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00:00:20,670 --> 00:00:26,880  
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

2  
00:00:23,649 --> 00:00:30,000  
show number 25 for the tenth of April

3  
00:00:26,879 --> 00:00:32,320  
2009 Richard Saunders here with you a

4  
00:00:30,000 --> 00:00:34,539  
departure from our regular format today

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00:00:32,320 --> 00:00:37,420  
a couple of weeks ago our good friend

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00:00:34,539 --> 00:00:39,399  
Ian Bryce the challenge investigator for

7  
00:00:37,420 --> 00:00:41,170  
Australian skeptics traveled up to

8  
00:00:39,399 --> 00:00:43,689  
springwood in the Blue Mountains just

9  
00:00:41,170 --> 00:00:47,079  
west of Sydney to debate Reverend Ian

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00:00:43,689 --> 00:00:50,799  
power on the topic can we be good enough

11  
00:00:47,079 --> 00:00:53,439  
without God what follows today is the

12  
00:00:50,799 --> 00:00:54,789  
debate in its entirety apart from

13  
00:00:53,439 --> 00:00:58,299  
question time because that would have

14  
00:00:54,789 --> 00:01:00,460  
taken the show over time so sit back and

15  
00:00:58,299 --> 00:01:03,399  
enjoy this interesting debate with the

16  
00:01:00,460 --> 00:01:06,960  
to IANS as they debate can we be good

17  
00:01:03,399 --> 00:01:06,959  
enough without God

18  
00:01:10,129 --> 00:01:15,359  
ladies and gentlemen let me welcome you

19  
00:01:12,840 --> 00:01:18,270  
to tonight's great piece to debate

20  
00:01:15,359 --> 00:01:20,549  
tonight is the sixth of these that's

21  
00:01:18,269 --> 00:01:22,349  
been hosted here at Springwood my name

22  
00:01:20,549 --> 00:01:24,989  
is Graham crew on one of the pastor's of

23  
00:01:22,349 --> 00:01:27,109  
the Anglican Church and i'll also be

24  
00:01:24,989 --> 00:01:29,310  
your scrupulous chairperson tonight

25  
00:01:27,109 --> 00:01:30,450  
we're pleased to be able to sponsor than

26  
00:01:29,310 --> 00:01:33,060  
tonight in cooperation with the

27  
00:01:30,450 --> 00:01:35,670  
Australian skeptics thank you for coming

28  
00:01:33,060 --> 00:01:37,230  
I trust that wherever you are in your

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00:01:35,670 --> 00:01:39,810  
beliefs tonight you'll be entertained

30  
00:01:37,230 --> 00:01:42,000  
challenge stretched and helped on your

31  
00:01:39,810 --> 00:01:43,530  
journey to the truth we've sponsored

32  
00:01:42,000 --> 00:01:46,560  
tonight in the belief the faith and

33  
00:01:43,530 --> 00:01:49,560  
reason not enemies and nor should they

34  
00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:51,269  
fear questioning tonight's debate is

35  
00:01:49,560 --> 00:01:53,820  
offered in the what we believe to be the

36  
00:01:51,269 --> 00:01:56,129  
true spirit of Tolerance that doesn't

37  
00:01:53,819 --> 00:01:58,289  
seek to coerce agreement doesn't deny

38  
00:01:56,129 --> 00:02:00,929  
difference but seeks to understand

39  
00:01:58,290 --> 00:02:03,750  
respect and persuade those with whom we

40  
00:02:00,930 --> 00:02:05,040  
differ well of course be no voting for

41  
00:02:03,750 --> 00:02:07,650  
winners or losers at the end of

42  
00:02:05,040 --> 00:02:09,629  
tonight's debate buying the debate will

43  
00:02:07,650 --> 00:02:11,310

be a time for questions and a

44

00:02:09,629 --> 00:02:13,590

complimentary suffer to finish off the

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00:02:11,310 --> 00:02:16,800

evening where you can debate to all

46

00:02:13,590 --> 00:02:19,979

lights go out there is some information

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00:02:16,800 --> 00:02:21,810

on the out of the FOIA from the Anglican

48

00:02:19,979 --> 00:02:23,729

Church and I'm not quite sure if we're

49

00:02:21,810 --> 00:02:26,069

able to get some information from the

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00:02:23,729 --> 00:02:28,560

skeptics tonight but that opportunity

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00:02:26,069 --> 00:02:31,469

was offered there my job is chairman

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00:02:28,560 --> 00:02:33,569

will be to keep our debaters to time and

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00:02:31,469 --> 00:02:36,659

in line on Kiki looking at you mr.

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00:02:33,569 --> 00:02:38,579

Powell who is a known who was a known

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00:02:36,659 --> 00:02:41,849

supporter of South Sydney Rabbitohs so

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00:02:38,580 --> 00:02:44,850

immediately that comes under suspicion

57

00:02:41,849 --> 00:02:47,819

issue the year of the rabbit this year

58  
00:02:44,849 --> 00:02:49,859  
is it so I like to hand over to Vicky

59  
00:02:47,819 --> 00:02:51,509  
brassington who's the lady who's that

60  
00:02:49,860 --> 00:02:54,090  
put this together and she'll introduce

61  
00:02:51,509 --> 00:03:01,590  
our speakers to us tonight but thank

62  
00:02:54,090 --> 00:03:04,379  
Vicky well thank you everyone we have

63  
00:03:01,590 --> 00:03:06,569  
always sought in these debates to find

64  
00:03:04,379 --> 00:03:08,969  
two speakers who are articulate and

65  
00:03:06,569 --> 00:03:12,030  
passionate about the issues and tonight

66  
00:03:08,969 --> 00:03:15,719  
we are fortunate to have two such men in

67  
00:03:12,030 --> 00:03:19,349  
Bryce from the skeptics according to the

68  
00:03:15,719 --> 00:03:22,139  
ABC radio national was a Senate

69  
00:03:19,349 --> 00:03:24,840  
candidate for the secular party in 2007

70  
00:03:22,139 --> 00:03:27,599  
federal elections as a secular party of

71  
00:03:24,840 --> 00:03:29,670  
australia believes that non-religious

72  
00:03:27,599 --> 00:03:32,969  
solutions are needed for many of

73  
00:03:29,669 --> 00:03:35,039  
australia's and the world's problems he

74  
00:03:32,969 --> 00:03:37,379  
qualified in physics and engineering at

75  
00:03:35,039 --> 00:03:40,019  
Monash University and has pursued

76  
00:03:37,379 --> 00:03:43,169  
careers in telecommunications aircraft

77  
00:03:40,020 --> 00:03:45,240  
manufacturer and Space engineering he

78  
00:03:43,169 --> 00:03:48,179  
the founding director of the Australian

79  
00:03:45,240 --> 00:03:51,900  
Space Research Institute which is a

80  
00:03:48,180 --> 00:03:55,260  
volunteer group conducting space

81  
00:03:51,900 --> 00:03:57,870  
research and education for a years he's

82  
00:03:55,259 --> 00:03:59,879  
been a casual academic at the University

83  
00:03:57,870 --> 00:04:03,360  
of New South Wales but our mechanical

84  
00:03:59,879 --> 00:04:07,530  
engineering space vehicle design and he

85  
00:04:03,360 --> 00:04:09,480  
does contracting no it's not it has been

86

00:04:07,530 --> 00:04:11,939  
active on humanist and skeptics

87  
00:04:09,479 --> 00:04:14,250  
committees for many decades he believes

88  
00:04:11,939 --> 00:04:16,279  
scientific principles can be used to

89  
00:04:14,250 --> 00:04:18,829  
shed light on many social issues

90  
00:04:16,279 --> 00:04:21,988  
including religion ethics and the

91  
00:04:18,829 --> 00:04:24,000  
environment recently he became an

92  
00:04:21,988 --> 00:04:26,669  
honorary life member of Australian

93  
00:04:24,000 --> 00:04:29,399  
skeptics with whom he has engaged for

94  
00:04:26,670 --> 00:04:34,430  
decades as a psychic investigator and

95  
00:04:29,399 --> 00:04:34,429  
mythbuster so let's welcome

96  
00:04:41,769 --> 00:04:47,538  
my Reverend Ian power is senior pastor

97  
00:04:45,228 --> 00:04:50,418  
of one of the largest city Anglican

98  
00:04:47,538 --> 00:04:52,399  
churches cinnabar novice Broadway which

99  
00:04:50,418 --> 00:04:54,528  
has for many years had a significant

100  
00:04:52,399 --> 00:04:57,258

ministry to students of Sydney

101

00:04:54,528 --> 00:04:59,930

University prior to this he was chaplain

102

00:04:57,259 --> 00:05:01,550

to the shore school and worked earned

103

00:04:59,930 --> 00:05:04,069

sorry and worked for some years

104

00:05:01,550 --> 00:05:07,788

full-time with the Diocese of Sydney as

105

00:05:04,069 --> 00:05:10,129

one of the chief missionaries in is one of

106

00:05:07,788 --> 00:05:12,318

Sydney's most sought-after Christian

107

00:05:10,129 --> 00:05:14,319

conference speakers and one of the best

108

00:05:12,319 --> 00:05:17,930

thinkers about how Christianity and

109

00:05:14,319 --> 00:05:20,620

contemporary issues interact so again

110

00:05:17,930 --> 00:05:20,620

welcome

111

00:05:25,459 --> 00:05:29,939

thanks Vicki our debate format tonight

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00:05:28,079 --> 00:05:32,459

is designed to allow maximum interaction

113

00:05:29,939 --> 00:05:36,589

and also time to allow our speakers to

114

00:05:32,459 --> 00:05:40,668

develop their cases there will be a

115  
00:05:36,589 --> 00:05:43,789  
delicate one minute warning bell and

116  
00:05:40,668 --> 00:05:46,109  
when your time has expired more vigorous

117  
00:05:43,790 --> 00:05:49,500  
ringing of the bell to indicator your

118  
00:05:46,110 --> 00:05:52,290  
time is up in this section the we will

119  
00:05:49,500 --> 00:05:54,870  
ask each speaker to have 15 minutes and

120  
00:05:52,290 --> 00:05:56,939  
then another 15 minutes to pursue their

121  
00:05:54,870 --> 00:05:59,939  
case and then a five minutes at the end

122  
00:05:56,939 --> 00:06:03,240  
to summarize and then we'll have an open

123  
00:05:59,939 --> 00:06:05,728  
at time for questions from the floor so

124  
00:06:03,240 --> 00:06:09,449  
keep that one in mind if you would our

125  
00:06:05,728 --> 00:06:13,589  
topic tonight we can be good enough

126  
00:06:09,449 --> 00:06:15,870  
without God it's been claimed by some

127  
00:06:13,589 --> 00:06:17,728  
Christians and some other face that

128  
00:06:15,870 --> 00:06:20,910  
without belief in God there is no

129  
00:06:17,728 --> 00:06:23,909  
logical basis for either a moral code or

130  
00:06:20,910 --> 00:06:26,430  
personal motivation to do good these

131  
00:06:23,910 --> 00:06:29,340  
claims have come under significant fire

132  
00:06:26,430 --> 00:06:33,720  
recently from the new ideas any web

133  
00:06:29,339 --> 00:06:37,349  
server ality basis of god will turn on

134  
00:06:33,720 --> 00:06:39,150  
numerous recent critiques and yet it was

135  
00:06:37,350 --> 00:06:41,129  
again the subject to a recent sydney

136  
00:06:39,149 --> 00:06:42,779  
morning herald article by christian

137  
00:06:41,129 --> 00:06:46,159  
researcher John Dickson in which he

138  
00:06:42,779 --> 00:06:49,138  
claimed do-gooding remains a particular

139  
00:06:46,160 --> 00:06:51,110  
preoccupation of the faithful so

140  
00:06:49,139 --> 00:06:54,629  
tonight's debate is very current and

141  
00:06:51,110 --> 00:06:56,610  
important so I'd ask Brian to step four

142  
00:06:54,629 --> 00:06:59,180  
to the mic and now the affirmative cast

143

00:06:56,610 --> 00:06:59,180  
thank you

144  
00:07:03,769 --> 00:07:07,680  
okay well thank you very much that

145  
00:07:05,819 --> 00:07:10,529  
introduction and the opportunity to

146  
00:07:07,680 --> 00:07:12,990  
address you here tonight I'm going to

147  
00:07:10,529 --> 00:07:15,839  
start by saying if you want to find out

148  
00:07:12,990 --> 00:07:18,569  
if it can be good enough without God we

149  
00:07:15,839 --> 00:07:20,668  
need to have compared the two competing

150  
00:07:18,569 --> 00:07:22,439  
theories that one our morals come from

151  
00:07:20,668 --> 00:07:25,229  
God and two they come from somewhere

152  
00:07:22,439 --> 00:07:28,168  
else so I'm going to start by looking at

153  
00:07:25,230 --> 00:07:29,960  
the evidence that they came from God and

154  
00:07:28,168 --> 00:07:32,990  
then perhaps I'll read you a little

155  
00:07:29,959 --> 00:07:41,819  
passage from the head start of the Old

156  
00:07:32,990 --> 00:07:46,620  
Testament and this is from numbers

157  
00:07:41,819 --> 00:07:48,659

chapter 31 and the Lord said to Moses

158

00:07:46,620 --> 00:07:52,620

saying take vengeance on the Midianites

159

00:07:48,660 --> 00:07:55,169

and I'm going to select little bits of

160

00:07:52,620 --> 00:07:56,850

it from from the passage here because it

161

00:07:55,168 --> 00:07:58,918

takes too long otherwise and the award

162

00:07:56,850 --> 00:08:00,930

against the Midianites just as the LORD

163

00:07:58,918 --> 00:08:03,930

commanded Moses and they killed all the

164

00:08:00,930 --> 00:08:05,970

males and the children of Israel took

165

00:08:03,930 --> 00:08:08,668

the women of Midian captive with their

166

00:08:05,970 --> 00:08:10,169

little ones and took his spoil their

167

00:08:08,668 --> 00:08:13,889

cattle all their flocks and all their

168

00:08:10,168 --> 00:08:15,449

goods they also burned with fire or the

169

00:08:13,889 --> 00:08:18,750

cities where they dwelt and all their

170

00:08:15,449 --> 00:08:21,569

forts and Moses said to them have you

171

00:08:18,750 --> 00:08:23,339

kept all the women alive now therefore

172  
00:08:21,569 --> 00:08:26,579  
kill every male among the little ones

173  
00:08:23,339 --> 00:08:30,388  
and kill every woman who has no man

174  
00:08:26,579 --> 00:08:31,978  
intimately but keep alive for yourselves

175  
00:08:30,389 --> 00:08:36,389  
all the young girls who have not known

176  
00:08:31,978 --> 00:08:38,370  
man intimately now this is not an

177  
00:08:36,389 --> 00:08:40,468  
isolated acids there are many such one

178  
00:08:38,370 --> 00:08:43,529  
is in the Bible and I don't need to go

179  
00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:45,120  
through the ball of them but do you

180  
00:08:43,529 --> 00:08:49,250  
think that indicates the source of

181  
00:08:45,120 --> 00:08:52,200  
morality for mankind I don't think so

182  
00:08:49,250 --> 00:08:54,120  
let's look at how that would imply today

183  
00:08:52,200 --> 00:08:56,550  
if you were carrying out God's wishes

184  
00:08:54,120 --> 00:08:58,409  
today you hear in springwood on this

185  
00:08:56,549 --> 00:09:00,629  
side of the mountains would get on your

186  
00:08:58,409 --> 00:09:02,669  
mules or perhaps the bus and go over the

187  
00:09:00,629 --> 00:09:04,439  
mountains perhaps to let go where

188  
00:09:02,669 --> 00:09:07,559  
another tribe lives that you could well

189  
00:09:04,440 --> 00:09:09,120  
be having a war with and you would take

190  
00:09:07,559 --> 00:09:10,498  
everything they own a spoils and burn

191  
00:09:09,120 --> 00:09:12,089  
down their houses and kill all

192  
00:09:10,499 --> 00:09:13,798  
a man and kill all the boy children and

193  
00:09:12,089 --> 00:09:15,659  
the little girl children you would rip

194  
00:09:13,798 --> 00:09:18,389  
their clothes up and examine whether or

195  
00:09:15,658 --> 00:09:20,038  
not they'd lane with man if they had you

196  
00:09:18,389 --> 00:09:23,158  
had killed them and if you didn't you

197  
00:09:20,038 --> 00:09:25,769  
would rape them now I'm sorry to be so

198  
00:09:23,158 --> 00:09:28,918  
shocking to you but that is from your

199  
00:09:25,769 --> 00:09:30,328  
holy book that many of many Anglican

200

00:09:28,918 --> 00:09:32,519  
and other Christians hold up as their

201  
00:09:30,328 --> 00:09:33,899  
source of morality and you can perhaps

202  
00:09:32,519 --> 00:09:36,269  
begin to see the difficulty the

203  
00:09:33,899 --> 00:09:44,489  
secularists have when i see that have an

204  
00:09:36,269 --> 00:09:46,078  
english so in conclusion to give the

205  
00:09:44,489 --> 00:09:47,879  
bible and be able teachings that you

206  
00:09:46,078 --> 00:09:52,918  
lots of good passages in there of course

207  
00:09:47,879 --> 00:09:55,649  
but equally will a lot of bad ones let's

208  
00:09:52,918 --> 00:09:59,249  
examine one more now now most Christians

209  
00:09:55,649 --> 00:10:02,999  
claim that their God is omnipotent

210  
00:09:59,249 --> 00:10:05,849  
meaning all-powerful omniscient meaning

211  
00:10:02,999 --> 00:10:08,609  
all-knowing and also another word

212  
00:10:05,849 --> 00:10:11,599  
meaning all loving so let's just like

213  
00:10:08,609 --> 00:10:17,369  
one little passage here this is from

214  
00:10:11,599 --> 00:10:19,019

Exodus four and then Moses took his wife

215

00:10:17,369 --> 00:10:23,428

and his sons and set them on a donkey

216

00:10:19,019 --> 00:10:25,198

and he returned to the land of Egypt and

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00:10:23,428 --> 00:10:28,348

then it goes on to say that the Lord met

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00:10:25,198 --> 00:10:30,448

