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with Dr. Frank Turek **PODCAST**

Mic-Drop Wisdom on Marriage, Manhood, Lawn Care, Elon Musk, & American Prosperity w/@Nickjfreitas

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FRANK:

Ladies and gentlemen, do you need wisdom on issues that confront you every day? Like economics, like politics, like Christianity, like cultural issues, like parenting, even lawn care? What do you do about lawn care? We're going to tell you here on the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast and radio program today on the American Family Radio Network and other stations around the country.

In fact, let me start with a clip. I want to know if you know who this guy is. He's going to give you some really good parenting advice on how to bring up daughters. Here it is.

[VIDEO]:

Three things I learned raising daughters. First time I found out we were having a little girl, I went to two people for advice. The first person was my wife, Tina, because she's a girl. Figured she might know some things. She did. Second person was a guy I knew in the military who was, well, putting it mildly, probably the biggest man whore I'd ever met in my life.

So I went to him and said, how do I protect my daughter from someone like you? And being a good sport, he smiled and said, well, tell your daughter you love her, because if you don't, someone who doesn't will, and she'll believe him. So armed with this wisdom, I attempted to do three things with raising my daughters. One was make sure they always knew that daddy loved them, that daddy would tell them the truth, and that no matter what, they could tell daddy the truth.

And I find what this helped create was young women that had a high expectation for love, respect, and honesty. And that goes a long way from preventing the wrong sort of guy from getting a foothold. Also, I taught him how to shoot, just in case.

FRANK:

Ladies and gentlemen, who is that man with the great wisdom? Well, he is a former Green Beret and a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates for over 10 years.

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He has almost 4 million followers online. He has a podcast called Making the Argument. And his name happens to be Nick Freitas. And here he is, ladies and gentlemen, all the way from a now an undisclosed location because he just moved and we're not going to tell you where he is. Nick, it's great we're finally doing this.

I've been following you for so long online. You are a blessing. How are you?

NICK:

Oh, I'm doing great. And same, I've been following you, watching all your stuff. You. You're part of our Sunday ritual in many cases. So an honor to be here.

FRANK:

Well, Nick, I got to, this is a largely Christian audience. They always want to know, like, where did you come from, and how did you become a Christian?

Let's start right there.

NICK:

So I was raised in a Christian household. My mom and dad got divorced when I was about three. And so my dad lived in Southern California. I lived with my mom in Northern California. I'd spend the school years with my mom and the summers with my dad. And, you know, again, I can't remember any time where I didn't, I wouldn't have called myself a Christian, but it wasn't until probably five or six years into the military.

I was married I had a couple of kids, and I met a couple of different guys within the military who really exemplified to me what it meant to be a strong, masculine Christian. To take their faith very, very seriously, but also to take their duties and responsibility as men very, very seriously. So for me, it was. It was that time where I found guys that I could depend on in a physical fight.

And that really encouraged me to lean back into my responsibilities as being a man for God, a husband for God, and a father for God.

FRANK:

Now, you had a couple of combat tours in Iraq, is that right? You were Green Beret?

NICK:

Yeah.

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FRANK:

What years were they?

NICK:

I was there in 2006 and again in 2008.

FRANK:

So you're there for the surge in 2006?

NICK:

Yeah, yeah, I was a little bit farther north.

I was, around the, let me see, the Baiji area in 2006, and then Taji, just north of Baghdad, in 2008.

FRANK:

Thank you for your service.

NICK:

My honor. You too.

FRANK:

Well, yeah, but I was in the Navy, which stands for never again volunteer yourself. You were much smarter than I was. So you got married very young.

You married Tina very young. You've already got one, one child married now. And you're about to become empty nesters almost. And you're a young man. You're only 46 years old. You started young. And the generation that's, the current generation, the marriage generation, they don't want to get married till much later. So what do you have to say to that?

That's one of the things Charlie Kirk and I were trying to figure out. How could we get the younger generations to value marriage and family?

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NICK:

And I think both you and Charlie have done a really good job of that. Here's what I said. I had another reel that I did spur of the moment that went viral, and I didn't expect it. Like, 25 million views. And I talked about getting married young. And the thing that I said was, is, I'm not telling anyone they got to get married young. I'm just saying that's what I did.

And I said, the worst advice people give to young people is, they say, oh, go live a little. Go out and have some adventures and go live some life and then settle down. And I said, if that's your view of marriage, you honestly don't understand what it's supposed to be about, and you're robbing yourself of something that could be incredible. I didn't want to build a life and then add someone to it. I wanted to build my life with her.

And I sure as heck didn't want to go out there and have a bunch of random hookups with a bunch of people that didn't care about me. and that, quite frankly, I didn't care about. I didn't want to bring that kind of baggage into my marriage. I found the one. God be praised. I found the woman I loved in high school, convinced her to marry me against all of her better reason. And now we've been married for 27 years.

