In his new book, Fault Lines, Voddie Baucham, founder of Voddie Baucham Ministries, a preacher, professor, and cultural apologist, explains comprehensively and thoroughly the sinister worldview behind the social justice movement and Critical Race Theory—revealing how it has already infiltrated some seminaries, leading to internal denominational conflict, canceled careers, and lost livelihoods. And like a fault line, it threatens our education system, and American culture in general and the Evangelical church in particular.
Terms and Terminologies

• Critical Race Theory comes from Critical Theory
• Critical Theory comes from Conflict Theory
• Conflict Theory comes from Karl Marx
• Social Justice
• Critical Social Justice
• Hegemony
• Intersectionality
• White privilege
Definitions

• **Critical Race Theory**- Racism is engrained in the fabric and system of the American society. Institutional racism is pervasive.

• **Critical Theory**– Individual identity is inseparable from group identity as oppressed or oppressor.

• **Social Justice**– The elimination of all forms of social oppression.

• **Critical Social Justice**- Critical is geared toward identifying and exposing problems in order to facilitate revolutionary change. In other words, it implies revolution, not interested in reform.” (i.e. we do not reform police, we defund police or abolish them.)

• **Hegemony**- What takes place when a dominant group imposes its ideology on the rest of society: “thus social control is achieved through conditioning rather than physical force or intimidation.

• **Intersectionality**- Is about the multiple layers of oppression minorities suffer.

• **White privilege**- A series of unearned advantages that accrue to white people by virtue of their whiteness.
CRT’s Four Key Presuppositions

The four key presuppositions that make up the worldview of CRT are:

• Racism as normative (it’s normal, it’s everywhere, and it’s unavoidable)

• Interest convergence (white people are unable to take righteous action against racism unless it converges with their own individual interests)

• Anti-objectivity (in other words anti-truth)

• The social construction of knowledge (storytelling/narrative reading is the way black people forward knowledge vs. the science/reason method of white people. )
The Movement’s Religious Trappings

• The critical social justice movement is not just a pseudo-religion but rather its own religious movement. Some are referring to it as the “Cult of Antiracism,” and Baucham agrees with this description.

• The movement, for example, has its own cosmology, its own original sin, its own law, gospel, martyrs, priests, means of atonement, new birth, its own liturgy, and its own theologians. Some of those aspects are very subtle which makes them attractive to Christians (and educators) who are rightly concerned about topics such as justice, racism, and equality.

• Our tendency, as a result, is to then assume that CRT must be aligned with Christianity, which “it absolutely is not.”
The New Religion of Antiracism

• On day one, white people created whiteness: a set of normative privileges granted to white-skinned individuals and groups which is “invisible” to those privileged by it.

• On day two, white people created white privilege: a series of unearned advantages that accrue to white people by virtue of their whiteness.

• On day three, white people created white supremacy: any belief, behavior, or system that supports, promotes, or enhances white privilege.
• On day four, white people created white complicity: through the practices of whiteness and by benefiting from white privilege, contribute to the maintenance of systemic racial injustice.

• On day five, white people created white equilibrium: the belief system that allows white people to remain comfortably ignorant.

• On day six, white people created white fragility: the inability and unwillingness of white people to talk about race due to the grip that whiteness, white supremacy, white privilege, white complicity, and white equilibrium exert on them (knowingly or unknowingly).
A Call to Arms

- *Christianity Today* stated, “In an effort to incline hearts toward understanding, minds toward wisdom, and hands toward doing justice, *CT Creative Studio* has compiled a resource list specifically oriented toward coming alongside our white brothers and sisters in the work of becoming and living as anti-racist.”

- Critical Social Justice (CSJ) proponents tend to down-play the sufficiency of Scripture: to them racism is not a heart issue or personal sin; it is a systemic problem.

- White people are not called to look to God for forgiveness. They are not told that Christ’s blood is sufficient. They are told they must do the unending work of antiracism. And this work must be done regardless of their own actions since the issue is a matter of communal, generational guilt based on ethnicity.

- The idea that we need a new canon to be able to decipher what the Bible says, and means regarding race, is troubling and should serve as a call to arms.
Christianity Today’s Resource List

**Books:**

- *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison
- *Rediscipling the White Church: From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity* by David W. Swanson
- *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown
- *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby
- *White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White* by Daniel Hill
The Critical Social Justice War on Christianity

• One of the foundational CSJ textbooks, *Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice*, is a mainstay in schools of education. In it, the term “Christian privilege” refers to “the social advantages held by Christians in the U.S. who experience social and cultural advantages relative to non-Christians” derived from hegemony.

• Hence, it is rooted in “the assumptions underlying institutional rules and the collective consequences of following those rules,” and therefore, “is generally unacknowledged by those who hold it, because it is maintained through the pervasive but largely invisible culture of normative religious practices.”

• “Religious freedom... is really code for white Christians being able to do what they want to do,” *The Color of Compromise* author Jemar Tisby told *Veggie Tales* creator-turned-antiracist activist Phil Vischer.
We Are at War

• Baucham writes, I get emails and direct message from pastors all the time asking, “How do I help my church navigate this mess?

• “Unfortunately, I believe this fault line is shifting and we have only begun to see the devastation that is coming. Churches are being split, but more will succumb. Ministries are beginning to drift, but they will drift further, and others will join them. Families are being torn apart, and it will get worst. Seminary faculties and denominational factions are being divided, and the divide will only get wider.” The American church is already feeling the quake.

• Nevertheless, Critical Social Justice will not have the last word. God’s Church will neither fall nor fail. It is “a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), and God’s Word “is firmly fixed in the heavens” (Psalm 119:89).

• We can hold on to hope because we know that “the grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever” (Isaiah 40:8).
Our Weapons Are Powerful

• “For the weapons of our warfare... have divine power to destroy strongholds.” (2 Corinthians 10:4)

• Truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit (which is the Word of God), and prayer.

• Some big named evangelicals have mocked these weapons calling them “simplistic” and stating, “These things are all fine, but they won’t cure racial injustice,” as though racial injustice is a new sin that escaped God’s attention until now.

• Nothing we face today (or ever will) is too powerful for our previously mentioned weapons; we just need to know how to deploy them.
The Bible

• The Bible is sufficient on its own.
• Christians should “run” to the Bible and its teachings related to racism (including Ephesians 2 and Galatians 3 and 4). Scripture makes it clear that we’re adopted children of God with no more divisions between us.
• “The Black-and-white divide is not one that God established. It’s a false divide, and the Bible takes care of it.”
What God says in Ephesians 2:11-16

• Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)- remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:11-13)

• For HE Himself is our peace, Who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. (Eph 2:14-16)
What God says in Galatians 3:26-29

• So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

• There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

• If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.
Resources

• Fault Lines: *The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism’s Looming Catastrophe*
  by Voddie Baucham Jr.

• Neil Shenvi, Apologist, who warns...
  “If we give carte blanche to anyone waving the banner of antiracism or social justice, we may find ourselves committed to a whole host of ideas and causes who legitimacy or wisdom we are no longer even permitted to question.”

• Shenviapologetics.com