

# **SKEPTIC ZONE**



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00:00:26,870 --> 00:00:23,640  
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:29,990 --> 00:00:26,880  
show number 25 for the tenth of April

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00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:30,000  
2009 Richard Saunders here with you a

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00:00:34,530 --> 00:00:32,320  
departure from our regular format today

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00:00:37,410 --> 00:00:34,540  
a couple of weeks ago our good friend

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00:00:39,390 --> 00:00:37,420  
Ian Bryce the challenge investigator for

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00:00:41,160 --> 00:00:39,400  
Australian skeptics traveled up to

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00:00:43,680 --> 00:00:41,170  
springwood in the Blue Mountains just

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00:00:47,070 --> 00:00:43,690  
west of Sydney to debate Reverend Ian

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00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:47,080  
power on the topic can we be good enough

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00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:50,800  
without God what follows today is the

12  
00:00:54,780 --> 00:00:53,440  
debate in its entirety apart from

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00:00:58,290 --> 00:00:54,790

question time because that would have

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00:01:00,450 --> 00:00:58,300

taken the show over time so sit back and

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00:01:03,390 --> 00:01:00,460

enjoy this interesting debate with the

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00:01:10,120 --> 00:01:03,400

to IANS as they debate can we be good

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00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:12,830

ladies and gentlemen let me welcome you

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00:01:18,260 --> 00:01:15,360

to tonight's great piece to debate

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00:01:20,540 --> 00:01:18,270

tonight is the sixth of these that's

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00:01:22,340 --> 00:01:20,550

been hosted here at Springwood my name

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00:01:24,980 --> 00:01:22,350

is Graham crew on one of the pastor's of

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00:01:27,100 --> 00:01:24,990

the Anglican Church and i'll also be

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00:01:29,300 --> 00:01:27,110

your scrupulous chairperson tonight

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00:01:30,440 --> 00:01:29,310

we're pleased to be able to sponsor than

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00:01:33,050 --> 00:01:30,450

tonight in cooperation with the

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00:01:35,660 --> 00:01:33,060

Australian skeptics thank you for coming

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00:01:37,220 --> 00:01:35,670

I trust that wherever you are in your

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00:01:39,800 --> 00:01:37,230

beliefs tonight you'll be entertained

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:39,810

challenge stretched and helped on your

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00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:42,000

journey to the truth we've sponsored

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00:01:46,550 --> 00:01:43,530

tonight in the belief the faith and

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00:01:49,550 --> 00:01:46,560

reason not enemies and nor should they

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00:01:51,260 --> 00:01:49,560

fear questioning tonight's debate is

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00:01:53,810 --> 00:01:51,270

offered in the what we believe to be the

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00:01:56,120 --> 00:01:53,820

true spirit of Tolerance that doesn't

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00:01:58,280 --> 00:01:56,130

seek to coerce agreement doesn't deny

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00:02:00,920 --> 00:01:58,290

difference but seeks to understand

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00:02:03,740 --> 00:02:00,930

respect and persuade those with whom we

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00:02:05,030 --> 00:02:03,750

differ well of course be no voting for

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00:02:07,640 --> 00:02:05,040

winners or losers at the end of

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00:02:09,620 --> 00:02:07,650

tonight's debate buying the debate will

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00:02:11,300 --> 00:02:09,630

be a time for questions and a

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00:02:13,580 --> 00:02:11,310

complimentary suffer to finish off the

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00:02:16,790 --> 00:02:13,590

evening where you can debate to all

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00:02:19,970 --> 00:02:16,800

lights go out there is some information

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00:02:21,800 --> 00:02:19,980

on the out of the FOIA from the Anglican

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00:02:23,720 --> 00:02:21,810

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

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00:02:26,060 --> 00:02:23,730

able to get some information from the

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00:02:28,550 --> 00:02:26,070

skeptics tonight but that opportunity

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00:02:31,460 --> 00:02:28,560

was offered there my job is chairman

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00:02:33,560 --> 00:02:31,470  
will be to keep our debaters to time and

52  
00:02:36,650 --> 00:02:33,570  
in line on Kiki looking at you mr.

53  
00:02:38,570 --> 00:02:36,660  
Powell who is a known who was a known

54  
00:02:41,840 --> 00:02:38,580  
supporter of South Sydney Rabbitohs so

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00:02:44,840 --> 00:02:41,850  
immediately that comes under suspicion

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00:02:47,810 --> 00:02:44,850  
issue the year of the rabbit this year

57  
00:02:49,850 --> 00:02:47,820  
is it so I like to hand over to Vicky

58  
00:02:51,500 --> 00:02:49,860  
brassington who's the lady who's that

59  
00:02:54,080 --> 00:02:51,510  
put this together and she'll introduce

60  
00:03:01,580 --> 00:02:54,090  
our speakers to us tonight but thank

61  
00:03:04,370 --> 00:03:01,590  
Vicky well thank you everyone we have

62  
00:03:06,560 --> 00:03:04,380  
always sought in these debates to find

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00:03:08,960 --> 00:03:06,570

two speakers who are articulate and

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00:03:12,020 --> 00:03:08,970

passionate about the issues and tonight

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00:03:15,710 --> 00:03:12,030

we are fortunate to have two such men in

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00:03:19,340 --> 00:03:15,720

Bryce from the skeptics according to the

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00:03:22,130 --> 00:03:19,350

ABC radio national was a Senate

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00:03:24,830 --> 00:03:22,140

candidate for the secular party in 2007

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00:03:27,590 --> 00:03:24,840

federal elections as a secular party of

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00:03:29,660 --> 00:03:27,600

australia believes that non-religious

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00:03:32,960 --> 00:03:29,670

solutions are needed for many of

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00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,970

australia's and the world's problems he

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00:03:37,370 --> 00:03:35,040

qualified in physics and engineering at

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00:03:40,010 --> 00:03:37,380

Monash University and has pursued

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00:03:43,160 --> 00:03:40,020

careers in telecommunications aircraft

76  
00:03:45,230 --> 00:03:43,170  
manufacturer and Space engineering he

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00:03:48,170 --> 00:03:45,240  
the founding director of the Australian

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00:03:51,890 --> 00:03:48,180  
Space Research Institute which is a

79  
00:03:55,250 --> 00:03:51,900  
volunteer group conducting space

80  
00:03:57,860 --> 00:03:55,260  
research and education for a years he's

81  
00:03:59,870 --> 00:03:57,870  
been a casual academic at the University

82  
00:04:03,350 --> 00:03:59,880  
of New South Wales but our mechanical

83  
00:04:07,520 --> 00:04:03,360  
engineering space vehicle design and he

84  
00:04:09,470 --> 00:04:07,530  
does contracting no it's not it has been

85  
00:04:11,930 --> 00:04:09,480  
active on humanist and skeptics

86  
00:04:14,240 --> 00:04:11,940  
committees for many decades he believes

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00:04:16,270 --> 00:04:14,250  
scientific principles can be used to

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00:04:18,820 --> 00:04:16,280

shed light on many social issues

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00:04:21,979 --> 00:04:18,830

including religion ethics and the

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00:04:23,990 --> 00:04:21,989

environment recently he became an

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00:04:26,660 --> 00:04:24,000

honorary life member of Australian

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00:04:29,390 --> 00:04:26,670

skeptics with whom he has engaged for

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00:04:41,760 --> 00:04:29,400

decades as a psychic investigator and

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00:04:47,529 --> 00:04:45,219

my Reverend Ian power is senior pastor

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00:04:50,409 --> 00:04:47,539

of one of the largest city Anglican

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00:04:52,390 --> 00:04:50,419

churches cinnabar novice Broadway which

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00:04:54,519 --> 00:04:52,400

has for many years had a significant

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00:04:57,249 --> 00:04:54,529

ministry to students of Sydney

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00:04:59,920 --> 00:04:57,259

University prior to this he was chaplain

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00:05:01,540 --> 00:04:59,930

to the shore school and worked earned

101  
00:05:04,059 --> 00:05:01,550  
sorry and worked for some years

102  
00:05:07,779 --> 00:05:04,069  
full-time with the Diocese of Sydney as

103  
00:05:10,119 --> 00:05:07,789  
one of the chief missionaries in is one of

104  
00:05:12,309 --> 00:05:10,129  
Sydney's most sought-after Christian

105  
00:05:14,309 --> 00:05:12,319  
conference speakers and one of the best

106  
00:05:17,920 --> 00:05:14,319  
thinks about how Christianity and

107  
00:05:25,450 --> 00:05:17,930  
contemporary issues interact so again

108  
00:05:29,930 --> 00:05:28,070  
thanks Vicki our debate format tonight

109  
00:05:32,450 --> 00:05:29,940  
is designed to allow maximum interaction

110  
00:05:36,580 --> 00:05:32,460  
and also time to allow our speakers to

111  
00:05:40,659 --> 00:05:36,590  
develop their cases there will be a

112  
00:05:43,780 --> 00:05:40,669  
delicate one minute warning bell and

113  
00:05:46,100 --> 00:05:43,790

when your time has expired more vigorous

114

00:05:49,490 --> 00:05:46,110

ringing of the bell to indicator your

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00:05:52,280 --> 00:05:49,500

time is up in this section the we will

116

00:05:54,860 --> 00:05:52,290

ask each speaker to have 15 minutes and

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00:05:56,930 --> 00:05:54,870

then another 15 minutes to pursue their

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00:05:59,930 --> 00:05:56,940

case and then a five minutes at the end

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00:06:03,230 --> 00:05:59,940

to summarize and then we'll have an open

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00:06:05,719 --> 00:06:03,240

at time for questions from the floor so

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00:06:09,440 --> 00:06:05,729

keep that one in mind if you would our

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00:06:13,580 --> 00:06:09,450

topic tonight we can be good enough

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00:06:15,860 --> 00:06:13,590

without God it's been claimed by some

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00:06:17,719 --> 00:06:15,870

Christians and some other face that

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00:06:20,900 --> 00:06:17,729

without belief in God there is no

126  
00:06:23,900 --> 00:06:20,910  
logical basis for either a moral code or

127  
00:06:26,420 --> 00:06:23,910  
personal motivation to do good these

128  
00:06:29,330 --> 00:06:26,430  
claims have come under significant fire

129  
00:06:33,710 --> 00:06:29,340  
recently from the new ideas any web

130  
00:06:37,340 --> 00:06:33,720  
server ality basis of god will turn on

131  
00:06:39,140 --> 00:06:37,350  
numerous recent critiques and yet it was

132  
00:06:41,120 --> 00:06:39,150  
again the subject to a recent sydney

133  
00:06:42,770 --> 00:06:41,130  
morning herald article by christian

134  
00:06:46,150 --> 00:06:42,780  
researcher John Dickson in which he

135  
00:06:49,129 --> 00:06:46,160  
claimed do-gooding remains a particular

136  
00:06:51,100 --> 00:06:49,139  
preoccupation of the faithful so

137  
00:06:54,620 --> 00:06:51,110  
tonight's debate is very current and

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00:06:56,600 --> 00:06:54,630

important so I'd ask Brian to step four

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00:07:03,760 --> 00:06:56,610

to the mic and now the affirmative cast

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00:07:07,670 --> 00:07:05,810

okay well thank you very much that

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00:07:10,520 --> 00:07:07,680

introduction and the opportunity to

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00:07:12,980 --> 00:07:10,530

address you here tonight I'm going to

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00:07:15,830 --> 00:07:12,990

start by saying if you want to find out

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00:07:18,560 --> 00:07:15,840

if it can be good enough without God we

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00:07:20,659 --> 00:07:18,570

need to have compared the two competing

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00:07:22,430 --> 00:07:20,669

theories that one our morals come from

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00:07:25,220 --> 00:07:22,440

God and two they come from somewhere

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00:07:28,159 --> 00:07:25,230

else so I'm going to start by looking at

149

00:07:29,950 --> 00:07:28,169

the evidence that they came from God and

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00:07:32,980 --> 00:07:29,960

then perhaps I'll read you a little

151  
00:07:41,810 --> 00:07:32,990  
passage from the head start of the Old

152  
00:07:46,610 --> 00:07:41,820  
Testament and this is from numbers

153  
00:07:48,650 --> 00:07:46,620  
chapter 31 and the Lord said to Moses

154  
00:07:52,610 --> 00:07:48,660  
saying take vengeance on the Midianites

155  
00:07:55,159 --> 00:07:52,620  
and I'm going to select little bits of

156  
00:07:56,840 --> 00:07:55,169  
it from from the passage here because it

157  
00:07:58,909 --> 00:07:56,850  
takes too long otherwise and the award

158  
00:08:00,920 --> 00:07:58,919  
against the Midianites just as the LORD

159  
00:08:03,920 --> 00:08:00,930  
commanded Moses and they killed all the

160  
00:08:05,960 --> 00:08:03,930  
males and the children of Israel took

161  
00:08:08,659 --> 00:08:05,970  
the women of Midian captive with their

162  
00:08:10,159 --> 00:08:08,669  
little ones and took his spoil their

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00:08:13,880 --> 00:08:10,169

cattle all their flocks and all their

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00:08:15,440 --> 00:08:13,890

goods they also burned with fire or the

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00:08:18,740 --> 00:08:15,450

cities where they dwelt and all their

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00:08:21,560 --> 00:08:18,750

forts and Moses said to them have you

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00:08:23,330 --> 00:08:21,570

kept all the women alive now therefore

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00:08:26,570 --> 00:08:23,340

kill every male among the little ones

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00:08:30,379 --> 00:08:26,580

and kill every woman who has no man

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00:08:31,969 --> 00:08:30,389

intimately but keep alive for yourselves

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00:08:36,380 --> 00:08:31,979

all the young girls who have not known

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00:08:38,360 --> 00:08:36,390

man intimately now this is not an

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00:08:40,459 --> 00:08:38,370

isolated acids there are many such one

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00:08:43,520 --> 00:08:40,469

is in the Bible and I don't need to go

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00:08:45,110 --> 00:08:43,530

through the ball of them but do you

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00:08:49,240 --> 00:08:45,120

think that indicates the source of

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00:08:52,190 --> 00:08:49,250

morality for mankind I don't think so

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00:08:54,110 --> 00:08:52,200

let's look at how that would imply today

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00:08:56,540 --> 00:08:54,120

if you were carrying out God's wishes

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00:08:58,400 --> 00:08:56,550

today you hear in springwood on this

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00:09:00,620 --> 00:08:58,410

side of the mountains would get on your

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00:09:02,660 --> 00:09:00,630

mules or perhaps the bus and go over the

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00:09:04,430 --> 00:09:02,670

mountains perhaps to let go where

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00:09:07,550 --> 00:09:04,440

another tribe lives that you could well

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00:09:09,110 --> 00:09:07,560

be having a war with and you would take

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00:09:10,489 --> 00:09:09,120

everything they own a spoils and burn

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00:09:12,079 --> 00:09:10,499

down their houses and kill all

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00:09:13,789 --> 00:09:12,089

a man and kill all the boy children and

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00:09:15,649 --> 00:09:13,799

the little girl children you would rip

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00:09:18,379 --> 00:09:15,659

their clothes up and examine whether or

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00:09:20,029 --> 00:09:18,389

not they'd lane with man if they had you

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00:09:23,149 --> 00:09:20,039

had killed them and if you didn't you

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00:09:25,759 --> 00:09:23,159

would rape them now I'm sorry to be so

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00:09:28,909 --> 00:09:25,769

shocking to you but that is from your

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00:09:30,319 --> 00:09:28,919

holy book that many of many Anglican

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00:09:32,509 --> 00:09:30,329

zand other Christians hold up as their

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00:09:33,889 --> 00:09:32,519

source of morality and you can perhaps

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00:09:36,259 --> 00:09:33,899

begin to see the difficulty the

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00:09:44,479 --> 00:09:36,269

secularists have when i see that have an

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00:09:46,069 --> 00:09:44,489

english so in conclusion to give the

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00:09:47,869 --> 00:09:46,079

bible and be able teachings that you

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00:09:52,909 --> 00:09:47,879

lots of good passages in there of course

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00:09:55,639 --> 00:09:52,919

but equally will a lot of bad ones let's

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00:09:59,239 --> 00:09:55,649

examine one more now now most Christians

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00:10:02,989 --> 00:09:59,249

claim that their God is omnipotent

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00:10:05,839 --> 00:10:02,999

meaning all-powerful omniscient meaning

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00:10:08,599 --> 00:10:05,849

all-knowing and also another word

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00:10:11,589 --> 00:10:08,609

meaning all loving so let's just like

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00:10:17,359 --> 00:10:11,599

one little passage here this is from

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00:10:19,009 --> 00:10:17,369

Exodus four and then Moses took his wife

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00:10:23,419 --> 00:10:19,019

and his sons and set them on a donkey

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00:10:25,189 --> 00:10:23,429

and he returned to the land of Egypt and

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00:10:28,339 --> 00:10:25,199

then it goes on to say that the Lord met

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00:10:30,439 --> 00:10:28,349

Moses and sought to kill him now let's

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00:10:32,809 --> 00:10:30,449

look at that what can we find wrong with

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00:10:34,519 --> 00:10:32,819

that firstly Moses was when is that his

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00:10:36,979 --> 00:10:34,529

best profit no doubt that Moses was a

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00:10:39,349 --> 00:10:36,989

trying to fulfill all of God's wishes so

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00:10:41,809 --> 00:10:39,359

Moses was his best friend and God sought

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00:10:45,559 --> 00:10:41,819

to kill him does that indicate him or

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00:10:50,869 --> 00:10:45,569

loving God and this look at the word

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00:10:52,699 --> 00:10:50,879

sort the Lord sought to kill him so

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00:10:54,889 --> 00:10:52,709

clearly the Lord intruder was unable to

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00:10:57,559 --> 00:10:54,899

kill him so is that something that an

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00:10:59,469 --> 00:10:57,569

all-powerful God would do so you can see

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00:11:03,379 --> 00:10:59,479

another of the difficulties that

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00:11:05,569 --> 00:11:03,389

atheists and in fact i would even claim

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00:11:08,989 --> 00:11:05,579

to say any person who's capable and

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00:11:14,009 --> 00:11:08,999

analyzing this book on its merits the

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00:11:22,739 --> 00:11:20,189

now I'm going to look at the claim that

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00:11:24,720 --> 00:11:22,749

a lot of Christians make and that is

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00:11:26,729 --> 00:11:24,730

that it's the afterlife that causes them

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00:11:29,040 --> 00:11:26,739

to be moral the fact that they might be

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00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:29,050

called in an afterlife to be accountable

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00:11:33,449 --> 00:11:31,360

for their actions let's examine that

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00:11:35,340 --> 00:11:33,459

claim again to see whether we can

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00:11:38,879 --> 00:11:35,350

determine how affected religion is in

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00:11:41,699 --> 00:11:38,889

making us good firstly does anyone

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00:11:43,739 --> 00:11:41,709

remember professor dr. Reverend John

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Lennox who visited Sydney last year and

