

CASTE: The Origins of Our Discontents
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SYLLABUS

This syllabus is a guide for how the course will flow. I will post Study Guides for each section with notes and guiding questions at deaconsjourney.com under the "Book Study: Caste" tab. Please do your best to complete the assigned reading prior to each session. I look forward to our rich discussions! ~ *Deacon Ari*

Session 1, April 21st. Introduction and Toxins in the Permafrost

In Preparation. Before we meet, please:

- View the online [Study Guide for Session 1](#)
- Read *Wilkerson* pp. xv-xvii ***The Man in the Crowd***
- Read *Wilkerson* pp. 1-38 ***Part One*** (Chapters 1-3)

Notes

I recommend having a notebook or journal, pen, pencil and/or highlighters to hand as you read the assigned chapters.

Session 2, May 5th. The Arbitrary Construction of Human Divisions

- View the online Study Guide for Session 2
- Read *Wilkerson* pp. 39-98 ***Part Two*** (Chapters 4-9)

Session 3, May 19th. The Eight Pillars of Caste (Part A)

- View the online Study Guide for Session 3
- Read *Wilkerson* pp. 99-130 ***Part Three A*** (Pillars 1-4)

Session 4, June 2nd. The Eight Pillars of Caste (Part B)

- View the online Study Guide for Session 4
- Read *Wilkerson* pp. 131-166 ***Part Three B*** (Pillars 5-8)

Session 5, June 16th. The Tentacles of Caste (Part A)

- View the online Study Guide for Session 5
- Read *Wilkinson* pp. 167-223 **Part Four A** (Chapters 10-14)

Session 6, June 30th. The Tentacles of Caste (Part B)

- View the online Study Guide for Session 6
- Read *Wilkinson* pp. 224-262 **Part Four B** (Chapters 15-18)

Session 7, July 14th. The Consequences of Caste

- View the online Study Guide for Session 7
- Read *Wilkinson* pp. 263-310 **Part Five** (Chapters 19-24)

Session 8, July 28th. Backlash

- View the online Study Guide for Session 8
- Read *Wilkinson* pp. 311-360 **Part Six** (Chapters 25-29)

Session 9, August 11th. Awakening

- View the online Study Guide for Session 9
- Read *Wilkinson* pp. 361-388 **Part Seven** (Chapters 30 - Epilogue)
- Optional: Read *Wilkinson* pp. 389-442 (Acknowledgments & Notes)