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# GNOSTICS AND “RED PILL” ALIENATION

MIGUEL CONNER #210

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00:00:14,530 --> 00:00:11,860  
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:17,920 --> 00:00:14,540  
with McGill Connor about his book voices

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00:00:21,910 --> 00:00:17,930  
of Gnosticism and his podcast a on byte

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00:00:24,160 --> 00:00:21,920  
Gnostic radio isn't Gnosticism limited

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00:00:25,600 --> 00:00:24,170  
in the same way Christianity's limited

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00:00:27,120 --> 00:00:25,610  
by this kind of always looking in the

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00:00:30,370 --> 00:00:27,130  
rearview mirror for the next

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00:00:33,819 --> 00:00:30,380  
archeological dig to tell us who we are

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00:00:35,590 --> 00:00:33,829  
yeah certainly is but it really goes

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00:00:39,190 --> 00:00:35,600  
beyond history if there's sort of a

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:39,200  
binary code within man and this binary

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00:00:43,360 --> 00:00:40,960  
code will always go off and you have

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00:00:45,790 --> 00:00:43,370

orthodoxy on one side making things

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00:00:47,590 --> 00:00:45,800

mainstream believing that the world is

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00:00:50,740 --> 00:00:47,600

going to be fine in the world part of

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00:00:53,050 --> 00:00:50,750

this grand history of Providence there's

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00:00:55,030 --> 00:00:53,060

also the other switch the other side

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00:00:57,160 --> 00:00:55,040

that's always there you know we are

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00:00:59,290 --> 00:00:57,170

alienated we are trapped in this world

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00:01:01,569 --> 00:00:59,300

or something wrong with this world that

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00:01:04,329 --> 00:01:01,579

is why there are many writers and

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00:01:06,429 --> 00:01:04,339

thinkers again like Carl Jung and others

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00:01:08,740 --> 00:01:06,439

who for the night Hammadi library we're

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00:01:10,480 --> 00:01:08,750

getting some of the Gnostic ideas even

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00:01:13,030 --> 00:01:10,490

with the little information out there

26  
00:01:14,500 --> 00:01:13,040  
this orthodoxy and Gnosticism is within

27  
00:01:16,030 --> 00:01:14,510  
each one of us that's why it keeps

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00:01:31,320 --> 00:01:16,040  
resurfacing in so many different

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00:01:35,170 --> 00:01:33,610  
welcome to skeptical where we explore

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00:01:37,750 --> 00:01:35,180  
controversial science with leading

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00:01:39,910 --> 00:01:37,760  
researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:41,680 --> 00:01:39,920  
I'm your host Alex Karras and in this

33  
00:01:44,230 --> 00:01:41,690  
episode we're gonna talk to Miguel

34  
00:01:47,890 --> 00:01:44,240  
Connor for the host of a podcast that

35  
00:01:50,140 --> 00:01:47,900  
delves into Gnosticism now you may have

36  
00:01:52,540 --> 00:01:50,150  
noticed that I've interviewed several

37  
00:01:54,760 --> 00:01:52,550  
podcast hosts over the last few months

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00:01:57,370 --> 00:01:54,770

and the reason for that is that I think

39  
00:02:00,460 --> 00:01:57,380  
something special happens when somebody

40  
00:02:03,730 --> 00:02:00,470  
spends a few years on a narrow little

41  
00:02:06,280 --> 00:02:03,740  
topic interviewing all the experts

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00:02:09,310 --> 00:02:06,290  
related to that topic so I'm always

43  
00:02:11,680 --> 00:02:09,320  
drawn to these hosts like Miguel who've

44  
00:02:14,050 --> 00:02:11,690  
explored other areas that are somewhat

45  
00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:14,060  
tangential to the topics that I've

46  
00:02:19,150 --> 00:02:16,400  
meandered into I've really enjoyed

47  
00:02:21,610 --> 00:02:19,160  
listening to Miguel Conners podcast I've

48  
00:02:24,130 --> 00:02:21,620  
learned a lot from some of the excellent

49  
00:02:26,020 --> 00:02:24,140  
guests that he's had on so I thought it

50  
00:02:28,210 --> 00:02:26,030  
would be a great opportunity to invite

51  
00:02:31,150 --> 00:02:28,220  
him on skeptic Oh and see if we could

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00:02:34,260 --> 00:02:31,160  
explore this strange world of Gnosticism

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00:02:37,510 --> 00:02:34,270  
here's my dialogue with miguel connor

54  
00:02:40,750 --> 00:02:37,520  
today we welcome miguel connor - skeptic

55  
00:02:43,290 --> 00:02:40,760  
oh as host of a on byte gnostic radio

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00:02:46,900 --> 00:02:43,300  
and author of the critically acclaimed

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00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:46,910  
voices of Gnosticism miguel is one of

58  
00:02:52,390 --> 00:02:50,000  
the leading voices of this Gnostic

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00:02:52,960 --> 00:02:52,400  
movement that we seem to keep hearing so

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00:02:55,270 --> 00:02:52,970  
much about

61  
00:02:57,250 --> 00:02:55,280  
and I also should mention that Miguel is

62  
00:02:59,830 --> 00:02:57,260  
also an accomplished fiction writer

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00:03:01,870 --> 00:02:59,840

having penned several popular post

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00:03:06,880 --> 00:03:01,880

apocalyptic but that's a hard one to

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00:03:08,860 --> 00:03:06,890

spit out but he's got some really cool

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00:03:10,479 --> 00:03:08,870

vampire novels that have really caught

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00:03:13,120 --> 00:03:10,489

the attention of a lot of people so

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00:03:16,120 --> 00:03:13,130

Miguel it's great to welcome you to

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00:03:18,160 --> 00:03:16,130

skeptic oh you're Alex thank you for

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00:03:20,050 --> 00:03:18,170

having you on you know and I should

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00:03:22,840 --> 00:03:20,060

mention we tried to do this a week ago

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00:03:23,890 --> 00:03:22,850

and we ran into some Skype trouble so

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00:03:26,440 --> 00:03:23,900

we're gonna do it again

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00:03:29,740 --> 00:03:26,450

and in that intervening week I've dug

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00:03:32,590 --> 00:03:29,750

into even more of your shows and I just

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00:03:36,130 --> 00:03:32,600

keep wanting to dig more and more you

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00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:36,140

have such a great insight into the

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00:03:44,030 --> 00:03:39,599

fascinating area of knowledge that is

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00:03:46,400 --> 00:03:44,040