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00:11:50,699 --> 00:11:47,529

participated in some debates well he was

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00:11:52,199 --> 00:11:50,709

asked from the radio what why you

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00:11:53,429 --> 00:11:52,209

thought there was an afterlife he said

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00:11:55,859 --> 00:11:53,439

were being a mathematician and a

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00:11:58,259 --> 00:11:55,869

scientist I go by the evidence and the

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00:11:59,879 --> 00:11:58,269

evidence I have is that if there's no

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00:12:01,979 --> 00:11:59,889

afterlife Hitler would have got away

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00:12:06,299 --> 00:12:01,989

with his crimes and it's unacceptable so

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00:12:07,859 --> 00:12:06,309

it must be wrong well scientists don't

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00:12:11,069 --> 00:12:07,869

call it evidence scientists call that

251  
00:12:13,559 --> 00:12:11,079  
wishful thinking so if you're examining

252  
00:12:14,639 --> 00:12:13,569  
the claims of a religious person you

253  
00:12:16,199 --> 00:12:14,649  
need to work out whether there really

254  
00:12:20,970 --> 00:12:16,209  
evidence based or whether they're

255  
00:12:23,429 --> 00:12:20,980  
wishful thinking let's see whether it

256  
00:12:25,259 --> 00:12:23,439  
makes priests we know very well that

257  
00:12:29,519 --> 00:12:25,269  
there's a much higher rate of child

258  
00:12:31,019 --> 00:12:29,529  
abuse among priests in most of the

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00:12:32,609 --> 00:12:31,029  
Catholic Church most of the Christian

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00:12:36,419 --> 00:12:32,619  
churches including n quickens and

261  
00:12:38,220 --> 00:12:36,429  
Catholics unfortunately so clearly the

262  
00:12:41,730 --> 00:12:38,230  
threat of a retribution the afterlife

263  
00:12:44,069 --> 00:12:41,740

doesn't seem to work let's not let's not

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00:12:46,559 --> 00:12:44,079

limited to Christian religions there was

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00:12:48,480 --> 00:12:46,569

a teacher in Africa who made the teddy

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00:12:53,249 --> 00:12:48,490

bear Muhammad and she was severely

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00:12:55,739 --> 00:12:53,259

punished by the resident Muslims who

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00:12:58,019 --> 00:12:55,749

impose Sharia law there and she would

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00:12:59,460 --> 00:12:58,029

have probably been staying today that it

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00:13:02,220 --> 00:12:59,470

wasn't that the intervention of Western

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00:13:05,249 --> 00:13:02,230

countries instead of Saudi Arabia a

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00:13:08,340 --> 00:13:05,259

young couple was raped both of them by

273

00:13:12,769 --> 00:13:08,350

those upholding religion and in Pakistan

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00:13:15,629 --> 00:13:12,779

as a similar case where a woman and her

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00:13:16,090 --> 00:13:15,639

friend would gain raped by people that

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00:13:18,460 --> 00:13:16,100

were known

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00:13:21,519 --> 00:13:18,470

and was only after Western outcry that

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00:13:24,129 --> 00:13:21,529

the Pakistani government finally decided

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00:13:25,449 --> 00:13:24,139

to pursue the rapists after that point

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00:13:29,769 --> 00:13:25,459

they locked up the woman and let the

281

00:13:32,319 --> 00:13:29,779

rapist go free so how effective do you

282

00:13:36,249 --> 00:13:32,329

think religion is in giving us good

283

00:13:38,470 --> 00:13:36,259

morals with look at carries they can

284

00:13:40,990 --> 00:13:38,480

commit whatever crimes they like on

285

00:13:44,980 --> 00:13:41,000

earth in this life as long as they

286

00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:44,990

confess and repent before they die if so

287

00:13:50,860 --> 00:13:46,639

they can get into heaven anyway so what

288

00:13:52,420 --> 00:13:50,870

sort of use would that be Mormons can be

289

00:13:54,519 --> 00:13:52,430

praying into a half as long as their

290

00:13:57,939 --> 00:13:54,529

relatives donate 50 thousand dollars to

291

00:14:02,460 --> 00:13:57,949

the church so what sort of morality is

292

00:14:06,699 --> 00:14:02,470

that and if you go to the Steiner school

293

00:14:08,590 --> 00:14:06,709

they teach their cripples all sorts of

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00:14:11,050 --> 00:14:08,600

people in wheelchairs and with mental

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00:14:12,400 --> 00:14:11,060

deficiencies they teach them all sorts

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00:14:15,309 --> 00:14:12,410

of things that they can't possibly do

297

00:14:18,999 --> 00:14:15,319

the theory being that it's preparing

298

00:14:21,699 --> 00:14:19,009

them for the next life so how moral is

299

00:14:25,449 --> 00:14:21,709

that and something said that Hitler and

300

00:14:28,689 --> 00:14:25,459

Stalin glowing examples of atheists and

301  
00:14:31,780 --> 00:14:28,699  
the type of things they do well know the

302  
00:14:33,639 --> 00:14:31,790  
motto of the German SS was God with us

303  
00:14:37,720 --> 00:14:33,649  
which was written on every belt back

304  
00:14:41,439 --> 00:14:37,730  
belt buckle and if you mentioned Hitler

305  
00:14:42,879 --> 00:14:41,449  
and Stalin you hardly forget Japan the

306  
00:14:46,079 --> 00:14:42,889  
other partner in the Second World War

307  
00:14:48,550 --> 00:14:46,089  
and for the Japanese of course worshiped

308  
00:14:50,590 --> 00:14:48,560  
the Sun God and the Emperor as their

309  
00:14:53,100 --> 00:14:50,600  
divine beings and part of the Shinto

310  
00:14:55,420 --> 00:14:53,110  
religion and they use that to justify

311  
00:14:58,179 --> 00:14:55,430  
all the crimes they committed by

312  
00:15:00,040 --> 00:14:58,189  
murdering thousands of millions of

313  
00:15:02,230 --> 00:15:00,050

civilians in the Second World War baking

314

00:15:07,980 --> 00:15:02,240

in China and career and throughout Asia

315

00:15:10,389 --> 00:15:07,990

and Pearl Harbor and Australia as well

316

00:15:12,040 --> 00:15:10,399

and not only that but you might have

317

00:15:15,370 --> 00:15:12,050

heard of the rape of nanking with the

318

00:15:17,259 --> 00:15:15,380

Japanese soldiers went there and raped

319

00:15:19,329 --> 00:15:17,269

virtually all of the young women at the

320

00:15:23,590 --> 00:15:19,339

chinese city of Nanking all in the name

321

00:15:28,059 --> 00:15:23,600

of upholding the Emperor's glory and you

322

00:15:28,500 --> 00:15:28,069

might also notice I found where the 6800

323

00:15:30,390 --> 00:15:28,510

Sevilla

324

00:15:31,980 --> 00:15:30,400

committed suicide on the orders of the

325

00:15:34,080 --> 00:15:31,990

Emperor as the Americans were poaching

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00:15:36,060 --> 00:15:34,090

on the basis it was better for them to

327

00:15:37,680 --> 00:15:36,070

dive and to be captured by the Americans

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00:15:40,920 --> 00:15:37,690

I could go on and on there are so many

329

00:15:44,730 --> 00:15:40,930

examples of this the evangelists in the

330

00:15:46,980 --> 00:15:44,740

USA Ted Haggard was caught buying

331

00:15:51,840 --> 00:15:46,990

crystal methamphetamine from a gay

332

00:15:57,030 --> 00:15:51,850

prostitute so what sort of morals has

333

00:15:58,410 --> 00:15:57,040

his religion bestowed him with so by now

334

00:16:03,470 --> 00:15:58,420

you're probably feeling pretty

335

00:16:05,820 --> 00:16:03,480

discouraged about your religion maybe

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00:16:08,280 --> 00:16:05,830

but I don't want to have it entirely

337

00:16:09,990 --> 00:16:08,290

depressing evening so maybe we'll we can

338

00:16:17,060 --> 00:16:10,000

bring something a little bit brighter

339

00:16:19,410 --> 00:16:17,070

into it so we've examined how effective

340

00:16:22,650 --> 00:16:19,420

religions are in providing morals for

341

00:16:24,180 --> 00:16:22,660

their for their followers now we're

342

00:16:26,430 --> 00:16:24,190

going to look at the theory because

343

00:16:28,280 --> 00:16:26,440

science goes on evidence and theory

344

00:16:32,250 --> 00:16:28,290

we're going to look at the theory of

345

00:16:34,320 --> 00:16:32,260

morals now and we're going to say that

346

00:16:36,330 --> 00:16:34,330

why the religious people believe that

347

00:16:37,770 --> 00:16:36,340

morals come from God it's because lots

348

00:16:39,420 --> 00:16:37,780

of philosophers around the world and

349

00:16:41,580 --> 00:16:39,430

throughout history have thought into

350

00:16:42,660 --> 00:16:41,590

their mind to say why am i religious and

351

00:16:44,820 --> 00:16:42,670

the best they could come up with

352

00:16:48,510 --> 00:16:44,830

traditionally is saying is like it's

353

00:16:49,950 --> 00:16:48,520

good to do good and duty for judy's say

354

00:16:53,280 --> 00:16:49,960

these are all sayings by famous

355

00:16:54,900 --> 00:16:53,290

philosophers and even the American bill

356

00:16:58,320 --> 00:16:54,910

of rights as we hold that these rights

357

00:16:59,910 --> 00:16:58,330

are self-evident what this shows us is

358

00:17:01,920 --> 00:16:59,920

that if you look inside your mind and

359

00:17:04,170 --> 00:17:01,930

say what makes me do good things or make

360

00:17:06,930 --> 00:17:04,180

makes my colleagues and Friends do good

361

00:17:09,090 --> 00:17:06,940

things you don't know you can't tell by

362

00:17:13,790 --> 00:17:09,100

introspection respects in looking into

363

00:17:16,290 --> 00:17:13,800

your own thoughts so that fails however

364

00:17:19,380 --> 00:17:16,300

science has provided many of the answers

365

00:17:23,310 --> 00:17:19,390

to these questions philosophy hasn't

366

00:17:25,949 --> 00:17:23,320

been science has I supply claimed for

367

00:17:28,050 --> 00:17:25,959

example we know lots of things about the

368

00:17:31,020 --> 00:17:28,060

mind the mind is an activity of the

369

00:17:34,410 --> 00:17:31,030

brain that's clearly established by

370

00:17:36,000 --> 00:17:34,420

science and the main is that the mind

371

00:17:37,770 --> 00:17:36,010

and the brain are limited by their

372

00:17:40,140 --> 00:17:37,780

physical location are you inside a

373

00:17:43,980 --> 00:17:40,150

person's skull

374

00:17:45,690 --> 00:17:43,990

brain case and it doesn't have any

375

00:17:47,490 --> 00:17:45,700

existence outside for example when I'm

376

00:17:50,010 --> 00:17:47,500

thinking if something disturbs in my

377

00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:50,020

brain it'll affect my thoughts but if

378

00:17:54,540 --> 00:17:52,960

whatever goes on outside my head whether

379

00:17:57,390 --> 00:17:54,550

it's above it or beside it has no effect

380

00:17:59,790 --> 00:17:57,400

whatever on what I'm thinking so that so

381

00:18:04,080 --> 00:17:59,800

my consciousness and reasoning goes on

382

00:18:08,430 --> 00:18:04,090

inside my head secondly the location in

383

00:18:10,050 --> 00:18:08,440

time of the mind wall process that this

384

00:18:11,730 --> 00:18:10,060

physical mind are physically limited the

385

00:18:14,400 --> 00:18:11,740

existence of the brain according to

386

00:18:18,390 --> 00:18:14,410

science so before you'll concede there's

387

00:18:22,290 --> 00:18:18,400

no possibility of the mind thinking or

388

00:18:24,300 --> 00:18:22,300

remembering anything and after you die

389

00:18:27,510 --> 00:18:24,310

after the gray matter stop conducting

390

00:18:30,360 --> 00:18:27,520

electricity and chemical reactions and

391

00:18:32,940 --> 00:18:30,370

decays away again there's no possibility

392

00:18:35,880 --> 00:18:32,950

of that consciousness surviving and

393

00:18:37,920 --> 00:18:35,890

doing anything so that so the physical

394

00:18:39,930 --> 00:18:37,930

location within the skull rules have

395

00:18:43,140 --> 00:18:39,940

estill travel and claims like that and

396

00:18:44,910 --> 00:18:43,150

on the time basis that limitations to

397

00:18:47,790 --> 00:18:44,920

the duration of the brain exists rules

398

00:18:49,650 --> 00:18:47,800

out things like past lives and after

399

00:18:52,350 --> 00:18:49,660

lives so I'm sorry if you're counting on

400

00:18:54,810 --> 00:18:52,360

something on a reward in heaven there's

401  
00:18:57,990 --> 00:18:54,820  
no possibility of that and how sure are

402  
00:19:00,810 --> 00:18:58,000  
we about well of all the creatures that

403  
00:19:02,970 --> 00:19:00,820  
have ever lived and have had a brain if

404  
00:19:05,370 --> 00:19:02,980  
you add it up at something the order of

405  
00:19:07,970 --> 00:19:05,380  
100 billion which is a fairly large

406  
00:19:10,050 --> 00:19:07,980  
number you would take a factor of 10

407  
00:19:11,790 --> 00:19:10,060  
that's apparently the number of

408  
00:19:14,280 --> 00:19:11,800  
creatures that have existed that have

409  
00:19:16,920 --> 00:19:14,290  
had a central nervous system and in

410  
00:19:18,540 --> 00:19:16,930  
every case their minders require the

411  
00:19:20,760 --> 00:19:18,550  
support of a brain their blood vessels

412  
00:19:22,950 --> 00:19:20,770  
and breathing apparatus and I just

413  
00:19:26,610 --> 00:19:22,960

evaporate of night feeding the brain so

414

00:19:29,790 --> 00:19:26,620

if you want to compare evidence for a

415

00:19:31,560 --> 00:19:29,800

physical brain supporting a mind to mind

416

00:19:34,920 --> 00:19:31,570

existing outside the brain the evidence

417

00:19:36,360 --> 00:19:34,930

is something like 100 billion 20 and if

418

00:19:38,370 --> 00:19:36,370

you don't find that convincing than I'd

419

00:19:41,940 --> 00:19:38,380

like to ask what number you would find

420

00:19:45,540 --> 00:19:41,950

convincing so after lives are out these

421

00:19:47,040 --> 00:19:45,550

are the findings of science next we find

422

00:19:49,290 --> 00:19:47,050

that the brain is fully dependent on a

423

00:19:51,450 --> 00:19:49,300

physical support and hence the mind for

424

00:19:53,210 --> 00:19:51,460

example an oxygen supply if you drown

425

00:19:55,270 --> 00:19:53,220

someone they certainly stop thinking

426

00:19:59,090 --> 00:19:55,280

it's affected by alcohol and drugs and

427

00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:59,100

requires nutrients if it if the if it

428

00:20:03,049 --> 00:20:00,240

was otherwise then it would have a

429

00:20:04,549 --> 00:20:03,059

common defense in court your honor you

430

00:20:06,680 --> 00:20:04,559

say that my blood alcohol was the point

431

00:20:09,560 --> 00:20:06,690

oh five but it didn't affect my driving

432

00:20:11,510 --> 00:20:09,570

because my mind exists independent of my

433

00:20:12,680 --> 00:20:11,520

body known as ever used theft offenses

434

00:20:14,659 --> 00:20:12,690

far as I know certainly known as ever

435

00:20:16,640 --> 00:20:14,669

succeeded with it so further evidence

436

00:20:19,279 --> 00:20:16,650

for these are all things that science

437

00:20:21,950 --> 00:20:19,289

has taught us about the mind we also

438

00:20:24,380 --> 00:20:21,960

know that everything apparently about

439

00:20:27,770 --> 00:20:24,390

the human body in fact all animals is a

440

00:20:31,789 --> 00:20:27,780

product of evolution and developed in

441

00:20:35,210 --> 00:20:31,799

order to benefit survival and it's quite

442

00:20:36,770 --> 00:20:35,220

clear that all of our behavior developed

443

00:20:39,460 --> 00:20:36,780

in order to benefit survival have

444

00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:39,470

survival value and morals and ethics and

445

00:20:45,320 --> 00:20:41,760

cultural systems are all in the same

446

00:20:47,960 --> 00:20:45,330

category so it's easy to show that

447

00:20:49,640 --> 00:20:47,970

through for example game theory and the

448

00:20:54,230 --> 00:20:49,650

study of groups of people interacting

449

00:20:56,240 --> 00:20:54,240

that human beings will have altruistic

450

00:20:58,100 --> 00:20:56,250

attributes and selfish attributes and

451  
00:20:59,419 --> 00:20:58,110  
you can show while modeling the

452  
00:21:01,640 --> 00:20:59,429  
different bits of behavior that if

453  
00:21:03,590 --> 00:21:01,650  
you've got a proof of people less than

454  
00:21:05,090 --> 00:21:03,600  
about 150 people that's where each

455  
00:21:09,080 --> 00:21:05,100  
person can know most of the other

456  
00:21:10,430 --> 00:21:09,090  
individuals and that means that if

457  
00:21:12,500 --> 00:21:10,440  
someone tricks you they won't get away

458  
00:21:15,140 --> 00:21:12,510  
with it refers you remember them that's

459  
00:21:17,480 --> 00:21:15,150  
that's why little cities like springwood

460  
00:21:19,789 --> 00:21:17,490  
are probably more open and trusting than

461  
00:21:21,620 --> 00:21:19,799  
places like brazil and sydney where i

462  
00:21:24,169 --> 00:21:21,630  
live where you can't possibly remember

463  
00:21:27,080 --> 00:21:24,179

everyone's face and past behavior so

464

00:21:29,750 --> 00:21:27,090

they can get away with more so the

465

00:21:32,210 --> 00:21:29,760

bottom line is that we know where epochs

466

00:21:34,970 --> 00:21:32,220

and morals come from they there in

467

00:21:38,000 --> 00:21:34,980

support of survival and we know that the

468

00:21:39,830 --> 00:21:38,010

method of passing down is through

469

00:21:42,049 --> 00:21:39,840

several mechanisms the first is genes

470

00:21:44,510 --> 00:21:42,059

which is packages of DNA from the

471

00:21:45,980 --> 00:21:44,520

parents passed on to the children and

472

00:21:48,080 --> 00:21:45,990

the second one is means which is

473

00:21:50,600 --> 00:21:48,090

packages of behavior passed down from

474

00:21:52,159 --> 00:21:50,610

parents and society to children so if

475

00:21:55,730 --> 00:21:52,169

you want to know where your morals come

476  
00:21:59,060 --> 00:21:55,740  
from the y is for survival value in a

477  
00:22:01,220 --> 00:21:59,070  
group of people as we were evolving say

478  
00:22:03,860 --> 00:22:01,230  
a hundred thousand to a million years

479  
00:22:07,640 --> 00:22:03,870  
ago and the how is passed down by genes

480  
00:22:11,270 --> 00:22:07,650  
memes so to summarize that a part of the

481  
00:22:13,070 --> 00:22:11,280  
talk we do in fact know where morals and

482  
00:22:15,320 --> 00:22:13,080  
ethics came from let me give you a

483  
00:22:19,880 --> 00:22:15,330  
simple example of survival value imagine

484  
00:22:21,799 --> 00:22:19,890  
we butter a tried in the jungle and the

485  
00:22:23,180 --> 00:22:21,809  
chief is worried about getting stabbed

486  
00:22:25,880 --> 00:22:23,190  
while he's asleep which would have been

487  
00:22:28,160 --> 00:22:25,890  
a very common thing so what what a

488  
00:22:30,470 --> 00:22:28,170

better way to protect himself than to

489

00:22:33,740 --> 00:22:30,480

invent an invisible friend who looks

490

00:22:35,840 --> 00:22:33,750

after him while he's asleep and also is

491

00:22:38,000 --> 00:22:35,850

going to punish anyone who tries to kill

492

00:22:39,950 --> 00:22:38,010

him even after they're dead by impeding

493

00:22:42,110 --> 00:22:39,960

an afterlife so we can also see how

494

00:22:59,680 --> 00:22:42,120

religions came to be invented as they

495

00:23:25,670 --> 00:23:21,320

ready to go wanna get ripped off I'm at

496

00:23:27,080 --> 00:23:25,680

Martin's here it's not it okay well

497

00:23:29,150 --> 00:23:27,090

thank you for the last friend i got on

498

00:23:31,100 --> 00:23:29,160

whether not in Lionel's lifelong buddies

499

00:23:34,300 --> 00:23:31,110

like martin i have i've not convinced in

500

00:23:36,560 --> 00:23:34,310

a resurrection yet but we're still wish

501

00:23:38,330 --> 00:23:36,570

well here's the topic can we be good

502

00:23:40,250 --> 00:23:38,340

enough without god and my understanding

503

00:23:42,410 --> 00:23:40,260

of a debate is that there's an assumed

504

00:23:45,310 --> 00:23:42,420

right that an audience has and that is

505

00:23:47,210 --> 00:23:45,320

that the speakers will stay on the topic

506

00:23:48,860 --> 00:23:47,220

that you've become here on a particular

507

00:23:52,280 --> 00:23:48,870

topic not Chester here at general chat

508

00:23:53,750 --> 00:23:52,290

about God and etc etc so please it to em

509

00:23:56,180 --> 00:23:53,760

I both committed to that but secondly

510

00:23:58,670 --> 00:23:56,190

that we will you'll hear an actual

511

00:24:01,910 --> 00:23:58,680

engagement between us that the key idea

512

00:24:04,820 --> 00:24:01,920

is that the two ends raise the other

513

00:24:07,400 --> 00:24:04,830

ends will actually try and answer this

514

00:24:09,140 --> 00:24:07,410

is harder to do a bit of above the mr.