And what I tell people is the Hollywood narrative of what marriage is and the Disney version of what marriage is. It is not the biblical version of what marriage is. And when you really trust what the biblical version is and you embrace that, you will be shocked how God will bless imperfect yet faithful attempts. But there is something so incredible about going through life with somebody, starting out early, facing those challenges, having no money, like you're just going through all of it and then being able to build this life together and raise your kids together.

And now we're at a point right now where, again, our oldest is 23 and married. Our son is in the army at Fort Campbell, and our youngest daughter is 18, graduated high school last year. And, we've been through so much together. And I absolutely know beyond a shadow of a doubt that if we lost everything tomorrow, it would just be time to rebuild it together. And that kind of assurance is something that is.

It is truly special. And I think it's what God intended within our marriages. And we allow popular narratives about hookup culture and about this idea that all the excitement is before marriage and getting married is settling down. My marriage has not seen its best days, and it's already seen some pretty incredible ones.

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FRANK:

Yeah, I agree with that.

NICK:

I think that's what I want people to understand is that building a life with somebody is, you can't beat it.

FRANK:

We've been married 40 years, Stephanie and I now, and it gets better, not worse. Although you know, to be honest, there are periods in a relationship that are up and down, and depends on what's going on and different phases of life. But your bond becomes stronger over time. I love what you said in the beginning of that. You said you wanted to build a life with her. you didn't want to add her to your life.

Unpack that more. Unpack that.

NICK:

I didn't want her to be. Well, look, there's nothing biblical that says you have to get married at a certain age. Right? And you should only get married when you are ready to fulfill your biblical commitment to another person, and they're ready to do the same for you. And that can happen at any time throughout life. The reason why I really appreciate that it happened for me early on was because we weren't bringing in a bunch of baggage.

There weren't a bunch of expectations that had been crafted either through relationships with other people or through other professional expectations or whatever it was. We went into it knowing that we were young, that we were poor, that we were going to have to figure a lot of things out as we went. We were both committed to Christ. We had faith that Scripture was correct. And so the rest of it was about figuring those things out.

And we made all kinds of mistakes, and we had difficult times. I mean, got married in 19-20. Both of us came from broken homes, moved across the country to a place that neither of us had any friend or support network in. I was in the military, so that doesn't always have the best divorce rate. So we had to figure, we didn't get lucky. We had to figure things out.

But we knew where to go for advice, we knew where to go for guidance, and we did the whole, what I like to call the Cortez Commitment. We burned the ships. There was no exit strategy for us. And so when you start off with that kind of commitment, and then you face these challenges

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and you learn together, and you build things together, and things become your accomplishment as a marriage, not as just one person or the other person.

You end up having a lot of gratitude for the other person. And you end up learning sometimes the hard way. I had to learn the hard way how to lean on each other's strengths and acknowledge the areas where you need to improve. You combine all of that, it's an incredible experience.

FRANK:

Ladies and gentlemen, you can see why Nick Freitas has 4 million followers because he has biblical wisdom that he can put in a very pithy way.

He also has a fun way of telling people that they are wrong. And, we're going to talk about that right after the break, so don't go anywhere. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with me, Frank Turek, back after the break.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you're low on the FM dial, looking for National Public Radio, go no further. We're actually going to tell you the truth here. You're never going to hear this on NPR. I'm talking to my friend Nick Freitas, who is a wealth of wisdom and courage, which is what we need in our culture today. And, as I mentioned at the top of the program, Nick has so many followers on social media, following so many of his clips and podcasts that he puts out, it's for a very good reason.

He is very good at explaining Christian and conservative principles to people a lot of times in a very short and might I say slightly snarky way, which makes it fun. In fact, we're going to show you some of these clips here in a minute. But, Nick, tell our audience how you got, the kind of wisdom that you have. Now, I know you've obviously read the Bible. You've probably been in some good churches, but what else have you read to help you put these short, pithy little videos together, and people go, yeah, that's right. That's good.

NICK:

Well, it kind of goes back to what you're saying in the first segment, I love Thomas Sowell. Thomas Sowell, I think, is absolutely brilliant. He's been great to read. I read Dr. Frank Turek, William Lane Craig, Greg Bahnsen on apologetics, on political philosophy, people like Frederick, Bastiat, John Locke.

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So I've tried to have a diverse reading pattern for economics, for political philosophy, for just truth, Christian apologetics, all of those things. But then a lot of it comes from experience. I tried to go out and do things. There's one, I don't know if you're familiar with Alex Hormozi. He's an interesting guy, but somebody was asking him about, well, how are you successful at X, Y, and Z on social media?