NOS this is emanuel culture and modern

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00:03:48,440 --> 00:03:46,410

contemporary issues in such an

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00:03:51,259 --> 00:03:48,450

imaginative creative and entertaining

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00:03:54,020 --> 00:03:51,269

way that i just really wanted to get you

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00:03:56,660 --> 00:03:54,030

on and encourage people to check out any

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00:03:58,130 --> 00:03:56,670

on byte gnostic radio thank you very

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00:04:01,250 --> 00:03:58,140

much I don't know if I can live up to

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00:04:03,050 --> 00:04:01,260

that billing but I'll try oh I think you

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00:04:05,720 --> 00:04:03,060

can because I tell you what I wanted to

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00:04:07,490 --> 00:04:05,730

do to tee this thing off was I want to

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00:04:09,470 --> 00:04:07,500

give people a little taste for what you

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00:04:13,490 --> 00:04:09,480

do because it's really quite unique and

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00:04:15,860 --> 00:04:13,500

it's a very high-quality production that

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00:04:17,719 --> 00:04:15,870

you put on on your podcast and it weaves

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00:04:20,539 --> 00:04:17,729

together a lot of these elements I'm

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00:04:23,540 --> 00:04:20,549

gonna play for folks an extended clip

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00:04:26,540 --> 00:04:23,550

from one of your shows and then let's

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00:04:31,279 --> 00:04:26,550

jump in and talk about Gnosticism let's

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00:04:34,550 --> 00:04:31,289

do it the mystery that works for you and

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:34,560

only you before j hovah

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00:04:42,170 --> 00:04:38,400

and his archons started joke and starts

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00:04:46,159 --> 00:04:42,180

your whole internal world crying for

101  
00:04:48,920 --> 00:04:46,169  
good this time like joseph campbell once

102  
00:04:51,920 --> 00:04:48,930  
said there is nothing worse than

103  
00:04:55,330 --> 00:04:51,930  
reaching the top of the ladder only to

104  
00:04:58,610 --> 00:04:55,340  
find out you are on the wrong wall and

105  
00:05:01,219 --> 00:04:58,620  
often we trust the snakes rather than

106  
00:05:04,010 --> 00:05:01,229  
the ladders in this game of corporate

107  
00:05:06,680 --> 00:05:04,020  
and establishment Thrones

108  
00:05:09,770 --> 00:05:06,690  
what would you do if you were stuck in

109  
00:05:13,700 --> 00:05:09,780  
one place and every day was exactly the

110  
00:05:14,659 --> 00:05:13,710  
same and nothing he did mattered it sums

111  
00:05:18,110 --> 00:05:14,669  
it up for me

112  
00:05:20,480 --> 00:05:18,120  
it's not an easy task finding out who

113  
00:05:23,089 --> 00:05:20,490

you are in the mystery that works for

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00:05:26,480 --> 00:05:23,099

you but you're in good company with all

115

00:05:30,129 --> 00:05:26,490

the heretics here at am bite Gnostic Way

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00:05:32,779 --> 00:05:30,139

do after all you spent most of your

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00:05:35,990 --> 00:05:32,789

existences throughout creation as

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00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:36,000

someone other than you an organic

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00:05:42,950 --> 00:05:38,880

machine or an dead vessel for the

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00:05:46,159 --> 00:05:42,960

vagaries of hating angels like Oscar

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00:05:48,469 --> 00:05:46,169

Wilde said most people are other people

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their thoughts are someone else's

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00:05:55,909 --> 00:05:52,080

opinions their lives of mimicry their

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00:05:58,490 --> 00:05:55,919

passions a quotation so it's time to

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00:06:01,550 --> 00:05:58,500

find out even though most of what you

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00:06:04,129 --> 00:06:01,560

are is nothing phantom and digital

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00:06:07,520 --> 00:06:04,139

numbers in the black screen of mere

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00:06:10,610 --> 00:06:07,530

being but with that tiny fragment of

129

00:06:13,279 --> 00:06:10,620

divinity within you that is larger than

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00:06:17,120 --> 00:06:13,289

any binary universe and brighter than

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00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:17,130

any cosmic architects dream you know

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00:06:23,600 --> 00:06:19,680

what crazy is crazy majority rules yeah

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00:06:25,730 --> 00:06:23,610

I know I am we're certainly about

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00:06:30,080 --> 00:06:25,740

gaining all of this through learning

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00:06:33,589 --> 00:06:30,090

about nasty so Miguel now that we've all

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00:06:37,219 --> 00:06:33,599

been introduced to a 'invite we can step

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00:06:38,689 --> 00:06:37,229

back and talk about what is Gnosticism

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00:06:40,730 --> 00:06:38,699

and but what I thought I'd share and get

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00:06:43,279 --> 00:06:40,740

you to comment on as a way of kicking us

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00:06:47,330 --> 00:06:43,289

off here is the Wikipedia definition of

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00:06:50,779 --> 00:06:47,340

Gnosticism and it says Gnosticism is the

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00:06:53,719 --> 00:06:50,789

dualistic belief that the material world

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00:06:56,540 --> 00:06:53,729

should be shunned and the spiritual

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00:06:58,430 --> 00:06:56,550

world should be embraced and it goes on

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00:07:01,159 --> 00:06:58,440

to say gnostic ideas influenced many

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ancient religions and it also says that

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00:07:08,269 --> 00:07:05,190

it advocates philanthropy sexual

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00:07:10,129 --> 00:07:08,279

abstinence maybe even and it also of

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00:07:14,050 --> 00:07:10,139

course tells us that it's often

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00:07:17,990 --> 00:07:14,060

associated with early Christianity so

151  
00:07:21,110 --> 00:07:18,000  
unusual wiki fashion they've probably

152  
00:07:23,540 --> 00:07:21,120  
left it out or maybe totally lost it but

153  
00:07:25,190 --> 00:07:23,550  
tell us how close that definition is and

154  
00:07:28,280 --> 00:07:25,200  
what are some of the points that it's

155  
00:07:30,890 --> 00:07:28,290  
hitting that are important to this thing

156  
00:07:33,440 --> 00:07:30,900  
we're calling Gnosticism well I think

157  
00:07:35,480 --> 00:07:33,450  
it's a good working definition obviously

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00:07:37,490 --> 00:07:35,490  
if you were to find anything Christian

159  
00:07:39,860 --> 00:07:37,500  
any Buddhism and you throw in a few

160  
00:07:41,540 --> 00:07:39,870  
sincere in there it would work but

161  
00:07:44,840 --> 00:07:41,550  
ultimately it's just the beginning of

162  
00:07:47,630 --> 00:07:44,850  
the journey I like to see Gnosticism is

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00:07:50,380 --> 00:07:47,640

more of an attitude which basically

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00:07:54,080 --> 00:07:50,390

centers around gnosis that sort of

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00:07:57,080 --> 00:07:54,090

insight into the other realms into the

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00:08:00,620 --> 00:07:57,090

divine realm or hellish realm as well as

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00:08:03,350 --> 00:08:00,630

an inner voyage into yourself and it's

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00:08:05,570 --> 00:08:03,360

not so much it's all about the truth but

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00:08:08,540 --> 00:08:05,580

it's also breaking away all the

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00:08:10,250 --> 00:08:08,550

falsehoods of existence around you and

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00:08:11,420 --> 00:08:10,260

the Gnostics would posit that these

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00:08:14,300 --> 00:08:11,430

existences

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00:08:16,580 --> 00:08:14,310

but most of reality and unreality is

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really fake and false and there are

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grains or divine sparks ultimate truth

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that are out there and it is our job to

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sort of gather these sparks as the the

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Kabbalist we call it the tikkun olam and

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certainly sparks to do a unification or

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a higher plane of existence I'm so

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00:08:37,909 --> 00:08:35,960

getting metaphysical but you can

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00:08:40,430 --> 00:08:37,919

translate this sort of Gnostic

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00:08:42,920 --> 00:08:40,440

sensibility to literature where it's

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00:08:45,920 --> 00:08:42,930

Herman Melville or art in the movie The

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Matrix or you can get philosophical as

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00:08:50,810 --> 00:08:48,600