515

00:24:10,730 --> 00:24:09,150

Bates where you end up with sort of

516

00:24:12,320 --> 00:24:10,740

three separate talks with occasional

517

00:24:14,450 --> 00:24:12,330

polite abuse comments about the other

518

00:24:16,700 --> 00:24:14,460

person's position and so last week we

519

00:24:18,710 --> 00:24:16,710

organized at church attention but in low

520

00:24:20,000 --> 00:24:18,720

to have a bit of interaction to try and

521

00:24:21,620 --> 00:24:20,010

make sure we knew something of where

522

00:24:25,430 --> 00:24:21,630

each other was coming from so you get

523

00:24:26,930 --> 00:24:25,440

your money's worth hopefully well I

524

00:24:29,150 --> 00:24:26,940

guess tonight's topic is kind that at

525

00:24:33,710 --> 00:24:29,160

least in part do we need God to be good

526

00:24:35,990 --> 00:24:33,720

I is it possible to be thoroughly good

527

00:24:37,670 --> 00:24:36,000

without god and at one level the answer

528

00:24:40,790 --> 00:24:37,680

that are so screaming us of course I

529

00:24:42,770 --> 00:24:40,800

rate this in my family some theoretical

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00:24:44,180 --> 00:24:42,780

anxious I'm just practical atheists who

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00:24:46,490 --> 00:24:44,190

probably believe in God but live as if

532

00:24:48,740 --> 00:24:46,500

he is there isn't a god and of course it

533

00:24:50,210 --> 00:24:48,750

can be a pretty decent person and of

534

00:24:51,860 --> 00:24:50,220

course i could do exactly what it's done

535

00:24:53,300 --> 00:24:51,870

and find horrible atheists and go there

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00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:53,310

you go you see which I don't think

537

00:24:57,350 --> 00:24:55,440

proves anything every team's got

538

00:24:59,840 --> 00:24:57,360

shockers every family's got

539

00:25:00,920 --> 00:24:59,850

embarrassments well certain my family's

540

00:25:05,840 --> 00:25:00,930

mostly investment

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00:25:07,550 --> 00:25:05,850

but them except my mom and dad but so I

542

00:25:09,230 --> 00:25:07,560

don't think much is gained by me just

543

00:25:11,510 --> 00:25:09,240

picking a number of horrendous atheists

544

00:25:13,640 --> 00:25:11,520

who say quite explicitly that their

545

00:25:15,740 --> 00:25:13,650

belief that there is no purpose and no

546

00:25:16,910 --> 00:25:15,750

value in human life is the reason why

547

00:25:19,040 --> 00:25:16,920

they did what they did but there are any

548

00:25:20,210 --> 00:25:19,050

number quite some famous ones but I

549

00:25:21,350 --> 00:25:20,220

don't think we'll do that yet although

550

00:25:23,690 --> 00:25:21,360

if you want to ask me a question a

551

00:25:24,980 --> 00:25:23,700

question time you gave your life I like

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00:25:26,330 --> 00:25:24,990

to raise three issues and hope that he

553

00:25:28,670 --> 00:25:26,340

and might address some of them he might

554

00:25:30,800 --> 00:25:28,680

not have time the first was the first is

555

00:25:33,350 --> 00:25:30,810

the trickiest and yet I learned this

556

00:25:38,150 --> 00:25:33,360

from atheists and I want to make that

557

00:25:39,650 --> 00:25:38,160

clear in 1975 I read some work by some

558

00:25:44,360 --> 00:25:39,660

atheists and they taught me this point

559

00:25:47,630 --> 00:25:44,370

and it's this that without God the

560

00:25:50,780 --> 00:25:47,640

notion of goodness becomes almost empty

561

00:25:53,180 --> 00:25:50,790

of any serious value it becomes very

562

00:25:56,270 --> 00:25:53,190

difficult to argue for good in contrast

563

00:26:00,080 --> 00:25:56,280

to evil with any substance and any

564

00:26:03,470 --> 00:26:00,090

weights and any ordinance if there is no

565

00:26:05,150 --> 00:26:03,480

God on the whole the English atheists

566

00:26:07,460 --> 00:26:05,160

like Bertrand Russell and that are just

567

00:26:09,860 --> 00:26:07,470

a Pepin well they're English there Nancy

568

00:26:11,420 --> 00:26:09,870

boys you know and that they say there's

569

00:26:13,570 --> 00:26:11,430

no god but fundamentally they want to

570

00:26:16,940 --> 00:26:13,580

live apart from normally from sexually

571

00:26:18,860 --> 00:26:16,950

they want to live with roughly Christian

572

00:26:20,750 --> 00:26:18,870

values and this became clear a pic with

573

00:26:22,280 --> 00:26:20,760

Bertrand Russell as he got older sort of

574

00:26:23,570 --> 00:26:22,290

whimpering sort of things about the

575

00:26:26,960 --> 00:26:23,580

darkness of life and we just need some

576

00:26:30,680 --> 00:26:26,970

charity and I was like Bertrand I'm

577

00:26:32,450 --> 00:26:30,690

afraid you can wish for it Ian obviously

578

00:26:34,910 --> 00:26:32,460

doesn't like the story about the IAM the

579

00:26:36,260 --> 00:26:34,920

Midianites getting such a hard time and

580

00:26:37,940 --> 00:26:36,270

I'd be happy to discuss that it's

581

00:26:40,040 --> 00:26:37,950

difficult to deal with a complex story

582

00:26:41,540 --> 00:26:40,050

in a few seconds but Ian doesn't like

583

00:26:44,090 --> 00:26:41,550

the story of people being murdered or

584

00:26:46,640 --> 00:26:44,100

raped well frankly so what it really

585

00:26:49,310 --> 00:26:46,650

doesn't like it what is the significance

586

00:26:52,750 --> 00:26:49,320

of the end within a genuinely gutsy

587

00:26:55,460 --> 00:26:52,760

atheist point of view first principles

588

00:26:59,000 --> 00:26:55,470

if you get back to first principles of

589

00:27:02,390 --> 00:26:59,010

atheism we have roughly as best we can

590

00:27:04,280 --> 00:27:02,400

understand it energy my understanding is

591

00:27:05,360 --> 00:27:04,290

that matter is to form a way that energy

592

00:27:08,510 --> 00:27:05,370

works will call that energy and matter

593

00:27:10,250 --> 00:27:08,520

if you like cease to perhaps never have

594

00:27:12,320 --> 00:27:10,260

started will grant that if you like how

595

00:27:12,930 --> 00:27:12,330

to imagine never started it's not going

596

00:27:15,030 --> 00:27:12,940

anywhere

597

00:27:18,900 --> 00:27:15,040

my purpose it's got no love is just here

598

00:27:20,400 --> 00:27:18,910

and by a long series of accidents that

599

00:27:23,880 --> 00:27:20,410

we might think are significant but

600

00:27:24,990 --> 00:27:23,890

aren't really you have life it's only

601  
00:27:28,350 --> 00:27:25,000  
here for a split second that will be

602  
00:27:32,730 --> 00:27:28,360  
gone before you know it and we are just

603  
00:27:34,590 --> 00:27:32,740  
a form of energy it is very difficult to

604  
00:27:38,130 --> 00:27:34,600  
go from that to say therefore you ought

605  
00:27:42,390 --> 00:27:38,140  
to treat these small packages of energy

606  
00:27:43,890 --> 00:27:42,400  
in any particular way quite a number of

607  
00:27:45,960 --> 00:27:43,900  
atheists are willing to acknowledge all

608  
00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:45,970  
we're left with his preferences and

609  
00:27:51,090 --> 00:27:48,010  
thank God well thank whatever thank

610  
00:27:52,740 --> 00:27:51,100  
energies that in the Western world

611  
00:27:54,540 --> 00:27:52,750  
anyhow you can appeal to a group of

612  
00:27:58,320 --> 00:27:54,550  
generally agreed moral principles like

613  
00:28:00,270 --> 00:27:58,330

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

614

00:28:01,560 --> 00:28:00,280

just a bunch of cells you've come from

615

00:28:03,300 --> 00:28:01,570

know where you're going to know where

616

00:28:05,300 --> 00:28:03,310

there's no ultimate significance in the

617

00:28:08,460 --> 00:28:05,310

whole thing it's just coming and going

618

00:28:10,050 --> 00:28:08,470

that's just the way it is Richard

619

00:28:12,120 --> 00:28:10,060

Dawkins was asked one time interviewed

620

00:28:14,160 --> 00:28:12,130

and people rang up this is in England

621

00:28:15,870 --> 00:28:14,170

and a woman began to complain and speak

622

00:28:17,790 --> 00:28:15,880

about what should she make in terms of

623

00:28:19,620 --> 00:28:17,800

Dawkins's point of view of the fact that

624

00:28:21,710 --> 00:28:19,630

she had lost her child he said basically

625

00:28:23,550 --> 00:28:21,720

get over it now he regretted that

626

00:28:27,000 --> 00:28:23,560

because in that's exactly what you

627

00:28:30,270 --> 00:28:27,010

expect this is a meaningless purposeless

628

00:28:31,500 --> 00:28:30,280

existence English atheists on the whole

629

00:28:34,050 --> 00:28:31,510

and those are all from the tend to be

630

00:28:35,760 --> 00:28:34,060

gutless and they want to draw a whole

631

00:28:37,670 --> 00:28:35,770

lot of moral orts that grow quite

632

00:28:41,160 --> 00:28:37,680

naturally out of the Christian

633

00:28:42,300 --> 00:28:41,170

understanding of what's really there you

634

00:28:43,890 --> 00:28:42,310

ought to be able to go naturally from

635

00:28:46,080 --> 00:28:43,900

what you think to be what is really

636

00:28:47,970 --> 00:28:46,090

there first principles are the basic

637

00:28:49,590 --> 00:28:47,980

foundations of stuff to what you believe

638

00:28:51,570 --> 00:28:49,600

about how you want to live there will be

639

00:28:53,400 --> 00:28:51,580

some logical connection there is of

640

00:28:54,510 --> 00:28:53,410

course if Christian of these two now 40

641

00:28:59,100 --> 00:28:54,520

we're not debating that topic tonight

642

00:29:00,690 --> 00:28:59,110

I'd love to be or not but Christianity

643

00:29:01,950 --> 00:29:00,700

has this understanding at the very heart

644

00:29:05,970 --> 00:29:01,960

of the universe not just that there's a

645

00:29:10,620 --> 00:29:05,980

god a lonely monad but there are three

646

00:29:11,640 --> 00:29:10,630

people in a loving community who love

647

00:29:14,670 --> 00:29:11,650

each other

648

00:29:16,230 --> 00:29:14,680

and this one when you work out well how

649

00:29:21,090 --> 00:29:16,240

then should we live in this person's

650

00:29:24,000 --> 00:29:21,100

world where you live what matters well

651

00:29:28,980 --> 00:29:24,010

love is what matters people are what

652

00:29:32,730 --> 00:29:28,990

matters relationships are what matter it

653

00:29:35,850 --> 00:29:32,740

makes absolute logical sense if the

654

00:29:39,060 --> 00:29:35,860

first premise is true atheism on the

655

00:29:40,440 --> 00:29:39,070

other hand faces this terrible jump they

656

00:29:43,170 --> 00:29:40,450

get away with it off because we all

657

00:29:45,660 --> 00:29:43,180

agree with them and they say we ought to

658

00:29:46,740 --> 00:29:45,670

treat people well amigo yes i'll tell

659

00:29:48,240 --> 00:29:46,750

you the guy who taught me this it was

660

00:29:51,300 --> 00:29:48,250

america's your poor Sartre not

661

00:29:53,100 --> 00:29:51,310

personally sadly but in one of his

662

00:29:54,390 --> 00:29:53,110

writings he has a story which

663

00:29:56,640 --> 00:29:54,400

illustrates what he believes to be

664

00:29:59,100 --> 00:29:56,650

consistent thoughtful gutsy atheism as

665

00:30:01,040 --> 00:29:59,110

against romantic namby-pamby English

666

00:30:03,930 --> 00:30:01,050

atheism mind you view English I love you

667

00:30:06,630 --> 00:30:03,940

you know the world needs namby-pamby

668

00:30:10,350 --> 00:30:06,640

Englishman particularly in football

669

00:30:14,950 --> 00:30:13,180

sacré paints this picture it plain he's

670

00:30:18,040 --> 00:30:14,960

driving presumably it's a Citroen

671

00:30:21,640 --> 00:30:18,050

because he's French he's driving there

672

00:30:25,990 --> 00:30:21,650

is a man hitchhiking his wet is cold the

673

00:30:29,200 --> 00:30:26,000

man what do you do it well Santa says

674

00:30:32,550 --> 00:30:29,210

because he is worth nothing and there is

675

00:30:35,380 --> 00:30:32,560

no ultimate right or wrong it's

676

00:30:37,900 --> 00:30:35,390

absolutely a valid thing to pull over

677

00:30:40,720 --> 00:30:37,910

pick him up drive him right to his door

678

00:30:42,730 --> 00:30:40,730

go out of your way and drop him home it

679

00:30:45,010 --> 00:30:42,740

is equally as valid to swerve and run

680

00:30:47,650 --> 00:30:45,020

him over and kill him ICL it's quite

681

00:30:49,750 --> 00:30:47,660

serious because he says you are worth

682

00:30:52,120 --> 00:30:49,760

nothing he is worth noting he's going to

683

00:30:53,860 --> 00:30:52,130

be dead in a split second anyhow you've

684

00:30:56,500 --> 00:30:53,870

simply arrived at the destination early

685

00:31:00,190 --> 00:30:56,510

the problem is you see we have a bully

686

00:31:02,710 --> 00:31:00,200

of a culture the culture is a bully it

687

00:31:05,500 --> 00:31:02,720

says we don't watch that behavior we

688

00:31:07,090 --> 00:31:05,510

will imprison you at that point we need

689

00:31:09,910 --> 00:31:07,100

to raise a voice against the bullying

690

00:31:11,470 --> 00:31:09,920

culture and say if that person is acted

691

00:31:13,660 --> 00:31:11,480

with integrity within his own value

692

00:31:16,120 --> 00:31:13,670

system and it's been true to himself how

693

00:31:19,300 --> 00:31:16,130

to Jerry you impose your imperialistic

694

00:31:20,920 --> 00:31:19,310

ancient values on them in the end you

695

00:31:23,170 --> 00:31:20,930

see with its atheists who raised with

696

00:31:27,520 --> 00:31:23,180

great power and often with terrible

697

00:31:30,010 --> 00:31:27,530

despair the ultimate logical rational

698

00:31:32,650 --> 00:31:30,020

coherent conclusion that if in the end

699

00:31:36,550 --> 00:31:32,660

at base reaction there's just energy or

700

00:31:39,850 --> 00:31:36,560

just stuff it does have massive impact

701  
00:31:42,700 --> 00:31:39,860  
on how you should then live so when

702  
00:31:44,320 --> 00:31:42,710  
atheists speak of human rights they're

703  
00:31:47,470 --> 00:31:44,330  
seeing the trueness doesn't belong to

704  
00:31:49,420 --> 00:31:47,480  
them when we have the quotient American

705  
00:31:51,400 --> 00:31:49,430  
substitution of public amid oppression

706  
00:31:52,540 --> 00:31:51,410  
American competition let's at least if

707  
00:31:55,240 --> 00:31:52,550  
we should do with the old testament of

708  
00:31:57,010 --> 00:31:55,250  
would have finished the quarter we hold

709  
00:32:01,150 --> 00:31:57,020  
these truths to be self-evident that all

710  
00:32:02,890 --> 00:32:01,160  
men are created equal and they are

711  
00:32:07,900 --> 00:32:02,900  
endowed by their creator with certain

712  
00:32:10,520 --> 00:32:07,910  
unalienable should have

713  
00:32:12,320 --> 00:32:10,530

if in the end you take the sauce out of

714

00:32:14,900 --> 00:32:12,330

it which is is because of God that

715

00:32:17,539 --> 00:32:14,910

people have these rights you've got to

716

00:32:19,789 --> 00:32:17,549

give up the rights as well what atheists

717

00:32:21,260 --> 00:32:19,799

consistently do is destroy the

718

00:32:24,950 --> 00:32:21,270

foundations remove the walls but they

719

00:32:26,480 --> 00:32:24,960

want a floating roof and in the end

720

00:32:29,120 --> 00:32:26,490

they've got to have enough guts to say

721

00:32:31,669 --> 00:32:29,130

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

722

00:32:34,820 --> 00:32:31,679

going to claim old-fashioned Christian

723

00:32:36,500 --> 00:32:34,830

values have enough gas to go at it I can

724

00:32:38,630 --> 00:32:36,510

come back to that but I think in the end

725

00:32:40,130 --> 00:32:38,640

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

726

00:32:42,560 --> 00:32:40,140

not like right there for the Bible's no

727

00:32:43,669 --> 00:32:42,570

good because it's got this story well it

728

00:32:44,630 --> 00:32:43,679

doesn't actually talk about the girls

729

00:32:45,980 --> 00:32:44,640

being right and there's a very good

730

00:32:50,380 --> 00:32:45,990

reason was a media nights were good

731

00:32:52,850 --> 00:32:50,390

today which we can get back to secondly

732

00:32:54,409 --> 00:32:52,860

if its treated without God goodness

733

00:32:55,880 --> 00:32:54,419

actually becomes this life sort of

734

00:32:57,830 --> 00:32:55,890

valueless think it's really preferences

735

00:32:59,960 --> 00:32:57,840

I like rather than good or evil right or

736

00:33:01,730 --> 00:32:59,970

wrong the second thing in this I think

737

00:33:06,320 --> 00:33:01,740

with this can be be good enough for that

738

00:33:08,330 --> 00:33:06,330

God is that without God when people talk

739

00:33:11,720 --> 00:33:08,340

about goodness it's normally pretty

740

00:33:13,789 --> 00:33:11,730

bland stuff it's normally didn't murder

741

00:33:15,860 --> 00:33:13,799

anyone i generally paid most of my taxes

742

00:33:18,440 --> 00:33:15,870

I occasionally have a few bucks of

743

00:33:21,710 --> 00:33:18,450

charities and then you have super Saints

744

00:33:23,570 --> 00:33:21,720

like Fred Hollows who is a very

745

00:33:25,070 --> 00:33:23,580

impressive very impressive guy and did

746

00:33:26,419 --> 00:33:25,080

some great work of which he learnt

747

00:33:27,740 --> 00:33:26,429

actually from a Jesuit priests that's

748

00:33:29,270 --> 00:33:27,750

what he first went to do that work in

749

00:33:32,810 --> 00:33:29,280

the significance of it in the center of

750

00:33:34,159 --> 00:33:32,820

Australia and I remember being amazed at

751

00:33:36,680 --> 00:33:34,169

the school that I served that how

752

00:33:38,510 --> 00:33:36,690

impressed the people who knew nothing of

753

00:33:40,400 --> 00:33:38,520

Christian history were with what Fred

754

00:33:42,200 --> 00:33:40,410

did that he would go for a month or two

755

00:33:43,610 --> 00:33:42,210

sometimes too dangerous places to fix

756

00:33:46,159 --> 00:33:43,620

eyes and I was bad he did it and it was

757

00:33:49,880 --> 00:33:46,169

impressive but see if you know anything

758

00:33:52,250 --> 00:33:49,890

about missionary history it's nothing he

759

00:33:54,560 --> 00:33:52,260

had his dirty big huge hacen in North

760

00:33:56,299 --> 00:33:54,570

Sydney he still lived as a wealthy

761

00:33:57,650 --> 00:33:56,309

Australian do you remember when we

762

00:33:59,570 --> 00:33:57,660

started to hear about the hospital and

763

00:34:01,520 --> 00:33:59,580

addis ababa middle of ethiopia these two

764

00:34:03,830 --> 00:34:01,530

doctors who went and lived there for

765

00:34:05,090 --> 00:34:03,840

decades when do we hear about them when

766

00:34:07,190 --> 00:34:05,100

the husband died my needed a replacement

767

00:34:08,599 --> 00:34:07,200

front page of The Herald I remember

768

00:34:11,419 --> 00:34:08,609

reading about saying to my wife Shelly

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00:34:14,480 --> 00:34:11,429

