

## **How Do 86 Civilizations Reveal That This is Our Last Stand? Blowtorch Truth with Seth Gruber**

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### **FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, about a century ago, an Oxford anthropologist by the name of J.D. Unwin did research on 86 civilizations and found that one thing consistently led to their downfall.

And we're going to talk about that today and what we can do about it. With my Guest, the great Seth Gruber, who is coming to us right now from an unknown location that he can't tell us about. Seth, from the White Rose Resistance. You are in an undisclosed location right now, and you have some tremendous insights to share with us because you have a new movie coming out, and you have a conference that's going to happen in Denver in a couple of weeks, and we want to tell everybody about all those things, including what the anthropologist J.D.

Unwin found. Let's start right there. I know you can't disclose where you are, but tell us what the anthropologist J.D. Unwin discovered about a century ago about civilizations.

### **SETH:**

We're in a season of the last stand, Frank. And what I mean is for the West. Okay, now listen, regardless of your eschatology, we as brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to be able to stay together.

Christ is on the throne. He's ruling and reigning right now. He's putting his enemies under his feet right now. And we're welcomed into what, Frank, extending his dominion, his authority to all of the shadowlands. Yes, that's a reference to the Lion King, the best Disney movie ever. And if you disagree, you're not a Christian. Just kidding. But we should be able to say that as Christians, regardless of our theological disputes.



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Okay? Amen. He wins. We will win. But for the sake of my children, for the sake of the babies, for the sake of the family, I think it's a good thing to try to save Western civilization, which, by the way, Frank, let me say this. You know what we used to call Western civilization? Christendom. Christendom, baby. We only started calling it Western civilization when the lesbians, tenured professors at American universities for the last 60 years, didn't want to use the term Christendom.

They didn't like that. I mean, we could do a whole show on that later, Frank, but just the cultural Marxists, the Second-wave feminists who are usually bald and ugly, they didn't want to use the phrase Christendom because it has the word Christ in it. And so now we use the phrase Western Civilization. Anyways, that's interesting, but I think it's a good thing to try to save the West. But it's not red meat for the base. It's not hyperbolic. I'm not embellishing when I say, Frank, we're in a season of the last stand.

For the West, for liberty, for freedom, for the family as we know it, for the fruit of biblical faith that has built our civilization. And so this Oxford anthropologist in 1934, Frank, this is one of the ways that I'm going to prove my statement that we're in a last stand moment. His name's J.D. Unwin, and he writes this book in 1934 called *Sex and Culture*. And it's for those on YouTube; it's about this big.

It's very thick, it's boring. It's not like a fun novel. It's like a study with his research methods, his conclusions. And he looks at 86 civilizations over 5,000 years, and he asked the question, what makes civilizations thrive and survive? And what leads to civilizational suicide, basically is his question. And he's been completely buried, Frank, by the liberal academic left. Because his findings are a what?

They're a total indictment on liberalism and the false promises of the sexual revolution. In fact, I went viral, explaining what I'm about to explain to your listeners right now on our friends over at the Cross Politic podcast up in Moscow, Idaho, at Amfest. And they cut a reel of me explaining this. I think it went over 2 million on Instagram. And I got a meta fact check on it, Frank, saying there is no proof that adopting total sexual freedom destroys your civilization.

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And so he's been completely buried by the liberal academic left. And he looks at 86 civilizations over 5,000 years and finds a 100% correlation, meaning there was not an exception to this rule in 5,000 years of recorded human history that when a civilization adopted total sexual freedom.

So that's the phrase he uses. That's not Seth, Frank. That's what he says, total sexual freedom. Then, roughly in a hundred years, they're done. They're done. They're screwed. They're taken over by another civilization with greater social energy. And he said that the civilizations that displayed the strongest social energy had two things. It was the powerful coupling of prenuptial chastity with absolute monogamy.

So let me translate that. Don't have sex before you get married, and once you get married, only have sex with your spouse, and then spit out a bunch of little dragon slayers. Okay, well, that sounds like Genesis 1 to me, Frank. That just sounds like what we were told to do. But then he says that once a civilization adopts total sexual freedom and they codify it, which I found was an interesting finding of his book, Frank. It's not just like cultural changes. It's not just like, oh, Will and Grace and Friends are changing Hollywood, and they're changing the culture because now the people who watch the shows, they think that the gay people are really cool and totally fine for the country.

It's not just cultural changes. J. D. Unwin says historically, it was the codification legally of total sexual freedom. And once that happened, you had about 90 to 100 years before you were replaced by another civilization with greater social energy. So I want to ask this question, Frank. When did America embrace total sexual freedom? I think that's an interesting question.