And he goes, well, I went out and did things, and then I talked about it. And so, you know, again, when you, when you get married at 19 and 20, that gives you stuff to talk about. When you homeschool and raise three kids, that gives you experiences to talk about. When you go to war, or you go through Ranger school or sniper school, or you serve in the legislature. And so, I tried to do a lot of things, and I learned a lot of lessons the hard way.

You know, one of the biggest lessons I learned is that I thought it was my mission in life to pick a good and noble mission and then invite God to join me. And then I realized the hard way that actually you're supposed to ask him what to do. So, when you're not afraid to kind of share mistakes with people and lived experiences with people, because you want them to be able to learn from it and do better, or you want them to understand something that maybe you have a unique perspective on, because of what you've read or because of your experiences, and you're willing to share it.

Not in a preachy way, like do this or do that, but more of like, hey, here's something I noticed because I screwed it up, or here's something I experienced because it was, you know, incredible. And, so I think when you share things that way, and you add a little bit, you try to add a little bit of humor or sarcasm. Again, my mom was a nurse, my dad was a homicide detective. Sarcasm was my first language.

So, yeah, I think all of that has been. the reason why people have been able to relate to it.

FRANK:

Where in California was your dad a homicide detective? Because we have a friend, as you may know, J. Warner Wallace in Torrance, California. That's where he was. Where was your dad?

NICK:

Los Angeles.

FRANK:

He was. So he was right in that same area?

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NICK:

Yeah, he was. Worked the beat for 12 years in 77th Division and then served as a homicide detective and eventually, robbery-homicide.

FRANK:

Are you the product of California public schools?

NICK:

Partially. For elementary school I went to public school, but I had my grandmother as a teacher in fourth grade in a small, little rural area in Northern California. And then, I went to a very small Christian school because a bunch of parents got together and they wanted a Christian school option, but they needed something they could afford.

And so they kind of got together, pooled resources and started one. And to give you an idea of how small it was, my graduating class was 27.

FRANK:

You're graduating high school class?

NICK:

Yeah, 27.

FRANK:

Wow. Okay. So you turned out okay. You weren't a product of the big machine out there.

NICK:

No, the machine lost hold of me after fifth grade.

FRANK:

Now, you were in Virginia politics for 10 years, the House of Delegates there.

Why did you decide to get out?

NICK:

It was time to go. And I mean that very sincerely. The first time I got asked to run for office, I said no. I didn't feel like I had lived in the area long enough. I didn't feel like I was being called to run. And so I said no. And then, the second time was very different and we did feel like we were

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called to jump in what was going to be a difficult race. I was taking on a 14-year incumbent, who was also of the same political party as I was.

And he decided to retire. And so that first election, I just kind of walked in unopposed. That never happened again. But I served there for 10 years, and it was an honor. I got to represent James Madison's district. I hope I made a positive impact for my constituents and certainly for my beliefs. But it got to a point at 10 years where God was really blessing what we were doing in this area.

There was a lot of people, there was a ton of young people that were asking for advice on marriage and on faith and on family. And we were getting the opportunity to go all over the place and talk about these things. And it wasn't fair to my constituents. I could either keep getting on planes and flying all over and talking about these things and doing the work we were doing on Social media, or I could be the sort of delegate that could really pour into my constituents. And it got to the point where I said, all right, I'm having a hard time managing the schedule and doing both of these jobs effectively.

Am I supposed to just schedule better? Am I supposed to give up one or the other? And, as we prayed about it, more and more things started happening that just confirmed to us that it was time for us to leave. That we needed to be focusing on other things. And one of the biggest blessings was I got to, we got to find someone that we knew would do a great job as a replacement, and I got to endorse Karen Hamilton.

Karen and her husband, Cameron. Cameron, who is hopefully, God willing, going to be director of FEMA here pretty soon. He was serving as interim director. Great people, wonderful family. And that was kind of like our final confirmation was that not only was God calling us into something else, but he made the replacement very, very obvious. And now she's serving in the Virginia House of Delegates and doing an incredible job.

FRANK:

Now, didn't you almost beat the current governor of Virginia in a race? It's too bad you, I mean, you lost by a whisker, but she's a disaster right now. And was that a Senate race? What was that?

NICK:

It was a House race for the House of Representatives. And, interestingly enough, I did not want to run that year. One-hundred percent did not want to run.

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And, again, it was one of those things that we prayed about, and I did the whole Gideon thing. I'm like, all right, God, I'll do it, but you've got to make it obvious. Well, he did. He made it obvious. And, on election night, we were winning. And the next morning, we were winning. And I kid you not, a thumb drive that had been mislabeled in the bluest county in the district showed up with 15,000 votes, and we lost by less than 2 points.