AI Huxley might or Carl Ewing in a

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00:08:52,850 --> 00:08:50,820

psychological cent and you can apply

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this sort of Gnostic sensibility to

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various facets or fields and it really

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to me it's just very exciting idea of

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Knossos any information that liberates

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you that liberates your spirit or

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expands your consciousness and that's

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what people propose that Gnostics even

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00:09:12,230 --> 00:09:10,950

though they distrusted reality I don't

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00:09:14,750 --> 00:09:12,240

like the hated the world but they

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certainly were full of skepticism for

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00:09:17,600 --> 00:09:15,480

the world

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00:09:19,430 --> 00:09:17,610

and how are you gonna find a way to

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liberate yourself from it if some

201  
00:09:24,470 --> 00:09:22,110  
believe yes aesthetically or you've got

202  
00:09:25,820 --> 00:09:24,480  
to sort of deny the world and if we are

203  
00:09:28,010 --> 00:09:25,830  
to believe some of the church father

204  
00:09:31,260 --> 00:09:28,020  
there was some to believe you had to get

205  
00:09:33,780 --> 00:09:31,270  
sick of the world through libertine rich

206  
00:09:36,450 --> 00:09:33,790  
Jools although we'd know for sure how

207  
00:09:38,400 --> 00:09:36,460  
much how credible bizarre so in a sense

208  
00:09:40,350 --> 00:09:38,410  
that is Gnosticism and in fact I'd like

209  
00:09:42,210 --> 00:09:40,360  
to if you don't mind eat you what

210  
00:09:44,910 --> 00:09:42,220  
somebody a friend of mine wrote what I

211  
00:09:47,580 --> 00:09:44,920  
think he hit it on the nail which is

212  
00:09:50,010 --> 00:09:47,590  
this some conceive of Gnosticism as an

213  
00:09:51,570 --> 00:09:50,020

aesthetic and dualistic mysticism was a

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00:09:53,580 --> 00:09:51,580

message of a liberation from the

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00:09:55,590 --> 00:09:53,590

President or Elmo suffered some

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00:09:58,230 --> 00:09:55,600

conceived of narcissism as a motive

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00:10:00,140 --> 00:09:58,240

occult investigation and transformation

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of which sexual magic is a key component

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some conceive of Gnosticism as a penny

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theistic world embracing tradition with

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00:10:10,020 --> 00:10:07,930

roots and nature receiving paganism some

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conceive of Gnosticism as a practical

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expression of union psychology constant

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00:10:17,340 --> 00:10:15,160

to which theologies extraneous some

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conceived of Gnosticism the worldview

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rooted in the experience of alienation

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with a modern parallel and

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existentialism some take a combination

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00:10:28,560 --> 00:10:26,410

of these paradigms and others beyond

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00:10:31,160 --> 00:10:28,570

those that are listed and i would say

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that the personal s is probably a good

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again foundation because after all

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gnosis begins like in the matrix with

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taking that red pill waking up and

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00:10:43,950 --> 00:10:42,220

realizing oh my god there is something

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00:10:46,560 --> 00:10:43,960

greater inside of me there could ever

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00:10:49,410 --> 00:10:46,570

spot but also i'm living in the middle

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00:10:52,590 --> 00:10:49,420

of a false reality a construct whether

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00:10:55,590 --> 00:10:52,600

it's by government god's people or my

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00:10:57,480 --> 00:10:55,600

own ego and i have to get out of this

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another good gnostic film would be the

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truman show that I think sums up so many

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of the both enticing aspects of

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Gnosticism and the challenging aspects

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of it as well because let's throw in a

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couple other terms and ask for a

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00:11:15,480 --> 00:11:12,700

definition of that we have this term

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that pops up a lot called the gnostic

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gospels and people always use air quotes

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when they talk about the gnostic gospels

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00:11:25,920 --> 00:11:23,230  
but in real simple terms so people have

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00:11:27,750 --> 00:11:25,930  
a grounding on this what are we talking

253  
00:11:29,760 --> 00:11:27,760  
about when we talk about the gnostic

254  
00:11:31,980 --> 00:11:29,770  
gospels yes

255  
00:11:36,390 --> 00:11:31,990  
traditionally alex enough the gospels

256  
00:11:38,670 --> 00:11:36,400  
are the texts found in the naga hamadi

257  
00:11:39,930 --> 00:11:38,680  
libraries not all of them because Anaka

258  
00:11:42,150 --> 00:11:39,940  
model i was really kind of a

259  
00:11:44,879 --> 00:11:42,160  
greatest-hits it's got to is Christian

260  
00:11:48,179 --> 00:11:44,889  
pagan and so hermetic

261  
00:11:50,519 --> 00:11:48,189  
these are these writings found in the

262  
00:11:52,979 --> 00:11:50,529  
NAG Hammadi library and outside a bit

263  
00:11:55,169 --> 00:11:52,989

like the pista sofia probably include

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the hermetic writings some of the

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00:11:59,910 --> 00:11:57,279

kabbalah writing but these of course

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00:12:03,780 --> 00:11:59,920

posit and are couched in a sort of a

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00:12:06,629 --> 00:12:03,790

judoka judeo-christian world and in this

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00:12:10,379 --> 00:12:06,639

world we have sort of a lesser creator

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00:12:13,349 --> 00:12:10,389

God or divine agency the traps the

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00:12:16,829 --> 00:12:13,359

divine spark in this again the sort of

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00:12:19,259 --> 00:12:16,839

virtual reality this illusionary hell if

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00:12:21,299 --> 00:12:19,269

you would and through gnosis which is

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00:12:24,629 --> 00:12:21,309

usually brought by a hero fans of

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00:12:27,989 --> 00:12:24,639

mysteries could be Jesus Christ her

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00:12:30,749 --> 00:12:27,999

mistress Miguel's Simon Magus and so

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00:12:33,269 --> 00:12:30,759

forth Mary Magdalene we can transform

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00:12:35,849 --> 00:12:33,279

ourselves or wake up and find our

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00:12:37,710 --> 00:12:35,859

journey back to our ancestral home so

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00:12:39,900 --> 00:12:37,720

this is these are sort of the qualities

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00:12:42,090 --> 00:12:39,910

you'll find in the Gnostic Gospels with

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00:12:44,099 --> 00:12:42,100

having said that I could say the for

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00:12:47,220 --> 00:12:44,109

example Philip K takes valise is a

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00:12:49,710 --> 00:12:47,230

gnostic gospel or a Herman Melville's

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00:12:52,199 --> 00:12:49,720

moby-dick is a Gnostic gospel even says

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00:12:54,929 --> 00:12:52,209

you know the matrix or the 13th floor is

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00:12:57,659 --> 00:12:54,939

a Gnostic gospel you know but I'm again

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00:13:00,449 --> 00:12:57,669