Moses and sought to kill him now let's

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00:10:28,349 --> 00:10:32,819

look at that what can we find wrong with

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00:10:30,448 --> 00:10:34,528

that firstly Moses was when is that his

221

00:10:32,818 --> 00:10:36,988

best profit no doubt that Moses was a

222

00:10:34,528 --> 00:10:39,359

trying to fulfill all of God's wishes so

223

00:10:36,989 --> 00:10:41,819

Moses was his best friend and God sought

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00:10:39,359 --> 00:10:45,569

to kill him does that indicate him or

225

00:10:41,818 --> 00:10:50,878

loving God and this look at the word

226

00:10:45,568 --> 00:10:52,708

sort the Lord sought to kill him so

227

00:10:50,879 --> 00:10:54,899

clearly the Lord intruder was unable to

228

00:10:52,708 --> 00:10:57,568

kill him so is that something that an

229  
00:10:54,899 --> 00:10:59,479  
all-powerful God would do so you can see

230  
00:10:57,568 --> 00:11:03,389  
another of the difficulties that

231  
00:10:59,479 --> 00:11:05,579  
atheists and in fact i would even claim

232  
00:11:03,389 --> 00:11:08,999  
to say any person who's capable and

233  
00:11:05,578 --> 00:11:12,168  
analyzing this book on its merits the

234  
00:11:08,999 --> 00:11:12,168  
difficulties that they would face

235  
00:11:14,019 --> 00:11:22,749  
now I'm going to look at the claim that

236  
00:11:20,198 --> 00:11:24,729  
a lot of Christians make and that is

237  
00:11:22,749 --> 00:11:26,739  
that it's the afterlife that causes them

238  
00:11:24,730 --> 00:11:29,050  
to be moral the fact that they might be

239  
00:11:26,739 --> 00:11:31,360  
called in an afterlife to be accountable

240  
00:11:29,049 --> 00:11:33,458  
for their actions let's examine that

241  
00:11:31,360 --> 00:11:35,350  
claim again to see whether we can

242  
00:11:33,458 --> 00:11:38,888  
determine how affected religion is in

243  
00:11:35,350 --> 00:11:41,709  
making us good firstly does anyone

244  
00:11:38,889 --> 00:11:43,749  
remember professor dr. Reverend John

245  
00:11:41,708 --> 00:11:47,528  
Lennox who visited Sydney last year and

246  
00:11:43,749 --> 00:11:50,709  
participated in some debates well he was

247  
00:11:47,528 --> 00:11:52,208  
asked from the radio what why you

248  
00:11:50,708 --> 00:11:53,438  
thought there was an afterlife he said

249  
00:11:52,208 --> 00:11:55,868  
were being a mathematician and a

250  
00:11:53,438 --> 00:11:58,269  
scientist I go by the evidence and the

251  
00:11:55,869 --> 00:11:59,889  
evidence I have is that if there's no

252  
00:11:58,269 --> 00:12:01,989  
afterlife Hitler would have got away

253  
00:11:59,889 --> 00:12:06,308  
with his crimes and it's unacceptable so

254  
00:12:01,989 --> 00:12:07,869  
it must be wrong well scientists don't

255  
00:12:06,308 --> 00:12:11,078  
call it evidence scientists call that

256  
00:12:07,869 --> 00:12:13,569  
wishful thinking so if you're examining

257

00:12:11,078 --> 00:12:14,649  
the claims of a religious person you

258  
00:12:13,568 --> 00:12:16,208  
need to work out whether there really

259  
00:12:14,649 --> 00:12:20,980  
evidence based or whether they're

260  
00:12:16,208 --> 00:12:23,438  
wishful thinking let's see whether it

261  
00:12:20,980 --> 00:12:25,269  
makes priests we know very well that

262  
00:12:23,438 --> 00:12:29,528  
there's a much higher rate of child

263  
00:12:25,269 --> 00:12:31,028  
abuse among priests in most of the

264  
00:12:29,528 --> 00:12:32,619  
Catholic Church most of the Christian

265  
00:12:31,028 --> 00:12:36,428  
churches including n quickens and

266  
00:12:32,619 --> 00:12:38,230  
Catholics unfortunately so clearly the

267  
00:12:36,428 --> 00:12:41,740  
threat of a retribution the afterlife

268  
00:12:38,230 --> 00:12:44,079  
doesn't seem to work let's not let's not

269  
00:12:41,740 --> 00:12:46,568  
limited to Christian religions there was

270  
00:12:44,078 --> 00:12:48,489  
a teacher in Africa who made the teddy

271  
00:12:46,568 --> 00:12:53,259

bear Muhammad and she was severely

272

00:12:48,490 --> 00:12:55,749

punished by the resident Muslims who

273

00:12:53,259 --> 00:12:58,028

impose Sharia law there and she would

274

00:12:55,749 --> 00:12:59,470

have probably been staying today that it

275

00:12:58,028 --> 00:13:02,230

wasn't that the intervention of Western

276

00:12:59,470 --> 00:13:05,259

countries instead of Saudi Arabia a

277

00:13:02,230 --> 00:13:08,350

young couple was raped both of them by

278

00:13:05,259 --> 00:13:12,778

those upholding religion and in Pakistan

279

00:13:08,350 --> 00:13:15,639

as a similar case where a woman and her

280

00:13:12,778 --> 00:13:16,100

friend would gain raped by people that

281

00:13:15,639 --> 00:13:18,470

were known

282

00:13:16,100 --> 00:13:21,528

and was only after Western outcry that

283

00:13:18,470 --> 00:13:24,139

the Pakistani government finally decided

284

00:13:21,528 --> 00:13:25,458

to pursue the rapists after that point

285

00:13:24,139 --> 00:13:29,778

they locked up the woman and let the

286  
00:13:25,458 --> 00:13:32,328  
rapist go free so how effective do you

287  
00:13:29,778 --> 00:13:36,259  
think religion is in giving us good

288  
00:13:32,328 --> 00:13:38,479  
morals with look at carries they can

289  
00:13:36,259 --> 00:13:41,000  
commit whatever crimes they like on

290  
00:13:38,480 --> 00:13:44,990  
earth in this life as long as they

291  
00:13:41,000 --> 00:13:46,639  
confess and repent before they die if so

292  
00:13:44,990 --> 00:13:50,870  
they can get into heaven anyway so what

293  
00:13:46,639 --> 00:13:52,430  
sort of use would that be Mormons can be

294  
00:13:50,870 --> 00:13:54,528  
praying into a half as long as their

295  
00:13:52,429 --> 00:13:57,948  
relatives donate 50 thousand dollars to

296  
00:13:54,528 --> 00:14:02,470  
the church so what sort of morality is

297  
00:13:57,948 --> 00:14:06,708  
that and if you go to the Steiner school

298  
00:14:02,470 --> 00:14:08,600  
they teach their cripples all sorts of

299  
00:14:06,708 --> 00:14:11,059  
people in wheelchairs and with mental

300  
00:14:08,600 --> 00:14:12,409  
deficiencies they teach them all sorts

301  
00:14:11,059 --> 00:14:15,318  
of things that they can't possibly do

302  
00:14:12,409 --> 00:14:19,009  
the theory being that it's preparing

303  
00:14:15,318 --> 00:14:21,708  
them for the next life so how moral is

304  
00:14:19,009 --> 00:14:25,459  
that and something said that Hitler and

305  
00:14:21,708 --> 00:14:28,698  
Stalin glowing examples of atheists and

306  
00:14:25,458 --> 00:14:31,789  
the type of things they do well know the

307  
00:14:28,698 --> 00:14:33,649  
motto of the German SS was God with us

308  
00:14:31,789 --> 00:14:37,730  
which was written on every belt back

309  
00:14:33,649 --> 00:14:41,448  
belt buckle and if you mentioned Hitler

310  
00:14:37,730 --> 00:14:42,889  
and Stalin you hardly forget Japan the

311  
00:14:41,448 --> 00:14:46,088  
other partner in the Second World War

312  
00:14:42,889 --> 00:14:48,560  
and for the Japanese of course worshiped

313  
00:14:46,089 --> 00:14:50,600  
the Sun God and the Emperor as their

314

00:14:48,559 --> 00:14:53,109  
divine beings and part of the Shinto

315  
00:14:50,600 --> 00:14:55,430  
religion and they use that to justify

316  
00:14:53,110 --> 00:14:58,188  
all the crimes they committed by

317  
00:14:55,429 --> 00:15:00,049  
murdering thousands of millions of

318  
00:14:58,188 --> 00:15:02,240  
civilians in the Second World War baking

319  
00:15:00,049 --> 00:15:07,990  
in China and career and throughout Asia

320  
00:15:02,240 --> 00:15:10,399  
and Pearl Harbor and Australia as well

321  
00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:12,049  
and not only that but you might have

322  
00:15:10,399 --> 00:15:15,379  
heard of the rape of nanking with the

323  
00:15:12,049 --> 00:15:17,269  
Japanese soldiers went there and raped

324  
00:15:15,379 --> 00:15:19,338  
virtually all of the young women at the

325  
00:15:17,269 --> 00:15:23,600  
chinese city of Nanking all in the name

326  
00:15:19,339 --> 00:15:28,069  
of upholding the Emperor's glory and you

327  
00:15:23,600 --> 00:15:28,509  
might also notice I found where the 6800

328  
00:15:28,068 --> 00:15:30,399

Sevilla

329

00:15:28,509 --> 00:15:31,990  
committed suicide on the orders of the

330

00:15:30,399 --> 00:15:34,090  
Emperor as the Americans were poaching

331

00:15:31,990 --> 00:15:36,070  
on the basis it was better for them to

332

00:15:34,090 --> 00:15:37,690  
dive and to be captured by the Americans

333

00:15:36,070 --> 00:15:40,930  
I could go on and on there are so many

334

00:15:37,690 --> 00:15:44,740  
examples of this the evangelists in the

335

00:15:40,929 --> 00:15:46,989  
USA Ted Haggard was caught buying

336

00:15:44,740 --> 00:15:51,850  
crystal methamphetamine from a gay

337

00:15:46,990 --> 00:15:57,039  
prostitute so what sort of morals has

338

00:15:51,850 --> 00:15:58,420  
his religion bestowed him with so by now

339

00:15:57,039 --> 00:16:03,480  
you're probably feeling pretty

340

00:15:58,419 --> 00:16:05,829  
discouraged about your religion maybe

341

00:16:03,480 --> 00:16:08,289  
but I don't want to have it entirely

342

00:16:05,830 --> 00:16:10,000  
depressing evening so maybe we'll we can

343  
00:16:08,289 --> 00:16:17,069  
bring something a little bit brighter

344  
00:16:10,000 --> 00:16:19,419  
into it so we've examined how effective

345  
00:16:17,070 --> 00:16:22,660  
religions are in providing morals for

346  
00:16:19,419 --> 00:16:24,189  
their for their followers now we're

347  
00:16:22,659 --> 00:16:26,439  
going to look at the theory because

348  
00:16:24,190 --> 00:16:28,290  
science goes on evidence and theory

349  
00:16:26,440 --> 00:16:32,260  
we're going to look at the theory of

350  
00:16:28,289 --> 00:16:34,329  
morals now and we're going to say that

351  
00:16:32,259 --> 00:16:36,340  
why the religious people believe that

352  
00:16:34,330 --> 00:16:37,780  
morals come from God it's because lots

353  
00:16:36,340 --> 00:16:39,430  
of philosophers around the world and

354  
00:16:37,779 --> 00:16:41,589  
throughout history have thought into

355  
00:16:39,429 --> 00:16:42,669  
their mind to say why am i religious and

356  
00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:44,830  
the best they could come up with

357  
00:16:42,669 --> 00:16:48,519  
traditionally is saying is like it's

358  
00:16:44,830 --> 00:16:49,960  
good to do good and duty for judy's say

359  
00:16:48,519 --> 00:16:53,289  
these are all sayings by famous

360  
00:16:49,960 --> 00:16:54,910  
philosophers and even the American bill

361  
00:16:53,289 --> 00:16:58,329  
of rights as we hold that these rights

362  
00:16:54,909 --> 00:16:59,919  
are self-evident what this shows us is

363  
00:16:58,330 --> 00:17:01,930  
that if you look inside your mind and

364  
00:16:59,919 --> 00:17:04,180  
say what makes me do good things or make

365  
00:17:01,929 --> 00:17:06,940  
makes my colleagues and Friends do good

366  
00:17:04,180 --> 00:17:09,100  
things you don't know you can't tell by

367  
00:17:06,940 --> 00:17:13,799  
introspection respects in looking into

368  
00:17:09,099 --> 00:17:16,299  
your own thoughts so that fails however

369  
00:17:13,799 --> 00:17:19,389  
science has provided many of the answers

370  
00:17:16,299 --> 00:17:23,319  
to these questions philosophy hasn't

371

00:17:19,390 --> 00:17:25,959  
been science has I supply claimed for

372  
00:17:23,319 --> 00:17:28,059  
example we know lots of things about the

373  
00:17:25,959 --> 00:17:31,029  
mind the mind is an activity of the

374  
00:17:28,059 --> 00:17:34,419  
brain that's clearly established by

375  
00:17:31,029 --> 00:17:36,009  
science and the main is that the mind

376  
00:17:34,420 --> 00:17:37,779  
and the brain are limited by their

377  
00:17:36,009 --> 00:17:40,150  
physical location are you inside a

378  
00:17:37,779 --> 00:17:43,990  
person's skull

379  
00:17:40,150 --> 00:17:45,700  
brain case and it doesn't have any

380  
00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:47,500  
existence outside for example when I'm

381  
00:17:45,700 --> 00:17:50,019  
thinking if something disturbs in my

382  
00:17:47,500 --> 00:17:52,960  
brain it'll affect my thoughts but if

383  
00:17:50,019 --> 00:17:54,549  
whatever goes on outside my head whether

384  
00:17:52,960 --> 00:17:57,400  
it's above it or beside it has no effect

385  
00:17:54,549 --> 00:17:59,799

whatever on what I'm thinking so that so

386

00:17:57,400 --> 00:18:04,090

my consciousness and reasoning goes on

387

00:17:59,799 --> 00:18:08,440

inside my head secondly the location in

388

00:18:04,089 --> 00:18:10,059

time of the mind wall process that this

389

00:18:08,440 --> 00:18:11,740

physical mind are physically limited the

390

00:18:10,059 --> 00:18:14,409

existence of the brain according to

391

00:18:11,740 --> 00:18:18,400

science so before you'll concede there's

392

00:18:14,410 --> 00:18:22,300

no possibility of the mind thinking or

393

00:18:18,400 --> 00:18:24,310

remembering anything and after you die

394

00:18:22,299 --> 00:18:27,519

after the gray matter stop conducting

395

00:18:24,309 --> 00:18:30,369

electricity and chemical reactions and

396

00:18:27,519 --> 00:18:32,950

decays away again there's no possibility

397

00:18:30,369 --> 00:18:35,889

of that consciousness surviving and

398

00:18:32,950 --> 00:18:37,930

doing anything so that so the physical

399

00:18:35,890 --> 00:18:39,940

location within the skull rules have

400  
00:18:37,930 --> 00:18:43,150  
estill travel and claims like that and

401  
00:18:39,940 --> 00:18:44,920  
on the time basis that limitations to

402  
00:18:43,150 --> 00:18:47,800  
the duration of the brain exists rules

403  
00:18:44,920 --> 00:18:49,660  
out things like past lives and after

404  
00:18:47,799 --> 00:18:52,359  
lives so I'm sorry if you're counting on

405  
00:18:49,660 --> 00:18:54,820  
something on a reward in heaven there's

406  
00:18:52,359 --> 00:18:58,000  
no possibility of that and how sure are

407  
00:18:54,819 --> 00:19:00,819  
we about well of all the creatures that

408  
00:18:58,000 --> 00:19:02,980  
have ever lived and have had a brain if

409  
00:19:00,819 --> 00:19:05,379  
you add it up at something the order of

410  
00:19:02,980 --> 00:19:07,980  
100 billion which is a fairly large

411  
00:19:05,380 --> 00:19:10,060  
number you would take a factor of 10

412  
00:19:07,980 --> 00:19:11,799  
that's apparently the number of

413  
00:19:10,059 --> 00:19:14,289  
creatures that have existed that have

414  
00:19:11,799 --> 00:19:16,930  
had a central nervous system and in

415  
00:19:14,289 --> 00:19:18,549  
every case their minders require the

416  
00:19:16,930 --> 00:19:20,769  
support of a brain their blood vessels

417  
00:19:18,549 --> 00:19:22,960  
and breathing apparatus and I just

418  
00:19:20,769 --> 00:19:26,619  
evaporate of night feeding the brain so

419  
00:19:22,960 --> 00:19:29,799  
if you want to compare evidence for a

420  
00:19:26,619 --> 00:19:31,569  
physical brain supporting a mind to mind

421  
00:19:29,799 --> 00:19:34,930  
existing outside the brain the evidence

422  
00:19:31,569 --> 00:19:36,369  
is something like 100 billion 20 and if

423  
00:19:34,930 --> 00:19:38,380  
you don't find that convincing than I'd

424  
00:19:36,369 --> 00:19:41,949  
like to ask what number you would find

425  
00:19:38,380 --> 00:19:45,550  
convincing so after lives are out these

426  
00:19:41,950 --> 00:19:47,049  
are the findings of science next we find

427  
00:19:45,549 --> 00:19:49,299  
that the brain is fully dependent on a

428

00:19:47,049 --> 00:19:51,460  
physical support and hence the mind for

429  
00:19:49,299 --> 00:19:53,220  
example an oxygen supply if you drown

430  
00:19:51,460 --> 00:19:55,279  
someone they certainly stop thinking

431  
00:19:53,220 --> 00:19:59,100  
it's affected by alcohol and drugs and

432  
00:19:55,279 --> 00:20:00,240  
requires nutrients if it if the if it

433  
00:19:59,099 --> 00:20:03,058  
was otherwise then it would have a

434  
00:20:00,240 --> 00:20:04,558  
common defense in court your honor you

435  
00:20:03,058 --> 00:20:06,690  
say that my blood alcohol was the point

436  
00:20:04,558 --> 00:20:09,569  
oh five but it didn't affect my driving

437  
00:20:06,690 --> 00:20:11,519  
because my mind exists independent of my

438  
00:20:09,569 --> 00:20:12,689  
body known as ever used theft offenses

439  
00:20:11,519 --> 00:20:14,668  
far as I know certainly known as ever

440  
00:20:12,690 --> 00:20:16,650  
succeeded with it so further evidence

441  
00:20:14,669 --> 00:20:19,288  
for these are all things that science

442  
00:20:16,650 --> 00:20:21,960

has taught us about the mind we also

443

00:20:19,288 --> 00:20:24,390

know that everything apparently about

444

00:20:21,960 --> 00:20:27,779

the human body in fact all animals is a

445

00:20:24,390 --> 00:20:31,799

product of evolution and developed in

446

00:20:27,779 --> 00:20:35,220

order to benefit survival and it's quite

447

00:20:31,798 --> 00:20:36,779

clear that all of our behavior developed

448

00:20:35,220 --> 00:20:39,470

in order to benefit survival have

449

00:20:36,779 --> 00:20:41,759

survival value and morals and ethics and

450

00:20:39,470 --> 00:20:45,329

cultural systems are all in the same

451

00:20:41,759 --> 00:20:47,970

category so it's easy to show that

452

00:20:45,329 --> 00:20:49,649

through for example game theory and the

453

00:20:47,970 --> 00:20:54,240

study of groups of people interacting

454

00:20:49,650 --> 00:20:56,250

that human beings will have altruistic

455

00:20:54,240 --> 00:20:58,109

attributes and selfish attributes and

456

00:20:56,250 --> 00:20:59,429

you can show while modeling the

457  
00:20:58,109 --> 00:21:01,649  
different bits of behavior that if

458  
00:20:59,429 --> 00:21:03,600  
you've got a proof of people less than

459  
00:21:01,650 --> 00:21:05,100  
about 150 people that's where each

460  
00:21:03,599 --> 00:21:09,089  
person can know most of the other

461  
00:21:05,099 --> 00:21:10,439  
individuals and that means that if

462  
00:21:09,089 --> 00:21:12,509  
someone tricks you they won't get away

463  
00:21:10,440 --> 00:21:15,150  
with it refers you remember them that's

464  
00:21:12,509 --> 00:21:17,490  
that's why little cities like springwood

465  
00:21:15,150 --> 00:21:19,798  
are probably more open and trusting than

466  
00:21:17,490 --> 00:21:21,630  
places like brazil and sydney where i

467  
00:21:19,798 --> 00:21:24,179  
live where you can't possibly remember

468  
00:21:21,630 --> 00:21:27,090  
everyone's face and past behavior so

469  
00:21:24,179 --> 00:21:29,759  
they can get away with more so the

470  
00:21:27,089 --> 00:21:32,220  
bottom line is that we know where epochs

471  
00:21:29,759 --> 00:21:34,980  
and morals come from they there in

472  
00:21:32,220 --> 00:21:38,009  
support of survival and we know that the

473  
00:21:34,980 --> 00:21:39,839  
method of passing down is through

474  
00:21:38,009 --> 00:21:42,058  
several mechanisms the first is genes

475  
00:21:39,839 --> 00:21:44,519  
which is packages of DNA from the

476  
00:21:42,058 --> 00:21:45,990  
parents passed on to the children and

477  
00:21:44,519 --> 00:21:48,089  
the second one is means which is

478  
00:21:45,990 --> 00:21:50,609  
packages of behavior purse down from

479  
00:21:48,089 --> 00:21:52,168  
parents and society to children so if

480  
00:21:50,609 --> 00:21:55,740  
you want to know where your morals come

481  
00:21:52,169 --> 00:21:59,070  
from the y is for survival value in a

482  
00:21:55,740 --> 00:22:01,230  
group of people as we were evolving say

483  
00:21:59,069 --> 00:22:03,869  
a hundred thousand to a million years

484  
00:22:01,230 --> 00:22:07,650  
ago and the how is passed down by genes

485

00:22:03,869 --> 00:22:11,279  
memes so to summarize that a part of the

486  
00:22:07,650 --> 00:22:13,080  
talk we do in fact know where morals and

487  
00:22:11,279 --> 00:22:15,329  
ethics came from let me give you a

488  
00:22:13,079 --> 00:22:19,889  
simple example of survival value imagine

489  
00:22:15,329 --> 00:22:21,808  
we butter a tried in the jungle and the

490  
00:22:19,890 --> 00:22:23,190  
chief is worried about getting stabbed

491  
00:22:21,808 --> 00:22:25,889  
while he's asleep which would have been

492  
00:22:23,190 --> 00:22:28,170  
a very common thing so what what a

493  
00:22:25,890 --> 00:22:30,480  
better way to protect himself than to

494  
00:22:28,170 --> 00:22:33,750  
invent an invisible friend who looks

495  
00:22:30,480 --> 00:22:35,849  
after him while he's asleep and also is

496  
00:22:33,750 --> 00:22:38,009  
going to punish anyone who tries to kill

497  
00:22:35,849 --> 00:22:39,959  
him even after they're dead by impeding

498  
00:22:38,009 --> 00:22:42,119  
an afterlife so we can also see how

499  
00:22:39,960 --> 00:22:45,950

religions came to be invented as they

500

00:22:42,119 --> 00:22:45,949

have survival value thank you

501

00:22:59,690 --> 00:23:25,680

ready to go wanna get ripped off I'm at

502

00:23:21,329 --> 00:23:27,089

Martin's here it's not it okay well

503

00:23:25,680 --> 00:23:29,160

thank you for the last friend i got on

504

00:23:27,089 --> 00:23:31,109

whether not in Lionel's lifelong buddies

505

00:23:29,160 --> 00:23:34,310

like martin i have i've not convinced in

506

00:23:31,109 --> 00:23:36,569

a resurrection yet but we're still wish

507

00:23:34,309 --> 00:23:38,339

well here's the topic can we be good

508

00:23:36,569 --> 00:23:40,259

enough without god and my understanding

509

00:23:38,339 --> 00:23:42,419

of a debate is that there's an assumed

510

00:23:40,259 --> 00:23:45,319

right that an audience has and that is

511

00:23:42,420 --> 00:23:47,220

that the speakers will stay on the topic

512

00:23:45,319 --> 00:23:48,869

that you've become here on a particular

513

00:23:47,220 --> 00:23:52,289

topic not Chester here at general chat

514  
00:23:48,869 --> 00:23:53,759  
about God and etc etc so please it to em

515  
00:23:52,289 --> 00:23:56,190  
I both committed to that but secondly

516  
00:23:53,759 --> 00:23:58,680  
that we will you'll hear an actual

517  
00:23:56,190 --> 00:24:01,920  
engagement between us that the key idea

518  
00:23:58,680 --> 00:24:04,830  
is that the two ends raise the other

519  
00:24:01,920 --> 00:24:07,410  
ends will actually try and answer this

520  
00:24:04,829 --> 00:24:09,149  
is harder to do a bit of above the mr.