these people have to be Christians only

770

00:34:16,550 --> 00:34:14,490

Christians would do that an atheist may

771

00:34:17,760 --> 00:34:16,560

go to some time I'm nothing as a

772

00:34:19,710 --> 00:34:17,770

generalization they may be

773

00:34:22,230 --> 00:34:19,720

like this and like you know Fred Hollows

774

00:34:24,860 --> 00:34:22,240

super same this is what Christians have

775

00:34:27,570 --> 00:34:24,870

been doing for decades more recently

776

00:34:29,370 --> 00:34:27,580

slumdog sir that movie that came out and

777

00:34:31,080 --> 00:34:29,380

on the front page of the hell there's a

778

00:34:33,690 --> 00:34:31,090

story about a couple who be living in a

779

00:34:36,540 --> 00:34:33,700

slum their lawyers for 30 years in one

780

00:34:38,370 --> 00:34:36,550

room with us with a outside toilet that

781

00:34:40,020 --> 00:34:38,380

they share with other families they've

782

00:34:41,909 --> 00:34:40,030

been there for 13 years they're bringing

783

00:34:43,950 --> 00:34:41,919

up the kids I'm really insane these

784

00:34:45,330 --> 00:34:43,960

people have to be Christians only

785

00:34:49,169 --> 00:34:45,340

Christians above this sort of heroic

786

00:34:51,600 --> 00:34:49,179

dangerous stupid goodness we don't give

787

00:34:54,690 --> 00:34:51,610

a few facts to world vision but you

788

00:34:56,820 --> 00:34:54,700

hardly miss in the end they weren't in

789

00:34:58,640 --> 00:34:56,830

it unlike the Addis allover on the

790

00:35:01,880 --> 00:34:58,650

herald actually admitted it which was

791

00:35:04,320 --> 00:35:01,890

remarkable now they tend not to do that

792

00:35:07,380 --> 00:35:04,330

Albert Camus another great idea said

793

00:35:10,410 --> 00:35:07,390

this can I be a saint if God does not

794

00:35:13,050 --> 00:35:10,420

exist this is the only concrete problem

795

00:35:15,840 --> 00:35:13,060

i know of today here i put in the

796

00:35:17,340 --> 00:35:15,850

context of the book the plague where is

797

00:35:19,110 --> 00:35:17,350

greater problem is fundamental in

798

00:35:22,500 --> 00:35:19,120

different he said how do we get people

799

00:35:25,590 --> 00:35:22,510

who will have heroic virtue rise up and

800

00:35:27,870 --> 00:35:25,600

really reorder their lives if there's no

801  
00:35:29,490 --> 00:35:27,880  
God because in the end as he says your

802  
00:35:31,170 --> 00:35:29,500  
rank commit to your own personal ease

803  
00:35:35,070 --> 00:35:31,180  
with the occasional conscience salving

804  
00:35:36,510 --> 00:35:35,080  
act of goodness as a generalization what

805  
00:35:38,100 --> 00:35:36,520  
you get with Jesus of course when you

806  
00:35:40,920 --> 00:35:38,110  
ask if you do ask Jesus what does it

807  
00:35:42,750 --> 00:35:40,930  
mean to be good he says this this is

808  
00:35:48,600 --> 00:35:42,760  
from the Sermon on the Mount such a

809  
00:35:52,980 --> 00:35:48,610  
strange girl is that a possible okay he

810  
00:35:54,510 --> 00:35:52,990  
says so what if you love your friends he

811  
00:35:59,760 --> 00:35:54,520  
said the worst sinners in the world of

812  
00:36:01,730 --> 00:35:59,770  
their friends love your enemies do good

813  
00:36:05,060 --> 00:36:01,740

to those who hate you

814

00:36:06,680 --> 00:36:05,070

pray for those who mistreat you and then

815

00:36:08,510 --> 00:36:06,690

you will be true sons of your father who

816

00:36:12,380 --> 00:36:08,520

is kind to the ungracious of the

817

00:36:16,670 --> 00:36:12,390

ungrateful and the hood in terms of real

818

00:36:17,930 --> 00:36:16,680

robust world-changing heroic goodness in

819

00:36:20,150 --> 00:36:17,940

the end I think you do need something

820

00:36:24,109 --> 00:36:20,160

more than just a let's be nice but it's

821

00:36:25,430 --> 00:36:24,119

nice to be nice sort of you God the God

822

00:36:26,900 --> 00:36:25,440

that Jesus speaks about and I'm were

823

00:36:30,020 --> 00:36:26,910

well aware and that need to have a great

824

00:36:31,640 --> 00:36:30,030

time of this there's a zillion to be

825

00:36:33,290 --> 00:36:31,650

contenders and Christians are not fans

826

00:36:35,030 --> 00:36:33,300

of religion the idea that we're talking

827

00:36:36,590 --> 00:36:35,040

about religion certain is a Christian

828

00:36:37,940 --> 00:36:36,600

I'm not as religious people that killed

829

00:36:41,480 --> 00:36:37,950

Jesus it's normally religious people

830

00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:41,490

that killed Christian messages religion

831

00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:43,200

is not in itself a good thing at all in

832

00:36:46,970 --> 00:36:44,160

fact often that's quite a dangerous

833

00:36:48,950 --> 00:36:46,980

thing we're talking about God as he is

834

00:36:51,650 --> 00:36:48,960

and I taken his manager very clear in

835

00:36:53,300 --> 00:36:51,660

Jesus so in terms of the strengths of

836

00:36:55,580 --> 00:36:53,310

goodness a rather than bland goodness

837

00:36:58,130 --> 00:36:55,590

actually do need the God certainly Jesus

838

00:37:01,760 --> 00:36:58,140

speaks without of third and lastly can

839

00:37:04,130 --> 00:37:01,770

you be good enough for God in one very

840

00:37:07,370 --> 00:37:04,140

real sense assuming for the moment that

841

00:37:10,790 --> 00:37:07,380

God is real in too many to talk about

842

00:37:14,090 --> 00:37:10,800

that for a few seconds the answer from

843

00:37:17,090 --> 00:37:14,100

Jesus is clearly no man comes up to

844

00:37:19,550 --> 00:37:17,100

Jesus is good master hold it what do you

845

00:37:22,460 --> 00:37:19,560

call me good he says no one is good but

846

00:37:24,170 --> 00:37:22,470

God alone we tend to use good in a river

847

00:37:28,660 --> 00:37:24,180

and when Jesus now let the intellect

848

00:37:32,060 --> 00:37:28,670

witness let's talk about being like God

849

00:37:33,950 --> 00:37:32,070

and what Jesus takes to view is that you

850

00:37:35,780 --> 00:37:33,960

and I all have trouble with God because

851  
00:37:38,150 --> 00:37:35,790  
we're not good enough for God and if God

852  
00:37:39,650 --> 00:37:38,160  
doesn't help us when we do stand before

853  
00:37:42,080 --> 00:37:39,660  
him you are going to be in trouble and

854  
00:37:43,340 --> 00:37:42,090  
so much I should read without a shadow

855  
00:37:46,180 --> 00:37:43,350  
of a doubt to go to hell according to

856  
00:37:48,170 --> 00:37:46,190  
Jason I believe it so I'm a Christian

857  
00:37:50,150 --> 00:37:48,180  
the thought of me going to hell hardly

858  
00:37:51,770 --> 00:37:50,160  
ever crosses mine up with some reward in

859  
00:37:55,040 --> 00:37:51,780  
the afterlife that's much more like

860  
00:37:58,310 --> 00:37:55,050  
Islam than Christianity but what we have

861  
00:38:00,200 --> 00:37:58,320  
is a God who is gracious and says in

862  
00:38:01,970 --> 00:38:00,210  
your hopeless case you're very valuable

863  
00:38:05,120 --> 00:38:01,980

you're very precious you're very broken

864

00:38:09,050 --> 00:38:05,130

you're in my image with the damaged you

865

00:38:10,580 --> 00:38:09,060

did good you'd be bad but I love you and

866

00:38:11,440 --> 00:38:10,590

I've done this thing in my son Jesus I

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00:38:14,570 --> 00:38:11,450

can be

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00:38:17,600 --> 00:38:14,580

and so in a sense can we be good enough

869

00:38:19,490 --> 00:38:17,610

for god no can we be good enough without

870

00:38:20,900 --> 00:38:19,500

God good enough for what for Blanche

871

00:38:24,680 --> 00:38:20,910

ordinary fairly boring life

872

00:38:43,120 --> 00:38:24,690

self-justifying here we can do that can

873

00:38:51,830 --> 00:38:48,740

thanks for that response pnp which which

874

00:38:54,440 --> 00:38:51,840

of your points will I address cuz you

875

00:38:57,680 --> 00:38:54,450

said we do need a god to be good well

876

00:39:00,440 --> 00:38:57,690

I'd like to ask how you determined which

877

00:39:02,660 --> 00:39:00,450

God you need I find that most Christians

878

00:39:05,680 --> 00:39:02,670

think that this is the one true God in

879

00:39:08,480 --> 00:39:05,690

fact if we look at the website of the

880

00:39:10,220 --> 00:39:08,490

Springwood winmalee anglican church that

881

00:39:12,140 --> 00:39:10,230

discusses that topic at some length and

882

00:39:15,440 --> 00:39:12,150

concludes that Christians are the ones

883

00:39:17,270 --> 00:39:15,450

with the one true God how they reach the

884

00:39:19,850 --> 00:39:17,280

conclusion I'd like to know I've got

885

00:39:21,560 --> 00:39:19,860

here a collection of holy books I've

886

00:39:23,330 --> 00:39:21,570

shown you the you know the old in the

887

00:39:25,550 --> 00:39:23,340

New Testament and you'll find that in

888

00:39:27,470 --> 00:39:25,560

that God says again in the game that

889

00:39:29,480 --> 00:39:27,480

he's the one true God in fact the first

890

00:39:31,580 --> 00:39:29,490

four Commandments are dedicated not to

891

00:39:34,640 --> 00:39:31,590

mankind's benefit but to God's benefit

892

00:39:37,130 --> 00:39:34,650

but you won't direct any graven images

893

00:39:40,310 --> 00:39:37,140

and so forth so that's a pretty bad sign

894

00:39:43,220 --> 00:39:40,320

that God is looking out for us secondly

895

00:39:45,770 --> 00:39:43,230

I have a copy of the bhagavad-gita here

896

00:39:48,830 --> 00:39:45,780

which is the text that many of the

897

00:39:52,040 --> 00:39:48,840

Eastern religions rely on that that and

898

00:39:59,900 --> 00:39:52,050

other ones let me read you a passage

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00:40:03,110 --> 00:39:59,910

from that this is chapter 10 text five

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00:40:06,100 --> 00:40:03,120

and says all these various qualities of

901  
00:40:09,650 --> 00:40:06,110  
living beings are created by me alone

902  
00:40:11,690 --> 00:40:09,660  
that the speaker being Lord Krishna so

903  
00:40:13,250 --> 00:40:11,700  
again we see that the Eastern religions

904  
00:40:15,380 --> 00:40:13,260  
think that this is the one true god and

905  
00:40:18,830 --> 00:40:15,390  
then god is so jealousy cannot tolerate

906  
00:40:21,410 --> 00:40:18,840  
any other gods i have here a copy of the

907  
00:40:27,880 --> 00:40:21,420  
Holy Quran let's see what it says about

908  
00:40:33,680 --> 00:40:27,890  
one true God here we're in

909  
00:40:35,689 --> 00:40:33,690  
Sarah 43 section six when Jesus the Son

910  
00:40:37,880 --> 00:40:35,699  
of Mary is held up as an example behold

911  
00:40:41,299 --> 00:40:37,890  
your people razor clemmer they're at in

912  
00:40:45,259 --> 00:40:41,309  
ridicule and say our our God's best or

913  
00:40:46,219 --> 00:40:45,269

he so again that the Muslim God is

914

00:40:47,959 --> 00:40:46,229

saying it he's bigger and better than

915

00:40:50,209 --> 00:40:47,969

the other God you'll find that I've give

916

00:40:52,099 --> 00:40:50,219

you three examples there but they're in

917

00:40:53,719 --> 00:40:52,109

my collection of holy books virtually

918

00:40:55,189 --> 00:40:53,729

every religion claims the same thing

919

00:40:58,459 --> 00:40:55,199

they put a lot of effort towards

920

00:41:02,269 --> 00:40:58,469

discounting the others so if if there

921

00:41:04,969 --> 00:41:02,279

was a real one true God his marketing

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00:41:06,739 --> 00:41:04,979

strategy has been a dismal failure in

923

00:41:08,089 --> 00:41:06,749

fact it's faded into the background his

924

00:41:11,769 --> 00:41:08,099

holy books being totally

925

00:41:17,569 --> 00:41:16,279

now being referred to Jesus giving the

926

00:41:21,439 --> 00:41:17,579

good advice that we should turn the

927

00:41:23,870 --> 00:41:21,449

other cheek when someone wrongs you well

928

00:41:25,459 --> 00:41:23,880

that's the New Testament being at

929

00:41:27,529 --> 00:41:25,469

variance the old system because the Old

930

00:41:30,049 --> 00:41:27,539

Testament says you should take an eye

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00:41:31,640 --> 00:41:30,059

for an eye and a tooth for a tooth which

932

00:41:35,930 --> 00:41:31,650

is quite the opposite of turning the

933

00:41:37,489 --> 00:41:35,940

other cheek and in fact that's often

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00:41:39,949 --> 00:41:37,499

called two tips attack which is an

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00:41:43,160 --> 00:41:39,959

expression used by secularists for

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00:41:46,400 --> 00:41:43,170

example Peter Singer and other humanists

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00:41:49,160 --> 00:41:46,410

who have studied of optimum human

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00:41:51,979 --> 00:41:49,170

behavior in groups of various sizes has

939

00:41:54,559 --> 00:41:51,989

a book called tit for tat and that shows

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00:41:56,449 --> 00:41:54,569

that when you're living in a society of

941

00:42:01,969 --> 00:41:56,459

a certain size with certain rules of

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00:42:04,400 --> 00:42:01,979

behavior your best strategy preferred

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00:42:06,529 --> 00:42:04,410

when you if you meet a stranger you

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00:42:10,009 --> 00:42:06,539

should firstly give them the opportunity

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00:42:12,079 --> 00:42:10,019

to to be trusted but limiting your

946

00:42:13,849 --> 00:42:12,089

exposure and if they treat you well you

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00:42:15,259 --> 00:42:13,859

treat them well in return and if they

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00:42:18,949 --> 00:42:15,269

wrong you then you never trust them

949

00:42:21,529 --> 00:42:18,959

again so that's two for tat so that's so

950

00:42:23,420 --> 00:42:21,539

the Old Testament verses the new and the

951  
00:42:25,099 --> 00:42:23,430  
secular view says that tit for tat seems

952  
00:42:27,049 --> 00:42:25,109  
to be the best way to go not turning the

953  
00:42:31,030 --> 00:42:27,059  
other cheek gandy turned the other cheek

954  
00:42:31,040 --> 00:42:40,810  
now which point will we address now

955  
00:42:46,160 --> 00:42:43,880  
being spoke about the universe being

956  
00:42:49,580 --> 00:42:46,170  
just energy and matter and hence there's

957  
00:42:52,370 --> 00:42:49,590  
no origin of the term port or should in

958  
00:42:54,590 --> 00:42:52,380  
morals well I can only agree there and

959  
00:42:57,410 --> 00:42:54,600  
say that science however does tell us

960  
00:42:59,570 --> 00:42:57,420  
that the human mind exists as I said

961  
00:43:01,760 --> 00:42:59,580  
based on the brain which I explained in

962  
00:43:03,110 --> 00:43:01,770  
some detail by the way well with my

963  
00:43:05,720 --> 00:43:03,120

claims here if you're thinking I'm

964

00:43:08,630 --> 00:43:05,730

making assertions then you can go to my

965

00:43:09,890 --> 00:43:08,640

website well truth they org where some

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00:43:12,020 --> 00:43:09,900

of these things are backed up in more

967

00:43:14,300 --> 00:43:12,030

detail or if you do a simple search in

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00:43:17,200 --> 00:43:14,310

