

CHRISTIANITY AFTER TRUMP – 2 (Chat Transcript)  
A Wild Goose Community event with Brian McLaren

00:32:03 Pamela Chaddock: Hello everyone. Last week was so very informative. Thank you, Brian, as always!

00:32:17 Joan Parks: How can we access last week,Äôs video?

00:32:28 Jeff C: Thanks for being with us. I'm so excited to see so many of you next Labor Day at Wild Goose. Jeff Clark

00:32:40 carla gilbert: Good evening from Carla in Berea KY

00:33:03 Jennifer Quesenberry:It was great last week!

00:33:21 Nicole Eanes: Last week,Äôs video is available on our website and this week,Äôs will be too!

00:33:46 Stephen Crane: Steve from East Texas, behind the Pine Curtain

00:36:47 Karen Wallock:this opening reminds me of the book Braiding Sweetgrass...

00:37:28 Nicole Eanes: oooh, yes Karen!

00:38:22 Rick Meredith: Last week,Äôs video is on the Wild Goose Website [www.wildgoosefestival.org](http://www.wildgoosefestival.org) - tonight,Äôs will also be posted tomorrow.

00:38:48 Neal Stephens:It was traumatizing as a African-american

00:40:32 Catharine White: Can the volume be raised? Very difficult to hear the speaker.

00:41:01 Marjorie Keiter:I,Äôm hearing well.

00:41:05 Neal Stephens:same

00:41:05 Carol Allen: Can you just turn up the volume on your device?

00:41:27 Stephen Crane: volume is good here

00:41:27 Cheryl Hoth: Me, too.

00:41:39 Catharine White: I maxed it before daring to ask.

00:41:52 Pat: volume fine here

00:43:37 Pat: try earbuds if can

00:44:26 Nicole Eanes: @ Carol - are you using headphones or your device for audio? Sometimes it,Äôs better to use headphones!

00:45:27 Lesley Gaspar: Qs for Brian: Do you think the rise of libertarianism (,Äú,Äôm all right, Jack, you,Äôre on your own,Äù) has played a part in the cultural elements that have poisoned American Christianity?

00:47:18 DiAnn Cumings: As a formal Catholic I respect Father James Martin very much.

00:47:27 Pamela Chaddock: Danger of paid priesthood,Ä¶.

00:48:36 Steve Peck: Google "Seven Mountain Mandate" to understand Cruz, Hawley, et al.

00:48:59 Pamela Chaddock: 30% ?! Susceptible to strong authoritarian leaders,Ä¶

00:50:14 Pamela Chaddock: Yes coincide with economic trends,Ä¶

00:50:36 Drew Willard: The writings of Rene Girard, Walter Wink, Erich Fromm are other sources that speak to this challenge.

00:50:53 Pamela Chaddock: Excellent authors! Thank you

00:51:08 Drew Willard: Megan McKenna, also.

00:51:30 Pamela Chaddock: FEAR is the basis for this group of ,Äòfollowers,Äò

00:53:53 Pamela Chaddock: We have a big job ahead of us, bridging a major gap,

00:54:46 Drew Willard: Eco's "Name of The Rose" comes to mind

00:54:58 Donna Blanton: Hmm, I don't think John Wesley would like this kind of Quadrilateral!

00:55:05 Pamela Chaddock: Authoritarianism and your Future, by BMC

00:55:31 Pamela Chaddock: Developmental Politics, Steve McIntosh, deep thinker

00:55:55 Nicole Eanes: We're keeping a list of all the resources Brian mentions and all resources mentioned in the chat that will be compiled and sent out in an email. :)

00:56:09 Pamela Chaddock: Thank you, Nicole!

00:56:24 Melinda McDonald: Thank you.

00:56:25 Nicole Eanes: Of course - didn't want you all to worry about jotting everything down!

00:56:44 Drew Willard: Howar Thurman, Ched Myers, Reggie Williams, too

00:57:24 Pamela Chaddock: Winner winner winner, win-lose approach

00:57:33 Nicole Eanes: Thank you, Drew!!

00:58:14 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, character is a toss-away word these days.

00:59:22 Len Delony: Here is an interesting NPR ,Thoughtline, episode on The Anatomy of Autocracy: Timothy Snyder  
Throughline.  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/01/20/958828047/the-anatomy-of-autocracy-timothy-snyder>  
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00:59:39 Nicole Eanes: Thanks Len!