521  
00:24:07,410 --> 00:24:10,740  
Bates where you end up with sort of

522  
00:24:09,150 --> 00:24:12,330  
three separate talks with occasional

523  
00:24:10,740 --> 00:24:14,460  
polite abuse comments about the other

524  
00:24:12,329 --> 00:24:16,710  
person's position and so last week we

525  
00:24:14,460 --> 00:24:18,720  
organized at church attention but in low

526  
00:24:16,710 --> 00:24:20,009  
to have a bit of interaction to try and

527  
00:24:18,720 --> 00:24:21,630  
make sure we knew something of where

528  
00:24:20,009 --> 00:24:25,440  
each other was coming from so you get

529  
00:24:21,630 --> 00:24:26,940  
your money's worth hopefully well I

530  
00:24:25,440 --> 00:24:29,160  
guess tonight's topic is kind that at

531  
00:24:26,940 --> 00:24:33,720  
least in part do we need God to be good

532  
00:24:29,160 --> 00:24:36,000  
I is it possible to be thoroughly good

533  
00:24:33,720 --> 00:24:37,680  
without god and at one level the answer

534  
00:24:36,000 --> 00:24:40,799  
that are so screaming us of course I

535  
00:24:37,680 --> 00:24:42,779  
rate this in my family some theoretical

536  
00:24:40,799 --> 00:24:44,190  
anxious I'm just practical atheists who

537  
00:24:42,779 --> 00:24:46,500  
probably believe in God but live as if

538  
00:24:44,190 --> 00:24:48,750  
he is there isn't a god and of course it

539  
00:24:46,500 --> 00:24:50,220  
can be a pretty decent person and of

540  
00:24:48,750 --> 00:24:51,869  
course i could do exactly what it's done

541  
00:24:50,220 --> 00:24:53,309  
and find horrible atheists and go there

542

00:24:51,869 --> 00:24:55,439  
you go you see which I don't think

543  
00:24:53,309 --> 00:24:57,359  
proves anything every team's got

544  
00:24:55,440 --> 00:24:59,850  
shockers every family's got

545  
00:24:57,359 --> 00:25:00,929  
embarrassments well certain my family's

546  
00:24:59,849 --> 00:25:05,849  
mostly investment

547  
00:25:00,930 --> 00:25:07,560  
but them except my mom and dad but so I

548  
00:25:05,849 --> 00:25:09,240  
don't think much is gained by me just

549  
00:25:07,559 --> 00:25:11,519  
picking a number of horrendous atheists

550  
00:25:09,240 --> 00:25:13,650  
who say quite explicitly that their

551  
00:25:11,519 --> 00:25:15,750  
belief that there is no purpose and no

552  
00:25:13,650 --> 00:25:16,920  
value in human life is the reason why

553  
00:25:15,750 --> 00:25:19,049  
they did what they did but there are any

554  
00:25:16,920 --> 00:25:20,220  
number quite some famous ones but I

555  
00:25:19,049 --> 00:25:21,359  
don't think we'll do that yet although

556  
00:25:20,220 --> 00:25:23,700

if you want to ask me a question a

557

00:25:21,359 --> 00:25:24,990

question time you gave your life I like

558

00:25:23,700 --> 00:25:26,340

to raise three issues and hope that he

559

00:25:24,990 --> 00:25:28,680

and might address some of them he might

560

00:25:26,339 --> 00:25:30,809

not have time the first was the first is

561

00:25:28,680 --> 00:25:33,360

the trickiest and yet I learned this

562

00:25:30,809 --> 00:25:38,159

from atheists and I want to make that

563

00:25:33,359 --> 00:25:39,659

clear in 1975 I read some work by some

564

00:25:38,160 --> 00:25:44,370

atheists and they taught me this point

565

00:25:39,660 --> 00:25:47,640

and it's this that without God the

566

00:25:44,369 --> 00:25:50,789

notion of goodness becomes almost empty

567

00:25:47,640 --> 00:25:53,190

of any serious value it becomes very

568

00:25:50,789 --> 00:25:56,279

difficult to argue for good in contrast

569

00:25:53,190 --> 00:26:00,090

to evil with any substance and any

570

00:25:56,279 --> 00:26:03,480

weights and any ordinance if there is no

571  
00:26:00,089 --> 00:26:05,159  
God on the whole the English atheists

572  
00:26:03,480 --> 00:26:07,470  
like Bertrand Russell and that are just

573  
00:26:05,160 --> 00:26:09,870  
a Pepin well they're English there Nancy

574  
00:26:07,470 --> 00:26:11,430  
boys you know and that they say there's

575  
00:26:09,869 --> 00:26:13,579  
no god but fundamentally they want to

576  
00:26:11,430 --> 00:26:16,950  
live apart from normally from sexually

577  
00:26:13,579 --> 00:26:18,869  
they want to live with roughly Christian

578  
00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:20,759  
values and this became clear a pic with