So it was a bit of a heartbreaker. And people were like, why don't you challenge it? It's like, well, technically, they didn't break the law. Like, I can try to challenge it in court, but I don't have the money. I'm not a wealthy guy. This is the same time that Donald Trump was challenging a lot of things in court as well. And so we barely lost that race. And it was a heartbreaker. But I'll tell you something. It taught me and my wife a very important lesson, because that was very hard on our family.

I had to quit my job and get a new one that would allow me to campaign full-time. And, when we lost, we're like, what was the point of this? Why? We didn't want to do it. We knew it was going to be a really hard race. Then COVID hit and made it really difficult to campaign. But here's what happened during COVID we had to put everything online. That's where we started the podcast.

That's where we started a lot of things that we're doing. That's where I met certain very influential people that help us get a start. It's where I met my business partner. It's where I met my research assistant. It's where I met our video editor. So, it was fascinating how two years later, when everything that we were doing on social media was really blowing up, I'm looking around the table, and I was like, oh, I had to run to meet all the people that God was lining up for me to do the next thing he wanted me to do.

But I had to lose in order to do it. And it was a very humbling event because I had to repent of, a pretty bad attitude I had had that God had pulled me into something, and then it didn't work out the way I thought it would. And I felt like he had let me down. It was like, oh, my gosh. So, yeah, I'm very familiar with the current governor of Virginia, and got very close.

But God had a plan, and I 100% trust that there was a reason for it.

FRANK:

There's always a ripple effect we often don't see till later, and sometimes we don't see it until eternity. There were huge ripples out of that.

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NICK:

It is a wonderful thing when you go through something, and it doesn't work out the way you wanted, but it ends up turning out so much better because I ended up learning that if God had shown me two steps ahead, I never would have done it.

If he would have said, hey, you're going to run, but you're going to lose, I'd be like, well, then I'm not running.

FRANK:

Yeah, of course.

NICK:

But, man, I'm so glad that it happened the way it did. I grieve for Virginia right now. But I know that there's a reason why that's happening in Virginia as well. And so, it's that peace which surpasses all understanding that you can't fully appreciate until you've gone through something you didn't anticipate, and he gives you a glimpse of why you went through it, and that allows you to trust him in all the other things you go through.

FRANK:

What would you say is one of the top lessons you learned by being a delegate for 10 years?

NICK:

Oh, my gosh. That the biggest crisis facing this country right now is the breakdown of the family. It's because from that stems the breakdown in faith and everything else. We have too many people now that have become absolutely convinced, both right and left, that the solution to their problems is the next election cycle.

Or we have too many people that believe that none of it can be fixed. Because, believe it or not, they also think that it's never going to be solved through politics, but they don't know where to find the answer. And the thing that I continually tell people is, it's like, please trust me, after 10 years in elected office, serving on multiple communities, thousands of votes, hundreds of bills, carried everything. It's not that politics don't matter.

They do. They absolutely matter, and the church has been completely deficient in making sure that their parishioners know that. But if you want to save the country, godly men and women becoming godly husbands and wives, becoming godly mothers and fathers, and raising a

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generation to do the same. You show me a country comprised of that, and I'll show you a country whose politics you probably don't have to worry about.

So we have to fight two fronts right now. We have to fight, well, we have to fight multiple fronts. One of the fronts is politics. We have to stay engaged in politics. But we have to once again remember that if you had Christian men and women having big families, this is a numbers game. Politics is a numbers game. There's no reason we should be losing when we have more kids than the other side does. Except for we hand our kids off to be educated by people that disagree with us theologically, philosophically, politically, socially—

FRANK:

Morally.

NICK:

And then we wonder why our kids are confused when we try to raise them one way, and every system that we turn them over to tries to raise them in a different way. So, that's what I want people to understand. Politics is important, be engaged in it. But if you're so engaged in politics at the expense of what's going on within your own marriage, within your own family, within your own children's worldview, then you're fighting a war of attrition you'll eventually lose.

FRANK:

James Madison. No, it wasn't James Madison, it was John Adams, who famously said, our Constitution was made only for religious and moral people. It is wholly inadequate to govern any other. We need moral people for government to really work well, people of faith. We're going to talk more with the great Nick Freitas 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.

We'll be right back.

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FRANK:

Ladies and gentlemen, I've noticed that it seems like the Christian community is having trouble dealing with four issues. They all begin with the letter I. Immigration, Israel, Islam, and identity. Immigration, Israel, Islam, and identity. If you're a Christian leader or a pastor, I want you to go to pastorsbrief.com. Pastorsbrief.com.

We're going to make an announcement really soon here. We're going to have four live Zoom sessions on those topics coming up at the end of August. You're going to want to be a part of it, and then we're going to bring Christian leaders like Nick and others onto the program, where you can ask them questions. Questions you always wanted to ask but didn't have access. But you can only do that if you're part of pastorsbrief.com.