00:59:45 Pamela Chaddock: It's shameful the type of Christianity that, hitting the globe :(

01:01:22 Pamela Chaddock: Transparency is vital for progress, expose the darkness.

01:01:23 Ruth White: I recommend books and talks by Dr. Steven Hassan who talks about people caught in cults (like some of the right cults in the US) and how to deal with them on CNN - 7 min 1/19/21  
<https://youtu.be/6LXzNYQOoKUTED> talk 17 min -  
<https://youtu.be/wPXBtsR44N0> and many more interviews on youtube -  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=Steven+Hassan+Combating+Cult+Mind+Control](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Steven+Hassan+Combating+Cult+Mind+Control): The #1 Best-selling Guide to Protection, Rescue, and Recovery from Destructive Cults Paperback , March 28, 2015 by Steven Hassan

01:02:18 Pamela Chaddock: Thank you for these resources!

01:03:12 Pamela Chaddock: The grip of FEAR runs so deep enough to cancel integrity...

01:03:16 Marjorie Keiter: PBS did a 3-part series, Hacking Your Mind, that I found fascinating.

01:04:51 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, the absence of Religion is the destruction of civilization.

01:05:13 Drew Willard: Opiates can become the religion of the masses.

01:05:24 Pamela Chaddock: Not religiosity, true religion. Personal religious experience,

01:06:06 Pamela Chaddock: Pro truth - love centered spirituality !!  
01:06:16 Lori Roggenkamp: this could be the Second Reformation, I believe  
01:06:34 Pamela Chaddock: SPIRITUAL RENAISSANCE in the highest form  
01:07:13 Len Delony: And without reformation of religion (or the addictions in religious language, the world will not heal. Spiritual movement is especially explored with contemplative / mindful, compassionate practices.  
01:07:14 Pamela Chaddock: Lovers of God coming together  
01:07:48 Pamela Chaddock: Truth, Beauty, Goodness  
01:08:56 Pamela Chaddock: Catch the Fire !  
01:08:57 Len Delony: Another wonderful dialogue is On Being with Vincent Harding: <https://onbeing.org/programs/vincent-harding-is-america-possible/>  
01:09:06 carla gilbert: Amen to Wild Goose Festival!  
01:09:45 Pamela Chaddock: Amen to WGF!  
01:10:27 Ron King: What is the best way to touch the survival brain that is dedicated to Trumpism as an instinct to survive?  
01:11:10 Pamela Chaddock: And Putin is now experiencing major crowd opposition to Navalny capture,Ä¶  
01:11:16 Drew Willard: Create empathy - when it happens to someone you know, it makes a difference.  
01:11:32 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, one on one is how we proceed. :)  
01:12:37 Sheryl Johnson: Trump derangement syndrom  
01:12:52 Pamela Chaddock: Good, deep question...  
01:13:06 David bouwsma: Is abortion one of the core reasons for allegiance to Trump?  
01:13:51 Carolyn Peterson: Do you think there is a connection between racism and anti-abortion? If so, wouldn't it be good to expose it?  
01:15:17 Pamela Chaddock: It seems a most desirable approach is to seek the good in the other, what are they really needing deep down. Each of us needs to be valued. Help the other find their own true value and purpose...  
01:16:17 Pamela Chaddock: And of course, leading them to the truly loving God,Ä¶  
01:16:51 Kent Beduhn: How is White Supremacy and Christian Nationalism linked? How do we discern how to separate and lead culpable but guilty white majorities in churches back into a spirit of education, cross-cultural fellowship, and anti-racism?  
01:17:13 Pamela Chaddock: It will NOT be easy,Ä¶ it requires each of us to be real ourselves!  
01:17:49 Len Delony: Grief is a window to soulful connection.  
01:18:15 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, grief, the tender deep emotions.  
01:18:21 Jennifer Hornbuckle: Brian, I am concerned about the mental health of those who have believed Trump for the last 4-5 years. In particular, my own mother, who is a highly-educated minister (retired) in a mainline Protestant denomination (I am as well, in a different denomination), who has watched only right-wing news in recent years and has very few connections outside her family now. She struggles with depression now, and I am deeply concerned for what is to come when more information

about Trump and his administration comes out in the coming weeks. I think there are many people like her, who may become very angry. I'm concerned that we are able to help meet the mental care needs of people like her.