Wikipedia or something like that you can

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00:43:19,220 --> 00:43:17,210

find out further information anyway

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00:43:22,100 --> 00:43:19,230

scientists know that the human mind is

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00:43:24,320 --> 00:43:22,110

the most complex item in the universe

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00:43:26,750 --> 00:43:24,330

that has yet been discovered by man and

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00:43:30,020 --> 00:43:26,760

it's the most amazing and astounding

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00:43:31,460 --> 00:43:30,030

piece of computing power and the fact

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00:43:33,380 --> 00:43:31,470

that it can be explained in terms of

976  
00:43:35,630 --> 00:43:33,390  
chemistry and electrical signals doesn't

977  
00:43:38,540 --> 00:43:35,640  
listen at him any degree I think that

978  
00:43:40,220 --> 00:43:38,550  
ian is a kind of mysterion that means a

979  
00:43:41,840 --> 00:43:40,230  
person who wants there to be mystery who

980  
00:43:44,780 --> 00:43:41,850  
doesn't want there to be explanations

981  
00:43:47,780 --> 00:43:44,790  
and I take a bit if scientists were to

982  
00:43:49,430 --> 00:43:47,790  
find an explanation for God that Ian

983  
00:43:50,600 --> 00:43:49,440  
would then discount it and say I was not

984  
00:43:54,410 --> 00:43:50,610  
good enough it's got to be mysterious

985  
00:43:57,050 --> 00:43:54,420  
but of the unexplained because that's

986  
00:44:00,680 --> 00:43:57,060  
what mysterion's do so rather than

987  
00:44:02,270 --> 00:44:00,690  
relying on a mind which created the

988  
00:44:04,130 --> 00:44:02,280

universe in which there's no evidence at

989

00:44:07,100 --> 00:44:04,140

all scientists and secularists say that

990

00:44:08,810 --> 00:44:07,110

the human mind is the most complex and

991

00:44:10,070 --> 00:44:08,820

admirable piece of engineering or

992

00:44:12,040 --> 00:44:10,080

whatever you want to call it in the

993

00:44:14,780 --> 00:44:12,050

universe certainly not arriving through

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00:44:18,530 --> 00:44:14,790

intelligent design and that is where

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00:44:20,870 --> 00:44:18,540

autzen should arrive from and if we look

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00:44:22,790 --> 00:44:20,880

at the way Lions behave in catching

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00:44:25,610 --> 00:44:22,800

their prey clearly there's no ought

998

00:44:28,220 --> 00:44:25,620

gutting the behavior of a lion to have

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00:44:30,710 --> 00:44:28,230

say a baby zebra that it's chasing down

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00:44:32,120 --> 00:44:30,720

to eat the lion has some what's in the

1001  
00:44:35,630 --> 00:44:32,130  
way it treats other Lions and the

1002  
00:44:38,360 --> 00:44:35,640  
lioness and its family but it's a

1003  
00:44:39,740 --> 00:44:38,370  
weather aughts exist or not in the end

1004  
00:44:40,730 --> 00:44:39,750  
of this is purely a matter of survival

1005  
00:44:42,710 --> 00:44:40,740  
value and

1006  
00:44:45,020 --> 00:44:42,720  
depends on whether you're talking to

1007  
00:44:49,160 --> 00:44:45,030  
someone in your in group that you need

1008  
00:44:50,720 --> 00:44:49,170  
to respect and will get respect in

1009  
00:44:52,430 --> 00:44:50,730  
return or whether you're talking about

1010  
00:44:56,090 --> 00:44:52,440  
an out group that you can murder with no

1011  
00:45:01,420 --> 00:44:56,100  
consequences so questions at Port and

1012  
00:45:04,820 --> 00:45:01,430  
should have been well solved by science

1013  
00:45:07,850 --> 00:45:04,830

so what sort of morals will secularists

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00:45:09,980 --> 00:45:07,860

come up with well because we know where

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00:45:12,050 --> 00:45:09,990

morals come from or scientists have

1016

00:45:16,160 --> 00:45:12,060

shown that we're free to construct their

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00:45:18,710 --> 00:45:16,170

own morals and ethical systems and the

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00:45:21,560 --> 00:45:18,720

way that most of us choose to do that is

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00:45:23,090 --> 00:45:21,570

called respect for sentient beings much

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00:45:26,480 --> 00:45:23,100

based on the idea that I know that I

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00:45:28,490 --> 00:45:26,490

feel pleasure and pain and I know the

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00:45:29,720 --> 00:45:28,500

people around me also experience

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00:45:31,550 --> 00:45:29,730

pleasure and pain because they have a

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00:45:33,350 --> 00:45:31,560

brain scan their brains the same as mine

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00:45:35,780 --> 00:45:33,360

so the problem of other minds has been

1026  
00:45:37,070 --> 00:45:35,790  
solved by science not by philosophers we

1027  
00:45:38,870 --> 00:45:37,080  
know other people have minds and other

1028  
00:45:40,580 --> 00:45:38,880  
animals have to a lesser degree they can

1029  
00:45:43,100 --> 00:45:40,590  
Spanish pleasure and pain and we care

1030  
00:45:45,740 --> 00:45:43,110  
about their experiences therefore we

1031  
00:45:50,830 --> 00:45:45,750  
have respect for sentient beings it's

1032  
00:45:55,000 --> 00:45:50,840  
the core paradigm of my philosophy and

1033  
00:45:57,530 --> 00:45:55,010  
that can be quantized in the study of

1034  
00:46:00,320 --> 00:45:57,540  
utilitarianism how many of you have

1035  
00:46:02,359 --> 00:46:00,330  
heard of utilitarianism okay that's

1036  
00:46:06,170 --> 00:46:02,369  
pretty well known well that basically

1037  
00:46:08,359 --> 00:46:06,180  
puts figures to the study of respect for

1038  
00:46:10,970 --> 00:46:08,369

sentient beings and even their degree

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00:46:15,170 --> 00:46:10,980

perhaps so that for example with you but

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00:46:17,060 --> 00:46:15,180

a they're doing our analogies with

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00:46:18,770 --> 00:46:17,070

trolleys little stories Prague trolley

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00:46:20,300 --> 00:46:18,780

ology with the trolleys route running

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00:46:21,800 --> 00:46:20,310

down the hill on Rails and it's going to

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00:46:23,180 --> 00:46:21,810

kill one person on the railway tracks

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00:46:25,130 --> 00:46:23,190

and if you pull it leave you can divert

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00:46:26,840 --> 00:46:25,140

the trolley and instead it'll kill three

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00:46:29,420 --> 00:46:26,850

other innocent people who are tied up on

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00:46:31,790 --> 00:46:29,430

the other track and should you do it the

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00:46:33,230 --> 00:46:31,800

churchmen would usually say now we

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00:46:35,870 --> 00:46:33,240

shouldn't intervene because it's God's

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00:46:37,370 --> 00:46:35,880

will whereas the secularist would say

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00:46:40,280 --> 00:46:37,380

well you gotta weigh up the death of one

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00:46:42,590 --> 00:46:40,290

person against the death of three and if

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00:46:44,150 --> 00:46:42,600

that's all there is to it maybe you

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00:46:46,490 --> 00:46:44,160

should divert the trolley but they could

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00:46:48,020 --> 00:46:46,500

also say that if you do that you might

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00:46:49,730 --> 00:46:48,030

not be trusted again so there are

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00:46:52,250 --> 00:46:49,740

factors on either side in any way you

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00:46:54,620 --> 00:46:52,260

can calculate to some extent

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00:46:55,640 --> 00:46:54,630

the number of sentient beings affected

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00:46:58,490 --> 00:46:55,650

and the degree to which they are

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00:47:00,500 --> 00:46:58,500

affected and that's basically the system

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00:47:03,070 --> 00:47:00,510

of ethics that secularists and humorous

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00:47:08,120 --> 00:47:03,080

and skeptics and so forth cannot wish

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00:47:11,240 --> 00:47:08,130

and finally I'd like to address again

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00:47:13,040 --> 00:47:11,250

the IP notion of goodness i think in

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00:47:14,600 --> 00:47:13,050

made it quite clear that he believed

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00:47:18,190 --> 00:47:14,610

that without God there is no source of

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00:47:22,490 --> 00:47:18,200

goodness for people to follow well I

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00:47:25,610 --> 00:47:22,500

would just again hold up the Bible and

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00:47:27,110 --> 00:47:25,620

see what source of morals and goodness

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00:47:28,700 --> 00:47:27,120

that gives us and look at the core

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00:47:30,230 --> 00:47:28,710

paradigm of Christianity which of course

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00:47:33,020 --> 00:47:30,240

would be the crucifixion and the

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00:47:35,030 --> 00:47:33,030

attainment Christians described their

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00:47:37,070 --> 00:47:35,040

core Christian tradition being the

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00:47:39,530 --> 00:47:37,080

attainment something like this that

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00:47:41,810 --> 00:47:39,540

mankind and God had some sort of

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00:47:43,730 --> 00:47:41,820

covenants not exactly clear what that

1080

00:47:46,330 --> 00:47:43,740

was and when Adam ate the apple in the

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00:47:48,860 --> 00:47:46,340

Garden of Eden he bragged that covenant

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00:47:50,240 --> 00:47:48,870

whether he was but it was really eating

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00:47:53,330 --> 00:47:50,250

an apple was forbidden or whether he was

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00:47:55,010 --> 00:47:53,340

having illegal illicit sex or whether he

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00:47:56,870 --> 00:47:55,020

broke some other law that's not exactly

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00:47:58,700 --> 00:47:56,880

spelled out but in any case he broke

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00:48:01,820 --> 00:47:58,710

something that that God thought he had

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00:48:04,220 --> 00:48:01,830

promised to do or not do and every new

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00:48:07,040 --> 00:48:04,230

generation since then even the little

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00:48:09,350 --> 00:48:07,050

babies are born with ancestral sin that

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00:48:11,510 --> 00:48:09,360

had to be cleansed in some way that's an

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00:48:13,970 --> 00:48:11,520

extremely obnoxious idea to a secularist

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00:48:15,470 --> 00:48:13,980

who believes that people are not

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00:48:18,130 --> 00:48:15,480

inherently bad and he don't need to

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00:48:20,900 --> 00:48:18,140

punish babies for what their parents did

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00:48:22,160 --> 00:48:20,910

anyway God came to the rescue he so

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00:48:27,200 --> 00:48:22,170

loved the world that He gave His only

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00:48:30,590 --> 00:48:27,210

begotten Son Jesus etc etc and tortured

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00:48:32,750 --> 00:48:30,600

him to death and at the belief that this

1100

00:48:35,380 --> 00:48:32,760

one able him to pardon this supposedly

1101

00:48:38,510 --> 00:48:35,390

guilty mankind now that's the core of

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00:48:39,830 --> 00:48:38,520

Christianity I've had many Christians

1103

00:48:41,330 --> 00:48:39,840

that I've debated would say that that's

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00:48:43,730 --> 00:48:41,340

their core belief me that was overturned

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00:48:45,110 --> 00:48:43,740

they'd give up Christianity so here's

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00:48:48,580 --> 00:48:45,120

your time here that I'm to put that to

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00:48:50,660 --> 00:48:48,590

the test now let's just think about that

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00:48:54,890 --> 00:48:50,670

translate it into modern-day terms

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00:48:57,710 --> 00:48:54,900

there's a court process a court trial

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00:48:59,059 --> 00:48:57,720

going on in the downing centre and the

1111

00:49:02,150 --> 00:48:59,069

judge

1112

00:49:04,969 --> 00:49:02,160

is I find that you John Smith robbed the

1113

00:49:07,339 --> 00:49:04,979

bank therefore i sees you Freddie no

1114

00:49:09,049 --> 00:49:07,349

walking along the footpath an innocent

1115

00:49:12,769 --> 00:49:09,059

third party and sentence you to life

1116

00:49:15,140 --> 00:49:12,779

with hard labor most people would look

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00:49:17,329 --> 00:49:15,150

at the judges insane and lock him away

1118

00:49:20,959 --> 00:49:17,339

but Christians holders up as their core

1119

00:49:22,370 --> 00:49:20,969

belief and their source of morality so

1120

00:49:25,400 --> 00:49:22,380

if anyone can explain that to me I'd

1121

00:49:27,979 --> 00:49:25,410

like to hear it and all I can suggest is

1122

00:49:30,469 --> 00:49:27,989

that they they call that God's love

1123

00:49:32,539 --> 00:49:30,479

God's showing his love for mankind when

1124

00:49:33,890 --> 00:49:32,549

in fact it's torture and if Christians

1125

00:49:36,049 --> 00:49:33,900

don't know the difference between love

1126  
00:49:37,670 --> 00:49:36,059  
and torture and perhaps that goes part

1127  
00:49:40,430 --> 00:49:37,680  
way to explaining what the greatest

1128  
00:49:43,009 --> 00:49:40,440  
Christian nation on earth did in Abu

1129  
00:49:45,949 --> 00:49:43,019  
Ghraib prison and Guantanamo Bay

1130  
00:49:51,319 --> 00:49:45,959  
detention center not knowing the

1131  
00:49:53,329 --> 00:49:51,329  
difference between love and torture so

1132  
00:49:55,640 --> 00:49:53,339  
when people hold up the book and say

1133  
00:49:57,229 --> 00:49:55,650  
that is our source of morals I just say

1134  
00:50:07,130 --> 00:49:57,239  
that we need to have more explanation

1135  
00:50:08,989 --> 00:50:07,140  
please okay yeah one can ask the

1136  
00:50:10,759 --> 00:50:08,999  
question why is it that such a large

1137  
00:50:14,589 --> 00:50:10,769  
slice of humanity believes in a God of

1138  
00:50:18,109 --> 00:50:14,599

some sort I touched on this before and

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00:50:20,499 --> 00:50:18,119

it does seem to be two secularists or

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00:50:22,999 --> 00:50:20,509

scientific thinkers to be inexplicable

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00:50:27,140 --> 00:50:23,009

why people believe in something that is

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00:50:29,509 --> 00:50:27,150

so very clearly and obviously an

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00:50:30,890 --> 00:50:29,519

appalling source of morals and they

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00:50:36,559 --> 00:50:30,900

think that's where their morals come

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00:50:38,319 --> 00:50:36,569

from however that science has provided a

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00:50:41,709 --> 00:50:38,329

possible answer to this as well and

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00:50:44,930 --> 00:50:41,719

that's based on the layered brain

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00:50:47,599 --> 00:50:44,940

because earlier animals and the

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00:50:50,059 --> 00:50:47,609

evolutionary process of course had

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00:50:51,410 --> 00:50:50,069

what's called a reptilian cortex was the

1151  
00:50:53,749 --> 00:50:51,420  
which is the inner part of their brain

1152  
00:50:55,640 --> 00:50:53,759  
so the reptilian brain in a part of

1153  
00:50:58,699 --> 00:50:55,650  
their brain and node cortex and that

1154  
00:51:00,079 --> 00:50:58,709  
means that typically reptiles react to

1155  
00:51:01,640 --> 00:51:00,089  
what's around them in a very basic level

1156  
00:51:05,239 --> 00:51:01,650  
without going through any sort of

1157  
00:51:08,349 --> 00:51:05,249  
analysis and as mammals developed and

1158  
00:51:10,969 --> 00:51:08,359  
the primates and humans they developed a

1159  
00:51:11,760 --> 00:51:10,979  
cortex on the outside of the reptilian

1160  
00:51:13,920 --> 00:51:11,770  
brain

1161  
00:51:15,720 --> 00:51:13,930  
and other layers in between and the

1162  
00:51:19,020 --> 00:51:15,730  
cortex is capable of conscious and

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00:51:22,800 --> 00:51:19,030

analytical thought and can actually put

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00:51:29,420 --> 00:51:22,810

together a debate or write a book or

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00:51:32,220 --> 00:51:29,430

build an aeroplane or whatever and

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00:51:35,160 --> 00:51:32,230

behavioral studies show us that young

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00:51:37,500 --> 00:51:35,170

animals tend to believe what their

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00:51:39,630 --> 00:51:37,510

parents tell them the reason being of

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00:51:41,040 --> 00:51:39,640

course that if you've got a young monkey

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00:51:42,390 --> 00:51:41,050

that's just born on the branch and his

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00:51:44,370 --> 00:51:42,400

mother shows how to hang on to the

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00:51:45,720 --> 00:51:44,380

branch and if it hangs under the branch

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00:51:47,550 --> 00:51:45,730

it'll live to grow up and then perhaps

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00:51:49,290 --> 00:51:47,560

develops some more thinking skills

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00:51:51,270 --> 00:51:49,300

afterwards but if the baby says I'm

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00:51:53,760 --> 00:51:51,280

going to put this scientific theory to

1177

00:51:55,490 --> 00:51:53,770

the test and let go of the branch that's

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00:51:58,440 --> 00:51:55,500

definitely bad for your survival value

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00:52:00,570 --> 00:51:58,450

so therefore young animals and humans

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00:52:03,960 --> 00:52:00,580

are programmed to trust what their

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00:52:06,150 --> 00:52:03,970

parents tell them Soviets look at the

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00:52:07,740 --> 00:52:06,160

development of a child that grows up in

1183

00:52:09,810 --> 00:52:07,750

a religious household and perhaps is

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00:52:12,930 --> 00:52:09,820

taken to church by the parents in Sunday

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00:52:15,810 --> 00:52:12,940

school it gets ingrained into the

1186

00:52:17,850 --> 00:52:15,820

deepest layers of its brain all these

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00:52:19,530 --> 00:52:17,860

ideas about a supernatural being and

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00:52:21,780 --> 00:52:19,540

there being one true God and one shoe

1189

00:52:25,950 --> 00:52:21,790

holy book and all the morals flow from

1190

00:52:27,540 --> 00:52:25,960

it and then later on at some sort of

1191

00:52:29,910 --> 00:52:27,550

maturity perhaps in high school or

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00:52:33,150 --> 00:52:29,920

university that child learns critical

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00:52:35,660 --> 00:52:33,160

thinking skills either by attending a

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00:52:38,190 --> 00:52:35,670

course on critical thinking or perhaps

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00:52:40,080 --> 00:52:38,200

reading a book about it or perhaps just

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00:52:42,180 --> 00:52:40,090

some scientific training that teaches

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00:52:43,560 --> 00:52:42,190

them how to analyze and test things and

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00:52:47,420 --> 00:52:43,570

say what's the evidence for that and

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00:52:51,360 --> 00:52:47,430

what's the theory behind there so that

1200

00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:51,370

when the teenager perhaps learns

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00:52:57,690 --> 00:52:53,920

critical thinking skills it's very

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00:52:59,100 --> 00:52:57,700

difficult for that person to challenge

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00:53:01,410 --> 00:52:59,110

what they've already learned because

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00:53:03,000 --> 00:53:01,420

that's a to deeper level so the idea is

1205

00:53:04,440 --> 00:53:03,010

that you can only challenge what you

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00:53:06,540 --> 00:53:04,450

learn after you learn your critical

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00:53:07,770 --> 00:53:06,550

thinking skills that's a bit of an

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00:53:11,820 --> 00:53:07,780

approximation but there's some evidence

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00:53:14,040 --> 00:53:11,830

in favor of that therefore many of us

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00:53:17,700 --> 00:53:14,050

who have strong religious beliefs

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00:53:19,380 --> 00:53:17,710

against any sort of logic or reason are

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00:53:22,080 --> 00:53:19,390

probably doing so because they were

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00:53:24,000 --> 00:53:22,090

indoctrinated as children and I'd like

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00:53:26,670 --> 00:53:24,010

each of you here to reflect

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00:53:30,000 --> 00:53:26,680

and so if I believe in a garden that

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00:53:31,710 --> 00:53:30,010

might which God it is and if I believe

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00:53:33,900 --> 00:53:31,720

that one particular holy book is true

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00:53:36,390 --> 00:53:33,910

and all the others have fault false and

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00:53:38,520 --> 00:53:36,400

if I believe in one prophet and so forth

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00:53:41,580 --> 00:53:38,530

put that because I was indoctrinated

1221

00:53:44,670 --> 00:53:41,590

into this belief before I develop

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00:53:48,270 --> 00:53:44,680

critical thinking skills and if you've

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00:53:50,220 --> 00:53:48,280

got any sort of positive answer to that

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00:53:53,460 --> 00:53:50,230

you might like to consider whether it is

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00:53:55,230 --> 00:53:53,470

ethical for churches and other religions

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00:53:57,080 --> 00:53:55,240

to indoctrinate children into beliefs

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00:53:59,100 --> 00:53:57,090

before they were in critical thinking

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00:54:01,590 --> 00:53:59,110

because they'll probably find it very

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00:54:03,600 --> 00:54:01,600

difficult to shake off those beliefs and

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00:54:17,120 --> 00:54:03,610

it will Harmons vary greatly in there

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00:54:23,400 --> 00:54:21,690

and I expect I am for them what's part

1232

00:54:25,880 --> 00:54:23,410

of the fun of the base which is huge top

1233

00:54:28,620 --> 00:54:25,890

extreme rage and really a short time and

1234

00:54:30,840 --> 00:54:28,630

unlike me you will have honest jobs on

1235

00:54:33,660 --> 00:54:30,850

just a minister's I'd especially dr.

