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to be an ATHEIST

with Dr. Frank Turek

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You Have a Decision To Make – Full Speech at #AmFest2025

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Frank:

Ladies and gentlemen, everyone you love will die. Everything you build will crumble. Everything you say will be forgotten. Everything you do will come to nothing. You and your identity will die and vanish. Your life is meaningless unless the resurrection is true.

The resurrection was on Charlie's heart. He contacted me almost six years ago because he knew I had been on college campuses presenting evidence for Christianity and answering questions. And he wanted to get better at answering questions related to Christianity. So he asked me to mentor him. It can be difficult to mentor somebody smarter than you, but the only thing that exceeded Charlie's intellect was his humility.

Unlike me, because I just wrote a book, '10 Steps to Humility and How I Made it in Seven', which is very humble of me because I actually made it in six. So this past summer, I came to Phoenix on four occasions so Charlie and I could refine our answers to these difficult questions. We'd have these in office sessions, and then at night, Charlie would say, hey, Frank, after I put Gigi and Mac to bed, let's go for a walk.

So we would walk through the streets of Phoenix with a 300 pound bodyguard behind us, and we would talk about all these issues. And two nights before the murder, Monday, September 8th, we're walking through Phoenix, and Charlie wanted to hear more about the evidence for the resurrection. And I pointed out there's only two facts you need to establish to show that Christianity is true. Number one, God exists.

And number two, Jesus rose from the dead. If those two facts are true, ladies and gentlemen, you can show the Bible's the word of God and Christianity is indeed true. Now, with regard to the first fact, even atheists now are admitting that the universe exploded into being out of nothing.



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Once there was nothing, and then the whole space time continuum came into existence. And if space, time, and matter had a beginning, whatever created space, time, and matter has to be outside of space, time, and matter. In other words, the cause must be spaceless, timeless, immaterial, powerful, personal, and intelligent in order to make a choice to create the universe out of nothing.

So if Genesis 1:1 is true, and even atheists are admitting the evidence for Genesis 1:1, then every other verse in the Bible is at least possible. Resurrections are possible. So what is the evidence the resurrection took place? I can't trust these Christian sources that you find in the Bible, that you find in the New Testament. Newsflash, ladies and gentlemen, none of the sources in the New Testament are Christian sources.

They're all Jewish sources. Oh, yes, these men became Christians, but they all started as Jews. Why would they invent a resurrected Jesus, a brand new religion that got them kicked out of the synagogue and then beaten, tortured, and killed if it wasn't true? They wouldn't. In fact, if you want to know what happened, I need to ask you a question.

Only a few people in this room will be able to answer this question, but I'm going to ask it anyway. If you can remember where you were and what you were doing November 22, 1963, hold your hand up and hold it up high. Ladies and gentlemen, see these people with their hands up? These people are very old. November 22, 1963, is when President Kennedy was assassinated. It's my earliest memory. I was two years old in two days, and I remember my mother crying on an ottoman in front of a black and white TV in our home in Wanamasa, New Jersey.

It's my earliest memory. I don't remember anything before that and very little after that. It was what we call an impact event. Where were you when the Challenger exploded? Where were you when the second plane hit the tower? Where were you a year and a half ago when President Trump was shot? Where were you on September 10th of this year when you heard the news that Charlie had been shot? I was 25ft to his right, off his right elbow, and I heard the sound.



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And I saw him go down. And when we got him in the car, his eyes were fixed. He wasn't looking at me. He was looking right past me into eternity. But we did what we could to administer first aid. And we got him to the emergency room, seemed like they weren't ready for us. But within a couple of minutes they started to attend to him.

And they got a heartbeat. They got a pulse. And the doctor later told us because Charlie was healthy and young, they could get a pulse even though he had already expired. And then it was about 20 minutes later, after they went into surgery, doctor came out and with the subtlety of a brick, he said, he's dead. He didn't say, I'm sorry, we tried everything.

He just said, he's dead. And what we had feared had come true. But if Christianity is true, and it is, ladies and gentlemen, people don't die. They just change location. The minute Charlie was hit with that weapon, the doctor told us he didn't feel a thing. He was gone. He was absent from the body, present with the Lord.

And by the way, this isn't just in the Bible. Do you know that there's been many near death experiences where people have remote viewing where their body leave or their soul leaves their body, and they witness things going on that they couldn't see if they were on the table.

There's over 300 of these. They're called veridical near death experiences. And then when the doctors revive the person, they say, hey, I just saw an accident on third and Main. And the doctors go, how could you see an accident on third and Main? You were on the table the whole time. And they check it out. Yeah, there was an accident on third and Main between a white Honda and a blue Cherokee. How did this guy know this? Because he was separated from his body. And then there's even now death visions.

There's many more occasions of death visions. They go into hospices and they ask hospice people, if you start seeing your relatives coming for you, would you tell us? If you see angels coming for you, would you tell us? They did this in, a New York Hospice. Eighty-eight percent of the people that died told them that they saw their relatives coming for them just before they died. And in fact, it's always deceased people. In fact, one lady, her name was Doris, was in hospice and she starts to die and she says, there's mom, there's dad.