I'm kind of extending this into other

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00:13:02,729 --> 00:13:00,459

field like literary philosophical and so

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00:13:03,929 --> 00:13:02,739

forth I'm there you go again again we're

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00:13:06,319 --> 00:13:03,939

gonna have to keep pinning you down

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00:13:09,179 --> 00:13:06,329

that's wonderful and I think it's

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00:13:11,489 --> 00:13:09,189

wonderful in a brain shifting kind of

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00:13:15,049 --> 00:13:11,499

way that that connects us with these

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00:13:17,460 --> 00:13:15,059

very ancient texts and makes them more

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00:13:19,439 --> 00:13:17,470

relevant to what we're doing but I do

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00:13:21,720 --> 00:13:19,449

want to try and pin down that history a

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00:13:23,789 --> 00:13:21,730

little bit so we can just again ground

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00:13:27,090 --> 00:13:23,799

people so this is the mid 20th century

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00:13:29,549 --> 00:13:27,100

it's into the 1950s that the NAG Hammadi

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00:13:31,710 --> 00:13:29,559

library is discovered a lot of the stuff

301  
00:13:35,479 --> 00:13:31,720  
yes and then yeah the Gnostic gospel

302  
00:13:39,269 --> 00:13:35,489  
would specifically be second century

303  
00:13:41,729 --> 00:13:39,279  
Christian heresies that again

304  
00:13:44,009 --> 00:13:41,739  
talk about a Demiurge inner

305  
00:13:47,729 --> 00:13:44,019  
transformation of the cell possible

306  
00:13:51,090 --> 00:13:47,739  
reincarnation again Jesus Christ as one

307  
00:13:53,369 --> 00:13:51,100  
of the leading figures and from those

308  
00:13:54,900 --> 00:13:53,379  
texts which were written by some

309  
00:13:57,850 --> 00:13:54,910  
believed these cool of thoughts called

310  
00:13:59,980 --> 00:13:57,860  
the seconds or the valent in Ian's

311  
00:14:02,829 --> 00:13:59,990  
through the canines and Oh bite the

312  
00:14:05,050 --> 00:14:02,839  
serpent worshipers see them from there

313  
00:14:07,750 --> 00:14:05,060

you can start working your way out but

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00:14:10,210 --> 00:14:07,760

if you in a scholarly way gnostic

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00:14:13,120 --> 00:14:10,220

gospels or even the Gnostics would be

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00:14:14,920 --> 00:14:13,130

these centuries second century groups in

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00:14:17,410 --> 00:14:14,930

fact many scholars today don't even use

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00:14:20,710 --> 00:14:17,420

the term Gnosticism came after all it

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00:14:23,680 --> 00:14:20,720

was coined in the seventh century by an

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00:14:26,230 --> 00:14:23,690

orthodox theologian and it was it was

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00:14:28,900 --> 00:14:26,240

originally a political term they kind of

322

00:14:31,780 --> 00:14:28,910

got expand it like paganism it ruined

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00:14:33,970 --> 00:14:31,790

anything people didn't like no I would

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00:14:40,360 --> 00:14:33,980

start there and then work your way out

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00:14:44,170 --> 00:14:40,370

so 1950s we discover all these very 1945

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00:14:46,120 --> 00:14:44,180

yet I'm sorry great nineteen more that

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00:14:48,100 --> 00:14:46,130

there were some text like the pista

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00:14:49,990 --> 00:14:48,110

Sophia the gospel of Mary Magdalene

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00:14:53,170 --> 00:14:50,000

floating around but okay

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00:14:55,240 --> 00:14:53,180

great and these are heretical in the

331

00:14:57,699 --> 00:14:55,250

very true definition of the word

332

00:15:00,100 --> 00:14:57,709

heretical to Christianity as it's

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00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:00,110

another problem yet though term

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00:15:05,199 --> 00:15:02,959

heretical originally wasn't as negative

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00:15:07,030 --> 00:15:05,209

as we know today I like Irenaeus and

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00:15:10,030 --> 00:15:07,040

some of the Church Fathers the term

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00:15:12,730 --> 00:15:10,040

heretical first really meant a school of

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00:15:14,650 --> 00:15:12,740

thought like Josephus that I'm a heretic

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00:15:16,900 --> 00:15:14,660

of the doctors he was a school of

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00:15:18,460 --> 00:15:16,910

thought of the doctors then the term

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00:15:21,790 --> 00:15:18,470

which comes from the Greek for to make a

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00:15:23,650 --> 00:15:21,800

choice became in the second and third

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00:15:26,050 --> 00:15:23,660

century simply a term for those

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00:15:28,810 --> 00:15:26,060

Christians who had made a choice beyond

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00:15:30,280 --> 00:15:28,820

the norm they're on the fringe and then

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00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:30,290

it just gets worse and worse

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00:15:36,819 --> 00:15:33,440

mmm-hmm but they are heretical yes okay

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00:15:39,759 --> 00:15:36,829

so when the 1940s rolls around and we

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00:15:43,060 --> 00:15:39,769

discover these texts that are very very

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00:15:44,290 --> 00:15:43,070

much in conflict with really they cannot

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00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:44,300

say neither right they're in direct

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00:15:48,490 --> 00:15:46,399

conflict with the way the

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00:15:49,930 --> 00:15:48,500

judeo-christian tradition has been

354

00:15:52,600 --> 00:15:49,940

westernized and the way that it's

355

00:15:56,800 --> 00:15:52,610

practiced so this starts developing

356

00:15:59,470 --> 00:15:56,810

would you say this spark among certain

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00:16:01,889 --> 00:15:59,480

people to say wow maybe even in our

358

00:16:04,360 --> 00:16:01,899

Western tradition we can find this

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00:16:06,630 --> 00:16:04,370

something that is we normally have

360

00:16:08,889 --> 00:16:06,640

thought of as more Eastern in its

361

00:16:10,449 --> 00:16:08,899

philosophical outlook let me just stop

362

00:16:11,590 --> 00:16:10,459

right there because I may have said

363

00:16:14,559 --> 00:16:11,600

something else that isn't

364

00:16:17,650 --> 00:16:14,569

correct what are the ties between this

365

00:16:20,610 --> 00:16:17,660

early Christian Gnosticism and some of

366

00:16:23,139 --> 00:16:20,620

the Eastern traditions well the tires

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00:16:25,180 --> 00:16:23,149

probably have always been there I mean

368

00:16:27,400 --> 00:16:25,190

we do know that there's always been from

369

00:16:29,410 --> 00:16:27,410

the Silk Road a trade of eastern and

370

00:16:31,660 --> 00:16:29,420

western traditions even but you know

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00:16:34,420 --> 00:16:31,670

before the gnostics before christianity

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00:16:37,660 --> 00:16:34,430

uh there was a there was a buddhist

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00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:37,670

priests or amongst and alexandria before

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00:16:41,680 --> 00:16:39,440

the first century going there there were

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00:16:43,660 --> 00:16:41,690

there were romans going there for spices

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00:16:45,519 --> 00:16:43,670

so these ideas were back and forth I

377

00:16:47,199 --> 00:16:45,529

mean you look at something like a big

378

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:47,209

influence on the Gnostic would be the

379

00:16:52,960 --> 00:16:50,000

the cult of Orpheus that believed in

380

00:16:55,660 --> 00:16:52,970

reincarnation and a divine spark the

381

00:16:57,730 --> 00:16:55,670

cult of Pythagoras so this thing was in

382

00:17:00,400 --> 00:16:57,740

the air in fact some scholars have said

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00:17:01,960 --> 00:17:00,410

hey it's very possible that the Syrian

384

00:17:04,029 --> 00:17:01,970

mystics and the Gnostics actually

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00:17:06,760 --> 00:17:04,039

influenced the East some of the later

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00:17:10,390 --> 00:17:06,770