Go there, give us your email address. We won't share it with anybody else. We're going to send you an email, so this is going to be by invitation only. Pastorsbrief.com. Check it out right there. And, it's going to be not just me, but Lucas Miles of TPUSA, Jason Jimenez, another colleague of mine. We're going to be leading those four Zoom sessions on those topics.

So I hope you can be a part of it. Again, pastorsbrief.com. Let me go back to my friend Nick Freitas, who is doing some great work online. And also, by the way, Nick, you can get him to come to your organization and speak. Nick, how do they do that? If they want to have you speak somewhere, what do they do?

NICK:

Yeah, you just go to booking@nickifreitas.com.

FRANK:

Beautiful. We'll put that in the show notes, too, ladies and gentlemen.

So if you want to bring Nick to your church, your organization, whatever it is, he's going to come, and he'll probably be armed. I'm just letting you know. All right? He'll keep everybody safe. Nick, give us a couple of lessons you learned that people probably can only get by being in a situation you were in, that's in combat, in the military, but at least they can hear lessons you learn personally.

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Give us a lesson or two that you want people to know about.

NICK:

One of the things I actually talk about this in my book, *The Man Book*, and it's about knowing what you're willing to die for. Because I think everybody wants to think that in the right moment, they would do what was necessary to protect their family or defend their faith. And one of the things I try to get across, I learned in combat is that it's all fine and good to have that mentality, and you should have that mentality, but you should be striving to actually develop the necessary skills and capabilities to live for your faith, live for your family, not just die for them.

One of the jokes I say is, I've met people before that said, Nick, I would die for my family. And I'm like, yeah, you probably would pretty quick. You want to live for them, which means you need to develop the necessary capabilities and skill sets. Doesn't mean you got to be a professional warrior. Doesn't mean you have to be a professional fighter. Doesn't mean any of that. It just means that you should take that role and responsibility seriously. Whether you're a soldier or whether you're just a man, or definitely if you're a husband or a father, you have a responsibility to protect and provide.

And one of the things that combat really put into focus for me was this idea that you were making decisions that could get yourself killed or it could get other people killed. And taking the various skill sets and responsibilities associated with that function was very important. And it translated outside of combat. So that's the thing I would ask people to consider is when you look through your life, what am I really willing to die for?

And what am I really willing to fight for? And how useful would I even be in such a situation? And if the answer is, I wouldn't be very useful, okay, change that. Take responsibility and change that, and you'll actually be fascinated how the more you embrace that responsibility, the more confident it makes you in other areas of your life.

FRANK:

As Jesus said, there's no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends. But for what reason is the question.

So, you should know what you're willing to die for. Charlie knew what he was willing to die for just a couple of months before he was murdered. He knew that he wanted to be remembered

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for his faith, his faith in Christ. And he is, thankfully. Nick, it's going to be a fun segment we're going to do here, a couple of segments.

I want to bring up a number of topics, and the topics are such that I want you to just pick one thing you wish people knew about this subject. Because there are so many subjects out there that people think they know, but they don't. And if you could just correct thinking out there on each of these subjects, what would be the one thing that you would correct or the one truth you wish they knew?

Let's start with economics.

NICK:

Scarcity is the natural state. You don't have to explain. You hear all these people say, why is there so much poverty in the world? Because that's the natural state. The question you should be asking is why is there wealth? And then you should be asking, how do you actually develop the necessary skill sets and capabilities? How do you understand principles of economics so that you can be successful and so that you can help people?

But this whole idea of like, oh, why is there so much poverty in the world? Because that's the way it is. So start off with that standpoint that the natural state is poverty. And then you'll start asking the right questions on how you build wealth instead of just how do you distribute what already exists?

FRANK:

What economic system best brings the most people out of poverty, and why?

NICK:

Free Market Capitalism.

And that seems counterintuitive with the popular narrative right now, but actually before you even get to the economics of it, you have to get to the morality of it. If you believe that you have liberty, if you believe that God has given you the right and agency to make decisions, well, then it stands to reason that you have control over your mind, over your behaviors, over your work ethic, your labor. And when you actually go out, and you produce things, you acquire property.

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And you should have the right to that property and to be able to use it however you want to include using the property you have acquired to build things, to make things, to engage in the marketplace. So capitalism, at its base level, is all about the private ownership of the means of production. You have the ability to own, to build, to create, and then to exchange voluntarily with other people to the betterment of yourself, to them, your family, your community.

The proper incentive structure, the proper moral incentive structure is there. You will see people all the time talk about the greed of capitalism. No, no, it's the greed of humanity, all right? Socialism has not solved the greed problem. It just puts politicians and bureaucrats in charge of the system instead of free individuals making choices with their own time, money, and effort. So the reason why Free Market Capitalism has been so successful is because it takes your desire, your self-interest, and it says if you want to be successful, you have to get very good at producing things that other people want and that are willing to trade with you.