- 01:18:44 Candace Goldman: Question: If, For instance, we actually expelled some members of Congress for their recent actions, how do we communicate love and inclusion to those who voted for them to not leave them feeling that they have been suppressed?
- 01:19:28 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, Jennifer, many like her who need compassion and our time...
- 01:19:49 Aline Russell: What about the climate? That is urgent too! How can we stand for the earth powerfully?
- 01:20:06 Linda Lee: will authoritarians always perceive accountability as retribution?
- 01:20:13 Pamela Chaddock: Good question, Candace,
- 01:20:53 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, stay de-lighted!!!
- 01:20:55 Lori Roggenkamp: Is this the Second Reformation?
- 01:21:04 Pamela Chaddock: I think so, Lori!
- 01:21:15 Eunice Lehmacher: Good question Linda Lee
- 01:21:15 Nicole Eanes: , Don't take for granted that you, are okay!,
- 01:21:39 Sharon Jeffries: Yes, Jennifer, I would like for Brian to address this question
- 01:21:50 Harriet Harral: As far back as 1980 with the Figgie Report on the fear of crime, through the Marty and Appleby Fundamentalism Project in 1991, we have been warned of the dangers we are seeing now. Why were so few listening?
- 01:22:01 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, humility cometh before success...
- 01:22:27 Katie Peters: What can we learn from post WWII Germany in deradicalizing our brothers and
- 01:22:31 Stephen Crane: Several are asking or suggesting we are in a second reformation. What do you think about this concept?
- 01:22:36 Katie Peters: sisters in Christ?
- 01:22:55 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, lessons, Katie, from Germany!
- 01:23:04 Clem Allison: Are accountability and unity mutually exclusive in our present situation or equally important?
- 01:23:28 Pamela Chaddock: NO UNITY UNTIL ACCOUNTABILITY !!!
- 01:23:44 Pamela Chaddock: IMO
- 01:24:12 Pamela Chaddock: Harmony cannot take place with dis-harmonious souls.
- 01:24:33 Pamela Chaddock: Unless you like dissonance ;)
- 01:24:40 Linda Lee: narcissistic personality disorder is really hard to imagine unless you see it up close
- 01:24:48 Linda Lee: it, is unreal
- 01:24:57 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, narcissism is very complex....
- 01:25:01 Katie Peters: Yes! I think one of these psychologists was interviewed on Bill Moyers podcast recently! Was really good.
- 01:25:23 Lesley Gaspar: The whole country (world) has been in a relationship with a malignant narcissist. Can, speak for the 30 percent who have been euphoric, but can speak from personal witness that aspects of our life

have been not LIKE such a personal relationship, but have been one, we will need a lot of time to heal, to even understand how this has distorted us.

- 01:25:36 Jennifer Quesenberry: But there are still Trump supporters who think Trump is a great guy who was vilified by the Left. How do we deal with them?
- 01:26:09 Pamela Chaddock: It will take time, compassion, and patience to bring them to the light
- 01:26:34 Pamela Chaddock: Phyllis Tickle!
- 01:26:46 Pamela Chaddock: The 500 year Rulmmange Sale
- 01:26:47 Isadora Galjour: lots of educating....
- 01:27:06 Pamela Chaddock: We are quivering on the brink./...
- 01:27:29 Pamela Chaddock: The last of the resistance will play hardball.
- 01:28:23 Isadora Galjour: yes we have to be mentally and emotionally prepared for more..
- 01:28:28 Nicole Eanes: This recording, the slides, and all of the resources mentioned in the chat and on the call will be emailed to you all tomorrow!
- 01:28:28 Cris Mogenson: Do we need The Confessing Church of America?
- 01:28:55 Drew Willard: We must know our narrative. listen, question, engage, act nonviolently & directly
- 01:29:05 Pamela Chaddock: These time will be most difficult, We must be as loving and compassionate as ever!
- 01:29:33 Melinda McDonald: Thank you, Nicole. I was here last week and took copious notes but... not enough.
- 01:29:40 Pamela Chaddock: It is a time to LISTEN to the other, LISTEN!
- 01:30:02 Nicole Eanes: Welcome back, Melinda! :) Happy to compile these resources for you all!
- 01:30:08 Pamela Chaddock: Story time = we need to draw out their story!
- 01:30:50 Pamela Chaddock: Blame has 3 fingers pointing back at you.
- 01:31:12 Pamela Chaddock: Don't be a Finger-Pointer Sister!
- 01:31:15 Candace Goldman: For me, "The Confessing Church" in my former denomination is an anti-LGBTQI+ movement, so I would not use that language. FYI.
- 01:31:15 Len Delony: Could there be a contemplative, deep listening, mindfully present revolution? Sacred space wherever we are present.
- 01:31:59 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, Len. A bridge of east and west must happen along with all this
- 01:32:22 Pamela Chaddock: Friends! No hierarchy, we, are. Family.
- 01:32:32 Pamela Chaddock: Under a most loving GOd
- 01:33:09 Steve Peck: humility and contemplation
- 01:33:11 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, Brian, we must be WISE AS SERPENTS in the days ahead, We
- 01:33:16 Len Delony: Unity? We know how. We just need to let the amygdala, chill
- 01:33:26 Nathan Brasfield: Liberation Methodists \*clap\* \*clap\* \*clap\*
- 01:34:00 Jeff C: Thanks to Nicole, Miranda, and Rick for making this happen.
- 01:34:05 Pamela Chaddock: Brian, this has been so illuminating !!! Wonderful exchanging with bro-sis on the chat. LOVE !
- 01:34:18 Melinda McDonald: Deep, deep thanks to WGF team!