traditions of Hinduism and some of the

387

00:17:12,159 --> 00:17:10,400

ideas of Buddhism so the relation in the

388

00:17:14,140 --> 00:17:12,169

more primordial manner and I must say

389

00:17:16,029 --> 00:17:14,150

that when the Gnostics were around the

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00:17:17,710 --> 00:17:16,039

other Christians around them shared a

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00:17:20,140 --> 00:17:17,720

lot of these ideas it wasn't anything

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00:17:21,760 --> 00:17:20,150

heretical this is sort of later when you

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00:17:24,490 --> 00:17:21,770

have to sort of make this religion

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00:17:26,919 --> 00:17:24,500

mainstream and marketable but again this

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00:17:28,840 --> 00:17:26,929

idea that we have an inner God within us

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00:17:30,690 --> 00:17:28,850

each one of us that we can access

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00:17:33,090 --> 00:17:30,700

through the right rituals or

398

00:17:36,520 --> 00:17:33,100

contemplation they're gonna of

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00:17:38,049 --> 00:17:36,530

reincarnation the idea of of insight

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00:17:40,000 --> 00:17:38,059

into the world and how the world is

401  
00:17:42,610 --> 00:17:40,010  
simply an illusion that we have to break

402  
00:17:44,500 --> 00:17:42,620  
through these were shared again by the

403  
00:17:46,480 --> 00:17:44,510  
Gnostics and the Easterners and even

404  
00:17:48,640 --> 00:17:46,490  
many of the Christian and Jews it was it

405  
00:17:50,560 --> 00:17:48,650  
was not heretical or even controversial

406  
00:17:51,549 --> 00:17:50,570  
at the time I mean it was in the air

407  
00:17:53,680 --> 00:17:51,559  
across the world

408  
00:17:56,260 --> 00:17:53,690  
yeah and that again gets to one of the

409  
00:17:59,200 --> 00:17:56,270  
problems with Gnosticism as we try and

410  
00:18:02,520 --> 00:17:59,210  
define it because as you just described

411  
00:18:05,320 --> 00:18:02,530  
to a certain extent it's defined by the

412  
00:18:08,169 --> 00:18:05,330  
religious structures that it kind of

413  
00:18:10,110 --> 00:18:08,179

undermines I mean Gnosticism is to a

414

00:18:12,610 --> 00:18:10,120

certain extent defined by the

415

00:18:15,039 --> 00:18:12,620

judeo-christian tradition when in fact

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00:18:17,169 --> 00:18:15,049

the history of Gnosticism suggests that

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00:18:19,299 --> 00:18:17,179

the judeo-christian tradition isn't what

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00:18:21,100 --> 00:18:19,309

we have come to believe that it is right

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00:18:24,880 --> 00:18:21,110

I mean isn't there kind of a paradox

420

00:18:25,400 --> 00:18:24,890

there yeah yeah I mean as scholars at

421

00:18:28,070 --> 00:18:25,410

settings

422

00:18:30,260 --> 00:18:28,080

Elaine Pagels and so forth there was no

423

00:18:32,960 --> 00:18:30,270

original Christianity in the first

424

00:18:35,720 --> 00:18:32,970

second or in the third century it was

425

00:18:37,610 --> 00:18:35,730

all just this giant speculation of ideas

426

00:18:40,130 --> 00:18:37,620

and different little schools of thought

427

00:18:42,320 --> 00:18:40,140

that you know congregated here and there

428

00:18:44,780 --> 00:18:42,330

and exchange information with the pagans

429

00:18:46,700 --> 00:18:44,790

and the Jews in Alexandria and so forth

430

00:18:48,590 --> 00:18:46,710

there was enough nothing ever said I

431

00:18:51,710 --> 00:18:48,600

mean for example one of the great

432

00:18:53,840 --> 00:18:51,720

Orthodox fathers clement of alexandria

433

00:18:56,540 --> 00:18:53,850

said the only true christian is a

434

00:18:58,940 --> 00:18:56,550

gnostic one who knows when when gnosis

435

00:19:01,820 --> 00:18:58,950

other church fathers yes at what there

436

00:19:05,180 --> 00:19:01,830

is a demiurges world is divided by these

437

00:19:07,640 --> 00:19:05,190

sort of demons or archons as they call

438

00:19:10,870 --> 00:19:07,650

them so yes you can easily say that

439

00:19:13,850 --> 00:19:10,880

there was never a sort of this sort of a

440

00:19:15,890 --> 00:19:13,860

formalized organized christianity that

441

00:19:17,960 --> 00:19:15,900

went out with the Apostles and so forth

442

00:19:21,710 --> 00:19:17,970

it was it was it was a very speculative

443

00:19:23,480 --> 00:19:21,720

and MIT and you know a imaginative time

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00:19:25,400 --> 00:19:23,490

those early days of Christians and the

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00:19:27,860 --> 00:19:25,410

Gnostics were part of that group and

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00:19:30,320 --> 00:19:27,870

then following that path forward that

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00:19:33,230 --> 00:19:30,330

Gnostic path forward how do we

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00:19:36,920 --> 00:19:33,240

differentiate that from modern ideas of

449

00:19:38,900 --> 00:19:36,930

enlightenment or awakening well the main

450

00:19:42,290 --> 00:19:38,910

difference again is that our world is

451  
00:19:43,850 --> 00:19:42,300  
created by lesser agencies or even evil

452  
00:19:46,130 --> 00:19:43,860  
agencies which you really don't find

453  
00:19:49,330 --> 00:19:46,140  
anywhere in fact some Gnostic said says

454  
00:19:52,700 --> 00:19:49,340  
that we as humans were simply sort of

455  
00:19:56,210 --> 00:19:52,710  
fleshy cases in which the divine spark

456  
00:19:59,210 --> 00:19:56,220  
was hidden from the true God or the

457  
00:20:02,810 --> 00:19:59,220  
higher forces like Sophia so that right

458  
00:20:05,240 --> 00:20:02,820  
there is pretty much unique and then the

459  
00:20:07,100 --> 00:20:05,250  
idea of gnosis is I mean all traditions

460  
00:20:09,680 --> 00:20:07,110  
have you know we'd like to say well I

461  
00:20:11,150 --> 00:20:09,690  
can know God or I can experience God and

462  
00:20:11,720 --> 00:20:11,160  
have a mystic thing and of course that's

463  
00:20:14,810 --> 00:20:11,730

great

464

00:20:18,920 --> 00:20:14,820

through the Gnostics it was more of a an

465

00:20:21,440 --> 00:20:18,930

into it was an intellectual exercise but

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00:20:24,350 --> 00:20:21,450

also spiritual exercise and it was a

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00:20:26,660 --> 00:20:24,360

very in-depth going into the various

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00:20:29,510 --> 00:20:26,670

