids how to live, part of that broader movement. So, I really encourage Christians to go and read this paper because it is eye opening.

And it just shows that even mainstream allies, even those who think that they're just going to show acceptance and support for the LGBTQ community, generally have no idea that this is what they're trying to do with the program. But those who are activists, who are actually advocating for these things, for the sexual liberation of children, and see this as an opportunity to work toward that, they know.

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They know what's going on. And you can even see in this paper that they're talking about how, from a marketing perspective, they use different kinds of terminology, different kinds of words that quote, unquote, justify the educational value. So, the mainstream allies are helping to get this in, even though they don't realize it.

FRANK:

And you're saying that Drag Queen Story Hour is actually an organization? They have a board?

NATASHA:

Yes, it is an actual organization.

FRANK:

Never knew that. Okay. It's an actual organization. And this is a paper from someone on the board. This is our goal, to get kids to live without sexual norms, except the norm, that kids ought not live with sexual norms, and that kids ought to experience sexual pleasure at any age.

And according to Kinsey, it was even done on infants, whatever that means. Is it any wonder why Paul said flee sexual immorality? Is it any wonder why the Lord said, it is not what goes into a man that defiles him, it's what comes out of a man? And one of the things he said is sexual immorality.

Because sexual immorality, one of the most beautiful things God created was sex. It's so powerful. But that's one of the reasons it needs to be so protected, because anything powerful can be misused in a powerful way, like nuclear weapons.

I think Hillary Ferrer said in her book on sexuality, you need to guard nuclear weapons because they're so powerful that if they get in the wrong hands, they could devastate so many people. Sexuality is the same way. You can devastate a person by sexually abusing them. And that's what this Drag Queen Story Hour, that's what their goals are.

NATASHA:

Can I just read a couple of those quotes?

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FRANK:

Go ahead. By the way, friends, if you're just tuning in, this is 'When Culture Hates You'. We're talking from Natasha Crain's book, 'When Culture Hates You'. Go ahead, Natasha.

NATASHA:

I think it's important, you know, when we're talking about something so serious, I don't want to paraphrase something in different words and what they're using. So, here's just one example of a quote they say in their paper. Building in part from queer theory and trans studies, queer and trans pedagogies seek to actively destabilize the normative function of schooling through transformative education. This is a fundamentally different orientation than movements toward the inclusion or assimilation of LGBT people into existing structures of school and society.

So, they're basically telling you, they're telling you straight up, this isn't about just, you know, assimilating more kids into the existing movement and existing structures that they're looking to destabilize all structures. They're looking to destabilize the normative function of schooling because they believe that that just sets you on the cis heteronormative path.

And then I had referenced what they were saying about family modes. I just want to read you that quote. It may be that Drag Queen Story Hour is, quote unquote, family friendly in the sense that it is accessible and inviting to families with children, but it is less a sanitizing force than it is a preparatory introduction to alternate modes of kinship.

Here, Drag Queen Story Hour is family friendly in the sense of family as an old school queer code to identify and connect with other queers on the street. So, as I say in the book right after that, so they'll tell you it's family friendly, and you can take from that what you will. But what they really mean is that they want to prepare kids to be part of another kind of family, a queer family.

FRANK:

Satan comes as an angel of light. Family friendly doesn't really mean what you think family friendly means. It's the words. But the meaning of the words are completely different. The family they're talking about is your kid going out on the street and having sex with anybody on

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the street, basically, because there are no norms around sex. Go ahead, continue Natasha. What were you going to say?

NATASHA:

There's just one more quote I was going to read that I referred to earlier. They said it is undeniable that Drag Queen Story Hour participates in many tropes of empathy from the marketing language the program uses to its selection of books. Much of this is strategically done in order to justify its educational value.

It's hard to imagine they were willing to say so much out loud. Right? They said the quiet parts out loud. They're basically saying they're using all these different strategies and ways of getting this out in front of people, in front of again, what I'm calling the mainstream allies who just want to support the LGBTQ community, but don't realize that they're helping to usher in this whole other morality around getting rid of all norms of gender and sexuality so that kids can actually be introduced to sexual pleasure from an early age.

FRANK:

This is extremely dark, but it needs to be exposed. And Natasha does it in a very concise way in the book 'When Culture Hates You'. And she handles many other topics as well. We talked about them in the first podcast. I do want to bring up one other issue, Natasha, because in the chapter just prior to this one dealing with Drag Queen Story Hour and the so-called sexual liberation of children, you also talk about the transgender issue.