579  
00:26:18,869 --> 00:26:22,289  
Bertrand Russell as he got older sort of

580  
00:26:20,759 --> 00:26:23,579  
whimpering sort of things about the

581  
00:26:22,289 --> 00:26:26,970  
darkness of life and we just need some

582  
00:26:23,579 --> 00:26:30,689  
charity and I was like Bertrand I'm

583  
00:26:26,970 --> 00:26:32,460  
afraid you can wish for it Ian obviously

584  
00:26:30,690 --> 00:26:34,920  
doesn't like the story about the IAM the

585  
00:26:32,460 --> 00:26:36,269  
Midianites getting such a hard time and

586  
00:26:34,920 --> 00:26:37,950  
I'd be happy to discuss that it's

587  
00:26:36,269 --> 00:26:40,049  
difficult to deal with a complex story

588  
00:26:37,950 --> 00:26:41,549  
in a few seconds but Ian doesn't like

589  
00:26:40,049 --> 00:26:44,099  
the story of people being murdered or

590  
00:26:41,549 --> 00:26:46,649  
raped well frankly so what it really

591  
00:26:44,099 --> 00:26:49,319  
doesn't like it what is the significance

592  
00:26:46,650 --> 00:26:52,759  
of the end within a genuinely gutsy

593  
00:26:49,319 --> 00:26:55,470  
atheist point of view first principles

594  
00:26:52,759 --> 00:26:59,009  
if you get back to first principles of

595  
00:26:55,470 --> 00:27:02,400  
atheism we have roughly as best we can

596  
00:26:59,009 --> 00:27:04,289  
understand it energy my understanding is

597  
00:27:02,400 --> 00:27:05,370  
that matter is to form a way that energy

598  
00:27:04,289 --> 00:27:08,519  
works will call that energy and matter

599

00:27:05,369 --> 00:27:10,259  
if you like cease to perhaps never have

600  
00:27:08,519 --> 00:27:12,329  
started will grant that if you like how

601  
00:27:10,259 --> 00:27:12,940  
to imagine never started it's not going

602  
00:27:12,329 --> 00:27:15,039  
anywhere

603  
00:27:12,940 --> 00:27:18,910  
my purpose it's got no love is just here

604  
00:27:15,039 --> 00:27:20,409  
and by a long series of accidents that

605  
00:27:18,910 --> 00:27:23,890  
we might think are significant but

606  
00:27:20,410 --> 00:27:25,000  
aren't really you have life it's only

607  
00:27:23,890 --> 00:27:28,360  
here for a split second that will be

608  
00:27:25,000 --> 00:27:32,740  
gone before you know it and we are just

609  
00:27:28,359 --> 00:27:34,599  
a form of energy it is very difficult to

610  
00:27:32,740 --> 00:27:38,140  
go from that to say therefore you ought

611  
00:27:34,599 --> 00:27:42,399  
to treat these small packages of energy

612  
00:27:38,140 --> 00:27:43,900  
in any particular way quite a number of

613  
00:27:42,400 --> 00:27:45,970

atheists are willing to acknowledge all

614

00:27:43,900 --> 00:27:48,009

we're left with his preferences and

615

00:27:45,970 --> 00:27:51,100

thank God well thank whatever thank

616

00:27:48,009 --> 00:27:52,750

energies that in the Western world

617

00:27:51,099 --> 00:27:54,549

anyhow you can appeal to a group of

618

00:27:52,750 --> 00:27:58,329

generally agreed moral principles like

619

00:27:54,549 --> 00:28:00,279

we don't like rape rightly but if you're

620

00:27:58,329 --> 00:28:01,569

just a bunch of cells you've come from

621

00:28:00,279 --> 00:28:03,309

know where you're going to know where

622

00:28:01,569 --> 00:28:05,309

there's no ultimate significance in the

623

00:28:03,309 --> 00:28:08,470

whole thing it's just coming and going

624

00:28:05,309 --> 00:28:10,059

that's just the way it is Richard

625

00:28:08,470 --> 00:28:12,130

Dawkins was asked one time interviewed

626

00:28:10,059 --> 00:28:14,169

and people rang up this is in England

627

00:28:12,130 --> 00:28:15,880

and a woman began to complain and speak

628  
00:28:14,170 --> 00:28:17,800  
about what should she make in terms of

629  
00:28:15,880 --> 00:28:19,630  
Dawkins's point of view of the fact that

630  
00:28:17,799 --> 00:28:21,720  
she had lost her child he said basically

631  
00:28:19,630 --> 00:28:23,560  
get over it now he regretted that

632  
00:28:21,720 --> 00:28:27,009  
because in that's exactly what you

633  
00:28:23,559 --> 00:28:30,279  
expect this is a meaningless purposeless

634  
00:28:27,009 --> 00:28:31,509  
existence English atheists on the whole

635  
00:28:30,279 --> 00:28:34,059  
and those are all from the tend to be

636  
00:28:31,509 --> 00:28:35,769  
gutless and they want to draw a whole

637  
00:28:34,059 --> 00:28:37,679  
lot of moral orts that grow quite

638  
00:28:35,769 --> 00:28:41,170  
naturally out of the Christian

639  
00:28:37,680 --> 00:28:42,310  
understanding of what's really there you

640  
00:28:41,170 --> 00:28:43,900  
ought to be able to go naturally from

641  
00:28:42,309 --> 00:28:46,089  
what you think to be what is really

642  
00:28:43,900 --> 00:28:47,980  
there first principles are the basic

643  
00:28:46,089 --> 00:28:49,599  
foundations of stuff to what you believe

644  
00:28:47,980 --> 00:28:51,579  
about how you want to live there will be

645  
00:28:49,599 --> 00:28:53,409  
some logical connection there is of

646  
00:28:51,579 --> 00:28:54,519  
course if Christian of these two now 40

647  
00:28:53,410 --> 00:28:59,110  
we're not debating that topic tonight

648  
00:28:54,519 --> 00:29:00,700  
I'd love to be or not but Christianity

649  
00:28:59,109 --> 00:29:01,959  
has this understanding at the very heart

650  
00:29:00,700 --> 00:29:05,980  
of the universe not just that there's a

651  
00:29:01,960 --> 00:29:10,630  
god a lonely monad but there are three

652  
00:29:05,980 --> 00:29:11,650  
people in a loving community who love

653  
00:29:10,630 --> 00:29:14,680  
each other

654  
00:29:11,650 --> 00:29:16,240  
and this one when you work out well how

655  
00:29:14,680 --> 00:29:21,100  
then should we live in this person's

656

00:29:16,240 --> 00:29:24,009  
world where you live what matters well

657  
00:29:21,099 --> 00:29:28,990  
love is what matters people are what

658  
00:29:24,009 --> 00:29:32,740  
matters relationships are what matter it

659  
00:29:28,990 --> 00:29:35,859  
makes absolute logical sense if the

660  
00:29:32,740 --> 00:29:39,069  
first premise is true atheism on the

661  
00:29:35,859 --> 00:29:40,449  
other hand faces this terrible jump they

662  
00:29:39,069 --> 00:29:43,179  
get away with it off because we all

663  
00:29:40,450 --> 00:29:45,670  
agree with them and they say we ought to

664  
00:29:43,180 --> 00:29:46,750  
treat people well amigo yes i'll tell

665  
00:29:45,670 --> 00:29:48,250  
you the guy who taught me this it was

666  
00:29:46,750 --> 00:29:51,309  
america's your poor Sartre not

667  
00:29:48,250 --> 00:29:53,109  
personally sadly but in one of his

668  
00:29:51,309 --> 00:29:54,399  
writings he has a story which

669  
00:29:53,109 --> 00:29:56,649  
illustrates what he believes to be

670  
00:29:54,400 --> 00:29:59,110

consistent thoughtful gutsy atheism as

671

00:29:56,650 --> 00:30:01,050

against romantic namby-pamby English

672

00:29:59,109 --> 00:30:03,939

atheism mind you view English I love you

673

00:30:01,049 --> 00:30:06,639

you know the world needs namby-pamby

674

00:30:03,940 --> 00:30:08,910

Englishman particularly in football

675

00:30:06,640 --> 00:30:08,910

teams

676

00:30:10,359 --> 00:30:14,959

sacré paints this picture it plain he's

677

00:30:13,190 --> 00:30:18,049

driving presumably it's a Citroen

678

00:30:14,960 --> 00:30:21,650

because he's French he's driving there

679

00:30:18,049 --> 00:30:26,000

is a man hitchhiking his wet is cold the

680

00:30:21,650 --> 00:30:29,210

man what do you do it well Santa says

681

00:30:26,000 --> 00:30:32,559

because he is worth nothing and there is

682

00:30:29,210 --> 00:30:35,390

no ultimate right or wrong it's

683

00:30:32,559 --> 00:30:37,909

absolutely a valid thing to pull over

684

00:30:35,390 --> 00:30:40,730

pick him up drive him right to his door

685  
00:30:37,910 --> 00:30:42,740  
go out of your way and drop him home it

686  
00:30:40,730 --> 00:30:45,019  
is equally as valid to swerve and run

687  
00:30:42,740 --> 00:30:47,660  
him over and kill him ICL it's quite

688  
00:30:45,019 --> 00:30:49,759  
serious because he says you are worth

689  
00:30:47,660 --> 00:30:52,130  
nothing he is worth noting he's going to

690  
00:30:49,759 --> 00:30:53,869  
be dead in a split second anyhow you've

691  
00:30:52,130 --> 00:30:56,510  
simply arrived at the destination early

692  
00:30:53,869 --> 00:31:00,199  
the problem is you see we have a bully

693  
00:30:56,509 --> 00:31:02,720  
of a culture the culture is a bully it

694  
00:31:00,200 --> 00:31:05,509  
says we don't watch that behavior we

695  
00:31:02,720 --> 00:31:07,100  
will imprison you at that point we need

696  
00:31:05,509 --> 00:31:09,920  
to raise a voice against the bullying

697  
00:31:07,099 --> 00:31:11,480  
culture and say if that person is acted

698  
00:31:09,920 --> 00:31:13,670  
with integrity within his own value

699  
00:31:11,480 --> 00:31:16,130  
system and it's been true to himself how

700  
00:31:13,670 --> 00:31:19,310  
to Jerry you impose your imperialistic

701  
00:31:16,130 --> 00:31:20,930  
ancient values on them in the end you

702  
00:31:19,309 --> 00:31:23,179  
see with its atheists who raised with

703  
00:31:20,930 --> 00:31:27,529  
great power and often with terrible

704  
00:31:23,180 --> 00:31:30,019  
despair the ultimate logical rational

705  
00:31:27,529 --> 00:31:32,660  
coherent conclusion that if in the end

706  
00:31:30,019 --> 00:31:36,559  
at base reaction there's just energy or

707  
00:31:32,660 --> 00:31:39,860  
just stuff it does have massive impact

708  
00:31:36,559 --> 00:31:42,710  
on how you should then live so when

709  
00:31:39,859 --> 00:31:44,329  
atheists speak of human rights they're

710  
00:31:42,710 --> 00:31:47,480  
seeing the trueness doesn't belong to

711  
00:31:44,329 --> 00:31:49,429  
them when we have the quotient American

712  
00:31:47,480 --> 00:31:51,410  
substitution of public amid oppression

713

00:31:49,430 --> 00:31:52,549  
American competition let's at least if

714  
00:31:51,410 --> 00:31:55,250  
we should do with the old testament of

715  
00:31:52,549 --> 00:31:57,019  
would have finished the quarter we hold

716  
00:31:55,250 --> 00:32:01,160  
these truths to be self-evident that all

717  
00:31:57,019 --> 00:32:02,900  
men are created equal and they are

718  
00:32:01,160 --> 00:32:07,910  
endowed by their creator with certain

719  
00:32:02,900 --> 00:32:10,530  
unalienable should have

720  
00:32:07,910 --> 00:32:12,330  
if in the end you take the sauce out of

721  
00:32:10,529 --> 00:32:14,910  
it which is is because of God that

722  
00:32:12,329 --> 00:32:17,548  
people have these rights you've got to

723  
00:32:14,910 --> 00:32:19,798  
give up the rights as well what atheists

724  
00:32:17,548 --> 00:32:21,269  
consistently do is destroy the

725  
00:32:19,798 --> 00:32:24,960  
foundations remove the walls but they

726  
00:32:21,269 --> 00:32:26,490  
want a floating roof and in the end

727  
00:32:24,960 --> 00:32:29,130

they've got to have enough guts to say

728

00:32:26,490 --> 00:32:31,679

we don't own that roof right we're not

729

00:32:29,130 --> 00:32:34,830

going to claim old-fashioned Christian

730

00:32:31,679 --> 00:32:36,509

values have enough gas to go at it I can

731

00:32:34,829 --> 00:32:38,639

come back to that but I think in the end

732

00:32:36,509 --> 00:32:40,140

we've got to hear more than just we're

733

00:32:38,640 --> 00:32:42,570

not like right there for the Bible's no

734

00:32:40,140 --> 00:32:43,679

good because it's got this story well it

735

00:32:42,569 --> 00:32:44,639

doesn't actually talk about the girls

736

00:32:43,679 --> 00:32:45,990

being right and there's a very good

737

00:32:44,640 --> 00:32:50,390

reason was a media nights were good

738

00:32:45,990 --> 00:32:52,859

today which we can get back to secondly

739

00:32:50,390 --> 00:32:54,419

if its treated without God goodness

740

00:32:52,859 --> 00:32:55,889

actually becomes this life sort of

741

00:32:54,419 --> 00:32:57,840

valueless think it's really preferences

742  
00:32:55,890 --> 00:32:59,970  
I like rather than good or evil right or

743  
00:32:57,839 --> 00:33:01,740  
wrong the second thing in this I think

744  
00:32:59,970 --> 00:33:06,329  
with this can be be good enough for that

745  
00:33:01,740 --> 00:33:08,339  
God is that without God when people talk

746  
00:33:06,329 --> 00:33:11,730  
about goodness it's normally pretty

747  
00:33:08,339 --> 00:33:13,798  
bland stuff it's normally didn't murder

748  
00:33:11,730 --> 00:33:15,870  
anyone i generally paid most of my taxes

749  
00:33:13,798 --> 00:33:18,450  
I occasionally have a few bucks of

750  
00:33:15,869 --> 00:33:21,719  
charities and then you have super Saints

751  
00:33:18,450 --> 00:33:23,580  
like Fred Hollows who is a very

752  
00:33:21,720 --> 00:33:25,079  
impressive very impressive guy and did

753  
00:33:23,579 --> 00:33:26,428  
some great work of which he learnt

754  
00:33:25,079 --> 00:33:27,750  
actually from a Jesuit priests that's

755  
00:33:26,429 --> 00:33:29,280  
what he first went to do that work in

756  
00:33:27,750 --> 00:33:32,819  
the significance of it in the center of

757  
00:33:29,279 --> 00:33:34,168  
Australia and I remember being amazed at

758  
00:33:32,819 --> 00:33:36,689  
the school that I served that how

759  
00:33:34,169 --> 00:33:38,520  
impressed the people who knew nothing of

760  
00:33:36,690 --> 00:33:40,410  
Christian history were with what Fred

761  
00:33:38,519 --> 00:33:42,210  
did that he would go for a month or two

762  
00:33:40,410 --> 00:33:43,620  
sometimes too dangerous places to fix

763  
00:33:42,210 --> 00:33:46,169  
eyes and I was bad he did it and it was

764  
00:33:43,619 --> 00:33:49,889  
impressive but see if you know anything

765  
00:33:46,169 --> 00:33:52,259  
about missionary history it's nothing he

766  
00:33:49,890 --> 00:33:54,570  
had his dirty big huge hacen in North

767  
00:33:52,259 --> 00:33:56,308  
Sydney he still lived as a wealthy

768  
00:33:54,569 --> 00:33:57,659  
Australian do you remember when we

769  
00:33:56,308 --> 00:33:59,579  
started to hear about the hospital and

770

00:33:57,660 --> 00:34:01,529  
addis ababa middle of ethiopia these two

771  
00:33:59,579 --> 00:34:03,839  
doctors who went and lived there for

772  
00:34:01,529 --> 00:34:05,099  
decades when do we hear about them when

773  
00:34:03,839 --> 00:34:07,199  
the husband died my needed a replacement

774  
00:34:05,099 --> 00:34:08,608  
front page of The Herald I remember

775  
00:34:07,200 --> 00:34:11,429  
reading about saying to my wife Shelly

776  
00:34:08,608 --> 00:34:14,489  
these people have to be Christians only

777  
00:34:11,429 --> 00:34:16,559  
Christians would do that an atheist may

778  
00:34:14,489 --> 00:34:17,769  
go to some time I'm nothing as a

779  
00:34:16,559 --> 00:34:19,719  
generalization they may be

780  
00:34:17,769 --> 00:34:22,239  
like this and like you know Fred Hollows

781  
00:34:19,719 --> 00:34:24,869  
super same this is what Christians have

782  
00:34:22,239 --> 00:34:27,579  
been doing for decades more recently

783  
00:34:24,869 --> 00:34:29,380  
slumdog sir that movie that came out and

784  
00:34:27,579 --> 00:34:31,090

on the front page of the hell there's a

785

00:34:29,380 --> 00:34:33,700

story about a couple who be living in a

786

00:34:31,090 --> 00:34:36,550

slum their lawyers for 30 years in one

787

00:34:33,699 --> 00:34:38,379

room with us with a outside toilet that

788

00:34:36,550 --> 00:34:40,030

they share with other families they've

789

00:34:38,380 --> 00:34:41,919

been there for 13 years they're bringing

790

00:34:40,030 --> 00:34:43,960

up the kids I'm really insane these

791

00:34:41,918 --> 00:34:45,339

people have to be Christians only

792

00:34:43,960 --> 00:34:49,179

Christians above this sort of heroic

793

00:34:45,340 --> 00:34:51,610

dangerous stupid goodness we don't give

794

00:34:49,179 --> 00:34:54,700

a few facts to world vision but you

795

00:34:51,610 --> 00:34:56,829

hardly miss in the end they weren't in

796

00:34:54,699 --> 00:34:58,649

it unlike the Addis allover on the

797

00:34:56,829 --> 00:35:01,889

herald actually admitted it which was

798

00:34:58,650 --> 00:35:04,329

remarkable now they tend not to do that

799

00:35:01,889 --> 00:35:07,389

Albert Camus another great idea said

800

00:35:04,329 --> 00:35:10,420

this can I be a saint if God does not

801

00:35:07,389 --> 00:35:13,059

exist this is the only concrete problem

802

00:35:10,420 --> 00:35:15,849

i know of today here i put in the

803

00:35:13,059 --> 00:35:17,349

context of the book the plague where is

804

00:35:15,849 --> 00:35:19,119

greater problem is fundamental in

805

00:35:17,349 --> 00:35:22,509

different he said how do we get people

806

00:35:19,119 --> 00:35:25,599

who will have heroic virtue rise up and

807

00:35:22,510 --> 00:35:27,880

really reorder their lives if there's no

808

00:35:25,599 --> 00:35:29,500

God because in the end as he says your

809

00:35:27,880 --> 00:35:31,180

rank commit to your own personal ease

810

00:35:29,500 --> 00:35:35,079

with the occasional conscience salving

811

00:35:31,179 --> 00:35:36,519

act of goodness as a generalization what

812

00:35:35,079 --> 00:35:38,110

you get with Jesus of course when you

813  
00:35:36,519 --> 00:35:40,929  
ask if you do ask Jesus what does it

814  
00:35:38,110 --> 00:35:42,760  
mean to be good he says this this is

815  
00:35:40,929 --> 00:35:48,609  
from the Sermon on the Mount such a

816  
00:35:42,760 --> 00:35:52,990  
strange girl is that a possible okay he

817  
00:35:48,610 --> 00:35:54,519  
says so what if you love your friends he

818  
00:35:52,989 --> 00:35:59,769  
said the worst sinners in the world of

819  
00:35:54,519 --> 00:36:01,739  
their friends love your enemies do good

820  
00:35:59,769 --> 00:36:05,070  
to those who hate you

821  
00:36:01,739 --> 00:36:06,689  
pray for those who mistreat you and then

822  
00:36:05,070 --> 00:36:08,519  
you will be true sons of your father who

823  
00:36:06,690 --> 00:36:12,389  
is kind to the ungracious of the

824  
00:36:08,519 --> 00:36:16,679  
ungrateful and the hood in terms of real

825  
00:36:12,389 --> 00:36:17,940  
robust world-changing heroic goodness in

826  
00:36:16,679 --> 00:36:20,159  
the end I think you do need something

827

00:36:17,940 --> 00:36:24,119  
more than just a let's be nice but it's

828  
00:36:20,159 --> 00:36:25,440  
nice to be nice sort of you God the God

829  
00:36:24,119 --> 00:36:26,910  
that Jesus speaks about and I'm were

830  
00:36:25,440 --> 00:36:30,030  
well aware and that need to have a great

831  
00:36:26,909 --> 00:36:31,649  
time of this there's a zillion to be

832  
00:36:30,030 --> 00:36:33,300  
contenders and Christians are not fans

833  
00:36:31,650 --> 00:36:35,039  
of religion the idea that we're talking

834  
00:36:33,300 --> 00:36:36,600  
about religion certain is a Christian

835  
00:36:35,039 --> 00:36:37,949  
I'm not as religious people that killed

836  
00:36:36,599 --> 00:36:41,489  
Jesus it's normally religious people

837  
00:36:37,949 --> 00:36:43,199  
that killed Christian messages religion

838  
00:36:41,489 --> 00:36:44,159  
is not in itself a good thing at all in

839  
00:36:43,199 --> 00:36:46,980  
fact often that's quite a dangerous

840  
00:36:44,159 --> 00:36:48,960  
thing we're talking about God as he is

841  
00:36:46,980 --> 00:36:51,659

and I taken his manager very clear in

842

00:36:48,960 --> 00:36:53,309

Jesus so in terms of the strengths of

843

00:36:51,659 --> 00:36:55,589

goodness a rather than bland goodness

844

00:36:53,309 --> 00:36:58,139

actually do need the God certainly Jesus

845

00:36:55,590 --> 00:37:01,769

speaks without of third and lastly can

846

00:36:58,139 --> 00:37:04,139

you be good enough for God in one very

847

00:37:01,769 --> 00:37:07,380

real sense assuming for the moment that

848

00:37:04,139 --> 00:37:10,799

God is real in too many to talk about

849

00:37:07,380 --> 00:37:14,099

that for a few seconds the answer from

850

00:37:10,800 --> 00:37:17,100

Jesus is clearly no man comes up to

851

00:37:14,099 --> 00:37:19,559

Jesus is good master hold it what do you

852

00:37:17,099 --> 00:37:22,469

call me good he says no one is good but

853

00:37:19,559 --> 00:37:24,179

God alone we tend to use good in a river

854

00:37:22,469 --> 00:37:28,669

and when Jesus now let the intellect

855

00:37:24,179 --> 00:37:32,069

witness let's talk about being like God

856  
00:37:28,670 --> 00:37:33,960  
and what Jesus takes to view is that you

857  
00:37:32,070 --> 00:37:35,789  
and I all have trouble with God because

858  
00:37:33,960 --> 00:37:38,159  
we're not good enough for God and if God

859  
00:37:35,789 --> 00:37:39,659  
doesn't help us when we do stand before

860  
00:37:38,159 --> 00:37:42,089  
him you are going to be in trouble and

861  
00:37:39,659 --> 00:37:43,349  
so much I should read without a shadow

862  
00:37:42,090 --> 00:37:46,190  
of a doubt to go to hell according to

863  
00:37:43,349 --> 00:37:48,179  
Jason I believe it so I'm a Christian

864  
00:37:46,190 --> 00:37:50,159  
the thought of me going to hell hardly

865  
00:37:48,179 --> 00:37:51,779  
ever crosses mine up with some reward in

866  
00:37:50,159 --> 00:37:55,049  
the afterlife that's much more like

867  
00:37:51,780 --> 00:37:58,320  
Islam than Christianity but what we have

868  
00:37:55,050 --> 00:38:00,210  
is a God who is gracious and says in

869  
00:37:58,320 --> 00:38:01,980  
your hopeless case you're very valuable

870  
00:38:00,210 --> 00:38:05,130  
you're very precious you're very broken

871  
00:38:01,980 --> 00:38:09,059  
you're in my image with the damaged you

872  
00:38:05,130 --> 00:38:10,590  
did good you'd be bad but I love you and

873  
00:38:09,059 --> 00:38:11,449  
I've done this thing in my son Jesus I

874  
00:38:10,590 --> 00:38:14,579  
can be

875  
00:38:11,449 --> 00:38:17,609  
and so in a sense can we be good enough

876  
00:38:14,579 --> 00:38:19,500  
for god no can we be good enough without

877  
00:38:17,610 --> 00:38:20,910  
God good enough for what for Blanche

878  
00:38:19,500 --> 00:38:24,690  
ordinary fairly boring life

879  
00:38:20,909 --> 00:38:27,379  
self-justifying here we can do that can

880  
00:38:24,690 --> 00:38:27,380  
we leave that to roll

881  
00:38:43,130 --> 00:38:51,840  
thanks for that response pnp which which

882  
00:38:48,750 --> 00:38:54,449  
of your points will I address cuz you

883  
00:38:51,840 --> 00:38:57,690  
said we do need a god to be good well

884

00:38:54,449 --> 00:39:00,449  
I'd like to ask how you determined which

885  
00:38:57,690 --> 00:39:02,670  
God you need I find that most Christians

886  
00:39:00,449 --> 00:39:05,689  
think that this is the one true God in

887  
00:39:02,670 --> 00:39:08,490  
fact if we look at the website of the

888  
00:39:05,690 --> 00:39:10,230  
Springwood winmalee anglican church that

889  
00:39:08,489 --> 00:39:12,149  
discusses that topic at some length and

890  
00:39:10,230 --> 00:39:15,449  
concludes that Christians are the ones

891  
00:39:12,150 --> 00:39:17,280  
with the one true God how they reach the

892  
00:39:15,449 --> 00:39:19,859  
conclusion I'd like to know I've got

893  
00:39:17,280 --> 00:39:21,570  
here a collection of holy books I've

894  
00:39:19,860 --> 00:39:23,340  
shown you the you know the old in the

895  
00:39:21,570 --> 00:39:25,559  
New Testament and you'll find that in

896  
00:39:23,340 --> 00:39:27,480  
that God says again in the game that

897  
00:39:25,559 --> 00:39:29,489  
he's the one true God in fact the first

898  
00:39:27,480 --> 00:39:31,590

four Commandments are dedicated not to

899

00:39:29,489 --> 00:39:34,649

mankind's benefit but to God's benefit

900

00:39:31,590 --> 00:39:37,140

but you won't direct any graven images

901

00:39:34,650 --> 00:39:40,320

and so forth so that's a pretty bad sign

902

00:39:37,139 --> 00:39:43,230

that God is looking out for us secondly

903

00:39:40,320 --> 00:39:45,780

I have a copy of the bhagavad-gita here

904

00:39:43,230 --> 00:39:48,840

which is the text that many of the

905

00:39:45,780 --> 00:39:52,050

Eastern religions rely on that that and

906

00:39:48,840 --> 00:39:59,910

other ones let me read you a passage

907

00:39:52,050 --> 00:40:03,120

from that this is chapter 10 text five

908

00:39:59,909 --> 00:40:06,109

and says all these various qualities of

909

00:40:03,119 --> 00:40:09,659

living beings are created by me alone

910

00:40:06,110 --> 00:40:11,700

that the speaker being Lord Krishna so

911

00:40:09,659 --> 00:40:13,259

again we see that the Eastern religions

912

00:40:11,699 --> 00:40:15,389

think that this is the one true god and

913  
00:40:13,260 --> 00:40:18,840  
then god is so jealousy cannot tolerate

914  
00:40:15,389 --> 00:40:21,420  
any other gods i have here a copy of the

915  
00:40:18,840 --> 00:40:27,890  
Holy Quran let's see what it says about

916  
00:40:21,420 --> 00:40:33,690  
one true God here we're in

917  
00:40:27,889 --> 00:40:35,699  
Sarah 43 section six when Jesus the Son

918  
00:40:33,690 --> 00:40:37,889  
of Mary is held up as an example behold

919  
00:40:35,699 --> 00:40:41,309  
your people razor clemmer they're at in

920  
00:40:37,889 --> 00:40:45,268  
ridicule and say our our God's best or

921  
00:40:41,309 --> 00:40:46,229  
he so again that the Muslim God is

922  
00:40:45,268 --> 00:40:47,968  
saying it he's bigger and better than

923  
00:40:46,228 --> 00:40:50,218  
the other God you'll find that I've give

924  
00:40:47,969 --> 00:40:52,108  
you three examples there but they're in

925  
00:40:50,219 --> 00:40:53,729  
my collection of holy books virtually

926  
00:40:52,108 --> 00:40:55,199  
every religion claims the same thing

927

00:40:53,728 --> 00:40:58,468

they put a lot of effort towards

928

00:40:55,199 --> 00:41:02,278

discounting the others so if if there

929

00:40:58,469 --> 00:41:04,979

was a real one true God his marketing

930

00:41:02,278 --> 00:41:06,748

strategy has been a dismal failure in

931

00:41:04,978 --> 00:41:08,098

fact it's faded into the background his

932

00:41:06,748 --> 00:41:11,689

holy books being totally

933

00:41:08,099 --> 00:41:11,690

indistinguishable from any of the others

934

00:41:11,778 --> 00:41:17,579

now being referred to Jesus giving the

935

00:41:16,289 --> 00:41:21,449

good advice that we should turn the

936

00:41:17,579 --> 00:41:23,880

other cheek when someone wrongs you well

937

00:41:21,449 --> 00:41:25,469

that's the New Testament being at

938

00:41:23,880 --> 00:41:27,539

variance the old system because the Old

939

00:41:25,469 --> 00:41:30,059

Testament says you should take an eye

940

00:41:27,539 --> 00:41:31,650

for an eye and a tooth for a tooth which

941

00:41:30,059 --> 00:41:35,940  
is quite the opposite of turning the

942  
00:41:31,650 --> 00:41:37,499  
other cheek and in fact that's often

943  
00:41:35,940 --> 00:41:39,958  
called two tips attack which is an

944  
00:41:37,498 --> 00:41:43,169  
expression used by secularists for

945  
00:41:39,958 --> 00:41:46,409  
example Peter Singer and other humanists

946  
00:41:43,170 --> 00:41:49,170  
who have studied of optimum human

947  
00:41:46,409 --> 00:41:51,989  
behavior in groups of various sizes has

948  
00:41:49,170 --> 00:41:54,568  
a book called tit for tat and that shows

949  
00:41:51,989 --> 00:41:56,458  
that when you're living in a society of

950  
00:41:54,568 --> 00:42:01,978  
a certain size with certain rules of

951  
00:41:56,458 --> 00:42:04,409  
behavior your best strategy preferred

952  
00:42:01,978 --> 00:42:06,538  
when you if you meet a stranger you

953  
00:42:04,409 --> 00:42:10,018  
should firstly give them the opportunity

954  
00:42:06,539 --> 00:42:12,089  
to to be trusted but limiting your

955  
00:42:10,018 --> 00:42:13,858

exposure and if they treat you well you

956

00:42:12,088 --> 00:42:15,268

treat them well in return and if they

957

00:42:13,858 --> 00:42:18,958

wrong you then you never trust them

958

00:42:15,268 --> 00:42:21,538

again so that's two for tat so that's so

959

00:42:18,958 --> 00:42:23,429

the Old Testament verses the new and the

960

00:42:21,539 --> 00:42:25,109

secular view says that tit for tat seems

961

00:42:23,429 --> 00:42:27,058

to be the best way to go not turning the

962

00:42:25,108 --> 00:42:30,199

other cheek gandy turned the other cheek

963

00:42:27,059 --> 00:42:30,199

and the word got him

964

00:42:31,039 --> 00:42:38,900

now which point will we address now

965

00:42:40,820 --> 00:42:46,170

being spoke about the universe being

966

00:42:43,889 --> 00:42:49,589

just energy and matter and hence there's

967

00:42:46,170 --> 00:42:52,380

no origin of the term port or should in

968

00:42:49,590 --> 00:42:54,600

morals well I can only agree there and

969

00:42:52,380 --> 00:42:57,420

say that science however does tell us

970  
00:42:54,599 --> 00:42:59,579  
that the human mind exists as I said

971  
00:42:57,420 --> 00:43:01,769  
based on the brain which I explained in

972  
00:42:59,579 --> 00:43:03,119  
some detail by the way well with my

973  
00:43:01,769 --> 00:43:05,730  
claims here if you're thinking I'm

974  
00:43:03,119 --> 00:43:08,639  
making assertions then you can go to my

975  
00:43:05,730 --> 00:43:09,900  
website well truth they org where some

976  
00:43:08,639 --> 00:43:12,029  
of these things are backed up in more

977  
00:43:09,900 --> 00:43:14,309  
detail or if you do a simple search in

978  
00:43:12,030 --> 00:43:17,210  
Wikipedia or something like that you can

979  
00:43:14,309 --> 00:43:19,230  
find out further information anyway

980  
00:43:17,210 --> 00:43:22,110  
scientists know that the human mind is

981  
00:43:19,230 --> 00:43:24,329  
the most complex item in the universe

982  
00:43:22,110 --> 00:43:26,760  
that has yet been discovered by man and

983  
00:43:24,329 --> 00:43:30,029  
it's the most amazing and astounding

984  
00:43:26,760 --> 00:43:31,470  
piece of computing power and the fact

985  
00:43:30,030 --> 00:43:33,390  
that it can be explained in terms of

986  
00:43:31,469 --> 00:43:35,639  
chemistry and electrical signals doesn't

987  
00:43:33,389 --> 00:43:38,549  
listen at him any degree I think that

988  
00:43:35,639 --> 00:43:40,230  
ian is a kind of mysterion that means a

989  
00:43:38,550 --> 00:43:41,850  
person who wants there to be mystery who

990  
00:43:40,230 --> 00:43:44,789  
doesn't want there to be explanations

991  
00:43:41,849 --> 00:43:47,789  
and I take a bit if scientists were to

992  
00:43:44,789 --> 00:43:49,440  
find an explanation for God that Ian

993  
00:43:47,789 --> 00:43:50,610  
would then discount it and say I was not

994  
00:43:49,440 --> 00:43:54,420  
good enough it's got to be mysterious

995  
00:43:50,610 --> 00:43:57,059  
but of the unexplained because that's

996  
00:43:54,420 --> 00:44:00,690  
what mysterion's do so rather than

997  
00:43:57,059 --> 00:44:02,279  
relying on a mind which created the

998

00:44:00,690 --> 00:44:04,139  
universe in which there's no evidence at

999  
00:44:02,280 --> 00:44:07,110  
all scientists and secularists say that

1000  
00:44:04,139 --> 00:44:08,819  
the human mind is the most complex and

1001  
00:44:07,110 --> 00:44:10,079  
admirable piece of engineering or

1002  
00:44:08,820 --> 00:44:12,050  
whatever you want to call it in the

1003  
00:44:10,079 --> 00:44:14,789  
universe certainly not arriving through

1004  
00:44:12,050 --> 00:44:18,539  
intelligent design and that is where

1005  
00:44:14,789 --> 00:44:20,880  
autzen should arrive from and if we look

1006  
00:44:18,539 --> 00:44:22,800  
at the way Lions behave in catching

1007  
00:44:20,880 --> 00:44:25,619  
their prey clearly there's no ought

1008  
00:44:22,800 --> 00:44:28,230  
gutting the behavior of a lion to have

1009  
00:44:25,619 --> 00:44:30,719  
say a baby zebra that it's chasing down

1010  
00:44:28,230 --> 00:44:32,130  
to eat the lion has some what's in the

1011  
00:44:30,719 --> 00:44:35,639  
way it treats other Lions and the

1012  
00:44:32,130 --> 00:44:38,369

lioness and its family but it's a

1013

00:44:35,639 --> 00:44:39,750

weather aughts exist or not in the end

1014

00:44:38,369 --> 00:44:40,739

of this is purely a matter of survival

1015

00:44:39,750 --> 00:44:42,719

value and

1016

00:44:40,739 --> 00:44:45,029

depends on whether you're talking to

1017

00:44:42,719 --> 00:44:49,169

someone in your in group that you need

1018

00:44:45,030 --> 00:44:50,730

to respect and will get respect in

1019

00:44:49,170 --> 00:44:52,440

return or whether you're talking about

1020

00:44:50,730 --> 00:44:56,099

an out group that you can murder with no

1021

00:44:52,440 --> 00:45:01,429

consequences so questions at Port and

1022

00:44:56,099 --> 00:45:04,829

should have been well solved by science

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00:45:01,429 --> 00:45:07,859