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00:54:36,210 --> 00:54:33,670

Phil comes on to fill in my day talking

1237

00:54:37,680 --> 00:54:36,220

to sleep in and rest get my sermons off

1238

00:54:41,580 --> 00:54:37,690

the net it's been told you about that

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00:54:43,590 --> 00:54:41,590

period I just wanted to quick out

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00:54:46,620 --> 00:54:43,600

responses them there's a great quote

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00:54:50,340 --> 00:54:46,630

from a very fine atheist now dead Carl

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00:54:51,720 --> 00:54:50,350

Sagan and I do think that it I felt a

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00:54:54,060 --> 00:54:51,730

few times this is relevant to the way

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00:54:56,640 --> 00:54:54,070

that I ants approaching this Carl Sagan

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00:54:58,849 --> 00:54:56,650

write this you can get into a habit of

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00:55:01,380 --> 00:54:58,859

thought in which you enjoy making fun of

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00:55:04,320 --> 00:55:01,390

all those other people who don't see

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00:55:07,490 --> 00:55:04,330

things as clearly as you do and we have

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00:55:10,080 --> 00:55:07,500

to guard carefully against that and

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00:55:11,910 --> 00:55:10,090

making fun of all those people who don't

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00:55:14,460 --> 00:55:11,920

see things as clearly as you do we have

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00:55:17,970 --> 00:55:14,470

to guard carefully against it a number

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00:55:20,070 --> 00:55:17,980

of times I feel and I may be wrong amiss

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00:55:21,680 --> 00:55:20,080

that ian is making sort of the

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00:55:25,200 --> 00:55:21,690

assumption that if you're a clever

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00:55:28,050 --> 00:55:25,210

rational thoughtful educated person ouch

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00:55:30,330 --> 00:55:28,060

mine you cannot possibly conceivably

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00:55:32,190 --> 00:55:30,340

believe in all this nonsense about Jesus

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00:55:35,099 --> 00:55:32,200

and God it set receptor just keeping in

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00:55:36,599 --> 00:55:35,109

that area of God in the lesion and I

1261

00:55:44,670 --> 00:55:36,609

just need the phone with this is

1262

00:55:46,980 --> 00:55:44,680

provably for us Ian if you like was he

1263

00:55:51,300 --> 00:55:46,990

brought up in a religious home and did

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00:55:52,890 --> 00:55:51,310

he break free because if he did he's

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00:55:56,460 --> 00:55:52,900

either make me a claim to be some sort

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00:55:59,010 --> 00:55:56,470

of a Superman or his theory about how

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00:56:02,190 --> 00:55:59,020

things work is just nonsense and his own

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00:56:03,630 --> 00:56:02,200

life story can disprove true I was

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00:56:07,080 --> 00:56:03,640

brought up being sent to Sunday School I

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00:56:09,359 --> 00:56:07,090

hated it I protested against it the name

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00:56:12,480 --> 00:56:09,369

of the Shocker sunday school who thought

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00:56:14,330 --> 00:56:12,490

of that name but you know I was an

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00:56:17,000 --> 00:56:14,340

atheist by the time I was about 16

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00:56:18,680 --> 00:56:17,010

and was very reluctantly and I was angry

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00:56:21,680 --> 00:56:18,690

when I became Christian to have been

1276  
00:56:23,150 --> 00:56:21,690  
convinced it was true my story doesn't

1277  
00:56:25,400 --> 00:56:23,160  
prove anything several people change

1278  
00:56:27,620 --> 00:56:25,410  
sometimes for the better you have a man

1279  
00:56:29,660 --> 00:56:27,630  
like Francis Collins is just completed a

1280  
00:56:32,080 --> 00:56:29,670  
work a very impressive wish in the

1281  
00:56:34,460 --> 00:56:32,090  
mapping out of the human genome program

1282  
00:56:35,840 --> 00:56:34,470  
then he was a graduate scientist he

1283  
00:56:38,620 --> 00:56:35,850  
became convinced rich channels trim

1284  
00:56:40,640 --> 00:56:38,630  
became a Christian I hardly a fool

1285  
00:56:43,850 --> 00:56:40,650  
hardly a man unable to think critically

1286  
00:56:45,560 --> 00:56:43,860  
I given the baton to finish a very

1287  
00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:45,570  
impressive work that was begun by an

1288  
00:56:48,980 --> 00:56:47,040

atheist finished by Christian it's a

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00:56:50,600 --> 00:56:48,990

great indication of effective some

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00:56:52,370 --> 00:56:50,610

attempt to draw some sharp division

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00:56:54,920 --> 00:56:52,380

between rational thinking people and

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00:56:56,510 --> 00:56:54,930

science and religion is nonsense the

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00:56:58,570 --> 00:56:56,520

reason why people make these decisions

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00:57:00,860 --> 00:56:58,580

are much more complicated than that

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00:57:04,190 --> 00:57:00,870

because some of you will know that

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00:57:06,350 --> 00:57:04,200

Anthony flu who was the outstanding

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00:57:07,670 --> 00:57:06,360

academic atheist in the last third of

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00:57:10,960 --> 00:57:07,680

the 20th century has just caused

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00:57:13,760 --> 00:57:10,970

enormous upset by not becoming kitchen

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00:57:17,090 --> 00:57:13,770

but by saying he is now convinced that

1301  
00:57:20,510 --> 00:57:17,100  
he was wrong earlier and that he is now

1302  
00:57:23,840 --> 00:57:20,520  
completed there is a god he says that he

1303  
00:57:25,580 --> 00:57:23,850  
thinks that probably the most likely of

1304  
00:57:27,440 --> 00:57:25,590  
all the contenders in front of him to be

1305  
00:57:29,150 --> 00:57:27,450  
right is probably Christianity but he's

1306  
00:57:31,310 --> 00:57:29,160  
not a Christian and he doesn't believe

1307  
00:57:33,500 --> 00:57:31,320  
in life after death Richard Dawkins in a

1308  
00:57:35,480 --> 00:57:33,510  
fury which you could see on youtube some

1309  
00:57:37,100 --> 00:57:35,490  
time ago so this is just fear of death

1310  
00:57:38,480 --> 00:57:37,110  
and of course Anthony fluo said he knows

1311  
00:57:39,920 --> 00:57:38,490  
that's not true because I don't believe

1312  
00:57:41,900 --> 00:57:39,930  
there's any life after death I just

1313  
00:57:44,810 --> 00:57:41,910

think in the end rationally it makes

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00:57:46,550 --> 00:57:44,820

more sense to believe that the way the

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00:57:48,680 --> 00:57:46,560

universe works and fiddly life works is

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00:57:51,530 --> 00:57:48,690

the result of an intelligence rather

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00:57:54,350 --> 00:57:51,540

than an accident so I think we need to

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00:57:56,660 --> 00:57:54,360

tread carefully in just assuming that

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00:57:59,360 --> 00:57:56,670

our position is the only intelligent one

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00:58:01,580 --> 00:57:59,370

of pre thinking and women quick thing on

1321

00:58:03,830 --> 00:58:01,590

the which God a Christian leaves well

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00:58:05,720 --> 00:58:03,840

aware of the of the diversity of choice

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00:58:07,460 --> 00:58:05,730

and Christianity was born it was a

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00:58:08,840 --> 00:58:07,470

ridiculous little religion if you were

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00:58:10,460 --> 00:58:08,850

traveling around the first century said

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00:58:11,660 --> 00:58:10,470

which religion of all leaders going to

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00:58:14,810 --> 00:58:11,670

survive you wouldn't have even noticed

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00:58:17,690 --> 00:58:14,820

Christianity it was a provable joke it

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00:58:18,830 --> 00:58:17,700

was mocked by all Christians have always

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00:58:20,660 --> 00:58:18,840

known one of these to live in a diverse

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00:58:24,080 --> 00:58:20,670

world except perhaps for a few moments

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00:58:25,520 --> 00:58:24,090

in Europe when you know it might have

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00:58:26,540 --> 00:58:25,530

lost that picture but I don't think most

1334

00:58:27,590 --> 00:58:26,550

until it's efficient

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00:58:31,760 --> 00:58:27,600

a lot of the fact that the world is a

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00:58:33,440 --> 00:58:31,770

very diverse place the argument Jesus

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00:58:35,390 --> 00:58:33,450

ps4 why you should take him seriously

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00:58:38,630 --> 00:58:35,400

who says tear apart my body and three

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00:58:40,040 --> 00:58:38,640

this time I rebuild it Christianity only

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00:58:42,730 --> 00:58:40,050

religion that puts its heather and says

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00:58:46,400 --> 00:58:42,740

here is the area of tests and proof and

1342

00:58:47,600 --> 00:58:46,410

I know no one who's spent any time

1343

00:58:49,280 --> 00:58:47,610

looking at the evidence for the

1344

00:58:51,440 --> 00:58:49,290

resurrection of Jesus who has not come i

1345

00:58:55,700 --> 00:58:51,450

convinced i know many who are not

1346

00:58:58,550 --> 00:58:55,710

convinced most of my family but i'm not

1347

00:59:00,980 --> 00:58:58,560

saying that don't exist I used to say I

1348

00:59:01,970 --> 00:59:00,990

knew one person but then one time when

1349

00:59:03,530 --> 00:59:01,980

she was drunk and we were having dinner

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00:59:04,670 --> 00:59:03,540

together she said actually I do know

1351

00:59:07,550 --> 00:59:04,680

it's true I just because interested

1352

00:59:09,380 --> 00:59:07,560

having anyone tell me I live and that's

1353

00:59:10,400 --> 00:59:09,390

the question so we're well aware there

1354

00:59:11,840 --> 00:59:10,410

are many kinds the fact that there are

1355

00:59:13,100 --> 00:59:11,850

many false answers doesn't mean there

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00:59:15,680 --> 00:59:13,110

isn't a right answer there might be a

1357

00:59:16,880 --> 00:59:15,690

right answer but the fact that you know

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00:59:18,830 --> 00:59:16,890

you have two plus two is equal to what

1359

00:59:22,850 --> 00:59:18,840

and you get some people say 34 blue

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00:59:24,680 --> 00:59:22,860

whatever Oh many answers give up that's

1361

00:59:27,200 --> 00:59:24,690

not out just have to study it more

1362

00:59:29,180 --> 00:59:27,210

carefully I was disappointed to the

1363

00:59:31,040 --> 00:59:29,190

court of moose cherien I'm not a lover

1364

00:59:32,570 --> 00:59:31,050

of mystery I normally speak sneeringly

1365

00:59:33,980 --> 00:59:32,580

of the use of the word mystery so am

1366

00:59:36,290 --> 00:59:33,990

would make this known a bit better

1367

00:59:39,740 --> 00:59:36,300

before you would get one box to put me

1368

00:59:41,960 --> 00:59:39,750

in I for eye tooth for tooth is not an

1369

00:59:43,070 --> 00:59:41,970

example of the Old Testament clashing

1370

00:59:44,030 --> 00:59:43,080

and again I just think you should know

1371

00:59:46,460 --> 00:59:44,040

better than that if you're going to

1372

00:59:49,970 --> 00:59:46,470

argue a case which you had you'd many

1373

00:59:53,030 --> 00:59:49,980

times read the context I for eye tooth

1374

00:59:56,420 --> 00:59:53,040

for tooth is given by God to the

1375

00:59:59,480 --> 00:59:56,430

magistrates of Israel and it's telling

1376

01:00:01,370 --> 00:59:59,490

me to give pure justice what was common

1377

01:00:03,800 --> 01:00:01,380

then and is it still true in many tribal

1378

01:00:07,430 --> 01:00:03,810

countries is that you get you lose an

1379

01:00:09,080 --> 01:00:07,440

eye I kill your whole family the code of

1380

01:00:10,640 --> 01:00:09,090

hammurabi which people have sometimes

1381

01:00:13,340 --> 01:00:10,650

foolish he said until they read it it's

1382

01:00:15,620 --> 01:00:13,350

just like the Ten Commandments it's

1383

01:00:17,090 --> 01:00:15,630

completely different when it depends

1384

01:00:18,440 --> 01:00:17,100

what order you are in society what

1385

01:00:20,840 --> 01:00:18,450

happens to you serve a peasant hurts a

1386

01:00:22,970 --> 01:00:20,850

person hired them and their family get

1387

01:00:25,400 --> 01:00:22,980

wiped out if a rich person and poor

1388

01:00:27,560 --> 01:00:25,410

person almost nothing happens so what

1389

01:00:29,630 --> 01:00:27,570

God says that we magistrate to Israel is

1390

01:00:30,980 --> 01:00:29,640

I for eye tooth for tooth if a king

1391

01:00:34,400 --> 01:00:30,990

kills a person he loses his life for

1392

01:00:35,450 --> 01:00:34,410

peasant girls again loses life that's

1393

01:00:37,520 --> 01:00:35,460

what a saint

1394

01:00:39,320 --> 01:00:37,530

Jesus dealing with his people had taken

1395

01:00:40,330 --> 01:00:39,330

what was said to the magistrates and

1396

01:00:44,950 --> 01:00:40,340

brought it down to their personal

1397

01:00:47,240 --> 01:00:44,960

relationships and Jesus condemning that

1398

01:00:51,020 --> 01:00:47,250

you just need to read these things a

1399

01:00:52,610 --> 01:00:51,030

little more carefully I cannot say for

1400

01:00:55,550 --> 01:00:52,620

example if I see you do a terrible crime

1401

01:00:58,400 --> 01:00:55,560

if I think right that for 10 years and I

1402

01:01:01,970 --> 01:00:58,410

locked you up under my house yes he goes

1403

01:01:03,050 --> 01:01:01,980

to present I do because I'm living out

1404

01:01:05,780 --> 01:01:03,060

of the area where I've got legitimate

1405

01:01:07,880 --> 01:01:05,790

jurisdiction it said to the magistrates

1406

01:01:11,420 --> 01:01:07,890

and it's a beautiful thing aside of the

1407

01:01:12,770 --> 01:01:11,430

magistrate but in that time and now we

1408

01:01:15,200 --> 01:01:12,780

are not to bring that into our relations

1409

01:01:17,390 --> 01:01:15,210

we are to turn the other cheek this is

1410

01:01:19,460 --> 01:01:17,400

the mark of what Jesus says is prudent

1411

01:01:21,770 --> 01:01:19,470

it's not just treating people average

1412

01:01:23,060 --> 01:01:21,780

Lee it's treating people the way God or

1413

01:01:27,020 --> 01:01:23,070

these to God that Jesus talks about

1414

01:01:29,150 --> 01:01:27,030

which is ridiculously generously well

1415

01:01:32,570 --> 01:01:29,160

I'll go back to the three basic points

1416

01:01:36,620 --> 01:01:32,580

in their few remaining minutes what I

1417

01:01:38,150 --> 01:01:36,630

think happens for atheists these are the

1418

01:01:42,140 --> 01:01:38,160

soft atheists they're the ones who

1419

01:01:44,990 --> 01:01:42,150

haven't got the courage to go all the

1420

01:01:47,720 --> 01:01:45,000

way is that they know in their guts

1421

01:01:49,130 --> 01:01:47,730

certain things are right and wrong which

1422

01:01:50,390 --> 01:01:49,140

is exactly what the Bible would indicate

1423

01:01:51,710 --> 01:01:50,400

you would have because they're made in

1424

01:01:52,850 --> 01:01:51,720

the image of God whether they believe

1425

01:01:54,950 --> 01:01:52,860

you've gotten up they remain mainly

1426  
01:01:56,890 --> 01:01:54,960  
image of God the Bible speaks of the law

1427  
01:01:59,570 --> 01:01:56,900  
of God being written in people's hearts

1428  
01:02:02,600 --> 01:01:59,580  
all right that people know certain

1429  
01:02:04,220 --> 01:02:02,610  
things are right and wrong atheists know

1430  
01:02:06,170 --> 01:02:04,230  
in their guts certain things are right

1431  
01:02:07,340 --> 01:02:06,180  
and wrong now they'll be wrong on some

1432  
01:02:10,370 --> 01:02:07,350  
like we're all every culture is right

1433  
01:02:11,780 --> 01:02:10,380  
and wrong in some areas the problem is

1434  
01:02:14,540 --> 01:02:11,790  
that their head doesn't agree with their

1435  
01:02:17,120 --> 01:02:14,550  
gut one of the things about a worldview

1436  
01:02:19,130 --> 01:02:17,130  
the tests it is it isn't able to explain

1437  
01:02:20,990 --> 01:02:19,140  
it's part of the power of the theory of

1438  
01:02:24,080 --> 01:02:21,000

evolution is the fact that it's got

1439

01:02:25,820 --> 01:02:24,090

tremendous explanatory power all sorts

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01:02:27,440 --> 01:02:25,830

of different bits of garter we discover

1441

01:02:28,820 --> 01:02:27,450

i will explain within the theory now

1442

01:02:31,640 --> 01:02:28,830

that doesn't prove it to be true but it

1443

01:02:33,440 --> 01:02:31,650

certainly points in its favor and I

1444

01:02:34,910 --> 01:02:33,450

think what what what I'm saying is that

1445

01:02:36,920 --> 01:02:34,920

the trouble with atheism when thoughts

1446

01:02:38,900 --> 01:02:36,930

were consistently is it runs into a

1447

01:02:40,580 --> 01:02:38,910

massive crack between the gut the heart

1448

01:02:43,250 --> 01:02:40,590

the feeling of life which is a central

1449

01:02:44,990 --> 01:02:43,260

part of life the humans and their

1450

01:02:46,530 --> 01:02:45,000

capacity to articulate a logical

1451

01:02:49,480 --> 01:02:46,540

connection

1452

01:02:50,859 --> 01:02:49,490

where's and that is where let me just

1453

01:02:52,480 --> 01:02:50,869

give you some examples Lee I think this

1454

01:02:55,000 --> 01:02:52,490

is being unfair i've got a whole series

1455

01:02:57,400 --> 01:02:55,010

of quote here from good hard clear

1456

01:02:59,230 --> 01:02:57,410

thinking atheists let me give you one

1457

01:03:00,910 --> 01:02:59,240

from John Jewish famous fridge work in

1458

01:03:03,339 --> 01:03:00,920

libraries and education there is no God

1459

01:03:05,470 --> 01:03:03,349

there is no soul there is no room for

1460

01:03:11,109 --> 01:03:05,480

fixed natural law or permanent moral

1461

01:03:12,730 --> 01:03:11,119

absolutes Michael ruse right right

1462

01:03:14,920 --> 01:03:12,740

there's a professor of science

1463

01:03:16,540 --> 01:03:14,930

philosophy science the man who says that

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01:03:18,370 --> 01:03:16,550