And transgender advocates think that Christians and other common sense people are somehow harming kids by preventing them from getting puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgery. How would you respond to somebody who said you're harmful by stopping this?

NATASHA:

Well, we have to define what we mean by harm. So, in order to know if something is harmful or beneficial, we have to know what the purpose of an object is, or in this case, a person. So, I give the example in the book of saying, if I asked you, Frank, hey, can I hit this? What would you ask?

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FRANK:

What is it?

NATASHA:

What is "it"? Right. You would immediately need to know what it is. And we intuitively know that because if it turns out it's a nail, are you going to be okay hitting it? Yes, because the purpose of a nail is to go into a wall. And so, if you hit it, you're helping it to flourish, so to speak, in its purpose. If it turns out it's a fragile toy that's meant to entertain a child, then that purpose is not going to be consistent with hitting it because that's going to break it.

It's actually going to be harmful. So, this same action can actually be harmful in one case and beneficial in the other, because it depends on the purpose of. The question comes down to, well, what is the purpose of a person? In a biblical worldview, the purpose of a person, God created us in His image to know Him, to love Him, to make Him known to others.

We have a specific design. Part of that comes back to our gender and sexuality. We have a specific design as human beings that God created that help us to flourish and thrive toward the purpose that God gave us. But when we talk about cutting off body parts and trying to go against that design to be someone other than who God created us to be, when we do those things, they can only ever be harmful. Once we understand the purpose of a human being, according to the biblical truth, we have to be able to see that as harmful.

Now, we always have to see things from other worldview perspectives, even if we disagree with them, because it helps us to communicate with people, I think. And from that perspective, if a human being is just a product of time and purposeless chance over millions and millions of years, then there is no objective purpose to a person. So, there's nothing inherently wrong, morally speaking, with changing whoever you think you are.

Now, we could get back to biological facts, of course, and talking biological sex and the reality there, but there would be nothing that is morally wrong with doing that in the same way that there is something that is morally wrong with going against God's design if we are indeed created beings.

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And so, these two views are going to come down to very much to a worldview issue. And I think Christians are overwhelmingly confused on this, because when culture says, hey, you're harming people, you're harming a person by not letting them do this when they feel like this is what's going to make them happier, a lot of times people are caught off guard and they don't really know how to respond to that. We have to get back to harm is rooted in God's definitions and it's inherently a function of what the purpose of an object, or in this case a person is.

FRANK:

And ladies and gentlemen, if the other person were to say that, yes, I just got here through some random evolutionary process, so it's not wrong for me to do this, I think you can say, well, if it's not wrong for you to do that, it's not wrong for me to prevent you from doing it because there are no rights.

Everything's just a matter of opinion. So, if I have the power to prevent you from mutilating yourself, why are you saying that's wrong? You don't have a right if there is no God. There are no rights. There's no rights. There's no wrongs. We just are. Things just are. There's no ought or ought not. So, on one hand, folks want to say they have certain rights. On the other hand, they want to deny the source of rights. They can't have it both ways, at least not logically anyway.

And that's why, as you see, when people don't have a real standard to point to, they just resort to power because you can either govern on principle or you can govern by power. And a lot of times it's just, we're going to shut you up because we don't agree with you. That's cancel culture. Right? We don't agree with you. We can't really argue that you're wrong. We can't have a debate to say you're wrong. We're just going to cancel the debate and use our power to shut you up, Natasha Crain, because you're obviously a harmful bigot.

All right, now, what are some questions you can ask people because you have it in the transgender chapter? Suppose somebody says that you're transphobic, Natasha. How do you respond? It's in the book, ladies and gentlemen. I'm just, just asking Natasha, what does it say in the book?

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NATASHA:

Well, I'm not sure exactly what I put into the book, but the first question would always be, well, what do you mean by transphobic? You know, what do you mean by that term? And where have you seen examples of Christians who are fearful of trans people for example? In the quick responses that I give, I give five quick responses to objections like that in each of the chapters.

And in those responses, I try to succinctly get at it. But what I say in that one has to do with the fact that very few people are actually irrationally fearful of trans people or of gay people. Because a lot of times people say, oh, you're homophobic if you don't affirm something. So, for them to say phobic, they're claiming that you're fearful of someone.

So, sometimes it just means, oh, you don't like people who are different than you. Other times it means that they think that you're actually scared of them. And I've seen people make that case, too. So, that's why we always have to ask up front, what do you mean by transphobic?