so what sort of morals will secularists

1024

00:45:04,829 --> 00:45:09,989

come up with well because we know where

1025

00:45:07,860 --> 00:45:12,059

morals come from or scientists have

1026

00:45:09,989 --> 00:45:16,169

shown that we're free to construct their

1027  
00:45:12,059 --> 00:45:18,719  
own morals and ethical systems and the

1028  
00:45:16,170 --> 00:45:21,570  
way that most of us choose to do that is

1029  
00:45:18,719 --> 00:45:23,099  
called respect for sentient beings much

1030  
00:45:21,570 --> 00:45:26,490  
based on the idea that I know that I

1031  
00:45:23,099 --> 00:45:28,500  
feel pleasure and pain and I know the

1032  
00:45:26,489 --> 00:45:29,729  
people around me also experience

1033  
00:45:28,500 --> 00:45:31,559  
pleasure and pain because they have a

1034  
00:45:29,730 --> 00:45:33,360  
brain scan their brains the same as mine

1035  
00:45:31,559 --> 00:45:35,789  
so the problem of other minds has been

1036  
00:45:33,360 --> 00:45:37,079  
solved by science not by philosophers we

1037  
00:45:35,789 --> 00:45:38,880  
know other people have minds and other

1038  
00:45:37,079 --> 00:45:40,590  
animals have to a lesser degree they can

1039  
00:45:38,880 --> 00:45:43,110  
Spanish pleasure and pain and we care

1040  
00:45:40,590 --> 00:45:45,750  
about their experiences therefore we

1041  
00:45:43,110 --> 00:45:50,840  
have respect for sentient beings it's

1042  
00:45:45,750 --> 00:45:55,010  
the core paradigm of my philosophy and

1043  
00:45:50,840 --> 00:45:57,539  
that can be quantized in the study of

1044  
00:45:55,010 --> 00:46:00,330  
utilitarianism how many of you have

1045  
00:45:57,539 --> 00:46:02,369  
heard of utilitarianism okay that's

1046  
00:46:00,329 --> 00:46:06,179  
pretty well known well that basically

1047  
00:46:02,369 --> 00:46:08,369  
puts figures to the study of respect for

1048  
00:46:06,179 --> 00:46:10,980  
sentient beings and even their degree

1049  
00:46:08,369 --> 00:46:15,180  
perhaps so that for example with you but

1050  
00:46:10,980 --> 00:46:17,070  
a they're doing our analogies with

1051  
00:46:15,179 --> 00:46:18,779  
trolleys little stories Prague trolley

1052  
00:46:17,070 --> 00:46:20,309  
ology with the trolleys route running

1053  
00:46:18,780 --> 00:46:21,810  
down the hill on Rails and it's going to

1054  
00:46:20,309 --> 00:46:23,190  
kill one person on the railway tracks

1055

00:46:21,809 --> 00:46:25,139  
and if you pull it leave you can divert

1056  
00:46:23,190 --> 00:46:26,849  
the trolley and instead it'll kill three

1057  
00:46:25,139 --> 00:46:29,429  
other innocent people who are tied up on

1058  
00:46:26,849 --> 00:46:31,799  
the other track and should you do it the

1059  
00:46:29,429 --> 00:46:33,239  
churchmen would usually say now we

1060  
00:46:31,800 --> 00:46:35,880  
shouldn't intervene because it's God's

1061  
00:46:33,239 --> 00:46:37,379  
will whereas the secularist would say

1062  
00:46:35,880 --> 00:46:40,289  
well you gotta weigh up the death of one

1063  
00:46:37,380 --> 00:46:42,599  
person against the death of three and if

1064  
00:46:40,289 --> 00:46:44,159  
that's all there is to it maybe you

1065  
00:46:42,599 --> 00:46:46,500  
should divert the trolley but they could

1066  
00:46:44,159 --> 00:46:48,029  
also say that if you do that you might

1067  
00:46:46,500 --> 00:46:49,739  
not be trusted again so there are

1068  
00:46:48,030 --> 00:46:52,260  
factors on either side in any way you

1069  
00:46:49,739 --> 00:46:54,629

can calculate to some extent

1070

00:46:52,260 --> 00:46:55,650

the number of sentient beings affected

1071

00:46:54,630 --> 00:46:58,500

and the degree to which they are

1072

00:46:55,650 --> 00:47:00,510

affected and that's basically the system

1073

00:46:58,500 --> 00:47:03,079

of ethics that secularists and humorous

1074

00:47:00,510 --> 00:47:08,130

and skeptics and so forth cannot wish

1075

00:47:03,079 --> 00:47:11,250

and finally I'd like to address again

1076

00:47:08,130 --> 00:47:13,050

the IP notion of goodness i think in

1077

00:47:11,250 --> 00:47:14,610

made it quite clear that he believed

1078

00:47:13,050 --> 00:47:18,200

that without God there is no source of

1079

00:47:14,610 --> 00:47:22,500

goodness for people to follow well I

1080

00:47:18,199 --> 00:47:25,619

would just again hold up the Bible and

1081

00:47:22,500 --> 00:47:27,119

see what source of morals and goodness

1082

00:47:25,619 --> 00:47:28,710

that gives us and look at the core

1083

00:47:27,119 --> 00:47:30,239

paradigm of Christianity which of course

1084  
00:47:28,710 --> 00:47:33,030  
would be the crucifixion and the

1085  
00:47:30,239 --> 00:47:35,039  
attainment Christians described their

1086  
00:47:33,030 --> 00:47:37,080  
core Christian tradition being the

1087  
00:47:35,039 --> 00:47:39,539  
attainment something like this that

1088  
00:47:37,079 --> 00:47:41,819  
mankind and God had some sort of

1089  
00:47:39,539 --> 00:47:43,739  
covenants not exactly clear what that

1090  
00:47:41,820 --> 00:47:46,340  
was and when Adam ate the apple in the

1091  
00:47:43,739 --> 00:47:48,869  
Garden of Eden he bragged that covenant

1092  
00:47:46,340 --> 00:47:50,250  
whether he was but it was really eating

1093  
00:47:48,869 --> 00:47:53,339  
an apple was forbidden or whether he was

1094  
00:47:50,250 --> 00:47:55,019  
having illegal illicit sex or whether he

1095  
00:47:53,340 --> 00:47:56,880  
broke some other law that's not exactly

1096  
00:47:55,019 --> 00:47:58,710  
spelled out but in any case he broke

1097  
00:47:56,880 --> 00:48:01,829  
something that that God thought he had

1098  
00:47:58,710 --> 00:48:04,230  
promised to do or not do and every new

1099  
00:48:01,829 --> 00:48:07,049  
generation since then even the little

1100  
00:48:04,230 --> 00:48:09,360  
babies are born with ancestral sin that

1101  
00:48:07,050 --> 00:48:11,519  
had to be cleansed in some way that's an

1102  
00:48:09,360 --> 00:48:13,980  
extremely obnoxious idea to a secularist

1103  
00:48:11,519 --> 00:48:15,480  
who believes that people are not

1104  
00:48:13,980 --> 00:48:18,139  
inherently bad and he don't need to

1105  
00:48:15,480 --> 00:48:20,909  
punish babies for what their parents did

1106  
00:48:18,139 --> 00:48:22,170  
anyway God came to the rescue he so

1107  
00:48:20,909 --> 00:48:27,210  
loved the world that He gave His only

1108  
00:48:22,170 --> 00:48:30,599  
begotten Son Jesus etc etc and tortured

1109  
00:48:27,210 --> 00:48:32,760  
him to death and at the belief that this

1110  
00:48:30,599 --> 00:48:35,389  
one able him to pardon this supposedly

1111  
00:48:32,760 --> 00:48:38,520  
guilty mankind now that's the core of

1112

00:48:35,389 --> 00:48:39,839  
Christianity I've had many Christians

1113  
00:48:38,519 --> 00:48:41,340  
that I've debated would say that that's

1114  
00:48:39,840 --> 00:48:43,740  
their core belief me that was overturned

1115  
00:48:41,340 --> 00:48:45,120  
they'd give up Christianity so here's

1116  
00:48:43,739 --> 00:48:48,589  
your time here that I'm to put that to

1117  
00:48:45,119 --> 00:48:50,670  
the test now let's just think about that

1118  
00:48:48,590 --> 00:48:54,900  
translate it into modern-day terms

1119  
00:48:50,670 --> 00:48:57,720  
there's a court process a court trial

1120  
00:48:54,900 --> 00:48:59,068  
going on in the Downing Centre and the

1121  
00:48:57,719 --> 00:49:02,159  
judge

1122  
00:48:59,068 --> 00:49:04,978  
is I find that you John Smith robbed the

1123  
00:49:02,159 --> 00:49:07,348  
bank therefore I see you Freddie no

1124  
00:49:04,978 --> 00:49:09,058  
walking along the footpath an innocent

1125  
00:49:07,349 --> 00:49:12,778  
third party and sentence you to life

1126  
00:49:09,059 --> 00:49:15,150

with hard labor most people would look

1127

00:49:12,778 --> 00:49:17,338

at the judges insane and lock him away

1128

00:49:15,150 --> 00:49:20,969

but Christians holds up as their core

1129

00:49:17,338 --> 00:49:22,380

belief and their source of morality so

1130

00:49:20,969 --> 00:49:25,409

if anyone can explain that to me I'd

1131

00:49:22,380 --> 00:49:27,989

like to hear it and all I can suggest is

1132

00:49:25,409 --> 00:49:30,478

that they they call that God's love

1133

00:49:27,989 --> 00:49:32,548

God's showing his love for mankind when

1134

00:49:30,478 --> 00:49:33,899

in fact it's torture and if Christians

1135

00:49:32,548 --> 00:49:36,059

don't know the difference between love

1136

00:49:33,900 --> 00:49:37,680

and torture and perhaps that goes part

1137

00:49:36,059 --> 00:49:40,440

way to explaining what the greatest

1138

00:49:37,679 --> 00:49:43,018

Christian nation on earth did in Abu

1139

00:49:40,440 --> 00:49:45,958

Ghraib prison and Guantanamo Bay

1140

00:49:43,018 --> 00:49:51,328

detention center not knowing the

1141  
00:49:45,958 --> 00:49:53,338  
difference between love and torture so

1142  
00:49:51,329 --> 00:49:55,650  
when people hold up the book and say

1143  
00:49:53,338 --> 00:49:57,239  
that is our source of morals I just say

1144  
00:49:55,650 --> 00:50:07,139  
that we need to have more explanation

1145  
00:49:57,239 --> 00:50:08,999  
please okay yeah one can ask the

1146  
00:50:07,139 --> 00:50:10,768  
question why is it that such a large

1147  
00:50:08,998 --> 00:50:14,598  
slice of humanity believes in a God of

1148  
00:50:10,768 --> 00:50:18,118  
some sort I touched on this before and

1149  
00:50:14,599 --> 00:50:20,509  
it does seem to be two secularists or

1150  
00:50:18,119 --> 00:50:23,009  
scientific thinkers to be inexplicable

1151  
00:50:20,509 --> 00:50:27,150  
why people believe in something that is

1152  
00:50:23,009 --> 00:50:29,519  
so very clearly and obviously an

1153  
00:50:27,150 --> 00:50:30,900  
appalling source of morals and they

1154  
00:50:29,518 --> 00:50:36,568  
think that's where their morals come

1155  
00:50:30,900 --> 00:50:38,329  
from however that science has provided a

1156  
00:50:36,568 --> 00:50:41,719  
possible answer to this as well and

1157  
00:50:38,329 --> 00:50:44,940  
that's based on the layered brain

1158  
00:50:41,719 --> 00:50:47,608  
because earlier animals and the

1159  
00:50:44,940 --> 00:50:50,068  
evolutionary process of course had

1160  
00:50:47,608 --> 00:50:51,420  
what's called a reptilian cortex was the

1161  
00:50:50,068 --> 00:50:53,759  
which is the inner part of their brain

1162  
00:50:51,420 --> 00:50:55,650  
so the reptilian brain in a part of

1163  
00:50:53,759 --> 00:50:58,708  
their brain and node cortex and that

1164  
00:50:55,650 --> 00:51:00,088  
means that typically reptiles react to

1165  
00:50:58,708 --> 00:51:01,649  
what's around them in a very basic level

1166  
00:51:00,088 --> 00:51:05,248  
without going through any sort of

1167  
00:51:01,650 --> 00:51:08,358  
analysis and as mammals developed and

1168  
00:51:05,248 --> 00:51:10,978  
the primates and humans they developed a

1169

00:51:08,358 --> 00:51:11,769  
cortex on the outside of the reptilian

1170  
00:51:10,978 --> 00:51:13,929  
brain

1171  
00:51:11,769 --> 00:51:15,730  
and other layers in between and the

1172  
00:51:13,929 --> 00:51:19,029  
cortex is capable of conscious and

1173  
00:51:15,730 --> 00:51:22,809  
analytical thought and can actually put

1174  
00:51:19,030 --> 00:51:29,430  
together a debate or write a book or

1175  
00:51:22,809 --> 00:51:32,230  
build an aeroplane or whatever and

1176  
00:51:29,429 --> 00:51:35,169  
behavioral studies show us that young

1177  
00:51:32,230 --> 00:51:37,510  
animals tend to believe what their

1178  
00:51:35,170 --> 00:51:39,639  
parents tell them the reason being of

1179  
00:51:37,510 --> 00:51:41,050  
course that if you've got a young monkey

1180  
00:51:39,639 --> 00:51:42,400  
that's just born on the branch and his

1181  
00:51:41,050 --> 00:51:44,380  
mother shows how to hang on to the

1182  
00:51:42,400 --> 00:51:45,730  
branch and if it hangs under the branch

1183  
00:51:44,380 --> 00:51:47,559

it'll live to grow up and then perhaps

1184

00:51:45,730 --> 00:51:49,300

develops some more thinking skills

1185

00:51:47,559 --> 00:51:51,279

afterwards but if the baby says I'm

1186

00:51:49,300 --> 00:51:53,769

going to put this scientific theory to

1187

00:51:51,280 --> 00:51:55,500

the test and let go of the branch that's

1188

00:51:53,769 --> 00:51:58,449

definitely bad for your survival value

1189

00:51:55,500 --> 00:52:00,579

so therefore young animals and humans

1190

00:51:58,449 --> 00:52:03,969

are programmed to trust what their

1191

00:52:00,579 --> 00:52:06,159

parents tell them Soviets look at the

1192

00:52:03,969 --> 00:52:07,750

development of a child that grows up in

1193

00:52:06,159 --> 00:52:09,819

a religious household and perhaps is

1194

00:52:07,750 --> 00:52:12,940

taken to church by the parents in Sunday

1195

00:52:09,820 --> 00:52:15,820

school it gets ingrained into the

1196

00:52:12,940 --> 00:52:17,860

deepest layers of its brain all these

1197

00:52:15,820 --> 00:52:19,539

ideas about a supernatural being and

1198  
00:52:17,860 --> 00:52:21,789  
there being one true God and one shoe

1199  
00:52:19,539 --> 00:52:25,960  
holy book and all the morals flow from

1200  
00:52:21,789 --> 00:52:27,550  
it and then later on at some sort of

1201  
00:52:25,960 --> 00:52:29,920  
maturity perhaps in high school or

1202  
00:52:27,550 --> 00:52:33,160  
university that child learns critical

1203  
00:52:29,920 --> 00:52:35,670  
thinking skills either by attending a

1204  
00:52:33,159 --> 00:52:38,199  
course on critical thinking or perhaps

1205  
00:52:35,670 --> 00:52:40,090  
reading a book about it or perhaps just

1206  
00:52:38,199 --> 00:52:42,189  
some scientific training that teaches

1207  
00:52:40,090 --> 00:52:43,570  
them how to analyze and test things and

1208  
00:52:42,190 --> 00:52:47,429  
say what's the evidence for that and

1209  
00:52:43,570 --> 00:52:51,370  
what's the theory behind there so that

1210  
00:52:47,429 --> 00:52:53,919  
when the teenager perhaps learns

1211  
00:52:51,369 --> 00:52:57,699  
critical thinking skills it's very

1212  
00:52:53,920 --> 00:52:59,110  
difficult for that person to challenge

1213  
00:52:57,699 --> 00:53:01,419  
what they've already learned because

1214  
00:52:59,110 --> 00:53:03,010  
that's a to deeper level so the idea is

1215  
00:53:01,420 --> 00:53:04,450  
that you can only challenge what you

1216  
00:53:03,010 --> 00:53:06,550  
learn after you learn your critical

1217  
00:53:04,449 --> 00:53:07,779  
thinking skills that's a bit of an

1218  
00:53:06,550 --> 00:53:11,830  
approximation but there's some evidence

1219  
00:53:07,780 --> 00:53:14,050  
in favor of that therefore many of us

1220  
00:53:11,829 --> 00:53:17,710  
who have strong religious beliefs

1221  
00:53:14,050 --> 00:53:19,390  
against any sort of logic or reason are

1222  
00:53:17,710 --> 00:53:22,090  
probably doing so because they were

1223  
00:53:19,389 --> 00:53:24,009  
indoctrinated as children and I'd like

1224  
00:53:22,090 --> 00:53:26,680  
each of you here to reflect

1225  
00:53:24,010 --> 00:53:30,010  
and so if I believe in a garden that

1226

00:53:26,679 --> 00:53:31,719  
might which God it is and if I believe

1227  
00:53:30,010 --> 00:53:33,910  
that one particular holy book is true

1228  
00:53:31,719 --> 00:53:36,399  
and all the others have fault false and

1229  
00:53:33,909 --> 00:53:38,529  
if I believe in one prophet and so forth

1230  
00:53:36,400 --> 00:53:41,590  
put that because I was indoctrinated

1231  
00:53:38,530 --> 00:53:44,680  
into this belief before I develop

1232  
00:53:41,590 --> 00:53:48,280  
critical thinking skills and if you've

1233  
00:53:44,679 --> 00:53:50,230  
got any sort of positive answer to that

1234  
00:53:48,280 --> 00:53:53,470  
you might like to consider whether it is

1235  
00:53:50,230 --> 00:53:55,240  
ethical for churches and other religions

1236  
00:53:53,469 --> 00:53:57,089  
to indoctrinate children into beliefs

1237  
00:53:55,239 --> 00:53:59,109  
before they were in critical thinking

1238  
00:53:57,090 --> 00:54:01,600  
because they'll probably find it very

1239  
00:53:59,110 --> 00:54:03,610  
difficult to shake off those beliefs and

1240  
00:54:01,599 --> 00:54:07,259

it will Harmons vary greatly in there

1241

00:54:03,610 --> 00:54:07,260

later life thank you

1242

00:54:17,130 --> 00:54:23,410

and I expect I am for them what's part

1243

00:54:21,699 --> 00:54:25,889

of the fun of the base which is huge top

1244

00:54:23,409 --> 00:54:28,629

extreme rage and really a short time and

1245

00:54:25,889 --> 00:54:30,849

unlike me you will have honest jobs on

1246

00:54:28,630 --> 00:54:33,670

just a minister's I'd especially dr.