it's morally acceptable to rate little

1465

01:03:19,890 --> 01:03:18,380

children is just as mistaken as demand

1466

01:03:23,170 --> 01:03:19,900

who says two plus two is equal to five

1467

01:03:25,089 --> 01:03:23,180

right so he's an absolutist on right and

1468

01:03:26,530 --> 01:03:25,099

wrong the position of the modern

1469

01:03:28,300 --> 01:03:26,540

evolutionist is that humans have an

1470

01:03:30,700 --> 01:03:28,310

awareness of morality because such an

1471

01:03:32,770 --> 01:03:30,710

awareness is of biological work morality

1472

01:03:35,319 --> 01:03:32,780

is a biological adaptation are less than

1473

01:03:37,270 --> 01:03:35,329

the hands and feet and teeth considered

1474

01:03:39,839 --> 01:03:37,280

as a rationally justifiable set of

1475

01:03:45,520 --> 01:03:39,849

claims about an objective something

1476

01:03:47,680 --> 01:03:45,530

ethics is an illusion morality is just

1477

01:03:50,980 --> 01:03:47,690

an aid to survival and reproduction any

1478

01:03:53,260 --> 01:03:50,990

deeper meaning is an illusion Paul Kurtz

1479

01:03:54,640 --> 01:03:53,270

and other atheists says the central

1480

01:03:57,609 --> 01:03:54,650

question that moral and ethical

1481

01:03:59,260 --> 01:03:57,619

principles concerns their foundation if

1482

01:04:00,910 --> 01:03:59,270

they are neither derived from God nor

1483

01:04:04,589 --> 01:04:00,920

anchored in sums of transcendental

1484

01:04:06,910 --> 01:04:04,599

ground they are purely ephemeral

1485

01:04:08,260 --> 01:04:06,920

thoughtful atheists are not saying they

1486

01:04:09,220 --> 01:04:08,270

don't feel there are things that are

1487

01:04:12,220 --> 01:04:09,230

right and wrong but they've got enough

1488

01:04:15,579 --> 01:04:12,230

guts to say that they have no logical

1489

01:04:17,500 --> 01:04:15,589

moral ought to them all you can say is I

1490

01:04:19,420 --> 01:04:17,510

don't like it and I hope you agree which

1491

01:04:21,250 --> 01:04:19,430

is what Bertrand Russell said in his

1492

01:04:23,740 --> 01:04:21,260

book in his article what I what I do

1493

01:04:25,030 --> 01:04:23,750

believe he made an ethical statement

1494

01:04:28,000 --> 01:04:25,040

said I only hope you agree with me

1495

01:04:30,880 --> 01:04:28,010

alright that's a very sad council in the

1496

01:04:32,440 --> 01:04:30,890

end you may have known you may have read

1497

01:04:33,309 --> 01:04:32,450

of the Nazi soldier twist or not

1498

01:04:35,470 --> 01:04:33,319

announce which were one of the other

1499

01:04:38,099 --> 01:04:35,480

prison camps who in a moment of ethical

1500

01:04:42,309 --> 01:04:38,109

weakness took pity on a Jewish child and

1501

01:04:44,230 --> 01:04:42,319

help the Jewish child escape he was

1502

01:04:47,530 --> 01:04:44,240

overwhelmed for days with a terrible

1503

01:04:50,589 --> 01:04:47,540

sense of guilt that within his ethical

1504

01:04:53,020 --> 01:04:50,599

world it was right for the Superman to

1505

01:04:55,450 --> 01:04:53,030

arise by getting rid of the polluting

1506

01:04:56,990 --> 01:04:55,460

lower races in the end he went and

1507

01:05:01,740 --> 01:04:57,000

confessed his sin

1508

01:05:04,170 --> 01:05:01,750

to his fellow atheist Nazi officer what

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01:05:08,100 --> 01:05:04,180

would you say to that man he has a

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01:05:12,210 --> 01:05:08,110

perfectly coherent worldview which rises

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01:05:16,500 --> 01:05:12,220

as adults did from his embracement of

1512

01:05:18,360 --> 01:05:16,510

Nietzsche's atheism that God isn't he is

1513

01:05:21,860 --> 01:05:18,370

no more the horizons being wiped away

1514

01:05:23,940 --> 01:05:21,870

and niche said unlike all the gullible

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01:05:25,320 --> 01:05:23,950

people at the beginning of 20th century

1516

01:05:26,880 --> 01:05:25,330

said this was going to be a century of

1517

01:05:28,920 --> 01:05:26,890

near paradise it's tragic reading

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01:05:30,620 --> 01:05:28,930

Nietzsche said because Europe will

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01:05:33,330 --> 01:05:30,630

finally realize that there is no God

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01:05:36,390 --> 01:05:33,340

this will be the bloodiest century in

1521

01:05:39,030 --> 01:05:36,400

human history he understood once you

1522

01:05:41,160 --> 01:05:39,040

remove God it has massive social

1523

01:05:43,530 --> 01:05:41,170

repercussions now if there's no God too

1524

01:05:45,930 --> 01:05:43,540

bad you don't believe in something

1525

01:05:49,590 --> 01:05:45,940

because it's socially convenient truth

1526

01:05:53,010 --> 01:05:49,600

matters Dostoevsky is the fellow who

1527

01:05:55,410 --> 01:05:53,020

writes had a huge long journey thinking

1528

01:05:56,940 --> 01:05:55,420

and spiritually dead to rights this if

1529

01:05:59,970 --> 01:05:56,950

God is not then all things are

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01:06:03,390 --> 01:05:59,980

permissible and ultimately logically

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01:06:05,130 --> 01:06:03,400

he's right solves an innocent who

1532

01:06:07,890 --> 01:06:05,140

displayed such a large part and

1533

01:06:10,710 --> 01:06:07,900

undermined the credibility of the of the

1534

01:06:14,220 --> 01:06:10,720

US soil tetra was asked how do you

1535

01:06:16,590 --> 01:06:14,230

explain the fact that Stalin under an

1536

01:06:20,070 --> 01:06:16,600

articulate atheistic materialist

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01:06:23,850 --> 01:06:20,080

worldview killed 16 million of his own

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01:06:27,270 --> 01:06:23,860

people 60 million makes hit that look

1539

01:06:29,000 --> 01:06:27,280

like a schoolboys souls in it some

1540

01:06:34,590 --> 01:06:29,010

thought and then his simple reply was

1541

01:06:36,720 --> 01:06:34,600

our nation forgot God there isn't a huge

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01:06:39,210 --> 01:06:36,730

connection between weighty senses of

1543

01:06:41,760 --> 01:06:39,220

what is right and wrong atheists are

1544

01:06:44,190 --> 01:06:41,770

often very fine people but it's the

1545

01:06:50,780 --> 01:06:44,200

difficulty they have on saying my god

1546

01:06:53,460 --> 01:06:50,790

has a logical coherent reason blandness

1547

01:06:55,710 --> 01:06:53,470

let me remind you again of what Jesus

1548

01:06:59,610 --> 01:06:55,720

says we tend to think of the just being

1549

01:07:01,290 --> 01:06:59,620

nice and not doing too much harm the

1550

01:07:02,670 --> 01:07:01,300

Good Samaritan which people often spagh

1551  
01:07:05,040 --> 01:07:02,680  
are he was a good smart for someone

1552  
01:07:06,900 --> 01:07:05,050  
that's again such a bland mistake of it

1553  
01:07:09,059 --> 01:07:06,910  
the whole thing with the Samaritans to

1554  
01:07:13,440 --> 01:07:09,069  
is that Samaritans and Jews hated each

1555  
01:07:14,970 --> 01:07:13,450  
other's guts and hit I for I again and

1556  
01:07:17,010 --> 01:07:14,980  
again deliberate acts of cruelty and

1557  
01:07:18,870 --> 01:07:17,020  
culture to culture individuals which

1558  
01:07:21,900 --> 01:07:18,880  
flooding what end is said is it could be

1559  
01:07:23,279 --> 01:07:21,910  
I was amazed to think he thought that's

1560  
01:07:24,569 --> 01:07:23,289  
not a bad thing well welcome to eunice

1561  
01:07:25,890 --> 01:07:24,579  
la via welcome to the Middle East

1562  
01:07:28,079 --> 01:07:25,900  
welcome to all sorts of problems that

1563  
01:07:30,720 --> 01:07:28,089

can't be solved which is what I for eye

1564

01:07:34,770 --> 01:07:30,730

tooth for tooth does the Good Samaritan

1565

01:07:38,160 --> 01:07:34,780

loves the hated enemy that's what Jesus

1566

01:07:39,630 --> 01:07:38,170

says is good so when the normal atheist

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01:07:40,859 --> 01:07:39,640

whatever your normal Australian said I'm

1568

01:07:45,120 --> 01:07:40,869

a pretty good person they're talking

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01:07:47,130 --> 01:07:45,130

watch compared to SD vs goodness's is

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01:07:50,690 --> 01:07:47,140

tested and seen when you do with your

1571

01:07:53,490 --> 01:07:50,700

enemy that's the key because in the end

1572

01:07:55,140 --> 01:07:53,500

that is what we see in God I'm

1573

01:07:57,020 --> 01:07:55,150

disappointed to hear Ian's complete

1574

01:07:59,279 --> 01:07:57,030

misunderstanding of the death of Jesus I

1575

01:08:02,789 --> 01:07:59,289

have little doubt he's have it explained

1576

01:08:04,460 --> 01:08:02,799

him before but it is not someone a third

1577

01:08:07,230 --> 01:08:04,470

party of course it's a wicked injustice

1578

01:08:10,079 --> 01:08:07,240

if I get busted again breaking the speed

1579

01:08:11,339 --> 01:08:10,089

limit and you lose your license which is

1580

01:08:14,150 --> 01:08:11,349

the way that he spoke of it that's not

1581

01:08:16,769 --> 01:08:14,160

at all what Jesus thinks is going on

1582

01:08:19,860 --> 01:08:16,779

what Jesus says is i am the father of

1583

01:08:23,400 --> 01:08:19,870

one what jesus saying is not that sort

1584

01:08:25,709 --> 01:08:23,410

of some arbitrary in just procedure but

1585

01:08:27,300 --> 01:08:25,719

it's God in himself taking the

1586

01:08:30,090 --> 01:08:27,310

consequence for our sin and forgiveness

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01:08:31,979 --> 01:08:30,100