Because if we, I know sometimes it's very tempting to be the rational person who is like, transphobic. No, I am not irrationally fearful of trans people. But the person might mean something very different by it. So, we can give a totally reasonable answer to something that someone said without that actually being what they meant. Always have to ask, what do you mean by that?

FRANK:

That's a great question. Someone calls you a bigot. What do you mean by that? Well, you don't agree with me. Well, yeah, I don't agree with you, and you don't agree with me. Does that make you a bigot? I mean, you know, as soon as you start asking for definitions, people start scrambling because they're throwing a slogan at you rather than a reasonable statement that's backed up by evidence.

And slogans crumble quickly as soon as you ask them for definitions and evidence, they don't have them. So, always ask, what do you mean by that? This of course comes from Greg Koukl's book 'Tactics'. What do you mean by that? How'd you come to that conclusion? Those kinds of questions are all over the brand new book that Natasha Crain has written, 'When Culture Hates You'. We have a limited number of advanced copies at CrossExamined.org.

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It's such a wonderful book, Natasha, that I think everyone needs to get it. I wanted to make one other point and just wanted to see what you thought about this point. I know that some trans people will say, well, I know so and so who was near suicide, and they had surgery, and they feel so much better now. And so, that's a good thing. It seems to me that you can sometimes get a good result by a bad process, right? I mean, you can get a good result by say, suppose there was a murder in a town, and you knew the murderer was still in town.

You could get a good result by arresting everybody in town. And that way, you would definitely catch the murderer. But if you did that, so many more people would be hurt that it's not the right thing to do. You can get a good result from a bad process. You can get a good result by keeping the borders open because some people who truly are seeking asylum come across the border and that's a good result for them. But if you universalize that, you get so many other bad results that outweigh that one good result that it makes no sense to keep the border open.

You know, you're getting sex-traffickers, you're getting drugs, you're getting terrorists, you're getting the cartels, you're getting all sorts of trouble that comes from an open border. That just because you can think of a good result from a bad process, that doesn't mean you ought to universalize the bad process. And it seems to me that this is similar to what goes on when people say, I know somebody who benefited from this. What do you think of that? Is that good argumentation or not?

NATASHA:

Well, it goes back to what we were talking about before. You know, are your feelings the guide and is happiness the goal? I'm not going to even argue that someone doesn't feel happier. Maybe they do. Maybe feel happier for a while. But as Christians, we have to understand that that's not the ultimate goal of life. Culture says that that's the ultimate goal.

But if you have an objective purpose like we talked about earlier, if you have a creator who has told you who you are, you don't have the authority and ability to say, I am somebody else. And

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so, you are, in an objective sense hurting yourself when you go through these procedures to transition to, or to attempt to transition to another gender.

We know you can't actually transition to another gender. So, someone might feel happier but that can also change too. Happiness is a subjective, fleeting feeling. So, what happens when in 20 years from now they suddenly realize they've made a horrible mistake? They no longer feel happy.

Then was happiness really the right measure of the action that they took? And we're seeing so many detransition stories now, especially from the teenage girls who were caught up in the rapid onset gender dysphoria trend and now they're starting to detransition. They're speaking out against it.

Some of them are actually suing their medical providers because they realize that maybe I felt happier in some way, in some form at some point, but it's actually destroyed my life. And it was always destroying to my life, even when I didn't realize it. That's the thing. So, you can be completely unaware you've done something really awful for yourself when you're just going by your feelings.

So, as Christians, we have to come back to objective truth. Even when there are things like the emotional blackmail of parents, being told by doctors that if you don't help your child to transition, they're going to commit suicide. That is a horrible position for any parent to be in.

It's absolutely horrific. And at the same time, we know that there are all kinds of comorbidities with gender dysphoria. There's anxiety and there's depression and there are... I list them all in the book. There are all kinds of other mental illnesses that go along with this.

So, when kids are considering taking their own life, it's not just about the gender feelings. It's about all the other things that are going along with that. And all of those need compassionate, truth driven counseling and treatment. It's not about changing the body, it's about changing the mind.

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FRANK:

Yeah, if your daughter said she was a mermaid, you wouldn't take her off the coast and drop her in the ocean. You'd say, honey, your mind's playing tricks on you. When there's a mismatch between your psychology and your biology, you can't change your biology, but you can change your psychology. And we do that in every other instance.

When it comes to sex, for some reason, we try and change the biology rather than the psychology. You can change your mind. You can't change your biology, ladies and gentlemen. That's just a fact of nature. And trying to change your biology is a fool's errand.