If his findings are true, and they are, there's no exception to the rule. I think it was 1973. And, when I ask most Christians, Frank, I'll say, like, when do you think America embraced total sexual freedom? They usually say sometime in the 60s, which makes sense, right? The flower children. Woodstock was 69, I think. Yeah, it was 69. And the hippies. I think it was 73. And I have three reasons for that. Roe versus Wade.

Abortion, baby killing through all nine months of pregnancy, funded by the taxpayer for any reason or no reason at all. And people forget the significance of that because, yes, every civilization in the history of our recorded species exercised human sacrifice in some form or

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another. So, you could say that the willful killing of one's own progeny is the defining vice of human history. Actually, you could say that, Frank.

So in one sense it shouldn't surprise us, but it should surprise us in another sense, because America, Frank, is the most powerful child of the reformation. This country was built by Protestant pastors who were so engaged in the political and cultural life that this guy named King George, when he realized he was going to lose the war, he blamed it on what he called the Black Robed Regiment.

Okay, so we should be surprised by that. That at 250 years young. No, sorry, 1973. At 197 years young, we codified baby killing through point of birth. That is significant. And so do you have total sexual freedom, Frank, if you have to take responsibility for your sexual choices?

No. You're only totally sexually free when you can murder the product of that sexual freedom stuff you were doing. So that's one reason. You want to say something?

**FRANK:**

I was just going to say my question for people that support abortion, is this, when is it ever a good idea to try and solve any problem you have by killing your own children?

Is it ever—

**SETH:**

Well, right.

**FRANK:**

Is ever solving a problem you think you have, does that justify the killing of your own children?—

**SETH:**

It's not normal.

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**FRANK:**

I don't understand why people think it's a good idea.

**SETH:**

It's not normal, but it is common. The belief that your life will be blessed in exchange for a dead kid is very common.

Very common. But as Christians, we understand, wait a second, that's demonic. And later in the show, Frank, I want to get into, like, how the pro-life movement began at the cross of the Lord Jesus and not in 1973. So we'll get into that, because I think some of this stuff your listeners may not have heard before, although they're very highly educated audience, unlike a lot of podcasts.

**FRANK:**

You got reason one. Go to reason two, because we're coming up toward a break.

**SETH:**

Number two, Frank, what else happened in 73? Just so you don't think I'm just the pro-life thinker, it wasn't just Roe v. Wade. What else happened? The Endangered Species Act.

**FRANK:**

Did that come down then?

**SETH:**

73, Frank. The same year we declared open season on preborn humans. We gave more legal protections to sea turtles and porpoises. By the way, fulfilling my favorite dead papists line, G. K. Chesterton's prophetic warning when he said, wherever there is animal worship, there will be human sacrifice.

Okay, and what else happened in 73? The removal of the obscenity laws by the Supreme Court of the United States of America, Frank. Thereby giving legal widespread dissemination of porneia in 73, legal distribution of porn.

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Hold on, hold on. Here we are at the break. Old Testament Christian who doesn't listen to Andy Stanley. Those three things sound a lot like Moloch, Baal, and Ashtoreth, a demonic trinity in 1970.

**FRANK:**

And there's one other thing that happened in '73 we can add to that. I'll mention it right after the break. If you're looking for a soft soap approach, you're not going to find it on this show. This is blowtorch truth on I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an atheist.

Back after the break.

Paul says to Timothy in the second letter he wrote. The last letter he wrote to anyone was Second Timothy, where Paul says, in these last days, people are not going to put up with sound doctrine. They're just going to gather around them teachers who tell them what their itching ears want to hear. You're not going to hear maybe what you want to hear on this podcast because we have blowtorch truth today with my friend Seth Gruber.

And he has some resources coming out that are outstanding that we're going to tell you about as we progress. But just before the break, Seth was making the case, why 1973, legally, we crossed a line where we began to actually advance through the law. And the law is a great teacher. It tends to teach people right from wrong.

Even when you have bad laws put in place, they teach people bad ideas are good. And that's a problem. Seth, go through the three reasons why you think 1973 was a turning point again, briefly, and then we'll add a fourth. Go ahead.

**SETH:**

I'm very good at brief, as you know. Frank. J. D. Unwin, 1934, Sex and Culture, 86 civilizations over 5,000 years.