always does that if you've ever

1588

01:08:35,010 --> 01:08:31,989

forgiving someone who has really hurt

1589

01:08:36,749 --> 01:08:35,020

you I mean really hurt you it is the

1590

01:08:39,900 --> 01:08:36,759

most unnatural procedure in the universe

1591

01:08:41,579 --> 01:08:39,910

the natural easy instinctive animal

1592

01:08:43,829 --> 01:08:41,589

thing is to take revenge when I read

1593

01:08:45,419 --> 01:08:43,839

Kerry Packer say I'm a great friend but

1594

01:08:48,380 --> 01:08:45,429

a terrible enemy of that will welcome to

1595

01:08:51,260 --> 01:08:48,390

the primary school playground big deal

1596

01:08:56,099 --> 01:08:51,270

that's just instinctive animal behavior

1597

01:08:57,780 --> 01:08:56,109

but this is to forgive someone and what

1598

01:08:59,700 --> 01:08:57,790

Jesus doings he is taken in himself

1599

01:09:02,099 --> 01:08:59,710

between the father son and spirit this

1600

01:09:04,919 --> 01:09:02,109

is a transaction going on so it's not at

1601

01:09:06,510 --> 01:09:04,929

all that arbitrary thing it has always

1602

01:09:07,499 --> 01:09:06,520

been not from the very beginning you

1603

01:09:08,729 --> 01:09:07,509

either think it's the most beautiful

1604

01:09:11,039 --> 01:09:08,739

thing that has ever happened in the

1605

01:09:12,510 --> 01:09:11,049

universe which is what I do that's why

1606

01:09:15,849 --> 01:09:12,520

Christians didn't call a black friday

1607

01:09:17,680 --> 01:09:15,859

bit good friday or you mock it

1608

01:09:18,939 --> 01:09:17,690

that's not a 21st century thing that's

1609

01:09:22,390 --> 01:09:18,949

the first entry thing it happened way

1610

01:09:35,810 --> 01:09:22,400

back then still a great time at well I

1611

01:09:41,510 --> 01:09:39,090

okay thanks Ian I'll try and present

1612

01:09:49,860 --> 01:09:41,520

several of those points you brought up

1613

01:09:51,090 --> 01:09:49,870

as best I can firstly you said that if

1614

01:09:53,400 --> 01:09:51,100

there's no God this will be the

1615

01:09:55,710 --> 01:09:53,410

bloodiest century that we've seen

1616

01:09:58,590 --> 01:09:55,720

something something like that well I'd

1617

01:10:01,500 --> 01:09:58,600

like to point out that to reinforce the

1618

01:10:03,120 --> 01:10:01,510

fact that if there is a God century

1619

01:10:05,400 --> 01:10:03,130

would be much bloodier than any we've

1620

01:10:09,120 --> 01:10:05,410

ever seen I described to you before the

1621

01:10:12,480 --> 01:10:09,130

story of the Midianites I can also tell

1622

01:10:15,660 --> 01:10:12,490

you about the story of Lot's daughters

1623

01:10:18,600 --> 01:10:15,670

the fact this is in Genesis chapter 19

1624

01:10:19,980 --> 01:10:18,610

where two angels came to Sodom on in the

1625

01:10:26,490 --> 01:10:19,990

evening and what was sitting at the gate

1626

01:10:29,640 --> 01:10:26,500

of Sodom and so forth and the angels

1627

01:10:31,710 --> 01:10:29,650

satori the crowd said bring those angels

1628

01:10:36,000 --> 01:10:31,720

up to us that we may know them carnally

1629

01:10:37,800 --> 01:10:36,010

apparently they wanted to bugger them to

1630

01:10:39,720 --> 01:10:37,810

put it in the vernacular and lot said

1631

01:10:42,870 --> 01:10:39,730

see now I have two daughters who have

1632

01:10:44,490 --> 01:10:42,880

not known a man please let me bring them

1633

01:10:46,860 --> 01:10:44,500

out to you and you may do with them as

1634

01:10:50,100 --> 01:10:46,870

you wish so game see another message

1635

01:10:53,070 --> 01:10:50,110

where it's okay to treat your daughters

1636

01:10:55,500 --> 01:10:53,080

as bargaining material with your enemies

1637

01:10:56,670 --> 01:10:55,510

and let them being hacked raped in fact

1638

01:10:59,640 --> 01:10:56,680

there at least two other stories in the

1639

01:11:02,100 --> 01:10:59,650

Bible where men send their wives out to

1640

01:11:03,840 --> 01:11:02,110

keep a crate to all night by their enemy

1641

01:11:05,760 --> 01:11:03,850

in an attempt to appease the enemy and

1642

01:11:07,530 --> 01:11:05,770

when she crawls back to the door in the

1643

01:11:09,000 --> 01:11:07,540

morning and knocks on the door he

1644

01:11:11,640 --> 01:11:09,010

basically opened the door and says come

1645

01:11:16,140 --> 01:11:11,650

in and make me breakfast and this is the

1646

01:11:18,960 --> 01:11:16,150

word of god and your God speaking so I

1647

01:11:20,640 --> 01:11:18,970

don't think that stands up very well and

1648

01:11:24,560 --> 01:11:20,650

let's have to say that this was just the

1649

01:11:28,020 --> 01:11:24,570

Old Testament was just merely the young

1650

01:11:30,600 --> 01:11:28,030

ancient myths other than the word of God

1651

01:11:34,380 --> 01:11:30,610

let's look at now what Jesus said this

1652

01:11:36,030 --> 01:11:34,390

is in Matthew chapter 5 do not think

1653

01:11:38,100 --> 01:11:36,040

that I came to destroy the law or the

1654

01:11:40,890 --> 01:11:38,110

prophets I did not come to destroy but

1655

01:11:43,770 --> 01:11:40,900

to fulfill for assuredly I say to you

1656

01:11:44,450 --> 01:11:43,780

till heaven and earth pass away 1 and

1657

01:11:46,459 --> 01:11:44,460

jot or one

1658

01:11:50,300 --> 01:11:46,469

tipper will by no means pass from the

1659

01:11:52,130 --> 01:11:50,310

law to with his all fulfilled so there

1660

01:11:54,650 --> 01:11:52,140

Jesus is saying that he completely

1661

01:11:56,840 --> 01:11:54,660

hundred percent affirms the law of the

1662

01:11:58,940 --> 01:11:56,850

prophets including the laws that Moses

1663

01:12:01,400 --> 01:11:58,950

made that I read to you before about the

1664

01:12:04,160 --> 01:12:01,410

Midianites and the other crime so Jesus

1665

01:12:06,800 --> 01:12:04,170

reinforced it so we have not only quite

1666

01:12:10,130 --> 01:12:06,810

a number one Jesus saying but sorry but

1667

01:12:12,020 --> 01:12:10,140

London the Old Testament God saying it

1668

01:12:13,670 --> 01:12:12,030

but we have got number two Jesus saying

1669

01:12:15,440 --> 01:12:13,680

it and it's written in the Old Testament

1670

01:12:18,920 --> 01:12:15,450

and the New Testament and has been

1671

01:12:21,380 --> 01:12:18,930

repeated by all one most theologian

1672

01:12:23,810 --> 01:12:21,390

since then so that has it been that's a

1673

01:12:25,459 --> 01:12:23,820

cool a characteristic of the Christian

1674

01:12:29,300 --> 01:12:25,469

faith but they hold up models like that

1675

01:12:31,220 --> 01:12:29,310

and pretend that the good morals now I'd

1676

01:12:41,150 --> 01:12:31,230

like to touch briefly on the credibility

1677

01:12:43,370 --> 01:12:41,160

of the Old Testament and we're going to

1678

01:12:45,140 --> 01:12:43,380

because we had a discussion on Friday

1679

01:12:46,940 --> 01:12:45,150

night where we touched on the authority

1680

01:12:49,130 --> 01:12:46,950

of the various Gospels and their

1681

01:12:50,690 --> 01:12:49,140

accuracy and so forth so this is a bit

1682

01:12:53,630 --> 01:12:50,700

out in my area I'm a scientist rather

1683

01:12:55,790 --> 01:12:53,640

than a Bible scholar but let's look at

1684

01:12:59,660 --> 01:12:55,800

it Julius Caesar now Julius Caesar live

1685

01:13:01,430 --> 01:12:59,670

for 100 BC for 44 BC and about the same

1686

01:13:02,870 --> 01:13:01,440

time as Jesus is got the same initials

1687

01:13:05,420 --> 01:13:02,880

lived in the same area in the Middle

1688

01:13:07,010 --> 01:13:05,430

East and what evidence do we have Julius

1689

01:13:09,740 --> 01:13:07,020

Caesar's existence and deeds we had his

1690

01:13:12,200 --> 01:13:09,750

own commentaries in his own writing we

1691

01:13:15,440 --> 01:13:12,210

have Cicero's reports both speeches and

1692

01:13:18,200 --> 01:13:15,450

writing who saw him personally we see a

1693

01:13:20,750 --> 01:13:18,210

writer called Sallis who also wrote

1694

01:13:22,910 --> 01:13:20,760

extensively and new Julius Caesar and

1695

01:13:25,190 --> 01:13:22,920

recorded his from day to day his

1696

01:13:28,700 --> 01:13:25,200

activities and we even had the slug him

1697

01:13:30,290 --> 01:13:28,710

carved by people who saw him so here we

1698

01:13:32,240 --> 01:13:30,300

have an influential leader in the middle

1699

01:13:33,680 --> 01:13:32,250

east of that period and a hundred

1700

01:13:35,810 --> 01:13:33,690

different ways of confirming their

1701

01:13:37,940 --> 01:13:35,820

existence in their deeds that's compared

1702

01:13:40,880 --> 01:13:37,950

that with Jesus Christ now for a moment

1703

01:13:42,380 --> 01:13:40,890

and will say that if there really is a

1704

01:13:45,979 --> 01:13:42,390

Christian God who wanted to get this

1705

01:13:47,420 --> 01:13:45,989

message out being all powerful and so

1706

01:13:48,770 --> 01:13:47,430

forth he would have no trouble at all in

1707

01:13:50,750 --> 01:13:48,780

getting up the message a bit stronger

1708

01:13:53,380 --> 01:13:50,760

than Julius Caesar you would think if it

1709

01:13:56,350 --> 01:13:53,390

was for real so is that what we find

1710

01:13:58,630 --> 01:13:56,360

this look at the Gospels for example

1711

01:14:00,760 --> 01:13:58,640

but here is hospital gospel is called

1712

01:14:04,690 --> 01:14:00,770

Martin to written about 70 AD that is

1713

01:14:06,880 --> 01:14:04,700

about 40 years after Jesus died we had

1714

01:14:08,820 --> 01:14:06,890

Matthew and Luke which are family copies

1715

01:14:12,880 --> 01:14:08,830

of Mark so they don't count either

1716

01:14:15,460 --> 01:14:12,890

insane only from the same text we have

1717

01:14:17,710 --> 01:14:15,470

and they were not even named Joe added

1718

01:14:20,140 --> 01:14:17,720

an AV AV so here for they'll probably

1719

01:14:22,060 --> 01:14:20,150

not even written by Matthew Mark and

1720

01:14:23,530 --> 01:14:22,070

Luke at all and then we have the Gospel

1721

01:14:26,380 --> 01:14:23,540

according to John which is entirely

1722

01:14:29,080 --> 01:14:26,390

different and you can help through the

1723

01:14:31,720 --> 01:14:29,090

chain all the way up and find that there

1724

01:14:34,810 --> 01:14:31,730

is no credibility whatsoever to any of

1725

01:14:36,580 --> 01:14:34,820

the accounts of the Bible Genesis has

1726

01:14:38,980 --> 01:14:36,590

two accounts motors leading and children

1727

01:14:41,470 --> 01:14:38,990

out of evidence out of Egypt no evidence

1728

01:14:43,660 --> 01:14:41,480

whatsoever camels existing when they

1729

01:14:45,460 --> 01:14:43,670

didn't when there's no record of them in

1730

01:14:48,100 --> 01:14:45,470

the archaeological record and so on and

1731

01:14:51,850 --> 01:14:48,110

so forth and even the early Christian

1732

01:14:55,080 --> 01:14:51,860

gods Yahweh Elohim Jehovah Asherah so

1733

01:14:59,520 --> 01:14:55,090

God had a wife in one of the stories

1734

01:15:04,030 --> 01:14:59,530

Sarah thruster and zoro Esther will

1735

01:15:06,250 --> 01:15:04,040

equally changing from year to year so if

1736

01:15:08,350 --> 01:15:06,260

I'm i summarize a scientist when he

1737

01:15:10,060 --> 01:15:08,360

isn't confronted with a crime claim with

1738

01:15:12,880 --> 01:15:10,070

a skeptic with some paranormal believe

1739

01:15:16,210 --> 01:15:12,890

he can apply three tests imagine a stool

1740

01:15:17,830 --> 01:15:16,220

an old milkman still with three legs the

1741

01:15:20,730 --> 01:15:17,840

three legs are evidence is there

1742

01:15:23,620 --> 01:15:20,740

evidence that it really that this

1743

01:15:25,780 --> 01:15:23,630

claimed phenomenon exists is there a

1744

01:15:27,160 --> 01:15:25,790

theory on which it may exist and is

1745

01:15:28,990 --> 01:15:27,170

their credibility of the people who

1746

01:15:30,610 --> 01:15:29,000

write it write it and if any one of

1747

01:15:33,880 --> 01:15:30,620

these legs falls off the stool that

1748

01:15:36,670 --> 01:15:33,890

falls over and would be discarded from a

1749

01:15:38,350 --> 01:15:36,680

rational person if we find the Christian

1750

01:15:41,110 --> 01:15:38,360

belief in all religions in fact all

1751

01:15:44,410 --> 01:15:41,120

three legs are basically turned to

1752

01:15:46,030 --> 01:15:44,420

sawdust and then exist say that would be

1753

01:15:48,130 --> 01:15:46,040

the judgment which would be applied to

1754

01:15:57,640 --> 01:15:48,140

religions given any sort of people

1755

01:16:10,510 --> 01:16:00,350

mr. Takata nice for another minute while

1756

01:16:12,440 --> 01:16:10,520

you go to tighten it later grandpa right

1757

01:16:14,570 --> 01:16:12,450

pianist I'll some terrible stories

1758

01:16:16,130 --> 01:16:14,580

tonight which presumably means he

1759

01:16:18,140 --> 01:16:16,140

believes them anything stay good so he's

1760

01:16:20,150 --> 01:16:18,150

told us the story of lot he has reported

1761

01:16:22,670 --> 01:16:20,160

the story so he must believe it's okay

1762

01:16:24,380 --> 01:16:22,680

to do that's the same sort of logic is

1763

01:16:26,570 --> 01:16:24,390

using when the Bible tells you the story

1764

01:16:30,110 --> 01:16:26,580

of what lot who is not a hero in the

1765

01:16:31,760 --> 01:16:30,120

Bible he's an idiot in the Bible right

1766

01:16:33,350 --> 01:16:31,770

he's living in the city he shouldn't

1767

01:16:35,200 --> 01:16:33,360

have lived in he's in love with he can't

1768

01:16:37,370 --> 01:16:35,210

leave it although God warns him

1769

01:16:38,900 --> 01:16:37,380

presumably because Ian tells the story

1770

01:16:41,090 --> 01:16:38,910

in believes it because that's what the

1771

01:16:42,260 --> 01:16:41,100

Bible is doing when you've got a book

1772

01:16:43,910 --> 01:16:42,270

that is telling you history it's going

1773

01:16:47,600 --> 01:16:43,920

to have some pretty terrible things in

1774

01:16:50,570 --> 01:16:47,610

it unless it's not real history because

1775

01:16:53,140 --> 01:16:50,580

humans of every shape and color do

1776

01:16:57,050 --> 01:16:53,150

terrible things you do terrible things

1777

01:16:59,780 --> 01:16:57,060

we all have things we regret and we all

1778

01:17:02,150 --> 01:16:59,790

you know as Mark Twain said humans are

1779

01:17:04,730 --> 01:17:02,160

the only animals that blush and the only

1780

01:17:06,260 --> 01:17:04,740

ones that need to there are all things

1781

01:17:08,120 --> 01:17:06,270

that we you and I need forgiveness for

1782

01:17:10,250 --> 01:17:08,130

the Bible record those things for us and

1783

01:17:11,510 --> 01:17:10,260

then we can learn things if we're

1784

01:17:16,640 --> 01:17:11,520

willing to read them with an assembly

1785

01:17:19,070 --> 01:17:16,650

open mind the remarkable thing about

1786

01:17:20,980 --> 01:17:19,080

Jesus is that there is any reference to

1787

01:17:23,780 --> 01:17:20,990

him at all outside the New Testament

1788

01:17:26,300 --> 01:17:23,790

it's possible for us to conceive what an

1789

01:17:28,820 --> 01:17:26,310

insignificant little blip wasn't even a

1790

01:17:30,470 --> 01:17:28,830

blip on the horizon Jesus was the number

1791

01:17:33,410 --> 01:17:30,480

of people that the Romans crucified is

1792

01:17:35,750 --> 01:17:33,420

extraordinary in Jerusalem far larger

1793

01:17:37,760 --> 01:17:35,760

movements following false messiahs than

1794

01:17:41,360 --> 01:17:37,770

what happened of Jesus were wiped out by

1795

01:17:44,960 --> 01:17:41,370

the Romans its extent expect to find

1796

01:17:47,420 --> 01:17:44,970

anything but surprisingly you do let me

1797

01:17:49,940 --> 01:17:47,430

give you some examples Tacitus the Roman

1798

01:17:51,170 --> 01:17:49,950

historian the famous eminent romina

1799

01:17:53,000 --> 01:17:51,180

story started that said the university

1800

01:17:56,500 --> 01:17:53,010

or on the chaplain mentioned Jesus

1801

01:17:59,870 --> 01:17:56,510

Christ and when he would own Josephus a

1802

01:18:01,520 --> 01:17:59,880

famous Jewish historian speaks of Jesus

1803

01:18:02,730 --> 01:18:01,530

and his brothers which is interesting in

1804

01:18:04,560 --> 01:18:02,740

fact he refers to a man

1805

01:18:07,830 --> 01:18:04,570

gets put to death and he identifies him

1806

01:18:10,320 --> 01:18:07,840

by saying James whose brother was Jesus

1807

01:18:12,570 --> 01:18:10,330

the so-called Christ which is like

1808

01:18:16,260 --> 01:18:12,580

saying bill whose brother was John

1809

01:18:18,570 --> 01:18:16,270

Howard the excess so it's you know it's

1810

01:18:20,220 --> 01:18:18,580

pretty clear this guy existed Joe see if

1811

01:18:21,600 --> 01:18:20,230

it's got quite a bit about Jesus some is

1812

01:18:24,000 --> 01:18:21,610

contested but that one certainly isn't

1813

01:18:25,470 --> 01:18:24,010

the town would which is the Jewish

1814

01:18:27,570 --> 01:18:25,480

writings about Jesus written by the

1815

01:18:28,920 --> 01:18:27,580

rabbi's the people who had Jesus had put

1816

01:18:30,690 --> 01:18:28,930

to death they talked about Jesus a

1817

01:18:32,130 --> 01:18:30,700

number of times Rabbi Eliezer Ben her

1818

01:18:33,780 --> 01:18:32,140

account as the third says by things

1819

01:18:34,860 --> 01:18:33,790

about him now if you don't think that

1820

01:18:38,280 --> 01:18:34,870

the Bible's interesting to know what he

1821

01:18:40,170 --> 01:18:38,290

says he says he is the false teacher he

1822

01:18:43,860 --> 01:18:40,180

says he had disciples any names five of

1823

01:18:46,410 --> 01:18:43,870

them he is a blasphemer but he was mayor

1824

01:18:47,820 --> 01:18:46,420

human man-made it's about to be God he

1825

01:18:50,460 --> 01:18:47,830

was put to death on the eve of the

1826

01:18:53,160 --> 01:18:50,470

Passover he says he will return but he

1827

01:18:55,860 --> 01:18:53,170

will not where he has a liar right this

1828

01:18:57,510 --> 01:18:55,870

is not a friendly commentary alright but

1829

01:18:59,250 --> 01:18:57,520

there's not a shred of doubt in any

1830

01:19:01,440 --> 01:18:59,260

historians mind that Jesus Christ was a

1831

01:19:02,610 --> 01:19:01,450

real figure of history what you got with

1832

01:19:04,080 --> 01:19:02,620

the numbers about the Gospels and I

1833

01:19:05,820 --> 01:19:04,090

don't mean to be rude was the very best

1834

01:19:07,770 --> 01:19:05,830

of 19th century history from Germany

1835

01:19:10,830 --> 01:19:07,780

there's been a whole century and a half

1836

01:19:12,210 --> 01:19:10,840

since then seriously reworking some of

1837

01:19:14,220 --> 01:19:12,220

the dates are some of the German schools

1838

01:19:17,430 --> 01:19:14,230

on the Gospels we have scraps of the

1839

01:19:19,440 --> 01:19:17,440

Gospels that is evidence bits of paper

1840

01:19:20,700 --> 01:19:19,450

us with the Gospels on it from within 20

1841

01:19:22,230 --> 01:19:20,710

or 30 years of them so the whole day

1842

01:19:23,760 --> 01:19:22,240

thinking clearly can't have a scrap of a

1843

01:19:26,120 --> 01:19:23,770

gospel if the gospel wars amrit until

1844

01:19:29,040 --> 01:19:26,130

after that date I mean it really that's

1845

01:19:32,130 --> 01:19:29,050

it's not using good logic and evidence

1846

01:19:33,990 --> 01:19:32,140

at that point I think Carl Sagan's right

1847

01:19:36,270 --> 01:19:34,000

we've got a tree other positions with

1848

01:19:37,920 --> 01:19:36,280

respect because there are very

1849

01:19:39,780 --> 01:19:37,930

intelligent Christians and very

1850

01:19:41,910 --> 01:19:39,790

intelligent Muslims and very intelligent

1851  
01:19:43,650 --> 01:19:41,920  
agnostics and very intelligent atheists

1852  
01:19:46,470 --> 01:19:43,660  
and the way to deal with is not just to

1853  
01:19:50,660 --> 01:19:46,480  
send up the position in really what it

1854  
01:19:54,690 --> 01:19:50,670  
ends up being sort of half-truths so I

1855  
01:19:57,330 --> 01:19:54,700  
think in the end we cannot be good

1856  
01:19:59,840 --> 01:19:57,340  
enough without God because in the end

1857  
01:20:02,130 --> 01:19:59,850  
goodness is reduced to preference

1858  
01:20:06,480 --> 01:20:02,140  
thankfully most of the time we agree

1859  
01:20:09,420 --> 01:20:06,490  
sometimes we don't I learnt this

1860  
01:20:11,070 --> 01:20:09,430  
recently again at a cousin in law she

1861  
01:20:12,540 --> 01:20:11,080  
comes from a long family of atheists

1862  
01:20:13,359 --> 01:20:12,550  
clearly brainwashed three three

1863  
01:20:15,699 --> 01:20:13,369

generations

1864

01:20:19,119 --> 01:20:15,709

so pinas worth noting his word Octavius

1865

01:20:21,159 --> 01:20:19,129

but she is what I call a sad and honest

1866

01:20:23,169 --> 01:20:21,169

atheist we had this conversation she

1867

01:20:25,330 --> 01:20:23,179

says I know in the end that i am worth

1868

01:20:27,159 --> 01:20:25,340

nothing those i love a worth noting it

1869

01:20:29,770 --> 01:20:27,169

all comes to nothing my work means

1870

01:20:31,389 --> 01:20:29,780

nothing she's a very ethical woman she

1871

01:20:33,909 --> 01:20:31,399

left a highly paid job to go another job

1872

01:20:36,189 --> 01:20:33,919

which is did less damage but she

1873

01:20:39,100 --> 01:20:36,199

understands here it's fundamentally

1874

01:20:41,770 --> 01:20:39,110

appearance alright she's like a European

1875

01:20:43,479 --> 01:20:41,780

she's like a Nietzschean atheist she

1876

01:20:45,699 --> 01:20:43,489

she's got the guts not to be an

1877

01:20:47,290 --> 01:20:45,709

intellectual hypocrite and I just think

1878

01:20:48,639 --> 01:20:47,300

in the same way Christians get hammered

1879

01:20:50,020 --> 01:20:48,649

for being hypocrites rightly because

1880

01:20:51,520 --> 01:20:50,030

that's what that whole attack on

1881

01:20:53,799 --> 01:20:51,530

hypocrites comes from Jesus that's how

1882

01:20:55,270 --> 01:20:53,809

to enter our traditions so I think

1883

01:20:57,159 --> 01:20:55,280

atheist need to have enough courage to

1884

01:20:59,169 --> 01:20:57,169

say listen all we've got is preferences

1885

01:21:02,319 --> 01:20:59,179

and we hope you agree and it is

1886

01:21:04,750 --> 01:21:02,329

difficult Sodom and Gomorrah get

1887

01:21:06,850 --> 01:21:04,760

destroyed as you probably know not

1888

01:21:11,290 --> 01:21:06,860

because of the attempt at homosexual

1889

01:21:12,729 --> 01:21:11,300

rape they get that's one material they

1890

01:21:15,040 --> 01:21:12,739

get destroyed we're told the prophet

1891

01:21:18,069 --> 01:21:15,050

Ezekiel because their view of goodness

1892

01:21:19,859 --> 01:21:18,079

was certainly and pathetic what God says

1893

01:21:24,119 --> 01:21:19,869

is here's why he destroyed their city

1894

01:21:28,509 --> 01:21:24,129

because they were process arrogant and

1895

01:21:29,919 --> 01:21:28,519

cared nothing for the poor again and

1896

01:21:31,449 --> 01:21:29,929

again you'll find why the Bible says

1897

01:21:33,879 --> 01:21:31,459

people get in trouble with God is not

1898

01:21:36,279 --> 01:21:33,889

because of what they do but it's because

1899

01:21:38,350 --> 01:21:36,289

of what they don't do they don't care

1900

01:21:40,359 --> 01:21:38,360

enough they don't inconvenience

1901

01:21:41,919 --> 01:21:40,369

themselves for the poor they could make

1902

01:21:44,379 --> 01:21:41,929

a huge difference and they make a tiny

1903

01:21:46,479 --> 01:21:44,389

difference the thing that in the end

1904

01:21:48,810 --> 01:21:46,489

brought that community to an end was

1905

01:21:53,589 --> 01:21:48,820

their complete indifference to the poor

1906

01:21:56,409 --> 01:21:53,599

the Midianites were disgusting violent

1907

01:21:58,239 --> 01:21:56,419

evil of Pauline culture and there are

1908

01:22:00,850 --> 01:21:58,249

times when God will bring cultures to an

1909

01:22:03,279 --> 01:22:00,860

end he is a God who loves what is right

1910

01:22:04,689 --> 01:22:03,289

is tolerant for quite some time but in

1911

01:22:07,449 --> 01:22:04,699

the end will come to judgment with

1912

01:22:09,040 --> 01:22:07,459

cultures and with you and I there's

1913

01:22:10,929 --> 01:22:09,050

nothing insipid about the goodness that

1914

01:22:20,060 --> 01:22:10,939

the Bible speak so therefore we need

1915

01:22:30,990 --> 01:22:26,270

it has been raining and when you have a

1916

01:22:33,630 --> 01:22:31,000

video instead of these 7 2014 in tonight

1917

01:22:35,670 --> 01:22:33,640

is the right one or where you've been

1918

01:22:39,120 --> 01:22:35,680

simulator to think issues through

1919

01:22:42,390 --> 01:22:39,130

further I would like you will agree dad

1920

01:22:45,420 --> 01:22:42,400

writers have given of themselves both to

1921

01:22:48,840 --> 01:22:45,430

issues Carolyn see me and also we're

1922

01:22:52,320 --> 01:22:48,850

very grateful to for their time you each

1923

01:22:55,560 --> 01:22:52,330

other on p.m. integration is no easy

1924

01:23:09,780 --> 01:22:55,570

feat actually fun event like this so we

1925

01:23:13,840 --> 01:23:12,459

well thanks for joining me today for the

1926

01:23:17,260 --> 01:23:13,850

skeptic zone and hearing that

1927

01:23:19,240 --> 01:23:17,270

interesting debate and thank you to all

1928

01:23:21,910 --> 01:23:19,250

the people who continue to sponsor our

1929

01:23:25,810 --> 01:23:21,920

show by making small contributions via

1930

01:23:29,020 --> 01:23:25,820

our website at wwc eptic zone TV and

1931

01:23:31,360 --> 01:23:29,030

clicking on the paypal button your

1932

01:23:33,160 --> 01:23:31,370

contributions really do make a

1933

01:23:36,939 --> 01:23:33,170

difference and means we can keep the

1934

01:23:39,189 --> 01:23:36,949

show online week after week join me

1935

01:23:41,290 --> 01:23:39,199

again next week me and Stefan of course

1936

01:23:43,390 --> 01:23:41,300

for the regular show with dr. Richie

1937

01:23:45,820 --> 01:23:43,400

reports a grain of salt the think tank

1938

01:23:48,040 --> 01:23:45,830

and all the features that we hope you

1939

01:23:53,770 --> 01:23:48,050

enjoy until then this is Richard

1940

01:23:56,169 --> 01:23:53,780

Saunders from Sydney Australia you've

1941

01:24:00,790 --> 01:23:56,179

been listening to the skeptic zone visit

1942

01:24:03,250 --> 01:24:00,800

our website at wwc a petting zoo TV for

1943

01:24:06,150 --> 01:24:03,260

comments contacts and extra video

1944

01:24:06,160 --> 01:24:17,479

skin

1945

01:24:17,489 --> 01:24:19,890

Oh