And it's not even true that people do feel better. I just gave that as a hypothetical because, yeah, the evidence shows, from one of the greatest studies ever done on this that people do feel better briefly after they have this so-called surgery. But their suicide rate at the 10 year mark goes to 19 times higher than the general public.

So, there's a honeymoon period and then all proverbial hell breaks loose, and their suicide rate just rockets after they've had all these transitions, the cross-sex hormones, the puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and the surgery.

And the suicide rate prior to that is 13 times higher than the general public. So, it actually gets worse when they get the treatment. And it's not-- Transgenderism isn't the issue. It's these comorbidities that you just mentioned, Natasha. Depression, anxiety, childhood trauma. Those are the things that lead to people thinking they're in the wrong body. And those are the things that need to be treated, not the transgenderism.

So, I cover this a bit in the book, 'Correct, Not Politically Correct'. But the brand new book you want to get, ladies and gentlemen, is 'When Culture Hates You'. I got two final questions for you, Natasha. One is, you end the book saying that after you wrote this, you felt the weight of evil in the world more than ever. Why do you say that?

NATASHA:

Well, I had immersed myself in the content of secular thinking on these very difficult subjects for months and months because I very specifically did not just want to write another book

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about, well, here's the right biblical position on these issues. There are a lot of great books that do that. And of course I want to emphasize what those positions are.

But the specific angle of my book is in understanding why the hatred on those issues. So, it's one thing for people to say, hey, Christian, I think you're wrong about your pro-life position. But it's another thing to really get inside the mind of people who are thinking that way to understand why they're not just saying you're wrong, but you're actually evil.

You're toxic. You're a controlling misogynist, or you're a cruel rights denier, or you're a hateful bigot. Why the hate? That's what I was trying to answer. Because when we understand the nature of the hostility, we understand so much more in terms of how to respond as a Christian than just lobbying the correct answer.

Yes, we need the correct answer according to what the Bible says. But we can be so much more effective when we understand why the animosity, specifically. And in order to do that, I really had to immerse myself for months in exactly how the culture was talking about this. Not just here's what the Bible says, but here's what the culture is saying.

And especially coming off of that final chapter about the sexual liberation of children that we spent a lot of time talking about, it's evil. I mean, there's no other way to say it. It is so dark, and it is so evil. And when I first started getting into that, I thought, surely this can't be that prevalent.

This must be like one crazy professor at a university, you know? And then you start going online and you start to find there are all kinds of people talking about, about this. And then there are academic papers, like I said, about Drag Queen Story Hour, which seems like, you know, so mainstream today as a topic. And yet the evil that's pushing behind that is just really remarkable.

And so, I did. I felt the evil of the world more so than ever, having just really been immersed in what was being produced by people who were advocating for these very anti-biblical views. And we know from the Bible that the world, the unbelieving world, is under the governing rule of Satan. And that gets really clear when you dig into these things to understand the rationale

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that they're using. It all comes back to the authority of the self. So, basically what I conclude in the epilogue and saying that is that this is a society that is in deep rebellion against its creator. And it's not so much that they hate Christians, it's that they hate God. They hate the God of the Bible, specifically.

Not the generic deistic God who may or may not be out there, but the God who has revealed Himself in the Bible such that we would know He's the creator and sustainer of the universe, that we know what is actually objectively good, and bad, and right, and wrong, and harmful and helpful. They hate that God. So, of course they're going to hate us for being His messengers.

FRANK:

Because they want to be God over their own lives.

NATASHA:

Right.

FRANK:

That's why I always ask them if Christianity were true, would you become a Christian? No. Okay, I got it. Natasha, before I ask the final question, we are going to be out on the road together again this year and you're going to be at CIA as well. We're with the Unshaken Conference, which is a brand-new conference, by the way.

'When Culture Hates You' will be one of the talks that you're going to give. We're going to be in Albuquerque in April. We're going to be in unfortunately, Hawaii in May. [Laughter] We're going to be in San Clemente, I think in what, September, maybe? October?

NATASHA:

October is San Clemente, which is Orange County, California.

FRANK:

Okay. And then we're going to be in Texas, I want to say in November. Go to UnshakenConference.com for more on that. And if you want your church to host us, Natasha

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Crain, Alisa Childers, and myself, just go there, UnshakenConference.com. Are you speaking anywhere else between now and April that people can see you?