01:34:21 Cris Mogenson: Thank you all so much!  
01:34:23 Fran Shelton: Thank you!  
01:34:26 Neal Stephens: Thank you it was good  
01:34:35 Kate Clayton: Many thanks again!  
01:34:41 DeAnna Osborne: Thanks SO much WG Team and Brian!  
01:34:41 Cathy Hoyle: Thank you so very much.  
01:34:46 Nancy Hopkins: Thanks with love and gratitude  
01:35:01 Laura Strickland: this was wonderful and inspiring, thank you!  
01:35:05 Lesley Gaspar: Thank you kindly to Brian and the WGF team...love to all  
xxoo  
01:35:11 Cindy Buckley: Thank you everyone.....much to think about.  
01:35:14 Pamela Chaddock: Oh, yes,,Ä¶ we are in the womb of possibilities  
ahead. This is God,Äôs universe and is in control ! Love will out.  
01:35:24 Nicole Eanes: Thank you ALL for being here and making the WGF  
Community possible!  
01:35:36 Garth Baker-Fletcher: Thanks all. We must keep listening, talking, and  
loving.  
01:35:50 Miranda Knight: Very happy to have this wonderful WGF family!  
01:36:05 Christine Gilman: appreciate your presence here! thank you Brian  
and Wild Goose.  
01:36:40 Lynne Caldwell: Thanks so much, WGF, Pamela and Brian. So  
encouraging, refreshing and TRUTH-telling, which is liberation embodied.  
01:37:20 Pamela Chaddock: Yes, WGF, such a light in our land,Ä¶ Hope and light  
spring eternal...  
01:37:46 Pamela Chaddock: Bare arms, around one another !  
01:37:52 Jean Graff: Thank you. And WOW, that last quote!  
01:37:59 Isadora Galjour: Thanks for this amazing time!  
01:38:02 Cristina Seaborn: First time here! Thank you So much for the  
inspiration!  
01:38:06 Aline Russell: God bless you too Brian!  
01:38:11 Len Delony: We know how. We just need to let the amygdala,Äôs chill  
01:38:17 Pamela Chaddock: RIVETING !!!!  
01:38:19 James Holmes: Thank you Brian!  
01:38:23 Melinda McDonald: God's blessings to you, Brian.  
01:38:23 Candace Goldman: Thank you so much! Lots to think about and DO.  
01:38:27 Sheryl Johnson: Thank you Brian!  
01:38:27 Lynda Ann Price: Thank you so much  
01:38:28 Lydia Barrow-Hankins: Thank you for both sessions. So happy to be a part.  
01:38:28 Donna Blanton: Thank you!!  
01:38:29 Kay Riggle: Thank you!!  
01:38:30 Len Delony: Unsettling, Powerful and Beautiful Merton quote. Thanks  
from Fort Worth, Texas!  
01:38:30 Sheryl Johnson: Thank you Wild Goose!