1247

00:54:30,849 --> 00:54:36,219

Phil comes on to fill in my day talking

1248

00:54:33,670 --> 00:54:37,690

to sleep in and rest get my sermons off

1249

00:54:36,219 --> 00:54:41,589

the net it's been told you about that

1250

00:54:37,690 --> 00:54:43,599

period I just wanted to quick out

1251

00:54:41,590 --> 00:54:46,630

responses them there's a great quote

1252

00:54:43,599 --> 00:54:50,349

from a very fine atheist now dead Carl

1253

00:54:46,630 --> 00:54:51,730

Sagan and I do think that it I felt a

1254

00:54:50,349 --> 00:54:54,069

few times this is relevant to the way

1255  
00:54:51,730 --> 00:54:56,650  
that I ants approaching this Carl Sagan

1256  
00:54:54,070 --> 00:54:58,859  
write this you can get into a habit of

1257  
00:54:56,650 --> 00:55:01,389  
thought in which you enjoy making fun of

1258  
00:54:58,858 --> 00:55:04,329  
all those other people who don't see

1259  
00:55:01,389 --> 00:55:07,500  
things as clearly as you do and we have

1260  
00:55:04,329 --> 00:55:10,090  
to guard carefully against that and

1261  
00:55:07,500 --> 00:55:11,920  
making fun of all those people who don't

1262  
00:55:10,090 --> 00:55:14,470  
see things as clearly as you do we have

1263  
00:55:11,920 --> 00:55:17,980  
to guard carefully against it a number

1264  
00:55:14,469 --> 00:55:20,079  
of times I feel and I may be wrong amiss

1265  
00:55:17,980 --> 00:55:21,690  
that ian is making sort of the

1266  
00:55:20,079 --> 00:55:25,210  
assumption that if you're a clever

1267  
00:55:21,690 --> 00:55:28,059  
rational thoughtful educated person ouch

1268  
00:55:25,210 --> 00:55:30,340  
mine you cannot possibly conceivably

1269  
00:55:28,059 --> 00:55:32,199  
believe in all this nonsense about Jesus

1270  
00:55:30,340 --> 00:55:35,108  
and God it set receptor just keeping in

1271  
00:55:32,199 --> 00:55:36,608  
that area of God in the lesion and I

1272  
00:55:35,108 --> 00:55:44,679  
just need the phone with this is

1273  
00:55:36,608 --> 00:55:46,989  
provably for us Ian if you like was he

1274  
00:55:44,679 --> 00:55:51,309  
brought up in a religious home and did

1275  
00:55:46,989 --> 00:55:52,899  
he break free because if he did he's

1276  
00:55:51,309 --> 00:55:56,469  
either make me a claim to be some sort

1277  
00:55:52,900 --> 00:55:59,019  
of a Superman or his theory about how

1278  
00:55:56,469 --> 00:56:02,199  
things work is just nonsense and his own

1279  
00:55:59,019 --> 00:56:03,639  
life story can disprove true I was

1280  
00:56:02,199 --> 00:56:07,089  
brought up being sent to Sunday School I

1281  
00:56:03,639 --> 00:56:09,368  
hated it I protested against it the name

1282  
00:56:07,090 --> 00:56:12,490  
of the Shocker sunday school who thought

1283

00:56:09,369 --> 00:56:14,340  
of that name but you know I was an

1284  
00:56:12,489 --> 00:56:17,009  
atheist by the time I was about 16

1285  
00:56:14,340 --> 00:56:18,690  
and was very reluctantly and I was angry

1286  
00:56:17,010 --> 00:56:21,690  
when I became Christian to have been

1287  
00:56:18,690 --> 00:56:23,159  
convinced it was true my story doesn't

1288  
00:56:21,690 --> 00:56:25,409  
prove anything several people change

1289  
00:56:23,159 --> 00:56:27,629  
sometimes for the better you have a man

1290  
00:56:25,409 --> 00:56:29,670  
like Francis Collins is just completed a

1291  
00:56:27,630 --> 00:56:32,090  
work a very impressive wish in the

1292  
00:56:29,670 --> 00:56:34,470  
mapping out of the human genome program

1293  
00:56:32,090 --> 00:56:35,850  
then he was a graduate scientist he

1294  
00:56:34,469 --> 00:56:38,629  
became convinced rich channels trim

1295  
00:56:35,849 --> 00:56:40,650  
became a Christian I hardly a fool

1296  
00:56:38,630 --> 00:56:43,860  
hardly a man unable to think critically

1297  
00:56:40,650 --> 00:56:45,570

I given the baton to finish a very

1298

00:56:43,860 --> 00:56:47,039

impressive work that was begun by an

1299

00:56:45,570 --> 00:56:48,990

atheist finished by Christian it's a

1300

00:56:47,039 --> 00:56:50,610

great indication of effective some

1301

00:56:48,989 --> 00:56:52,379

attempt to draw some sharp division

1302

00:56:50,610 --> 00:56:54,930

between rational thinking people and

1303

00:56:52,380 --> 00:56:56,519

science and religion is nonsense the

1304

00:56:54,929 --> 00:56:58,579

reason why people make these decisions

1305

00:56:56,519 --> 00:57:00,869

are much more complicated than that

1306

00:56:58,579 --> 00:57:04,199

because some of you will know that

1307

00:57:00,869 --> 00:57:06,359

Anthony flu who was the outstanding

1308

00:57:04,199 --> 00:57:07,679

academic atheist in the last third of

1309

00:57:06,360 --> 00:57:10,970

the 20th century has just caused

1310

00:57:07,679 --> 00:57:13,769

enormous upset by not becoming kitchen

1311

00:57:10,969 --> 00:57:17,099

but by saying he is now convinced that

1312  
00:57:13,769 --> 00:57:20,519  
he was wrong earlier and that he is now

1313  
00:57:17,099 --> 00:57:23,849  
completed there is a god he says that he

1314  
00:57:20,519 --> 00:57:25,590  
thinks that probably the most likely of

1315  
00:57:23,849 --> 00:57:27,449  
all the contenders in front of him to be

1316  
00:57:25,590 --> 00:57:29,160  
right is probably Christianity but he's

1317  
00:57:27,449 --> 00:57:31,319  
not a Christian and he doesn't believe

1318  
00:57:29,159 --> 00:57:33,509  
in life after death Richard Dawkins in a

1319  
00:57:31,320 --> 00:57:35,490  
fury which you could see on youtube some

1320  
00:57:33,510 --> 00:57:37,110  
time ago so this is just fear of death

1321  
00:57:35,489 --> 00:57:38,489  
and of course Anthony fluo said he knows

1322  
00:57:37,110 --> 00:57:39,930  
that's not true because I don't believe

1323  
00:57:38,489 --> 00:57:41,909  
there's any life after death I just

1324  
00:57:39,929 --> 00:57:44,819  
think in the end rationally it makes

1325  
00:57:41,909 --> 00:57:46,559  
more sense to believe that the way the

1326  
00:57:44,820 --> 00:57:48,690  
universe works and fiddly life works is

1327  
00:57:46,559 --> 00:57:51,539  
the result of an intelligence rather

1328  
00:57:48,690 --> 00:57:54,360  
than an accident so I think we need to

1329  
00:57:51,539 --> 00:57:56,670  
tread carefully in just assuming that

1330  
00:57:54,360 --> 00:57:59,370  
our position is the only intelligent one

1331  
00:57:56,670 --> 00:58:01,590  
of pre thinking and women quick thing on

1332  
00:57:59,369 --> 00:58:03,839  
the which God a Christian leaves well

1333  
00:58:01,590 --> 00:58:05,730  
aware of the of the diversity of choice

1334  
00:58:03,840 --> 00:58:07,470  
and Christianity was born it was a

1335  
00:58:05,730 --> 00:58:08,849  
ridiculous little religion if you were

1336  
00:58:07,469 --> 00:58:10,469  
traveling around the first century said

1337  
00:58:08,849 --> 00:58:11,670  
which religion of all leaders going to

1338  
00:58:10,469 --> 00:58:14,819  
survive you wouldn't have even noticed

1339  
00:58:11,670 --> 00:58:17,700  
Christianity it was a provable joke it

1340

00:58:14,820 --> 00:58:18,840  
was mocked by all Christians have always

1341  
00:58:17,699 --> 00:58:20,669  
known one of these to live in a diverse

1342  
00:58:18,840 --> 00:58:24,090  
world except perhaps for a few moments

1343  
00:58:20,670 --> 00:58:25,530  
in Europe when you know it might have

1344  
00:58:24,090 --> 00:58:26,550  
lost that picture but I don't think most

1345  
00:58:25,530 --> 00:58:27,600  
until it's efficient

1346  
00:58:26,550 --> 00:58:31,769  
a lot of the fact that the world is a

1347  
00:58:27,599 --> 00:58:33,449  
very diverse place the argument Jesus

1348  
00:58:31,769 --> 00:58:35,400  
ps4 why you should take him seriously

1349  
00:58:33,449 --> 00:58:38,639  
who says tear apart my body and three

1350  
00:58:35,400 --> 00:58:40,050  
this time I rebuild it Christianity only

1351  
00:58:38,639 --> 00:58:42,739  
religion that puts its heather and says

1352  
00:58:40,050 --> 00:58:46,410  
here is the area of tests and proof and

1353  
00:58:42,739 --> 00:58:47,609  
I know no one who's spent any time

1354  
00:58:46,409 --> 00:58:49,289

looking at the evidence for the

1355

00:58:47,610 --> 00:58:51,450

resurrection of Jesus who has not come i

1356

00:58:49,289 --> 00:58:55,710

convinced i know many who are not

1357

00:58:51,449 --> 00:58:58,559

convinced most of my family but i'm not

1358

00:58:55,710 --> 00:59:00,990

saying that don't exist I used to say I

1359

00:58:58,559 --> 00:59:01,980

knew one person but then one time when

1360

00:59:00,989 --> 00:59:03,539

she was drunk and we were having dinner

1361

00:59:01,980 --> 00:59:04,679

together she said actually I do know

1362

00:59:03,539 --> 00:59:07,559

it's true I just because interested

1363

00:59:04,679 --> 00:59:09,389

having anyone tell me I live and that's

1364

00:59:07,559 --> 00:59:10,409

the question so we're well aware there

1365

00:59:09,389 --> 00:59:11,849

are many kinds the fact that there are

1366

00:59:10,409 --> 00:59:13,109

many false answers doesn't mean there

1367

00:59:11,849 --> 00:59:15,690

isn't a right answer there might be a

1368

00:59:13,110 --> 00:59:16,890

right answer but the fact that you know

1369  
00:59:15,690 --> 00:59:18,840  
you have two plus two is equal to what

1370  
00:59:16,889 --> 00:59:22,859  
and you get some people say 34 blue

1371  
00:59:18,840 --> 00:59:24,690  
whatever Oh many answers give up that's

1372  
00:59:22,860 --> 00:59:27,210  
not out just have to study it more

1373  
00:59:24,690 --> 00:59:29,190  
carefully I was disappointed to the

1374  
00:59:27,210 --> 00:59:31,050  
court of moose cherien I'm not a lover

1375  
00:59:29,190 --> 00:59:32,579  
of mystery I normally speak sneeringly

1376  
00:59:31,050 --> 00:59:33,990  
of the use of the word mystery so am

1377  
00:59:32,579 --> 00:59:36,299  
would make this known a bit better

1378  
00:59:33,989 --> 00:59:39,750  
before you would get one box to put me

1379  
00:59:36,300 --> 00:59:41,970  
in I for eye tooth for tooth is not an

1380  
00:59:39,750 --> 00:59:43,079  
example of the Old Testament clashing

1381  
00:59:41,969 --> 00:59:44,039  
and again I just think you should know

1382  
00:59:43,079 --> 00:59:46,469  
better than that if you're going to

1383  
00:59:44,039 --> 00:59:49,980  
argue a case which you had you'd many

1384  
00:59:46,469 --> 00:59:53,039  
times read the context I for eye tooth

1385  
00:59:49,980 --> 00:59:56,429  
for tooth is given by God to the

1386  
00:59:53,039 --> 00:59:59,489  
magistrates of Israel and it's telling

1387  
00:59:56,429 --> 01:00:01,379  
me to give pure justice what was common

1388  
00:59:59,489 --> 01:00:03,809  
then and is it still true in many tribal

1389  
01:00:01,380 --> 01:00:07,440  
countries is that you get you lose an

1390  
01:00:03,809 --> 01:00:09,090  
eye I kill your whole family the code of

1391  
01:00:07,440 --> 01:00:10,650  
hammurabi which people have sometimes

1392  
01:00:09,090 --> 01:00:13,350  
foolish he said until they read it it's

1393  
01:00:10,650 --> 01:00:15,630  
just like the Ten Commandments it's

1394  
01:00:13,349 --> 01:00:17,099  
completely different when it depends

1395  
01:00:15,630 --> 01:00:18,450  
what order you are in society what

1396  
01:00:17,099 --> 01:00:20,849  
happens to you serve a peasant hurts a

1397

01:00:18,449 --> 01:00:22,980  
person hired them and their family get

1398  
01:00:20,849 --> 01:00:25,409  
wiped out if a rich person and poor

1399  
01:00:22,980 --> 01:00:27,570  
person almost nothing happens so what

1400  
01:00:25,409 --> 01:00:29,639  
God says that we magistrate to Israel is

1401  
01:00:27,570 --> 01:00:30,990  
I for eye tooth for tooth if a king

1402  
01:00:29,639 --> 01:00:34,409  
kills a person he loses his life for

1403  
01:00:30,989 --> 01:00:35,459  
peasant girls again loses life that's

1404  
01:00:34,409 --> 01:00:37,529  
what a saint

1405  
01:00:35,460 --> 01:00:39,329  
Jesus dealing with his people had taken

1406  
01:00:37,530 --> 01:00:40,340  
what was said to the magistrates and

1407  
01:00:39,329 --> 01:00:44,960  
brought it down to their personal

1408  
01:00:40,340 --> 01:00:47,250  
relationships and Jesus condemning that

1409  
01:00:44,960 --> 01:00:51,030  
you just need to read these things a

1410  
01:00:47,250 --> 01:00:52,619  
little more carefully I cannot say for

1411  
01:00:51,030 --> 01:00:55,560

example if I see you do a terrible crime

1412

01:00:52,619 --> 01:00:58,409

if I think right that for 10 years and I

1413

01:00:55,559 --> 01:01:01,980

locked you up under my house yes he goes

1414

01:00:58,409 --> 01:01:03,059

to present I do because I'm living out

1415

01:01:01,980 --> 01:01:05,789

of the area where I've got legitimate

1416

01:01:03,059 --> 01:01:07,889

jurisdiction it said to the magistrates

1417

01:01:05,789 --> 01:01:11,429

and it's a beautiful thing aside of the

1418

01:01:07,889 --> 01:01:12,779

magistrate but in that time and now we

1419

01:01:11,429 --> 01:01:15,210

are not to bring that into our relations

1420

01:01:12,780 --> 01:01:17,400

we are to turn the other cheek this is

1421

01:01:15,210 --> 01:01:19,470

the mark of what Jesus says is prudent

1422

01:01:17,400 --> 01:01:21,780

it's not just treating people average

1423

01:01:19,469 --> 01:01:23,069

Lee it's treating people the way God or

1424

01:01:21,780 --> 01:01:27,030

these to God that Jesus talks about

1425

01:01:23,070 --> 01:01:29,160

which is ridiculously generously well

1426  
01:01:27,030 --> 01:01:32,580  
I'll go back to the three basic points

1427  
01:01:29,159 --> 01:01:36,629  
in their few remaining minutes what I

1428  
01:01:32,579 --> 01:01:38,159  
think happens for atheists these are the

1429  
01:01:36,630 --> 01:01:42,150  
soft atheists they're the ones who

1430  
01:01:38,159 --> 01:01:45,000  
haven't got the courage to go all the

1431  
01:01:42,150 --> 01:01:47,730  
way is that they know in their guts

1432  
01:01:45,000 --> 01:01:49,139  
certain things are right and wrong which

1433  
01:01:47,730 --> 01:01:50,400  
is exactly what the Bible would indicate

1434  
01:01:49,139 --> 01:01:51,719  
you would have because they're made in

1435  
01:01:50,400 --> 01:01:52,860  
the image of God whether they believe

1436  
01:01:51,719 --> 01:01:54,959  
you've gotten up they remain mainly

1437  
01:01:52,860 --> 01:01:56,900  
image of God the Bible speaks of the law

1438  
01:01:54,960 --> 01:01:59,579  
of God being written in people's hearts

1439  
01:01:56,900 --> 01:02:02,610  
all right that people know certain

1440  
01:01:59,579 --> 01:02:04,230  
things are right and wrong atheists know

1441  
01:02:02,610 --> 01:02:06,180  
in their guts certain things are right

1442  
01:02:04,230 --> 01:02:07,349  
and wrong now they'll be wrong on some

1443  
01:02:06,179 --> 01:02:10,379  
like we're all every culture is right

1444  
01:02:07,349 --> 01:02:11,789  
and wrong in some areas the problem is

1445  
01:02:10,380 --> 01:02:14,550  
that their head doesn't agree with their

1446  
01:02:11,789 --> 01:02:17,130  
gut one of the things about a worldview

1447  
01:02:14,550 --> 01:02:19,140  
the tests it is it isn't able to explain

1448  
01:02:17,130 --> 01:02:21,000  
it's part of the power of the theory of

1449  
01:02:19,139 --> 01:02:24,089  
evolution is the fact that it's got

1450  
01:02:21,000 --> 01:02:25,829  
tremendous explanatory power all sorts

1451  
01:02:24,090 --> 01:02:27,450  
of different bits of garter we discover

1452  
01:02:25,829 --> 01:02:28,829  
i will explain within the theory now

1453  
01:02:27,449 --> 01:02:31,649  
that doesn't prove it to be true but it

1454

01:02:28,829 --> 01:02:33,449  
certainly points in its favor and I

1455  
01:02:31,650 --> 01:02:34,920  
think what what what I'm saying is that

1456  
01:02:33,449 --> 01:02:36,929  
the trouble with atheism when thoughts

1457  
01:02:34,920 --> 01:02:38,909  
were consistently is it runs into a

1458  
01:02:36,929 --> 01:02:40,589  
massive crack between the gut the heart

1459  
01:02:38,909 --> 01:02:43,259  
the feeling of life which is a central

1460  
01:02:40,590 --> 01:02:45,000  
part of life the humans and their

1461  
01:02:43,260 --> 01:02:46,540  
capacity to articulate a logical

1462  
01:02:45,000 --> 01:02:49,489  
connection

1463  
01:02:46,539 --> 01:02:50,869  
where's and that is where let me just

1464  
01:02:49,489 --> 01:02:52,489  
give you some examples Lee I think this

1465  
01:02:50,869 --> 01:02:55,010  
is being unfair i've got a whole series

1466  
01:02:52,489 --> 01:02:57,409  
of quote here from good hard clear

1467  
01:02:55,010 --> 01:02:59,240  
thinking atheists let me give you one

1468  
01:02:57,409 --> 01:03:00,920

from John Jewish famous fridge work in

1469

01:02:59,239 --> 01:03:03,348

libraries and education there is no God

1470

01:03:00,920 --> 01:03:05,480

there is no soul there is no room for

1471

01:03:03,349 --> 01:03:11,119

fixed natural law or permanent moral

1472

01:03:05,480 --> 01:03:12,740

absolutes Michael ruse right right

1473

01:03:11,119 --> 01:03:14,930

there's a professor of science

1474

01:03:12,739 --> 01:03:16,549

philosophy science the man who says that

1475

01:03:14,929 --> 01:03:18,379

it's morally acceptable to rate little

1476

01:03:16,550 --> 01:03:19,900

children is just as mistaken as demand

1477

01:03:18,380 --> 01:03:23,180

who says two plus two is equal to five

1478

01:03:19,900 --> 01:03:25,099

right so he's an absolutist on right and

1479

01:03:23,179 --> 01:03:26,539

wrong the position of the modern

1480

01:03:25,099 --> 01:03:28,309

evolutionist is that humans have an

1481

01:03:26,539 --> 01:03:30,710

awareness of morality because such an

1482

01:03:28,309 --> 01:03:32,779

awareness is of biological work morality

1483  
01:03:30,710 --> 01:03:35,329  
is a biological adaptation are less than

1484  
01:03:32,780 --> 01:03:37,280  
the hands and feet and teeth considered

1485  