No exception to this rule. The rule being once a civilization adopts and watch this, codifies total sexual freedom. Within 90 to 100 years, they're done. And they're replaced by another civilization who still has great social energy. What social energy? The coupling of prenuptial

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chastity with absolute monogamy. Meaning there are eternal laws written into the universe and the way that it operates. And whether you believe in the lawmaker, the big banger, the breather, however you believe this happened, whether you believe that there was a divine intelligence that created all of this, when you violate his laws, there are consequences to that.

Not just personally, but socially and civilizationally as well. And so in 1973, I think America began its 90 to 100-year slide down to civilizational replacement. Because in 73 we codified baby killing, we codified animal worship, and we codified weird sex stuff. Porneia. There's actually a fourth, which is also quite fascinating. The American Psychiatric Association, APA, in December of 73 removed homosexuality from the DSM.

Meaning it's not a disorder. It's totally fine if you want to sodomize other men. There's nothing wrong with that. It's also nothing unhealthy about that, totally normal. And so, as Christians who actually believe in the full council of God, we should recognize that as a partnership with the demonic trinity. Hold on. Baby killing, Baal. Hold on. I'm sorry, baby killing, Moloch. Hold on. Animal worship, Baal. Hold on.

Weird sex stuff. Asherah and Ishtar. That's right, those three gods. When God's people were worshipping and participating in that. God's like, he's like Pilate. He's like, I'm going to wash my hands of you. What does Psalm 106 say? You have sacrificed your sons and daughters to demons. The land is desecrated with blood. And so I give you over. I give you over to be ruled by those who hate you.

That's why I think America began its 100-year decline to civilizational replacement in 73, which means we could be entering the third and final chapter. It's a last stand moment for the West.

**FRANK:**

And we say that history repeats itself. When we say that, we mean that human nature tends to lead us in similar directions.

So, past events like J. D. Unwin finding that 86 civilizations crumble when they give up on a chaste sexual ethic between a man and a woman inside of marriage, they crumble within 100

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years, 100% of the time. And Seth, it doesn't seem to me that's just a correlation that also appears to be causation. Would you agree with that and why?

**SETH:**

Yeah, absolutely. I mean, so, this is why knowing our history is so important, Frank. And this is why I love that you have folks like Bill Federer on the show, who's a dear friend. Chesterton said, the disadvantage of men not knowing the past is that they don't know the present. History is a hill or high point of vantage from which alone a man sees the town in which he lives and the age in which he's living.

In other words, unless you're willing to climb that hill of history, you don't have the clarity, you don't have a visibility for what happens when civilizations codify, celebrate, and tolerate the kinds of things that we're doing right now. That's how wicked human nature is. I mean, as a Christian, why do we even have to explain this? Go read Romans 8. This is really basic.

And the longer you tolerate and celebrate these kind of perversions, the more that God gives you over to a reprobate mind, to actually think that this stuff is liberating. It's freedom. And it's not, it's slavery. This is Augustine's line from the City of God. *Libido dominandi*. Think about that phrase. *Libido dominandi*, the lust to dominate.

But today we see the strategy of sexual liberation, Frank, used as a political tool, right? Just give them bread and circuses, give them orgasms without responsibility, give them OnlyFans, give them porn, give them abortion. And then those people who enthrall to those passions and desires can no longer govern themselves, are unable to govern the civilization that gave them the freedom to practice such degeneracy in the first place.

And so sexual sin, more than other sins, does turn you into a navel-gazing narcissist who only looks to satisfy your belly. This is what CS Lewis talked about, Frank. In *The Abolition of Man*, the head rules the belly through the chest, which means the intellect rules the appetite through, and what's the chest, through virtue, honor, morality, a moral compass. So his whole idea in what chapter one, I think, of *The Abolition of Man*.

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Yeah, chapter one is what are men without chests? That the head rules the belly with nothing to temper it in between. Men without chest is now the intellect can govern the raw appetite with nothing to mediate it. And yeah, humans are pretty good at coming up with justifications for our sinful urges. But sex has always been the most powerful tool to create a navel-gazing self-sensate public who only looks to their own urges.

They so they'll give their liberty and their freedoms away for OnlyFans and abortions without thinking about it. It's Romans 8.

**FRANK:**

And Romans 1.

**SETH:**

Yes, Romans 1. Sorry, Romans 1, yes.

**FRANK:**

In your movie called *The Last Stand*, which premieres at a conference in Denver—

**SETH:**

That you're speaking at.

**FRANK:**

Yeah, the 5th and 6th of June coming up. We'll tell you more about that.

We'll put all the links in the show notes. I got a preview of that great film and your mentor, a lot of people don't know this man, Dr. George Grant. Said this, that I want you to comment on it. It seems almost counterintuitive, but he said this in the film. He said, how is it? Well, he said, when we free ourselves from Christianity, we have freed ourselves from freedom.