levels of who you were as a human to

469

00:20:32,240 --> 00:20:29,520

find this divine spark even Karl Yune

470

00:20:33,830 --> 00:20:32,250

said the Gnostics were the original dead

471

00:20:36,190 --> 00:20:33,840

psychologists because they went deeper

472

00:20:38,660 --> 00:20:36,200

than pretty much any of the Greeks or

473

00:20:39,590 --> 00:20:38,670

philosophers out there and then it was

474

00:20:42,230 --> 00:20:39,600

an out

475

00:20:45,440 --> 00:20:42,240

right into the different planes of

476

00:20:48,470 --> 00:20:45,450

reality or consciousness which you don't

477

00:20:50,750 --> 00:20:48,480

find as you don't find in any size or

478

00:20:52,040 --> 00:20:50,760

depth as you do with the gnostics so

479

00:20:55,360 --> 00:20:52,050

that right there you're getting into

480

00:20:57,590 --> 00:20:55,370

sort of some very unique unique

481

00:21:00,020 --> 00:20:57,600

characteristics but of course as you

482

00:21:02,420 --> 00:21:00,030

said no religion exists in a vacuum

483

00:21:05,960 --> 00:21:02,430

every religion exists in a state of high

484

00:21:08,150 --> 00:21:05,970

privity where they borrow take and you

485

00:21:10,190 --> 00:21:08,160

know and interact with other religions

486

00:21:12,460 --> 00:21:10,200

until they all overlapped and they'll

487

00:21:14,930 --> 00:21:12,470

continue to overlap even to this day

488

00:21:16,640 --> 00:21:14,940

interesting another thing I want to get

489

00:21:19,430 --> 00:21:16,650

out there because you just touched on

490

00:21:23,660 --> 00:21:19,440

and again and that's this reference to

491

00:21:26,000 --> 00:21:23,670

the dark side to the occult to evil in

492

00:21:27,980 --> 00:21:26,010

its different forms as we think about it

493

00:21:30,890 --> 00:21:27,990

and I think there's an association that

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00:21:33,950 --> 00:21:30,900

a lot of folks have between Gnosticism

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00:21:35,720 --> 00:21:33,960

and the occult and dark forces dark

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00:21:39,050 --> 00:21:35,730

elements I think you've done a nice job

497

00:21:42,290 --> 00:21:39,060

already of showing us how those

498

00:21:44,120 --> 00:21:42,300

distinctions might not be exactly what

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00:21:46,850 --> 00:21:44,130

we've been conditioned to think they are

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00:21:51,260 --> 00:21:46,860

but can you maybe touch on that some

501  
00:21:53,600 --> 00:21:51,270  
more yeah I'm part of the gnosis and of

502  
00:21:56,870 --> 00:21:53,610  
course this is why Gnosticism or the

503  
00:21:59,540 --> 00:21:56,880  
Gnostics have always been so endearing

504  
00:22:01,600 --> 00:21:59,550  
to so many artists throughout history we

505  
00:22:04,940 --> 00:22:01,610  
can go through a william blake and

506  
00:22:07,250 --> 00:22:04,950  
philip k dick and a whole slew of others

507  
00:22:09,590 --> 00:22:07,260  
you almost gonna hit that Gnostic

508  
00:22:11,840 --> 00:22:09,600  
sensibility because it does begin by

509  
00:22:14,300 --> 00:22:11,850  
taking the red pill and well before you

510  
00:22:15,920 --> 00:22:14,310  
take the red pill and you you do feel an

511  
00:22:17,750 --> 00:22:15,930  
alienation you know you know like

512  
00:22:19,310 --> 00:22:17,760  
Morpheus said there's something wrong in

513  
00:22:20,960 --> 00:22:19,320

the world but you don't know what it is

514

00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:20,970

and it's like a splinter in your mind

515

00:22:26,270 --> 00:22:24,480

driving you mad you feel alienated like

516

00:22:28,340 --> 00:22:26,280

something is wrong and I think more and

517

00:22:29,840 --> 00:22:28,350

more people in this society with the

518

00:22:32,390 --> 00:22:29,850

media and everything that's going on

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00:22:34,520 --> 00:22:32,400

probably feel that way and they did in

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00:22:38,360 --> 00:22:34,530

Roman times and it starts with that

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00:22:41,180 --> 00:22:38,370

alienation and that search for the truth

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00:22:42,890 --> 00:22:41,190

for reality and as you find you seek

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00:22:44,960 --> 00:22:42,900

that reality to take the writ till you

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00:22:47,480 --> 00:22:44,970

realize that everything that you were

525

00:22:49,220 --> 00:22:47,490

taught or you believe that's probably

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00:22:51,800 --> 00:22:49,230

wrong and everything that you are is

527

00:22:53,300 --> 00:22:51,810

really a construct a construct a fate of

528

00:22:56,240 --> 00:22:53,310

society of

529

00:22:58,640 --> 00:22:56,250

dark shadowy forces you know the man in

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00:23:01,160 --> 00:22:58,650

the man behind the curtain but at the

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00:23:03,380 --> 00:23:01,170

same time there's this beauty you see

532

00:23:05,600 --> 00:23:03,390

this again you see how the universe is

533

00:23:07,190 --> 00:23:05,610

really there's this light hidden all the

534

00:23:09,820 --> 00:23:07,200

universe and beyond that there's what

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00:23:13,790 --> 00:23:09,830

they call the call of Sofia there is an

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00:23:16,430 --> 00:23:13,800

enough six column the alien God which is

537

00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:16,440

this force beyond our forces it calls

538

00:23:21,440 --> 00:23:18,720

you to it but of course you have to do

539

00:23:25,430 --> 00:23:21,450

the work and meet this meet these beings

540

00:23:27,800 --> 00:23:25,440

halfway so in so in that way that's why

541

00:23:30,020 --> 00:23:27,810

maybe you're not just artists but a

542

00:23:32,150 --> 00:23:30,030

cultist feel so I've felt so drawn to

543

00:23:33,710 --> 00:23:32,160

Gnosticism because it again it's that

544

00:23:36,320 --> 00:23:33,720

sense of alienation that sort of

545

00:23:40,430 --> 00:23:36,330

skepticism to the world that artistic

546

00:23:41,990 --> 00:23:40,440

impulse impulse to to go out and find

547

00:23:45,200 --> 00:23:42,000

something that's better than what than

548

00:23:46,820 --> 00:23:45,210

what has been presented to us and and I

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00:23:48,970 --> 00:23:46,830

mean some people call the Gnostics the

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00:23:50,930 --> 00:23:48,980