01:03:35,329 --> 01:03:39,849  
as a rationally justifiable set of

1486  
01:03:37,280 --> 01:03:45,530  
claims about an objective something

1487  
01:03:39,849 --> 01:03:47,690  
ethics is an illusion morality is just

1488  
01:03:45,530 --> 01:03:50,990  
an aid to survival and reproduction any

1489  
01:03:47,690 --> 01:03:53,269  
deeper meaning is an illusion Paul Kurtz

1490  
01:03:50,989 --> 01:03:54,649  
and other atheists says the central

1491  
01:03:53,269 --> 01:03:57,619  
question that moral and ethical

1492  
01:03:54,650 --> 01:03:59,269  
principles concerns their foundation if

1493  
01:03:57,619 --> 01:04:00,920  
they are neither derived from God nor

1494  
01:03:59,269 --> 01:04:04,599  
anchored in sums of transcendental

1495  
01:04:00,920 --> 01:04:06,920  
ground they are purely ephemeral

1496  
01:04:04,599 --> 01:04:08,269  
thoughtful atheists are not saying they

1497  
01:04:06,920 --> 01:04:09,230  
don't feel there are things that are

1498  
01:04:08,269 --> 01:04:12,230  
right and wrong but they've got enough

1499  
01:04:09,230 --> 01:04:15,588  
guts to say that they have no logical

1500  
01:04:12,230 --> 01:04:17,510  
moral ought to them all you can say is I

1501  
01:04:15,588 --> 01:04:19,429  
don't like it and I hope you agree which

1502  
01:04:17,510 --> 01:04:21,260  
is what Bertrand Russell said in his

1503  
01:04:19,429 --> 01:04:23,750  
book in his article what I what I do

1504  
01:04:21,260 --> 01:04:25,040  
believe he made an ethical statement

1505  
01:04:23,750 --> 01:04:28,010  
said I only hope you agree with me

1506  
01:04:25,039 --> 01:04:30,889  
alright that's a very sad council in the

1507  
01:04:28,010 --> 01:04:32,450  
end you may have known you may have read

1508  
01:04:30,889 --> 01:04:33,318  
of the Nazi soldier twist or not

1509  
01:04:32,449 --> 01:04:35,480  
announce which were one of the other

1510  
01:04:33,318 --> 01:04:38,108  
prison camps who in a moment of ethical

1511

01:04:35,480 --> 01:04:42,318  
weakness took pity on a Jewish child and

1512  
01:04:38,108 --> 01:04:44,239  
help the Jewish child escape he was

1513  
01:04:42,318 --> 01:04:47,539  
overwhelmed for days with a terrible

1514  
01:04:44,239 --> 01:04:50,598  
sense of guilt that within his ethical

1515  
01:04:47,539 --> 01:04:53,029  
world it was right for the Superman to

1516  
01:04:50,599 --> 01:04:55,460  
arise by getting rid of the polluting

1517  
01:04:53,030 --> 01:04:57,000  
lower races in the end he went and

1518  
01:04:55,460 --> 01:05:01,750  
confessed his sin

1519  
01:04:57,000 --> 01:05:04,179  
to his fellow atheist Nazi officer what

1520  
01:05:01,750 --> 01:05:08,110  
would you say to that man he has a

1521  
01:05:04,179 --> 01:05:12,219  
perfectly coherent worldview which rises

1522  
01:05:08,110 --> 01:05:16,510  
as adults did from his embracement of

1523  
01:05:12,219 --> 01:05:18,369  
Nietzsche's atheism that God isn't he is

1524  
01:05:16,510 --> 01:05:21,870  
no more the horizons being wiped away

1525  
01:05:18,369 --> 01:05:23,949

and niche said unlike all the gullible

1526

01:05:21,869 --> 01:05:25,329

people at the beginning of 20th century

1527

01:05:23,949 --> 01:05:26,889

said this was going to be a century of

1528

01:05:25,329 --> 01:05:28,929

near paradise it's tragic reading

1529

01:05:26,889 --> 01:05:30,629

Nietzsche said because Europe will

1530

01:05:28,929 --> 01:05:33,339

finally realize that there is no God

1531

01:05:30,630 --> 01:05:36,400

this will be the bloodiest century in

1532

01:05:33,340 --> 01:05:39,039

human history he understood once you

1533

01:05:36,400 --> 01:05:41,170

remove God it has massive social

1534

01:05:39,039 --> 01:05:43,539

repercussions now if there's no God too

1535

01:05:41,170 --> 01:05:45,940

bad you don't believe in something

1536

01:05:43,539 --> 01:05:49,599

because it's socially convenient truth

1537

01:05:45,940 --> 01:05:53,019

matters Dostoevsky is the fellow who

1538

01:05:49,599 --> 01:05:55,420

writes had a huge long journey thinking

1539

01:05:53,019 --> 01:05:56,949

and spiritually dead to rights this if

1540  
01:05:55,420 --> 01:05:59,980  
God is not then all things are

1541  
01:05:56,949 --> 01:06:03,399  
permissible and ultimately logically

1542  
01:05:59,980 --> 01:06:05,139  
he's right solves an innocent who

1543  
01:06:03,400 --> 01:06:07,900  
displayed such a large part and

1544  
01:06:05,139 --> 01:06:10,719  
undermined the credibility of the of the

1545  
01:06:07,900 --> 01:06:14,230  
US soil tetra was asked how do you

1546  
01:06:10,719 --> 01:06:16,599  
explain the fact that Stalin under an

1547  
01:06:14,230 --> 01:06:20,079  
articulate atheistic materialist

1548  
01:06:16,599 --> 01:06:23,860  
worldview killed 16 million of his own

1549  
01:06:20,079 --> 01:06:27,279  
people 60 million makes hit that look

1550  
01:06:23,860 --> 01:06:29,010  
like a schoolboys souls in it some

1551  
01:06:27,280 --> 01:06:34,600  
thought and then his simple reply was

1552  
01:06:29,010 --> 01:06:36,730  
our nation forgot God there isn't a huge

1553  
01:06:34,599 --> 01:06:39,219  
connection between weighty senses of

1554  
01:06:36,730 --> 01:06:41,769  
what is right and wrong atheists are

1555  
01:06:39,219 --> 01:06:44,199  
often very fine people but it's the

1556  
01:06:41,769 --> 01:06:50,789  
difficulty they have on saying my god

1557  
01:06:44,199 --> 01:06:53,469  
has a logical coherent reason blandness

1558  
01:06:50,789 --> 01:06:55,719  
let me remind you again of what Jesus

1559  
01:06:53,469 --> 01:06:59,619  
says we tend to think of the just being

1560  
01:06:55,719 --> 01:07:01,299  
nice and not doing too much harm the

1561  
01:06:59,619 --> 01:07:02,679  
Good Samaritan which people often spagh

1562  
01:07:01,300 --> 01:07:05,050  
are he was a good smart for someone

1563  
01:07:02,679 --> 01:07:06,909  
that's again such a bland mistake of it

1564  
01:07:05,050 --> 01:07:09,068  
the whole thing with the Samaritans to

1565  
01:07:06,909 --> 01:07:13,449  
is that Samaritans and Jews hated each

1566  
01:07:09,068 --> 01:07:14,980  
other's guts and hit I for I again and

1567  
01:07:13,449 --> 01:07:17,019  
again deliberate acts of cruelty and

1568

01:07:14,980 --> 01:07:18,880  
culture to culture individuals which

1569  
01:07:17,019 --> 01:07:21,909  
flooding what end is said is it could be

1570  
01:07:18,880 --> 01:07:23,289  
I was amazed to think he thought that's

1571  
01:07:21,909 --> 01:07:24,578  
not a bad thing well welcome to eunice

1572  
01:07:23,289 --> 01:07:25,900  
la via welcome to the Middle East

1573  
01:07:24,579 --> 01:07:28,089  
welcome to all sorts of problems that

1574  
01:07:25,900 --> 01:07:30,730  
can't be solved which is what I for eye

1575  
01:07:28,088 --> 01:07:34,779  
tooth for tooth does the Good Samaritan

1576  
01:07:30,730 --> 01:07:38,170  
loves the hated enemy that's what Jesus

1577  
01:07:34,780 --> 01:07:39,640  
says is good so when the normal atheist

1578  
01:07:38,170 --> 01:07:40,869  
whatever your normal Australian said I'm

1579  
01:07:39,639 --> 01:07:45,129  
a pretty good person they're talking

1580  
01:07:40,869 --> 01:07:47,140  
watch compared to SD vs goodness's is

1581  
01:07:45,130 --> 01:07:50,700  
tested and seen when you do with your

1582  
01:07:47,139 --> 01:07:53,500

enemy that's the key because in the end

1583

01:07:50,699 --> 01:07:55,149  
that is what we see in God I'm

1584

01:07:53,500 --> 01:07:57,030  
disappointed to hear Ian's complete

1585

01:07:55,150 --> 01:07:59,289  
misunderstanding of the death of Jesus I

1586

01:07:57,030 --> 01:08:02,798  
have little doubt he's have it explained

1587

01:07:59,289 --> 01:08:04,470  
him before but it is not someone a third

1588

01:08:02,798 --> 01:08:07,239  
party of course it's a wicked injustice

1589

01:08:04,469 --> 01:08:10,088  
if I get busted again breaking the speed

1590

01:08:07,239 --> 01:08:11,348  
limit and you lose your license which is

1591

01:08:10,088 --> 01:08:14,159  
the way that he spoke of it that's not

1592

01:08:11,349 --> 01:08:16,779  
at all what Jesus thinks is going on

1593

01:08:14,159 --> 01:08:19,869  
what Jesus says is i am the father of

1594

01:08:16,779 --> 01:08:23,410  
one what Jesus saying is not that sort

1595

01:08:19,869 --> 01:08:25,719  
of some arbitrary in just procedure but

1596

01:08:23,409 --> 01:08:27,309  
it's God in himself taking the

1597  
01:08:25,719 --> 01:08:30,100  
consequence for our sin and forgiveness

1598  
01:08:27,310 --> 01:08:31,989  
always does that if you've ever

1599  
01:08:30,100 --> 01:08:35,020  
forgiving someone who has really hurt

1600  
01:08:31,988 --> 01:08:36,759  
you I mean really hurt you it is the

1601  
01:08:35,020 --> 01:08:39,910  
most unnatural procedure in the universe

1602  
01:08:36,759 --> 01:08:41,588  
the natural easy instinctive animal

1603  
01:08:39,909 --> 01:08:43,838  
thing is to take revenge when I read

1604  
01:08:41,588 --> 01:08:45,429  
Kerry Packer say I'm a great friend but

1605  
01:08:43,838 --> 01:08:48,390  
a terrible enemy of that will welcome to

1606  
01:08:45,429 --> 01:08:51,270  
the primary school playground big deal

1607  
01:08:48,390 --> 01:08:56,109  
that's just instinctive animal behavior

1608  
01:08:51,270 --> 01:08:57,790  
but this is to forgive someone and what

1609  
01:08:56,109 --> 01:08:59,710  
Jesus doings he is taken in himself

1610  
01:08:57,789 --> 01:09:02,109  
between the father son and spirit this

1611  
01:08:59,710 --> 01:09:04,929  
is a transaction going on so it's not at

1612  
01:09:02,109 --> 01:09:06,520  
all that arbitrary thing it has always

1613  
01:09:04,929 --> 01:09:07,509  
been not from the very beginning you

1614  
01:09:06,520 --> 01:09:08,739  
either think it's the most beautiful

1615  
01:09:07,509 --> 01:09:11,048  
thing that has ever happened in the

1616  
01:09:08,738 --> 01:09:12,519  
universe which is what I do that's why

1617  
01:09:11,048 --> 01:09:15,859  
Christians didn't call a black friday

1618  
01:09:12,520 --> 01:09:17,690  
bit good friday or you mock it

1619  
01:09:15,859 --> 01:09:18,949  
that's not a 21st century thing that's

1620  
01:09:17,689 --> 01:09:22,399  
the first entry thing it happened way

1621  
01:09:18,948 --> 01:09:24,669  
back then still a great time at well I

1622  
01:09:22,399 --> 01:09:24,670  
shall

1623  
01:09:35,819 --> 01:09:41,519  
okay thanks Ian I'll try and present

1624  
01:09:39,100 --> 01:09:49,870  
several of those points you brought up

1625

01:09:41,520 --> 01:09:51,100  
as best I can firstly you said that if

1626  
01:09:49,869 --> 01:09:53,409  
there's no God this will be the

1627  
01:09:51,100 --> 01:09:55,720  
bloodiest century that we've seen

1628  
01:09:53,409 --> 01:09:58,599  
something something like that well I'd

1629  
01:09:55,720 --> 01:10:01,510  
like to point out that to reinforce the

1630  
01:09:58,600 --> 01:10:03,130  
fact that if there is a God century

1631  
01:10:01,510 --> 01:10:05,409  
would be much bloodier than any we've

1632  
01:10:03,130 --> 01:10:09,130  
ever seen I described to you before the

1633  
01:10:05,409 --> 01:10:12,489  
story of the Midianites I can also tell

1634  
01:10:09,130 --> 01:10:15,670  
you about the story of Lot's daughters

1635  
01:10:12,489 --> 01:10:18,609  
the fact this is in Genesis chapter 19

1636  
01:10:15,670 --> 01:10:19,989  
where two angels came to Sodom on in the

1637  
01:10:18,609 --> 01:10:26,500  
evening and what was sitting at the gate

1638  
01:10:19,989 --> 01:10:29,649  
of Sodom and so forth and the angels

1639  
01:10:26,500 --> 01:10:31,720

satori the crowd said bring those angels

1640

01:10:29,649 --> 01:10:36,009

up to us that we may know them carnally

1641

01:10:31,720 --> 01:10:37,810

apparently they wanted to bugger them to

1642

01:10:36,010 --> 01:10:39,730

put it in the vernacular and lot said

1643

01:10:37,810 --> 01:10:42,880

see now I have two daughters who have

1644

01:10:39,729 --> 01:10:44,500

not known a man please let me bring them

1645

01:10:42,880 --> 01:10:46,869

out to you and you may do with them as

1646

01:10:44,500 --> 01:10:50,109

you wish so game see another message

1647

01:10:46,869 --> 01:10:53,079

where it's okay to treat your daughters

1648

01:10:50,109 --> 01:10:55,509

as bargaining material with your enemies

1649

01:10:53,079 --> 01:10:56,680

and let them being hacked raped in fact

1650

01:10:55,510 --> 01:10:59,650

there at least two other stories in the

1651

01:10:56,680 --> 01:11:02,110

Bible where men send their wives out to

1652

01:10:59,649 --> 01:11:03,849

keep a crate to all night by their enemy

1653

01:11:02,109 --> 01:11:05,769

in an attempt to appease the enemy and

1654  
01:11:03,850 --> 01:11:07,539  
when she crawls back to the door in the

1655  
01:11:05,770 --> 01:11:09,010  
morning and knocks on the door he

1656  
01:11:07,539 --> 01:11:11,649  
basically opened the door and says come

1657  
01:11:09,010 --> 01:11:16,150  
in and make me breakfast and this is the

1658  
01:11:11,649 --> 01:11:18,969  
word of god and your God speaking so I

1659  
01:11:16,149 --> 01:11:20,649  
don't think that stands up very well and

1660  
01:11:18,970 --> 01:11:24,570  
let's have to say that this was just the

1661  
01:11:20,649 --> 01:11:28,029  
Old Testament was just merely the young

1662  
01:11:24,569 --> 01:11:30,609  
ancient myths other than the word of God

1663  
01:11:28,029 --> 01:11:34,389  
let's look at now what Jesus said this

1664  
01:11:30,609 --> 01:11:36,039  
is in Matthew chapter 5 do not think

1665  
01:11:34,390 --> 01:11:38,110  
that I came to destroy the law or the

1666  
01:11:36,039 --> 01:11:40,899  
prophets I did not come to destroy but

1667  
01:11:38,109 --> 01:11:43,779  
to fulfill for assuredly I say to you

1668  
01:11:40,899 --> 01:11:44,460  
till heaven and earth pass away 1 and

1669  
01:11:43,779 --> 01:11:46,469  
jot or one

1670  
01:11:44,460 --> 01:11:50,310  
tipper will by no means pass from the

1671  
01:11:46,469 --> 01:11:52,140  
law to with his all fulfilled so there

1672  
01:11:50,310 --> 01:11:54,660  
Jesus is saying that he completely

1673  
01:11:52,140 --> 01:11:56,850  
hundred percent affirms the law of the

1674  
01:11:54,659 --> 01:11:58,949  
prophets including the laws that Moses

1675  
01:11:56,850 --> 01:12:01,410  
made that I read to you before about the

1676  
01:11:58,949 --> 01:12:04,170  
Midianites and the other crime so Jesus

1677  
01:12:01,409 --> 01:12:06,809  
reinforced it so we have not only quite

1678  
01:12:04,170 --> 01:12:10,140  
a number one Jesus saying but sorry but

1679  
01:12:06,810 --> 01:12:12,030  
London the Old Testament God saying it

1680  
01:12:10,140 --> 01:12:13,680  
but we have got number two Jesus saying

1681  
01:12:12,029 --> 01:12:15,449  
it and it's written in the Old Testament

1682

01:12:13,680 --> 01:12:18,930  
and the New Testament and has been

1683  
01:12:15,449 --> 01:12:21,389  
repeated by all one most theologian

1684  
01:12:18,930 --> 01:12:23,820  
since then so that has it been that's a

1685  
01:12:21,390 --> 01:12:25,469  
cool a characteristic of the Christian

1686  
01:12:23,819 --> 01:12:29,309  
faith but they hold up models like that

1687  
01:12:25,469 --> 01:12:31,230  
and pretend that the good morals now I'd

1688  
01:12:29,310 --> 01:12:41,160  
like to touch briefly on the credibility

1689  
01:12:31,229 --> 01:12:43,379  
of the Old Testament and we're going to

1690  
01:12:41,159 --> 01:12:45,149  
because we had a discussion on Friday

1691  
01:12:43,380 --> 01:12:46,949  
night where we touched on the authority

1692  
01:12:45,149 --> 01:12:49,139  
of the various Gospels and their

1693  
01:12:46,949 --> 01:12:50,699  
accuracy and so forth so this is a bit

1694  
01:12:49,140 --> 01:12:53,640  
out in my area I'm a scientist rather

1695  
01:12:50,699 --> 01:12:55,800  
than a Bible scholar but let's look at

1696  
01:12:53,640 --> 01:12:59,670

it Julius Caesar now Julius Caesar live

1697

01:12:55,800 --> 01:13:01,440  
for 100 BC for 44 BC and about the same

1698

01:12:59,670 --> 01:13:02,880  
time as Jesus is got the same initials

1699

01:13:01,439 --> 01:13:05,429  
lived in the same area in the Middle

1700

01:13:02,880 --> 01:13:07,020  
East and what evidence do we have Julius

1701

01:13:05,430 --> 01:13:09,750  
Caesar's existence and deeds we had his

1702

01:13:07,020 --> 01:13:12,210  
own commentaries in his own writing we

1703

01:13:09,750 --> 01:13:15,449  
have Cicero's reports both speeches and

1704

01:13:12,210 --> 01:13:18,210  
writing who saw him personally we see a

1705

01:13:15,449 --> 01:13:20,760  
writer called Sallis who also wrote

1706

01:13:18,210 --> 01:13:22,920  
extensively and new Julius Caesar and

1707

01:13:20,760 --> 01:13:25,199  
recorded his from day to day his

1708

01:13:22,920 --> 01:13:28,710  
activities and we even had the slug him

1709

01:13:25,199 --> 01:13:30,300  
carved by people who saw him so here we

1710

01:13:28,710 --> 01:13:32,250  
have an influential leader in the middle

1711  
01:13:30,300 --> 01:13:33,690  
east of that period and a hundred

1712  
01:13:32,250 --> 01:13:35,819  
different ways of confirming their

1713  
01:13:33,689 --> 01:13:37,949  
existence in their deeds that's compared

1714  
01:13:35,819 --> 01:13:40,889  
that with Jesus Christ now for a moment

1715  
01:13:37,949 --> 01:13:42,389  
and will say that if there really is a

1716  
01:13:40,890 --> 01:13:45,989  
Christian God who wanted to get this

1717  
01:13:42,390 --> 01:13:47,430  
message out being all powerful and so

1718  
01:13:45,988 --> 01:13:48,779  
forth he would have no trouble at all in

1719  
01:13:47,430 --> 01:13:50,760  
getting up the message a bit stronger

1720  
01:13:48,779 --> 01:13:53,389  
than Julius Caesar you would think if it

1721  
01:13:50,760 --> 01:13:56,360  
was for real so is that what we find

1722  
01:13:53,390 --> 01:13:58,640  
this look at the Gospels for example

1723  