How is that true, and what does that mean?

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**SETH:**

Yeah, that's a line from Chesterton, Frank, that my mentor cites in the film. Chesterton says we have lost our national instincts because we have lost the idea of that Christendom from which the nations came. In freeing ourselves from Christianity, we have only freed ourselves from freedom.

What does that mean? It means that all of the virtues that we take for granted in the West right now are a product of Christianity. The nations that were built. So after the fall of Rome, after the age of antiquity, Rome embraces Christianity. I believe in like 398 or something like that.

I'm one or two years off potentially. Christendom then goes global. It goes all around the world, and it begins to turn nations, I like to say, Frank, right side up. Of course, the tyrants of that age, in the early church, you remember in Acts, they accused the disciples of what; turning the world upside down. But really, they were turning the world right side up. And we could talk about some pro-life heroes from that age, but these kinds of ideas, so let's throw out a few that we're seeing become quite normal again right now in the West.

Sexualizing kids. People obsessed with the sexual and gender identity of minors. How about this? Surgically mutilating little minors. That's not new. That's not new at all, Frank. Killing babies, killing infants, killing toddlers. Treating your wife as property, and just as an outlet for your orgasm, but not as your marital partner.

Treating women as lesser than persons. All of these things are super common. Again, not normal, but common. The kind of paganism the early church was birthed into in the patristic age, leading up to Rome, embracing the teaching of Christ. It's hard for the evangelicals in America. Frank to wrap their mind around. Not only were they pro abortion and pro-infanticide, they were pro pedophilia. It was very common for children to serve in brothels.

I'm talking about brothels full of minors guys. Where you go and have sex with kids. To be a young boy in ancient Rome basically meant to be sexually abused by older men. That's basically, that was kind of the guarantee. Who got rid of that stuff? What began to change the consciousness of what we now call Western civilization, where we say, hey, women have

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dignity. They're the weaker vessel in terms of, like, muscle mass, but they are equal in dignity and value.

They have a sanctity of life. You know what, Toddlers and children and babies, it's actually in virtue of their youth, their innocence, and their weakness that they deserve more protection and care. Like these ideas we take for granted, like treating the poor. Well, where did these ideas come from? Is that the fruit of Voltaire and Jean-Jacques Rousseau? No, that's the fruit of Christendom.

In freeing ourselves from Christianity, we've only freed ourselves from freedom. And now we're watching, not progressivism, Frank, There's nothing progressive about progressivism. We're watching regressivism. We're watching a return to ancient paganism. And what is the first sign historically, and this is in J. D. Unwin's work as well, Frank, what's one of the first signs you're going back to neo paganism.

When children are treated like trash or sexually abused. And number two, when it's dangerous to be a female. When it's dangerous to be a female or a child. You're going back to paganism. Those are the virtues of the ancient world, Frank. And Christians got rid of that. Not Enlightenment thinkers.

This was not the fruit of Voltaire, and *Candide*, and Rousseau's okay. This is the fruit of Christendom. And so the first early Christians gave us not just the adoption movement, they gave us the pro-life movement. In the late second century, there was this guy named Callistus, Frank. He was a Christian slave who was sentenced to hard labor in the mines of Sardinia for financial misconduct.

And a generous benefactor paid for his release. The church made him a deacon, and they assigned him to run a ministry on the Appian Way. Guys, go to Acts 28. Paul refers to those of Appia in Acts 28. It was the main way in and out of Rome. The Apostle Paul walked on those steps in the proclamation of the gospel. And there was a cemetery. It was the first piece of real estate the church owned. I'm talking late second century.

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And Callistus is running the cemetery, and it's a place of haven and refuge for the poor, the despised, and the neglected. But his positioning on the Appian Way, I'm talking like two miles outside of downtown Rome, brings him into conflict with something called infanticide walls, where you could leave infants to die. And so he mobilized the church for pro-life sidewalk counseling to watch babies be abandoned, rescue them, place them in a Christian home, and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

That's the beginning of pro-life sidewalk counseling.

**FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to blowtorch truth. This episode is obviously PG-13, but you need to know about it. I'm talking to Seth Gruber. I'm Frank Turek. We're back after the break. Don't go anywhere.

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**FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, over the centuries, Christians have done actually great things in their culture, in their culture, politically. In fact, if you don't think Christians have been involved, you don't realize that over the past 2,000 years, here's some of the accomplishments that Christians have been able to do culturally and politically.