original dekes or the original

551  
00:23:52,280 --> 00:23:50,940  
conspiracy serious because they were

552  
00:23:54,320 --> 00:23:52,290  
asking these questions

553  
00:23:56,180 --> 00:23:54,330  
long before everybody they were asking

554  
00:23:58,490 --> 00:23:56,190  
you know they thought there was a

555  
00:24:01,130 --> 00:23:58,500  
conspiracy in every rock and every human

556  
00:24:02,810 --> 00:24:01,140  
and they wanted to analyze it break down

557  
00:24:05,660 --> 00:24:02,820  
with it and at the same time have enough

558  
00:24:08,990 --> 00:24:05,670  
compassion to show others to find their

559  
00:24:11,750 --> 00:24:09,000  
own inner light but what about that

560  
00:24:15,530 --> 00:24:11,760  
connection with the dark side how do we

561  
00:24:18,110 --> 00:24:15,540  
dance in the shadows and is Gnosticism

562  
00:24:20,660 --> 00:24:18,120  
one step one foot on the banana peel

563  
00:24:24,440 --> 00:24:20,670

away from Satanism like a lot of people

564

00:24:26,660 --> 00:24:24,450

will tell you it is yeah well say never

565

00:24:28,340 --> 00:24:26,670

Satanism itself is again it's like

566

00:24:30,470 --> 00:24:28,350

paganism we're not in sort of an

567

00:24:32,540 --> 00:24:30,480

umbrella term you throw here in that

568

00:24:34,970 --> 00:24:32,550

there's it's a very recent term to I

569

00:24:36,620 --> 00:24:34,980

mean really if we're going to be right I

570

00:24:38,570 --> 00:24:36,630

mean people have you read history

571

00:24:41,300 --> 00:24:38,580

they've been you know strange people

572

00:24:42,740 --> 00:24:41,310

sacrifice you know make blood sacrifice

573

00:24:45,470 --> 00:24:42,750

for Sigma they're still within the

574

00:24:47,930 --> 00:24:45,480

Christian mythology as much as they're

575

00:24:54,230 --> 00:24:47,940

still in the narrative so they're just

576

00:24:56,150 --> 00:24:54,240

Christians gone wrong but with the

577

00:24:59,600 --> 00:24:56,160

Gnosticism of course the idea of gnosis

578

00:25:03,740 --> 00:24:59,610

is first the old temple you know Oracle

579

00:25:05,270 --> 00:25:03,750

of Delphi saying know thyself and to

580

00:25:07,130 --> 00:25:05,280

know thyself is not just to sit there

581

00:25:09,980 --> 00:25:07,140

and go oh I'm a beautiful

582

00:25:11,870 --> 00:25:09,990

snowflake I'm a piece of God you know no

583

00:25:14,000 --> 00:25:11,880

it's knowing that you are also made of

584

00:25:15,500 --> 00:25:14,010

some very dark forces if Jesus says the

585

00:25:17,390 --> 00:25:15,510

kingdom of God is within you

586

00:25:19,940 --> 00:25:17,400

well logically the kingdom of hell is

587

00:25:22,549 --> 00:25:19,950

within you and most of what you are

588

00:25:25,970 --> 00:25:22,559

again it's probably a construct of fate

589

00:25:28,850 --> 00:25:25,980

of society of you know cosmic forces

590

00:25:30,650 --> 00:25:28,860

stars and you have to know this darkside

591

00:25:32,660 --> 00:25:30,660

X you have to know the dark side of the

592

00:25:34,280 --> 00:25:32,670

world but in knowing it you will

593

00:25:36,289 --> 00:25:34,290

hopefully find the answers on how to

594

00:25:37,900 --> 00:25:36,299

break out from it but it's so again it

595

00:25:41,930 --> 00:25:37,910

really starts with knowing that she'll

596

00:25:45,680 --> 00:25:41,940

so Miguel you really do a masterful job

597

00:25:48,409 --> 00:25:45,690

on and byte Gnostic radio of weaving

598

00:25:50,180 --> 00:25:48,419

these threads of Gnosticism into our

599

00:25:51,770 --> 00:25:50,190

modern culture and you've just done a

600

00:25:55,789 --> 00:25:51,780

nice job of doing it here

601  
00:25:57,230 --> 00:25:55,799  
I do feel also though that you're open

602  
00:25:59,720 --> 00:25:57,240  
as you described on the show to the

603  
00:26:01,730 --> 00:25:59,730  
limits of history and we understand that

604  
00:26:05,120 --> 00:26:01,740  
history is written by those who conquer

605  
00:26:08,150 --> 00:26:05,130  
and we have to wonder if the Nok Hammadi

606  
00:26:11,480 --> 00:26:08,160  
library would even be in existence

607  
00:26:14,120 --> 00:26:11,490  
if Genghis Khan took one turn or another

608  
00:26:15,470 --> 00:26:14,130  
lion burned the the library like he

609  
00:26:17,299 --> 00:26:15,480  
destroyed the greatest library in the

610  
00:26:20,090 --> 00:26:17,309  
world and Baghdad and burned it to the

611  
00:26:21,860 --> 00:26:20,100  
ground me what uncharred documents are

612  
00:26:25,880 --> 00:26:21,870  
left is what we're really basing a lot

613  
00:26:27,950 --> 00:26:25,890

of this on isn't Gnosticism limited in

614

00:26:29,240 --> 00:26:27,960

the same way Christianity's limited by

615

00:26:30,760 --> 00:26:29,250

this kind of always looking in the

616

00:26:33,560 --> 00:26:30,770

rearview mirror for the next

617

00:26:35,810 --> 00:26:33,570

archeological dig to tell us who we are

618

00:26:39,220 --> 00:26:35,820

isn't that an inherent limitation of

619

00:26:43,039 --> 00:26:39,230

this kind of historical based knowing

620

00:26:45,260 --> 00:26:43,049

yeah certainly is but it really goes

621

00:26:46,730 --> 00:26:45,270

beyond history I think the the scholar

622

00:26:48,740 --> 00:26:46,740

Yan Giuliano

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00:26:51,799 --> 00:26:48,750

who wrote the tree of gnosis he said

624

00:26:54,650 --> 00:26:51,809

that there's also sort of a binary code

625

00:26:57,080 --> 00:26:54,660

within man and this binary code will

626  
00:26:59,120 --> 00:26:57,090  
always go off and you have orthodoxy on

627  
00:27:01,220 --> 00:26:59,130  
one side making things mainstream

628  
00:27:03,140 --> 00:27:01,230  
believing that the world is going to be

629  
00:27:06,680 --> 00:27:03,150  
fine in the world part of this grand

630  
00:27:08,930 --> 00:27:06,690  
history Providence but as there's also

631  
00:27:11,299 --> 00:27:08,940  
the other switch the other side that's

632  
00:27:13,130 --> 00:27:11,309  
always there you know we are alienated

633  
00:27:15,080 --> 00:27:13,140  
we are trapped in this world or

634  
00:27:16,940 --> 00:27:15,090  
something wrong with this world let's

635  
00:27:20,750 --> 00:27:16,950  
find let's go on this inner voyage

636  
00:27:23,240 --> 00:27:20,760  
inside and outside of us so and you know

637  
00:27:24,860 --> 00:27:23,250  
as he posited you could just be race the

638  
00:27:27,580 --> 00:27:24,870

Bible and the not Hammadi light in every

639

00:27:30,200 --> 00:27:27,590

religion and with a hundred years some

640

00:27:32,330 --> 00:27:30,210

binary code will go off and somebody

641

00:27:32,510 --> 00:27:32,340

will go I am Orthodox this is the way it

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00:27:34,460 --> 00:27:32,520

is

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00:27:36,050 --> 00:27:34,470

and immediately somebody down the line

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00:27:38,060 --> 00:27:36,060

will say no there is a Gnostic

645

00:27:40,640 --> 00:27:38,070

sensibility this is the way it is that

646

00:27:44,180 --> 00:27:40,650

is why there are many writers and

647

00:27:46,580 --> 00:27:44,190

thinkers again like Carl Jung and others

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00:27:49,130 --> 00:27:46,590

who before the night Hammadi library

649

00:27:51,890 --> 00:27:49,140

we're getting some of the Gnostic ideas

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00:27:53,270 --> 00:27:51,900

the names the concepts they were getting

651

00:27:55,370 --> 00:27:53,280

it very well even with the little

652

00:27:58,430 --> 00:27:55,380

information out there so yes we are

653

00:28:01,010 --> 00:27:58,440

limited by history but again I feel that

654

00:28:03,080 --> 00:28:01,020

the sort of this orthodoxy and

655

00:28:04,820 --> 00:28:03,090

Gnosticism is within each one of us

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00:28:06,380 --> 00:28:04,830