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What's Vita doing there? Vita was her sister who had died two weeks earlier, but she didn't know it. They didn't tell her that her sister had died because they didn't want to kill her with the bad news. How could she see Vita unless Vita had passed on and she didn't know Vita had passed on? People have a soul. And when you die, your soul is going to go to one of two places.

The only question is, where are you going to go? I submit to you, given the evidence we have now just from the Bible, but from science, Charlie saw us attending to him. He saw Erica collapse in the parking lot. Because, ladies and gentlemen, you're not just a molecular machine. You're not just a moist robot. You're a mind and a soul.

You're a body and a soul. And while we're here, you have a decision to make. Now, where do we go from here? Charlie was so interested in ensuring that people knew about the resurrection. Charlie wanted to do two things. He wanted to save souls, and he wanted to save the country. And Charlie handpicked an unbelievable team. There's no way to replace Charlie, but there is a way to keep his legacy going.

I don't know how many of you people know this, but Erica was a successful businesswoman before she ever met Charlie. She had two amazing businesses, and then she became a mom. And Charlie said, as John just said, that if anything ever happens to me, I want Erica to take over. Erica is a woman of tremendous grace and tremendous insight, and we're going to get behind her, and we're going to make sure this legacy goes. Goes forward.

Just a brief rewind over the past three and a half months. We had a murder on 9/10. What have we seen since then? We've seen lies, we've seen accusations, and we've seen slander with no evidence. Yeah, I'm talking to you, Candace Owens.

You're no friend of Charlie if you're running down her widow without evidence. Now, you compare what's going on with regard to the lies, the slander, and the accusations, and you see a woman who just lost the love of her life, the father of her children, nine days after his murder, she comes out and she says, I forgive his killer. That's the fruit of the Spirit rather than the fruit of Satan. And that doesn't mean that Erica has good feelings, because forgiveness doesn't require feelings.



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It requires a choice. Love doesn't require feelings. You can't love your enemies if you have to feel good about them. Love is a decision to do what's right for the other person according to the will of God. And Erica is displaying love. She's displaying the fact that she is a true Christian with the fruit of the Spirit, just like Charlie had the fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness. And so, we need to support what she's doing.

You know how easy it is to tear down things? It's easy to tear down. It's hard to build up. In fact, if you want to know what evil is, evil is anti-creation. God creates a good thing. He creates a wonderful man like Charlie Kirk. And then a murderer takes Charlie down. He destroys at least his body, the creation that God had created. It's very easy to tear down.

It's hard to build up. It can take you years to build a home. It can take you five minutes to destroy it. Charlie built not only an amazing organization. He built a team that I think is the best team I've ever seen. Do you-- Can you imagine what it must have been like to organize a memorial service nine days after your boss and friend was brutally murdered for everyone to see?

And then over 200,000 people showed up. A hundred million were watching live online. And then I just learned more than 1.2 billion people have seen it online, All because of Charlie's team and the fact that God can bring good from evil, and He did bring good from evil. There's always a ripple effect. Whenever there's evil, God can bring good from it. In Charlie's case, it's been a tsunami of good.

Charlie, just before he died, you probably saw the podcast. He probably a month or two before he died, he was asked by a podcaster, how do you want to be remembered? He said, I want to be remembered for my faith, having courage for my faith. Charlie accomplished that. At 31 years old, he accomplished more than any 10,000 people I know accomplish in 80 years. As tragic of an event that occurred on 9/10, do you know what is equally tragic?

Living 80 or 90 years and doing nothing for the Lord. Charlie believed that the purpose of life, as the Bible says, is to know God through Jesus and to make him known. And the reason we have to be politically engaged is because politics affects our ability to preach and live the gospel. If you don't think so, go to some of the countries I've been to. I've been to Iran. I've been to Saudi



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Arabia. I just got back from Egypt. You know, there's no First Baptist Church of Tehran. There's no Calvary Chapel of Mecca. Why?

Because politically they've ruled it out. If we don't engage the culture, if for no other reason to keep our ability to preach and live the gospel, we're going to lose our precious ability to actually do what Jesus wants us to do. That's why Charlie said that politics is not our first duty, but it helps us do our first duty, and that is to make disciples of all nations.

So my question for you is, what are you going to do now that our leader of TPUSA has gone to be with Jesus? You're not just going to pack up and say, we're defeated, are you? We are going to get behind Erica. We are going to get behind this team. We're going to double our efforts because Charlie is looking down, going, I did what I could do. The team that I put in place that I handpicked can take it from here.

But he needs your help. And ladies and gentlemen, everyone you love will die, including yourself. But everyone's going to live forever after that. The only question is, where are you going to live? Are you going to repent, and accept Jesus, and be with Charlie and the other saints? Or are you going to reject the only way that an infinitely just God can let you off, and that is to punish an innocent substitute in your place?

That's what Jesus did for us. You can either accept that and be with Jesus, your loved ones, and Charlie, or you can reject that, because God is not going to force you into heaven against your will.