They've gotten rid of slavery, gladiatorial combat, death games, temple prostitution, kidnapped brides, wives as property, infanticide, child labor, child marriage, child sexual abuse, child prostitution, class distinctions. And in some states in America, we've been able to get rid of

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abortion. And so, Christians, it's only in the modern times that Christians start thinking, no, we can't get involved in any of this.

Are only atheists qualified to run the country? Where do we come up with this idea? Well, my guest today is Seth Gruber, who has a book, a movie, a conference, and you can actually bring him to your church to see the movie. And I want to show just a short clip, the trailer of the movie called *The Last Stand*. Before I do, Seth set this up for me.

What is *The Last Stand* film about, and what are we going to see here in the trailer?

**SETH:**

It's the glorious and forgotten and long neglected heritage of Christian resistance against all the same evils that we're facing today. And the Christian heroes and warriors whose names we've sometimes forgotten, more of which are in the book than the film because I couldn't make a four-hour documentary, who pushed out the darkness, and they laid the foundations for renewal and reformation.

They were building for a day they'd never see. They were planting seeds to grow oak trees, the shade of which they'd never sit under. We are the beneficiaries of Christendom. And if we want to give God a reason to show America mercy, we need to live and fight with the kind of courage and fervor and testicular fortitude that the warriors who've gone before us have. We're telling that story in *The Last Stand* film and book.

**FRANK:**

As Western civilization just seems to go toward hospice, many Christians are just congratulating themselves about how winsome they are. They're not really doing anything about it. Well, let's take a look at the trailer. Here it is. It's about two minutes.

**[TRAILER]:**

For centuries, the church shaped the West. Then came the Enlightenment, and with it a wave of destruction.

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But they didn't just reject God, they set fire to anything that reminded them of him. We're facing a real crisis. I don't want my grandchildren to have to be the pioneers of a new civilization. When Scripture says that there's nothing new under the sun, we're getting insights into the fact that things are spiritually consistent.

The bloodiest century in history was not an accident. It was a choice. And today, in the 21st century, we are making similar choices that could lead to something equally deadly. The question is, will we be faithful, and will we stand now? We can look back at the Christians and the scholars and the philosophers who fought for goodness and righteousness centuries ago, millennia ago, and we can see, okay, how did they answer the questions that we are grappling with?

We're telling the stories that American Christians have forgotten about the heroes of the faith and the church fathers who stood against a culture of death.

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No matter how many times we lose for what we're standing for, that is right. We keep standing to the death because it is right. The truth is worthy of our own blood. We are at a moment in our time where we still have an opportunity to turn things around.

This is our battlefield. This is our last state.

**FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, 86 times out of 86 opportunities, a country that codified sexual deviance was destroyed within a hundred years. We've done that.

1973 is probably the best date to mark the beginning of that. If we become 87 out of 87, it'll happen maybe within our lifetimes, certainly within the lifetimes of our children and grandchildren. That's why this new film and new book by the same name, *The Last Stand*, written by my friend Seth Gruber, who's my guest today, says we have one last opportunity to

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turn this around for the good of our generations that come beyond us, and, of course, for God's kingdom.

So, Seth, we're going to get into some solutions as to what we can do. But, comment on why you decided that you needed to write a book and do a movie on this. What really propelled you to say, I recognize that this is our last opportunity to save Western civilization.

**SETH:**

So, Frank, I made a film in 2024. You had me on at the time.

We even brought you to a screening. It's called The 1916 Project. You can stream it on Daily Wire if you're an ally of the White Rose Resistance. At \$35 a month or more, you can watch it on our app. It's also a book. But the number one response I got to my last film, the hidden history of Planned Parenthood, Frank, the number one response at, we've done over a thousand screenings in churches. The number one response was, Seth, I've never heard any of this before.

How do I not know this? And I was just uncovering evil in the 20th century. Brother Frank. And I realized that the church is suffering from amnesia. We have forgotten what we were supposed to remember. And so I realized that forgetfulness is much larger than merely the 20th century. Most evangelicals today, Frank, and I count myself an evangelical, don't even know the names of some of the warriors and heroes of church history who face the same stinking manifestations of evil.

Why? Because what we were talking about earlier, Frank, human nature hasn't changed. And we need their legacy, their example, their heroism, their courage. And it reminded me of a scene from The Silver Chair, Frank, the penultimate Narnia book, where Jill Pole is standing on Aslan's mountain. And Aslan has already blown, Eustace Clarence Scrubb, and he almost deserved it.