Socialism says no, the government's just going to take things and then reallocate them, all right? That creates a whole host of perverse incentives. So, that's the reason why free market economics has been the best. It works within human nature in a positive way instead of trying to work against it.

FRANK:

What Nick is doing here, ladies and gentlemen, is echoing Adam Smith, who said, it's not the benevolence of the brewer, the baker, or the butcher where we get these products.

It's in his self-interest, which happens to feed your self-interest as well. It's the invisible hand that somehow, when people are working in their self-interest, they actually help other people. It's amazing.

NICK:

And the beautiful thing about that is that what it does is it teaches gratitude. Because if I work really hard and I exchange with you, well, then it's not that I exploited you to get what you have or to get your money.

You valued what I produced more than the money you gave me for it. I valued the money more than the thing I produced. Both of us are better off through the exchange, when you add that up, and now you have millions of exchanges every day where both parties are better off based off of the unique things they contributed to the transaction. That's what you want. That's the sort of system that you want.

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FRANK:

You have a great video this week talking about the fact that Elon Musk is a trillionaire.

And there are many people who are envious of this and upset. Can you give us the essence of what you said in that video? Because it's very well done.

NICK:

Essentially, when anybody accumulates wealth, The primary question you should ask is not how much wealth they have, it's how did they get it? And the bottom line is Elon Musk's wealth, his trillion dollars, it's not in his checking account. It's built in, 99.9% of his wealth is contained within the businesses that he has that people voluntarily exchanged for.

People voluntarily work for Elon Musk. He didn't force anybody to do it. People voluntarily bought Tesla's or Starlink. They voluntarily invested in his companies, and it not only made him very wealthy it made thousands of people very wealthy. He employs something like 150,000 people. So everyone is better off through these transactions. The contrast, the people that are mad at him, what do they produce?

Bernie Sanders has created one millionaire himself. Elon Musk created 4400 in one IPO. So that's the part, again, it's this mindset of stop looking at the wealth that exists with respect to this one person, and now start asking the question, how was it actually accumulated? Did he get it through voluntary cooperation within the marketplace? Or did he get it by conquering?

Did he get it by stealing? Did he get it by manipulation of the tax code? Did he get it by setting up a learning center in Minneapolis? How did you get the money, is ultimately and morally more important than how much money you actually have.

FRANK:

Now, to be fair, Elon did get some tax breaks with Tesla early on—

NICK:

He did—

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FRANK:

But the government in their climate change hysteria, where they were trying to hand him money so he could solve the climate change problem, which, of course, it didn't do, because there is no problem.

NICK:

The people that are most mad about Elon Musk getting a government loan, are the people that championed the government giving those loans. And, you know, they didn't get mad about Solyndra taking out over \$500 million and then just losing it. They didn't get mad at these other companies that did it. They got mad at Elon Musk for doing exactly what they wanted him to do with the money, and then paying back the loan nine years early and paying a bunch of interest and fines to pay back the loan early.

Like, I don't support the government bailing out companies giving out loans. I don't support the government doing that. But the left does. So why are they so mad when somebody did it, used the way it was intended? In any other instance, this would be the case that they would hold up to say, look, the program works. But they're not doing that because they hate Elon. And that's how, you know it's not about the program working. It's not about the environment.

It's not about being intellectually consistent. Insofar as you are a benefit to them, well, then they will praise you whether you succeed or fail. And insofar as you are not a benefit to them, it doesn't matter how much you succeed or how many people benefit. You are the enemy. And that's what you see manifesting right now with Elon Musk.

FRANK:

I think it also has to do with the fact that he kind of flipped politically. Actually, I don't think he moved much politically.

I think the left went so far past him that he said, there's no way I can support the left anymore. I'm going to support the conservatives or the moderate conservatives like Trump. And the left completely lost their mind because Elon has flipped. Agree?

NICK:

Elon believes in private property rights. He believes in freedom of speech.

And these are things that the left no longer believes in.

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FRANK:

And I mean, if he was still though on the other side of the aisle, they'd be applauding him, but they're not.

NICK:

They gave George Soros the Presidential Medal of Freedom. George Soros did not become fabulously, I mean, he did it legally, but he did not become fabulously wealthy by employing hundreds of thousands of people. He did it through currency manipulation.

FRANK:

Yeah, and he's not for freedom either. So to give him the Medal of Freedom is a complete oxymoron. We're talking to the great Nick Freitas. And we're going to put all of his website sites in the show notes, his YouTube channel, and his Instagram, his X, and all that. And we're going to have another segment with him right after the break. Don't go anywhere.

Ladies and gentlemen, did you know that there is a war on Reality? Well, me and my co-author, Phoenix Hayes, noticed that. So here's the new book. Of course, it's not going to be released until September. *The War on Reality: Recovering Truth in a World that Celebrates Lies*. And one of the great folks out there who are noticing these lies and calling them out is my friend Nick Freitas, who we're talking to today.