01:13:56,359 --> 01:14:00,769  
but here is hospital gospel is called

1724  
01:13:58,640 --> 01:14:04,700  
Martin to written about 70 AD that is

1725  
01:14:00,770 --> 01:14:06,890  
about 40 years after Jesus died we had

1726  
01:14:04,699 --> 01:14:08,829  
Matthew and Luke which are family copies

1727  
01:14:06,890 --> 01:14:12,890  
of Mark so they don't count either

1728  
01:14:08,829 --> 01:14:15,470  
insane only from the same text we have

1729  
01:14:12,890 --> 01:14:17,720  
and they were not even named Joe added

1730  
01:14:15,470 --> 01:14:20,150  
an AV AV so here for they'll probably

1731  
01:14:17,720 --> 01:14:22,070  
not even written by Matthew Mark and

1732  
01:14:20,149 --> 01:14:23,539  
Luke at all and then we have the Gospel

1733  
01:14:22,069 --> 01:14:26,389  
according to John which is entirely

1734  
01:14:23,539 --> 01:14:29,090  
different and you can help through the

1735  
01:14:26,390 --> 01:14:31,730  
chain all the way up and find that there

1736  
01:14:29,090 --> 01:14:34,819  
is no credibility whatsoever to any of

1737  
01:14:31,729 --> 01:14:36,589  
the accounts of the Bible Genesis has

1738  
01:14:34,819 --> 01:14:38,989  
two accounts motors leading and children

1739

01:14:36,590 --> 01:14:41,480  
out of evidence out of Egypt no evidence

1740  
01:14:38,989 --> 01:14:43,670  
whatsoever camels existing when they

1741  
01:14:41,479 --> 01:14:45,469  
didn't when there's no record of them in

1742  
01:14:43,670 --> 01:14:48,109  
the archaeological record and so on and

1743  
01:14:45,470 --> 01:14:51,860  
so forth and even the early Christian

1744  
01:14:48,109 --> 01:14:55,089  
gods Yahweh Elohim Jehovah Asherah so

1745  
01:14:51,859 --> 01:14:59,529  
God had a wife in one of the stories

1746  
01:14:55,090 --> 01:15:04,039  
Sarah thruster and zoro Esther will

1747  
01:14:59,529 --> 01:15:06,259  
equally changing from year to year so if

1748  
01:15:04,039 --> 01:15:08,359  
I'm i summarize a scientist when he

1749  
01:15:06,260 --> 01:15:10,070  
isn't confronted with a crime claim with

1750  
01:15:08,359 --> 01:15:12,889  
a skeptic with some paranormal believe

1751  
01:15:10,069 --> 01:15:16,219  
he can apply three tests imagine a stool

1752  
01:15:12,890 --> 01:15:17,840  
an old milkman still with three legs the

1753  
01:15:16,220 --> 01:15:20,740

three legs are evidence is there

1754

01:15:17,840 --> 01:15:23,630  
evidence that it really that this

1755

01:15:20,739 --> 01:15:25,789  
claimed phenomenon exists is there a

1756

01:15:23,630 --> 01:15:27,170  
theory on which it may exist and is

1757

01:15:25,789 --> 01:15:29,000  
their credibility of the people who

1758

01:15:27,170 --> 01:15:30,619  
write it write it and if any one of

1759

01:15:29,000 --> 01:15:33,890  
these legs falls off the stool that

1760

01:15:30,619 --> 01:15:36,680  
falls over and would be discarded from a

1761

01:15:33,890 --> 01:15:38,360  
rational person if we find the Christian

1762

01:15:36,680 --> 01:15:41,119  
belief in all religions in fact all

1763

01:15:38,359 --> 01:15:44,420  
three legs are basically turned to

1764

01:15:41,119 --> 01:15:46,039  
sawdust and then exist say that would be

1765

01:15:44,420 --> 01:15:48,140  
the judgment which would be applied to

1766

01:15:46,039 --> 01:15:51,880  
religions given any sort of people

1767

01:15:48,140 --> 01:15:51,880  
thinking thank you

1768  
01:15:57,649 --> 01:16:10,519  
mr. Takata nice for another minute while

1769  
01:16:00,359 --> 01:16:12,449  
you go to tighten it later grandpa right

1770  
01:16:10,520 --> 01:16:14,580  
pianist I'll some terrible stories

1771  
01:16:12,449 --> 01:16:16,139  
tonight which presumably means he

1772  
01:16:14,579 --> 01:16:18,149  
believes them anything stay good so he's

1773  
01:16:16,140 --> 01:16:20,160  
told us the story of lot he has reported

1774  
01:16:18,149 --> 01:16:22,679  
the story so he must believe it's okay

1775  
01:16:20,159 --> 01:16:24,389  
to do that's the same sort of logic is

1776  
01:16:22,680 --> 01:16:26,579  
using when the Bible tells you the story

1777  
01:16:24,390 --> 01:16:30,119  
of what lot who is not a hero in the

1778  
01:16:26,579 --> 01:16:31,769  
Bible he's an idiot in the Bible right

1779  
01:16:30,119 --> 01:16:33,359  
he's living in the city he shouldn't

1780  
01:16:31,770 --> 01:16:35,210  
have lived in he's in love with he can't

1781  
01:16:33,359 --> 01:16:37,380  
leave it although God warns him

1782  
01:16:35,210 --> 01:16:38,909  
presumably because Ian tells the story

1783  
01:16:37,380 --> 01:16:41,100  
in believes it because that's what the

1784  
01:16:38,909 --> 01:16:42,269  
Bible is doing when you've got a book

1785  
01:16:41,100 --> 01:16:43,920  
that is telling you history it's going

1786  
01:16:42,270 --> 01:16:47,610  
to have some pretty terrible things in

1787  
01:16:43,920 --> 01:16:50,579  
it unless it's not real history because

1788  
01:16:47,609 --> 01:16:53,149  
humans of every shape and color do

1789  
01:16:50,579 --> 01:16:57,059  
terrible things you do terrible things

1790  
01:16:53,149 --> 01:16:59,789  
we all have things we regret and we all

1791  
01:16:57,060 --> 01:17:02,160  
you know as Mark Twain said humans are

1792  
01:16:59,789 --> 01:17:04,739  
the only animals that blush and the only

1793  
01:17:02,159 --> 01:17:06,269  
ones that need to there are all things

1794  
01:17:04,739 --> 01:17:08,130  
that we you and I need forgiveness for

1795  
01:17:06,270 --> 01:17:10,260  
the Bible record those things for us and

1796

01:17:08,130 --> 01:17:11,520  
then we can learn things if we're

1797  
01:17:10,260 --> 01:17:16,650  
willing to read them with an assembly

1798  
01:17:11,520 --> 01:17:19,080  
open mind the remarkable thing about

1799  
01:17:16,649 --> 01:17:20,989  
Jesus is that there is any reference to

1800  
01:17:19,079 --> 01:17:23,789  
him at all outside the New Testament

1801  
01:17:20,989 --> 01:17:26,309  
it's possible for us to conceive what an

1802  
01:17:23,789 --> 01:17:28,829  
insignificant little blip wasn't even a

1803  
01:17:26,310 --> 01:17:30,480  
blip on the horizon Jesus was the number

1804  
01:17:28,829 --> 01:17:33,420  
of people that the Romans crucified is

1805  
01:17:30,479 --> 01:17:35,759  
extraordinary in Jerusalem far larger

1806  
01:17:33,420 --> 01:17:37,770  
movements following false messiahs than

1807  
01:17:35,760 --> 01:17:41,369  
what happened of Jesus were wiped out by

1808  
01:17:37,770 --> 01:17:44,970  
the Romans its extent expect to find

1809  
01:17:41,369 --> 01:17:47,430  
anything but surprisingly you do let me

1810  
01:17:44,970 --> 01:17:49,949

give you some examples Tacitus the Roman

1811

01:17:47,430 --> 01:17:51,180

historian the famous eminent romina

1812

01:17:49,949 --> 01:17:53,010

story started that said the university

1813

01:17:51,180 --> 01:17:56,510

or on the chaplain mentioned Jesus

1814

01:17:53,010 --> 01:17:59,880

Christ and when he would own Josephus a

1815

01:17:56,510 --> 01:18:01,530

famous Jewish historian speaks of Jesus

1816

01:17:59,880 --> 01:18:02,739

and his brothers which is interesting in

1817

01:18:01,529 --> 01:18:04,569

fact he refers to a man

1818

01:18:02,739 --> 01:18:07,840

gets put to death and he identifies him

1819

01:18:04,569 --> 01:18:10,329

by saying James whose brother was Jesus

1820

01:18:07,840 --> 01:18:12,579

the so-called Christ which is like

1821

01:18:10,329 --> 01:18:16,269

saying bill whose brother was John

1822

01:18:12,579 --> 01:18:18,579

Howard the excess so it's you know it's

1823

01:18:16,270 --> 01:18:20,230

pretty clear this guy existed Joe see if

1824

01:18:18,579 --> 01:18:21,609

it's got quite a bit about Jesus some is

1825  
01:18:20,229 --> 01:18:24,009  
contested but that one certainly isn't

1826  
01:18:21,609 --> 01:18:25,479  
the town would which is the Jewish

1827  
01:18:24,010 --> 01:18:27,579  
writings about Jesus written by the

1828  
01:18:25,479 --> 01:18:28,929  
rabbi's the people who had Jesus had put

1829  
01:18:27,579 --> 01:18:30,699  
to death they talked about Jesus a

1830  
01:18:28,930 --> 01:18:32,140  
number of times Rabbi Eliezer Ben her

1831  
01:18:30,699 --> 01:18:33,789  
account as the third says by things

1832  
01:18:32,140 --> 01:18:34,869  
about him now if you don't think that

1833  
01:18:33,789 --> 01:18:38,289  
the Bible's interesting to know what he

1834  
01:18:34,869 --> 01:18:40,180  
says he says he is the false teacher he

1835  
01:18:38,289 --> 01:18:43,869  
says he had disciples any names five of

1836  
01:18:40,180 --> 01:18:46,420  
them he is a blasphemer but he was mayor

1837  
01:18:43,869 --> 01:18:47,829  
human man-made it's about to be God he

1838  
01:18:46,420 --> 01:18:50,470  
was put to death on the eve of the

1839  
01:18:47,829 --> 01:18:53,170  
Passover he says he will return but he

1840  
01:18:50,470 --> 01:18:55,869  
will not where he has a liar right this

1841  
01:18:53,170 --> 01:18:57,520  
is not a friendly commentary alright but

1842  
01:18:55,869 --> 01:18:59,260  
there's not a shred of doubt in any

1843  
01:18:57,520 --> 01:19:01,450  
historians mind that Jesus Christ was a

1844  
01:18:59,260 --> 01:19:02,619  
real figure of history what you got with

1845  
01:19:01,449 --> 01:19:04,090  
the numbers about the Gospels and I

1846  
01:19:02,619 --> 01:19:05,829  
don't mean to be rude was the very best

1847  
01:19:04,090 --> 01:19:07,779  
of 19th century history from Germany

1848  
01:19:05,829 --> 01:19:10,840  
there's been a whole century and a half

1849  
01:19:07,779 --> 01:19:12,219  
since then seriously reworking some of

1850  
01:19:10,840 --> 01:19:14,230  
the dates are some of the German schools

1851  
01:19:12,220 --> 01:19:17,440  
on the Gospels we have scraps of the

1852  
01:19:14,229 --> 01:19:19,449  
Gospels that is evidence bits of paper

1853

01:19:17,439 --> 01:19:20,710  
us with the Gospels on it from within 20

1854  
01:19:19,449 --> 01:19:22,239  
or 30 years of them so the whole day

1855  
01:19:20,710 --> 01:19:23,770  
thinking clearly can't have a scrap of a

1856  
01:19:22,239 --> 01:19:26,130  
gospel if the gospel wars amrit until

1857  
01:19:23,770 --> 01:19:29,050  
after that date I mean it really that's

1858  
01:19:26,130 --> 01:19:32,140  
it's not using good logic and evidence

1859  
01:19:29,050 --> 01:19:34,000  
at that point I think Carl Sagan's right

1860  
01:19:32,140 --> 01:19:36,280  
we've got a tree other positions with

1861  
01:19:34,000 --> 01:19:37,930  
respect because there are very

1862  
01:19:36,279 --> 01:19:39,789  
intelligent Christians and very

1863  
01:19:37,930 --> 01:19:41,920  
intelligent Muslims and very intelligent

1864  
01:19:39,789 --> 01:19:43,659  
agnostics and very intelligent atheists

1865  
01:19:41,920 --> 01:19:46,480  
and the way to deal with is not just to

1866  
01:19:43,659 --> 01:19:50,670  
send up the position in really what it

1867  
01:19:46,479 --> 01:19:54,699

ends up being sort of half-truths so I

1868

01:19:50,670 --> 01:19:57,340

think in the end we cannot be good

1869

01:19:54,699 --> 01:19:59,849

enough without God because in the end

1870

01:19:57,340 --> 01:20:02,140

goodness is reduced to preference

1871

01:19:59,850 --> 01:20:06,490

thankfully most of the time we agree

1872

01:20:02,140 --> 01:20:09,430

sometimes we don't I learnt this

1873

01:20:06,489 --> 01:20:11,079

recently again at a cousin in law she

1874

01:20:09,430 --> 01:20:12,550

comes from a long family of atheists

1875

01:20:11,079 --> 01:20:13,368

clearly brainwashed three three

1876

01:20:12,550 --> 01:20:15,708

generations

1877

01:20:13,368 --> 01:20:19,128

so pinas worth noting his word Octavius

1878

01:20:15,708 --> 01:20:21,168

but she is what I call a sad and honest

1879

01:20:19,128 --> 01:20:23,179

atheist we had this conversation she

1880

01:20:21,168 --> 01:20:25,340

says I know in the end that i am worth

1881

01:20:23,179 --> 01:20:27,168

nothing those i love a worth noting it

1882  
01:20:25,340 --> 01:20:29,779  
all comes to nothing my work means

1883  
01:20:27,168 --> 01:20:31,398  
nothing she's a very ethical woman she

1884  
01:20:29,779 --> 01:20:33,918  
left a highly paid job to go another job

1885  
01:20:31,399 --> 01:20:36,199  
which is did less damage but she

1886  
01:20:33,918 --> 01:20:39,109  
understands here it's fundamentally

1887  
01:20:36,198 --> 01:20:41,779  
appearance alright she's like a European

1888  
01:20:39,109 --> 01:20:43,488  
she's like a Nietzschean atheist she

1889  
01:20:41,779 --> 01:20:45,708  
she's got the guts not to be an

1890  
01:20:43,488 --> 01:20:47,299  
intellectual hypocrite and I just think

1891  
01:20:45,708 --> 01:20:48,648  
in the same way Christians get hammered

1892  
01:20:47,300 --> 01:20:50,029  
for being hypocrites rightly because

1893  
01:20:48,649 --> 01:20:51,530  
that's what that whole attack on

1894  
01:20:50,029 --> 01:20:53,809  
hypocrites comes from Jesus that's how

1895  
01:20:51,529 --> 01:20:55,279  
to enter our traditions so I think

1896  
01:20:53,809 --> 01:20:57,168  
atheist need to have enough courage to

1897  
01:20:55,279 --> 01:20:59,179  
say listen all we've got is preferences

1898  
01:20:57,168 --> 01:21:02,328  
and we hope you agree and it is

1899  
01:20:59,179 --> 01:21:04,760  
difficult Sodom and Gomorrah get

1900  
01:21:02,328 --> 01:21:06,859  
destroyed as you probably know not

1901  
01:21:04,760 --> 01:21:11,300  
because of the attempt at homosexual

1902  
01:21:06,859 --> 01:21:12,738  
rape they get that's one material they

1903  
01:21:11,300 --> 01:21:15,050  
get destroyed we're told the prophet

1904  
01:21:12,738 --> 01:21:18,078  
Ezekiel because their view of goodness

1905  
01:21:15,050 --> 01:21:19,869  
was certainly and pathetic what God says

1906  
01:21:18,078 --> 01:21:24,128  
is here's why he destroyed their city

1907  
01:21:19,868 --> 01:21:28,518  
because they were process arrogant and

1908  
01:21:24,128 --> 01:21:29,929  
cared nothing for the poor again and

1909  
01:21:28,519 --> 01:21:31,458  
again you'll find why the Bible says

1910

01:21:29,929 --> 01:21:33,889  
people get in trouble with God is not

1911  
01:21:31,458 --> 01:21:36,288  
because of what they do but it's because

1912  
01:21:33,889 --> 01:21:38,359  
of what they don't do they don't care

1913  
01:21:36,288 --> 01:21:40,368  
enough they don't inconvenience

1914  
01:21:38,359 --> 01:21:41,929  
themselves for the poor they could make

1915  
01:21:40,368 --> 01:21:44,389  
a huge difference and they make a tiny

1916  
01:21:41,929 --> 01:21:46,489  
difference the thing that in the end

1917  
01:21:44,389 --> 01:21:48,819  
brought that community to an end was

1918  
01:21:46,488 --> 01:21:53,598  
their complete indifference to the poor

1919  
01:21:48,819 --> 01:21:56,418  
the Midianites were disgusting violent

1920  
01:21:53,599 --> 01:21:58,248  
evil of Pauline culture and there are

1921  
01:21:56,418 --> 01:22:00,859  
times when God will bring cultures to an

1922  
01:21:58,248 --> 01:22:03,288  
end he is a God who loves what is right

1923  
01:22:00,859 --> 01:22:04,698  
is tolerant for quite some time but in

1924  
01:22:03,288 --> 01:22:07,458

the end will come to judgment with

1925

01:22:04,698 --> 01:22:09,049

cultures and with you and I there's

1926

01:22:07,458 --> 01:22:10,938

nothing insipid about the goodness that

1927

01:22:09,050 --> 01:22:13,899

the Bible speak so therefore we need

1928

01:22:10,939 --> 01:22:13,899

someone to help support

1929

01:22:20,069 --> 01:22:31,000

it has been raining and when you have a

1930

01:22:26,279 --> 01:22:33,639

video instead of these 7 2014 in tonight

1931

01:22:31,000 --> 01:22:35,680

is the right one or where you've been

1932

01:22:33,640 --> 01:22:39,130

simulator to think issues through

1933

01:22:35,680 --> 01:22:42,400

further I would like you will agree dad

1934

01:22:39,130 --> 01:22:45,430

writers have given of themselves both to

1935

01:22:42,399 --> 01:22:48,849

issues Carolyn see me and also we're

1936

01:22:45,430 --> 01:22:52,329

very grateful to for their time you each

1937

01:22:48,850 --> 01:22:55,570

other on p.m. integration is no easy

1938

01:22:52,329 --> 01:22:58,500

feat actually fun event like this so we

1939  
01:22:55,569 --> 01:22:58,500  
need to eat

1940  
01:23:09,789 --> 01:23:13,850  
well thanks for joining me today for the

1941  
01:23:12,469 --> 01:23:17,270  
skeptic zone and hearing that

1942  
01:23:13,850 --> 01:23:19,250  
interesting debate and thank you to all

1943  
01:23:17,270 --> 01:23:21,920  
the people who continue to sponsor our

1944  
01:23:19,250 --> 01:23:25,819  
show by making small contributions via

1945  
01:23:21,920 --> 01:23:29,029  
our website at wwc eptic zone TV and

1946  
01:23:25,819 --> 01:23:31,369  
clicking on the paypal button your

1947  
01:23:29,029 --> 01:23:33,170  
contributions really do make a

1948  
01:23:31,369 --> 01:23:36,948  
difference and means we can keep the

1949  
01:23:33,170 --> 01:23:39,199  
show online week after week join me

1950  
01:23:36,948 --> 01:23:41,299  
again next week me and Stefan of course

1951  
01:23:39,198 --> 01:23:43,399  
for the regular show with dr. Richie

1952  
01:23:41,300 --> 01:23:45,829  
reports a grain of salt the think tank

1953  
01:23:43,399 --> 01:23:48,049  
and all the features that we hope you

1954  
01:23:45,829 --> 01:23:53,779  
enjoy until then this is Richard

1955  
01:23:48,050 --> 01:23:56,179  
Saunders from Sydney Australia you've

1956  
01:23:53,779 --> 01:24:00,800  
been listening to the skeptic zone visit

1957  
01:23:56,179 --> 01:24:03,260  
our website at wwc a petting zoo TV for

1958  
01:24:00,800 --> 01:24:05,920  
comments contacts and extra video

1959  
01:24:03,260 --> 01:24:05,920  
reports

1960  
01:24:06,159 --> 01:24:09,159  
skin

1961  
01:24:17,488 --> 01:24:19,549  
Oh

1962  
01:24:19,899 --> 01:24:22,198  
6

1963  
01:24:24,430 --> 01:24:26,490  
Oh