Insider joke, to Narnia. And he tells Jill, I have a mission for you. To free a prince. To break a spell and to free a land. And to help you on this mission, Aslan tells Jill Pole, Frank, Aslan says, here are some signs. They're guideposts to guide you along the way, make sure you're on the

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right path and fulfilling the mission I've given you. And he tells Jill, remember, remember, remember the signs.

Say them to yourselves when you wake in the morning, and when you lay down at night and when you wake in the middle of the night and whatever strange things may happen to you, let nothing turn your mind from following the signs. Remember the signs, believe the signs, nothing else matters. Well, guess what? Shocker, Frank. Jill forgets to repeat the signs. She misses some of them, and it's her forgetfulness that gets her and her friends into much trouble.

We've done the same thing in the American church. We've forgotten the signs, those markers, those signposts from history that tell us if we're on the right or the wrong path. I think you could say, Frank, that remembrance and forgetfulness are the measuring rods of faithfulness throughout the Bible. And they reveal that there are only two kinds of people in this world.

Effectual doers and forgetful hearers. And so when we realize that none of these things are new, that they have been faced by all of our Christian forefathers before us, that means that there's a blueprint, bro, that's been drawn up ages ago, millennia ago, that give us the signpost the way on how to deal with these things.

I remember my mentor, Pastor George Grant, Frank, he has this incredible scene in his book the Third Time Around. And he talks about the importance of remembrance. And I thought I wanted to share this with you guys because I think it's really significant. When Moses stood before Israel at the end of his life, he did not motivate them with slogans or moral lectures. He reminded them of what God had done in history.

Deuteronomy 32:1-43. He reminded them of their duty to remember. When David celebrated deliverance from his enemies, he did not appeal to nostalgia or sentiment. He recited the mighty acts of the Lord in history. He reminded them of their duty to remember. When Solomon dedicated the temple, he did not impress the people with rhetoric or strategy.

He rehearsed God's faithfulness in history. He reminded them of their duty to remember. When Nehemiah gathered the families of Jerusalem, after rebuilding the walls, he did not overwhelm them with theatrics. He retold the covenant story throughout history. He reminded them of

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their duty to remember. When Stephen stood before an enraged council that would soon stone him, he did not defend himself.

He remembered publicly and boldly the works of God across generations. He reminded them of their duty to remember. Again and again, Frank. Again and again. Scripture teaches the same lesson. Remembrance and forgetfulness have always been the measuring rods of faithfulness throughout the Bible. But we don't just have a hall of faith in Scripture, Frank, we have a hall of faith in history, whose names our Christian forefathers we need to honor, to remember, and to draw up their blueprint for the day that God has placed us in.

**FRANK:**

And we are here for such a time as this. A quote from Esther. But also Paul says in Acts, chapter 17, when he's before the Athenians, he says to them from one man God made all the nations that they should inhabit the whole earth. And he marked out for them their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him. Though this God is not far from any one of us. God has appointed us when we are living and where we are living. What is our responsibility now as Christians as the West stands on the precipice of destruction? What are we supposed to do and how are we supposed to do it? And we'll take this conversation into the next segment because we got about a minute before the break, but take us at least partially there.

Seth Gruber, go.

**SETH:**

Frank, there's so many ways to answer that glorious question you just asked. I'll just hone in on a guy named Athanasius. Athanasius Contra Mundum. Athanasius against the world from Alexandria.

**FRANK:**

Athanasius against the world, yes.

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**SETH:**

That's right. Alexandria, in the three seventies—

**FRANK:**

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**SETH:**

Walks his church out of the sanctuary outside to the infanticide walls outside of all Roman cities where you could leave, they were the local abortion mills. He preaches a message on the Incarnation, Frank. He wrote a book on the incarnation at 15 years old, by the way, that the Word became flesh, the Logos. And then he starts tearing down the infanticide walls before his entire congregation.

This story deserves to be told.

**FRANK:**

And we'll say more about it right after the break. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist on the American Family Radio Network and other stations around the country. My guest, Seth Gruber of the White Rose Resistance. I'm Frank Turek of CrossExamined.org. That's CrossExamined with a D on the end of it. We have a lot more blowtorch truth right after the break. Don't go anywhere.

Ladies and gentlemen, I've been talking to my friend Seth Gruber about *The Last Stand*. We're going to get back to that in just a second, but I want to mention that last week I was privileged to be on a semi-private tour with the Speaker of the House of the Capitol. And we just released, a day or two ago, the video from that tour that Speaker Mike Johnson gave us. It's the podcast, the midweek podcast.