The War on Reality, however, covers so many different topics. One of the topics is economics that Nick and I were just talking about. It covers Marxism. We're going to talk about that here in a minute and so many other topics. It talks about evolution, it talks about creation, talks about public schools, talks about should Christians be involved in politics. If you could help us out and pre-order *The War on Reality*, it will help more people see the book, once it comes out, which means more people hopefully will be blessed by it.

So go to Amazon or wherever you get books and pre-order *The War on Reality*. We're going to be doing some programs on it coming up here. I want to go back to Nick. The great Nick Freitas, ladies and gentlemen, by the way, deserves another round of applause. Here he is from somewhere in a new underground bunker. Nick, before I ask you about the next topic, I'm going to play a clip. I think we're going to talk a little bit about the left here and the left, at least some people on the left appear to think lawn care is somehow a white supremacy issue.

Let's take a look at the clip here.

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[VIDEO]:

NICK:

I bet this is going to be a fascinating take.

WOMAN:

I can't stop thinking about how grass lawns are racist.

NICK:

Knew it. But please go on.

WOMAN:

And like, based in white supremacy.

NICK:

Why white supremacy?

WOMAN:

If that doesn't make sense, that's okay.

NICK: Oh, thank goodness. Because it does not.

WOMAN:

I guess it seems really obvious to me.

NICK:

Do tell.

WOMAN:

It's really upsetting. Bring back weeds.

NICK:

Yeah. I'm going to go out on a limb here and suggest that maybe other races wouldn't appreciate your little hot take here. You know, suggesting that a well-manicured grass lawn is a white thing, whereas weeds would belong to other ethnicities. Look, I'm a white guy, and I do like a well-manicured grass lawn, but I don't think it's something that we invented. I don't think it belongs exclusively to us.

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By the way, maybe you should be grateful to live in whatever culture produced the sort of environment where the biggest thing you have to be super upset about is lawn care.

[END VIDEO]

FRANK: Nick, I love the signature let's take a sip of the coffee. I mean, you must drink 30 cups a day, man, with all these videos you put.

NICK:
I go through a lot. It's mostly coffee.

FRANK:
How do you see these things and come up with these retorts? Man, that was, I like the sarcasm edge there, the snark edge. Because look, it's just so ridiculous. Lawn care is racist. Nice lawns are white supremacy. How do people come up with this stuff? What is the problem with the left?

NICK:
I think it's a rejection ultimately, at a foundational level, I think it's a rejection of God's created order.

And if you really want to go back, it goes all the way back to the Bible, right? The very first question asked was, did God really say? It's this idea that God said one thing about the way that, about what's beautiful, about what's honorable, about what's noble. And Satan said something else. And we've been basically playing this out in a thousand different ways ever since the Garden of Eden. And so, you see this especially with the Marxist side of the argument, where you basically take anything that was considered normal or traditional, and now that's bad.

Belief in God is bad. That's the opiate of the masses. Traditional marriage. Traditional marriage is bad because that is oppressive toward women and oppressive toward children. Monogamy. Monogamy is bad because it suggests exclusivity and property. So you go through all these things, and you just line it up. It's like, okay, scripture says that this is the way that you're supposed to conduct your life. And then you have a lot of these leftist causes or leftist objectives, and it's the polar opposite.

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It's a rejection of all of those things. And on some level, on some level, it makes perfect sense because if you've decided that the way that you achieve utopia, the way you achieve essentially heaven on earth, is to be freed from any sort of restrictions on what you desire or what you would personally like to, have, or possess, or experience.

If Maslow's hierarchy of needs is the only moral criteria for what we achieve, well then, yeah, of course you would reject scripture, of course you would reject the Bible. It's chock full of things that you're not supposed to do in a created order. The real question here is it's one of truth, what's true. Because if the Bible is true, and I believe it is, if Christianity is true, well then obviously this is rejecting pretty much everything that we know within that.

And if it's not true, well then, of course, you would commit it to the flames and try to recreate the world and morality in your own image. But what we find, and I think, what most of human history, and perhaps especially the 20th century, should have taught us, is that rejecting God's created order in order to try to remake everything and to make ourselves the superior moral agents of the universe usually leads to a lot of famine, a lot of bloodshed, a lot of repression and a lot of misery.

And that's where we're at.

FRANK:

Outside of that, it's a great plan. Yeah.

NICK:

Outside of that it's wonderful. But I mean, again, it makes sense. You see this within the critical theory side of things, where all of a sudden working out was white supremacy, and, you know, eating right was white supremacy—

FRANK:

Math, racist—

NICK:

And again, part of that is a tactic. What there is, is they're taking something that our society generally recognized, in fact, this is how they tell on themselves, Frank, this is really important.