NATASHA:

In a couple of weeks, I'm actually going to be in Evansville, Indiana at Evansville Christian School and there is a public event that night. I'm going to be speaking at the chapel and to the staff, but then at night. So, that's February 7th. I'll be in Evansville, Indiana.

FRANK:

Evansville, Indiana. Go to NatashaCrain.com for more. And Crain is spelled C R A I N, NatashaCrain.com. She has a great blog too you that you'll want to avail yourself of. And she's got other great books. This is her fifth book, by the way, ladies and gentlemen. I also want to mention this weekend, February 1st and 2nd, I'll be at Grace Community Church with my friend Dr. Chip Bennett.

I'll be doing these services Saturday night, Sunday morning. And then on Lincoln's birthday, I'll be in Lincoln, Nebraska, February 12 for *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* at the University of Nebraska. It's free. It's also going to be livestreamed. Check our website for more. The following week I'll be in Williamsburg, Virginia at William and Mary University. That's the 20th of February. And then I'll be at Revival Christian Fellowship on the 23rd. That's out in California, out not far from where Natasha is now, Menifee, California.

The great John Miller and Calvary Chapel there. I'll be out that way, Revival Christian Fellowship. A lot more on our calendar. Just go to CrossExamined.org. Click on events. You'll see the calendar there. And of course we have podcasts every week, two of them. One on Friday, one on Tuesday. Final question, Natasha. There's so much practicality in the book 'When Culture Hates You'. But if you had to narrow it down to just a couple things you'd hope people would get from this book and do, what would they be?

NATASHA:

I think first it would just be the understanding that it is fundamentally part of our calling as Christians to have a public faith that we are not salt and light. We're not preserving or exposing anything by sitting in our living rooms. And I have a review team who's actually reading the

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book in advance right now and they're given an early copy in exchange for their honest review when it comes out. And I've had several people already let me know that, you know, they might have been a little bit hesitant to get involved in things about the public square or maybe politics specifically, but now they feel like they have a real biblical basis for understanding why this matters so much and that it's encouraging them and inspiring them to get out there and actually advocate for righteousness in society.

And that's so exciting to me because that's exactly what I hope people would take from the book. And the second thing is just with the five specific issues I talk about in the second half of the book and understanding where culture's coming from in terms of why they hate us, I hope that that unique angle is something that is going to really help people to understand. The culture is always going to hate us on those issues because they're always going to want to go their own way.

They're always going to think of us as power hungry oppressors, or controlling misogynists, or cruel rights deniers, all those chapters. They are always going to think of us like that because when you're thinking of everything from the perspective of the authority of the self rather than the authority of God, those are the conclusions that you're going to come to.

And we have to advocate for what's right in spite of that. And so, I hope that people will kind of have that light bulb go off about what that would look like, why it matters, and then take some of those practical ideas that include the end of the chapters and actually do some of those things.

FRANK:

It's super practical, ladies and gentlemen. And I have to say this again, that when they say that we're hateful bigots or we're rights deniers, they are assuming a moral standard that they don't have in their worldview. So, they're stealing a standard from God in order to say we're wrong.

And yet, they are the ones that are putting forth what-- Look friends, if you don't think the sexual abuse of children is wrong, first of all, you wouldn't be listening to this podcast. But if you don't think that's wrong, I don't know what to say. I don't know. There's no argument I can

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give you. But you know it's wrong. And if you know it's wrong, you know that God exists. And if God exists, then what these people are doing is wrong and it needs to be opposed.

And that's why this book, 'When Culture Hates You' is so important. You can oppose it and not just politically. Go through the book. There are so many suggestions that have nothing to do with politics, how you can get involved to make a difference and help people, prevent them from experiencing the evil that other people want to impose on them.

So, it's a very important book, Natasha. Thank you so much for taking the time to research it and write it. And it's a perfect follow on to 'Faithfully Different'. Why not get two books while you're up at Amazon? Get both of the books because they're extremely well done. Thanks so much, Natasha.

NATASHA:

Thanks, Frank. It's always great talking with you.

FRANK:

That's Natasha Crain, ladies and gentlemen. Natasha Crain, C R A I N.com. Check out her blog as well. Keep an eye on where she's going to be and also go to the UnshakenConference.com for the conferences we will be doing together. Also, pretty soon you're going to be able to apply for CIA, the CrossExamined Instructor Academy.

Natasha, Alisa Childers, many other instructors will be there as well as myself. It'll be this summer down in Sarasota, Florida. Check all that out and Lord willing, we will see you here next week.

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