You need to check that out because very rarely do you get the Speaker of the House to be your tour guide. And secondly, it's shocking how much we don't know about our own history in America. Yet the Speaker of the House knows it, and he gives us some great history and also some fun stories on this tour. You don't want to miss it. Check out the last podcast we just did.

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It's with Speaker Mike Johnson. It's good to see it on YouTube because it's all video. It was just a fabulous event. I learned a lot just being there. And, it's quite embarrassing that I didn't know some of this stuff. And most Americans don't know much of this either. And we don't know much about church history either. And that's one of the reasons my friend Seth Gruber has put together this brand new book, this brand new film called *The Last Stand*.

We are within probably about 50 years of maybe our country being destroyed from within. Due to the research that J. D. Unwin did, 86 different civilizations have fallen when they began to codify sexual deviance as a good thing. And part of what *The Last Stand* is about is pointing that out and what we can do about it.

Now, before the break, Seth, you were talking about Athanasius, the great early church father. Complete that story, and then we're going to talk about what people can actually do to save civilization.

**SETH:**

Athanasius is such a fascinating figure, Frank. I mean, he was, some people have called him the pillar of the church. Almost single-handedly responsible for preserving Christian doctrine with rising waves of heresy at the time, Arianism, all that stuff.

Of course, he helped draft the Nicene Creed, the simplest profession of the Christian faith. He wrote a book called *On the Incarnation* at 15 years old, which is still a staple of any solid theological classical Christian education today. At 15 years old. And so Athanasius is just this stinging critique on the American evangelical cultural engagement mindset, Frank, of like, I don't do politics, I just do Jesus. It's almost Gnostic in a way.

We can do a whole episode on that. It's like this sort of, you know, the Jesus who, you know, abandoned heaven for the good of earth would have us abandon earth for the sake of heaven. It's this weird kind of thing of like, I just do metaphysical spiritual transformation, but we don't really do anything in the cultural and political realm where God's put us. It's very weird. And Athanasius, in Alexandria, he marches his congregation outside of the sanctuary, outside of Alexandria.

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This is according to oral tradition, by the way, Frank, because of the library. The burning of the library at Alexandria is probably the greatest loss in Christendom that we've ever had. So we don't know a lot of things that we don't know because of the burning of the library at Alexandria. But oral tradition gets passed down. So, according to accounts, he preaches a message on the Incarnation, the word became flesh, which is fascinating. The Logos, the logic of the universe, who, when He opens his mouth the Milky Way comes out.

That's a lot of Logos, Frank. The Logos becomes flesh. And now in Christianity, the Logos is not a concept; it's a person. It's Christ. But that was the concept ancient Romans valued the most, Frank. When you study ancient Roman history, political history, it's fascinating. Logos is what they cared the most about. And they thought only the freeborn male had the most Logos. They didn't think women or slaves or toddlers or babies or unborn children had Logos, so therefore they didn't think they were persons.

So, Christian, listen to my voice right now on CrossExamined. How scandalous do you think John chapter one was to the ancient world? That the Logos, here's the concept the ancient Romans care the most about, and they use that concept to dehumanize women and children. Now it's a person, and he becomes a fetus. Holy moly. Maybe that means children and the lesser and the smaller actually have dignity.

And so he preaches the Logos, Incarnation message. He turns around outside of an infanticide wall, Frank. And he starts ripping it down with his hands in front of his congregation. The senior pastor literally tearing down the high places, Frank. Like literally tearing down the high places. And he turns over. His hands are all bloodied. They're caked in blood, Frank.

He's just torn down the local abortion mill. Sorry, sorry, Infanticide wall, Freudian slip. And he looks at his congregation, and he says, this blood for their blood. A few years later, emperors Valentinian and Theodosius, who heard about this act, issued edicts for the first time in human history giving infants and babies legal protection and demanding that parents take care of their children.

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**FRANK:**

This is about, what year is this, Seth? Are you talking about the Athanasius of the Council of Nicaea in 325? Same guy?

**SETH:**

Yes, yes. This is like 360s, 370s.

**FRANK:**

He must be very old at this point.

**SETH:**

In the 370s, emperors Valentinian and Theodosius issue edicts banning infanticide and giving legal protections to infants.

To babies, Frank. For the first time in human history, because of an iconoclastic, bold church that wasn't tolerating baby killing. And St. Basil of Caesarea did the same stinking thing, Frank. He took his church after vespers one evening outside of the city and tore down the infanticide walls with their bare hands. We don't know these stories.

And this laid the groundwork. These patristics developed the moral framework that would guide the West for the next 1600 years of Christians saying, we do not tolerate the murder of babies. These are children created in the image of God. They're in a uterus, the same location that the Incarnation happened in. Jesus doesn't become fully God and fully human at the moment of birth. He becomes fully God and fully human at the moment of conception.