The left holds up things like fascism or white supremacy. They claim that we're all a bunch of fascists. We're all a bunch of white supremacists. Well, if that were the case, why would you be

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holding up fascism when white supremacy is something to avoid or is a pejorative that you know your entire audience is going to understand? It's because deep down they know that we don't want fascism, we don't want white supremacy.

And so They take something, they take an argument that they don't like, they take an argument that they're not sure how to combat or defeat, and they attempt to taint it with an ad hominem attack. If I can take your argument and compare it to Hitler, well, then now I don't got to engage with your argument because you're Hitler. So part of it is just a rejection of God's created order. Part of it is just a lazy debate tactic to try to avoid actually engaging with an argument.

FRANK:

And when they can't engage in an argument, they sometimes resort to violence. That's what happened to Charlie—

NICK:

The violence, the violence is not only something they resort to, it's an inevitable conclusion. I noticed this a while back, and what happened to Charlie solidified it for me. I said for the longest time the left would call me a racist or a sexist or a bigot, because I disagreed with them on tax policy.

And I kept trying to engage with them. I kept trying to explain, no, no, this is not rooted in racism. It's rooted in my understanding of economics. If you want to demonstrate how my understanding of economics is wrong, by all means attempt to do so. But why are you calling me a racist when nothing about what I'm proposing is motivated by racism? And what I realize is like, oh, they're just trying to rob me of my moral legitimacy. If they can rob me of my moral legitimacy, no one needs to listen to my argument.

But then something changed. They were no longer just calling me a racist, or a sexist, or a bigot. The sort of person the society should ostracize. They were now calling me a fascist, a Nazi, and a threat to democracy. That's someone that society should punish and thwart and kill if necessary. And then you started seeing them do these things where all of a sudden, if you disagreed with them on transgenderism, you weren't just incorrect, you weren't just a transphobe, you were committing genocide.

Well, if someone's committing genocide, what do you do in response? You violently respond to prevent what they're doing. So all of a sudden they came up with these categories and called it

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violence so they could pretend that the violence that they met it out against you was self-defense. No, no, no, I'm not the aggressor. That person was speaking things that are violent.

And so I had to stop them. So that's what they did. The first step was attempting to socially ostracize your ideas and you as a person through robbing you of moral legitimacy. The second step was creating a moral framework where they can now use aggressive violence against you and pretend it was self-defense.

FRANK:

I know there's a lot you could suggest here, but if there was one thing you wish people who held this kind of view knew and changed their viewpoint, what would it be?

NICK:

They have to understand that they've bought into a fundamental lie. And that's difficult because when we think about the things that fundamentally define our worldviews, they're the things that we protect the most because they're the things that we associate with our identity. Like my identity is found in Christ. If you attacked Christ or Christianity, that's something I'm going to hold on to and defend. What I would ask them to do, if they're even willing to listen, what I would ask them to do, I would ask them, why is it that this belief is so fundamental, and what evidence and proof do they have that it actually works the way that they suggest?

Are they even willing to have that discussion? Are they willing to explain it to me? Because the moment they recognize that this doesn't have to be their identity, the moment they recognize that there is a completely different reality that they are welcome to embrace, it's the one that actually exists, it's the truth. If I could get them to realize that truth is by definition objective and therefore requires an objective truth giver, if I could just get them to understand that or to appreciate that and what that implies for everything else that they believe that would probably, that would be my wish.

Because other than that, when someone has essentially adopted this kind of postmodernist philosophy that there is no such thing as objective truth, what it does is that it allows them to jump from argument to argument to argument to argument without ever having to recognize how contradictory that worldview is. And the end result is not that they get to believe whatever they want. The result is that they go through life confused on why reality doesn't conform to their beliefs.

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And it's a horrible place to be in. It's almost a form of psychosis where all of a sudden now, like, I can't make sense of the world, it will not behave the way I was told it should. And if they could just adjust slightly and recognize that maybe the lie that they were told was fundamental and if they could just give up on that lie for a moment, if they can give up on that lie for a moment and just consider another truth proposition, I think it could change their life absolutely the case.

FRANK:

That's what our book, *The War on Reality*, covers. And when people claim there is no objective truth, we just ask them, is that objectively true? It's a self-defeating proposition. Nick, we got to do another program. Those of you who are listening on the radio program from The I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist radio program, you're not going to hear the next show we have with Nick. You're going to have to find the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast.

Nick, what's your website? Where can people go?

NICK:

Just go to Nick J. Freitas on pretty much any platform, Instagram, YouTube. That's where you can find me.

FRANK:

We'll put it in the show notes. Thank you, brother.

NICK:

Thank you.

FRANK:

That's the great Nick Freitas. Check him out. See you next time, Lord willing. God bless.

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