This is a gospel issue.

**FRANK:**

Seth. We're running out of time, but we have to get this in. I need you to say this because this is an amazing point. And it's gone viral on the Internet. You got to say it in about a minute and a half. This is my body. Explain.

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**SETH:**

Abortion is the sacrament of Satan, not because I say so, but because the Satanic Temple files lawsuits against red states arguing for religious liberty to kill children because they say abortion is one of their sacraments.

And it should not surprise us, as those who follow the risen king, Frank, that the spirit of the age and his acolytes in the culture of death who cannot create, Satan can't create, he can only mock, pervert and invert that which has already been made and declared good. It should not surprise us that the spirit of the age downloaded the one phrase to the defenders and cheerleaders of abortion.

The one phrase to articulate the defense of abortion. This is my body. The one phrase quoting our Savior, instituting the last supper and the first communion, this is my body. When you hear a feminist say, this is my body, brothers and sisters, as a Christian who reads the word of God, when you hear that phrase, you should hear the rest of the sentence, broken for you take and eat in remembrance of me, for I will not eat of this bread or drink of this vine until I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.

Abortion is the sacrament of Satan. Peter Kreeft said, abortion is the demonic parody of the Eucharist. And that's why it uses the same holy, holy words, this is my body, but with the opposite blasphemous meaning. So abortion says, this is my body, I break you, baby, for me. But Christ says, no, this is my body and I break it for you.

And so, guess what joke I get from abortion trolls, cheerleader folks, the most in my private inbox and on my comments, Frank. Guess what joke I've been getting from the cheerleaders of abortion for the last 10 years? Guess what joke, Frank? It's a joke about eating fetuses. Eating fetuses. Why does that not surprise me, Frank? Because if their first phrase is this is my body quoting Jesus to defend abortion, then what is the rest of the sentence?

Take and eat.

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**FRANK:**

All right, Seth, we're running out of time. That's such an amazing insight. But we need to help people forward so they can help follow God, by loving God and loving one another, by getting involved to protect innocent people from evil. So tell us first about the website they can go to, how they can get the book, how they can come to the conference, and how they can actually have this film at their church for free.

Go.

**SETH:**

Amen, we provided a lot for Christians. June 5th and 6th. June 5th and 6th. Come hear Frank Turek on June 5th in Denver at Brave Church for my festival, the White Rose Resistance, our big annual event, The Last Stand Festival. Friday evening, June 5, all day June 6, ending Saturday, June 6, with the world premiere of this film, *The Last Stand*.

The day after, any church in America or any Christian school or homeschool co-op can host a screening. You can bring this to your congregants, pastor, to your Christian high school students, educator. *The Last Stand*. *The Last Stand* film is helping the church remember all these things we've forgotten so we can reclaim that legacy now. So go to [thelaststand.com](http://thelaststand.com) to get your tickets.

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**FRANK:**

Seth Gruber, Victor Marx.

**SETH:**

Abby Johnson, Victor Marks, Seth Gruber, worship with Shane and Shane.

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And then it's also a book. And because I have so much to say, and there's so much more history that I can't put into a 90-minute film, Frank. The book is called *The Last Stand: Christ or Chaos - The War for the West*, which you very kindly endorsed. You can get that at [thewhiterose.life](http://thewhiterose.life) website, but it will be available on Amazon and major book sellers starting June 6th.

**FRANK:**

If they want to bring the film to the church, where do they go?

**SETH:**

So, pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor, Christian educator. We do not charge for this. You can host a screening right now by going to [thelaststandfilm.com](http://thelaststandfilm.com). And you just press host a screening. You fill out a form, you pick a date. My team gets back to you, you sign a simple contract to screen. We sometimes send out a white rose rep if we have someone on our team available.

It's completely free. I'll be doing several big churches this summer as part of the launch for this. Dr. George Grant, who is my mentor, I consider him the smartest man in Christendom alive in the West today. He's like one of the ancients who came to us in a DeLorean. He is the producer on this film for the White Rose Resistance. So get your tickets at [thelaststand.com](http://thelaststand.com) and host a screening by going to [thelaststandfilm.com](http://thelaststandfilm.com).

**FRANK:**

Thank you, Seth.

Amazing. Check it out. Great stuff, ladies and gentlemen. And in the coming week, I'm going to be in. Where am I going to be? I'm going to be in Denver. I'm going to be in Sarasota, Florida. It's all on our website, check it out. We'll see you there. God bless.

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