that's why it keeps resurfacing in so

657

00:28:08,900 --> 00:28:06,390

many different traditions whether it's

658

00:28:12,950 --> 00:28:08,910

Buddhist or Muslim and so forth it's

659

00:28:15,920 --> 00:28:12,960

there excellent more evidence that it is

660

00:28:18,020 --> 00:28:15,930

truly an innate spark in us and maybe

661

00:28:20,480 --> 00:28:18,030

even I'd say a divine spark as you said

662

00:28:22,490 --> 00:28:20,490

that is almost it serves as evidence

663

00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:22,500

that it that it is there and it is

664

00:28:29,420 --> 00:28:25,440

timeless fascinating let's talk for a

665

00:28:32,390 --> 00:28:29,430

minute about the other dark side is the

666

00:28:35,690 --> 00:28:32,400

atheist because you on your show are

667

00:28:37,850 --> 00:28:35,700

very charitable to the atheists and give

668

00:28:40,820 --> 00:28:37,860

great praise where it's often due to

669

00:28:44,210 --> 00:28:40,830

folks like Bart airman biblical scholar

670

00:28:48,170 --> 00:28:44,220

Robert price and others who have a view

671

00:28:52,630 --> 00:28:48,180

that I think counter to this basic idea

672

00:28:54,980 --> 00:28:52,640

of gnosis how do you see the atheistic

673

00:28:58,840 --> 00:28:54,990

materialistic worldview fitting into

674

00:29:01,190 --> 00:28:58,850

this larger picture of this divine spark

675

00:29:04,610 --> 00:29:01,200

well obviously I would be certainly

676

00:29:06,650 --> 00:29:04,620

against that I mean I do admire the

677

00:29:09,170 --> 00:29:06,660

parts of atheists or would say with the

678

00:29:10,970 --> 00:29:09,180

Gnostic hey use your reason I mean the

679

00:29:13,670 --> 00:29:10,980

Gnostics even in their text talk about

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00:29:15,530 --> 00:29:13,680

how science and art and literature will

681

00:29:18,050 --> 00:29:15,540

free you that's part of gnosis that

682

00:29:19,970 --> 00:29:18,060

expands your consciousness I do like

683

00:29:21,830 --> 00:29:19,980

that the AC is the Gnostics and the

684

00:29:23,870 --> 00:29:21,840

Asics would share the idea of being free

685

00:29:26,360 --> 00:29:23,880

from mainstream religions and the grip

686

00:29:28,460 --> 00:29:26,370

of tyranny of governments and so forth

687

00:29:30,890 --> 00:29:28,470

but at the same time that's where we

688

00:29:33,230 --> 00:29:30,900

parked away because the Gnostics again

689

00:29:34,909 --> 00:29:33,240

it's about the divine spark and you can

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00:29:37,970 --> 00:29:34,919

you can change device

691

00:29:40,009 --> 00:29:37,980

or Kimura modern terms consciousness a

692

00:29:42,409 --> 00:29:40,019

great mystery that not even that Sam

693

00:29:44,810 --> 00:29:42,419

Harris the Pope one of the Pope's of

694

00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:44,820

atheism says that's the one thing

695

00:29:49,580 --> 00:29:47,039

science and materialism has not figured

696

00:29:50,659 --> 00:29:49,590

out they may say well around the corner

697

00:29:52,430 --> 00:29:50,669

we're about to discover

698

00:29:54,289 --> 00:29:52,440

you know consciousness they were going

699

00:29:56,180 --> 00:29:54,299

to discover the flying car or the god

700

00:29:58,810 --> 00:29:56,190

particle but the truth is they won't

701

00:30:02,389 --> 00:29:58,820

it's a great mystery so in that sense

702

00:30:05,419 --> 00:30:02,399

the idea of consciousness and the divine

703

00:30:08,389 --> 00:30:05,429

spark and obviously atheism can be a

704

00:30:10,700 --> 00:30:08,399

little bit more hell what's the term

705

00:30:13,159 --> 00:30:10,710

well I'm gonna say materialism by a

706

00:30:16,310 --> 00:30:13,169

seasoned sort of has a positive view of

707

00:30:18,109 --> 00:30:16,320

all that is material and all that we can

708

00:30:20,210 --> 00:30:18,119

see and the Gnostic sensibility would

709

00:30:22,609 --> 00:30:20,220

certainly reject that as they know it's

710

00:30:24,529 --> 00:30:22,619

all a lie eventually ultimately it's a

711

00:30:27,859 --> 00:30:24,539

lion very little is going to be true so

712

00:30:31,369 --> 00:30:27,869

that's why they part ways well said but

713

00:30:34,789 --> 00:30:31,379

there's a great divide between atheism

714

00:30:37,070 --> 00:30:34,799

and football lump together spirituality

715

00:30:39,680 --> 00:30:37,080

in its broadest term in a big big tent

716

00:30:41,840 --> 00:30:39,690

way and throw Gnosticism in there and

717

00:30:43,940 --> 00:30:41,850

all our religions in there and our

718

00:30:46,999 --> 00:30:43,950

new-age traditions in there all that

719

00:30:48,710 --> 00:30:47,009

stuff that's one big tent and the folks

720

00:30:51,259 --> 00:30:48,720

on the outside of that tent are saying

721

00:30:54,320 --> 00:30:51,269

no no no no no your experience is

722

00:30:56,149 --> 00:30:54,330

nothing you are merely your brain you

723

00:31:00,259 --> 00:30:56,159

are this materialism you are this

724

00:31:03,560 --> 00:31:00,269

biological robot isn't that more of a

725

00:31:05,799 --> 00:31:03,570

divide then we're kind of letting on

726

00:31:09,529 --> 00:31:05,809

when we let these people into the tent

727

00:31:12,619 --> 00:31:09,539

yeah obviously you have to go sometimes

728

00:31:14,229 --> 00:31:12,629

with the you know enemy of my enemy is

729

00:31:16,909 --> 00:31:14,239

my friend

730

00:31:19,279 --> 00:31:16,919

you know try to find some common ground

731

00:31:21,289 --> 00:31:19,289

because I would hope that most

732

00:31:22,970 --> 00:31:21,299

reasonable atheist just want to get

733

00:31:25,310 --> 00:31:22,980

along and go about their business which

734

00:31:27,859 --> 00:31:25,320

is what the ancient Gnostics tried to do

735

00:31:31,099 --> 00:31:27,869

and they've been wiped out throughout

736

00:31:33,680 --> 00:31:31,109

history so then also you know ethos

737

00:31:36,139 --> 00:31:33,690

would say well we can find groups to get

738

00:31:39,049 --> 00:31:36,149

along let's do it yes they might think

739

00:31:41,749 --> 00:31:39,059

differently I mean we do agree that 99%

740

00:31:44,330 --> 00:31:41,759

of what we are it's false or organic or

741

00:31:46,580 --> 00:31:44,340

an illusion well we agree on that

742

00:31:48,320 --> 00:31:46,590

maybe we can agree on the mystery of

743

00:31:52,100 --> 00:31:48,330

consciousness

744

00:31:54,590 --> 00:31:52,110

and maybe that's why New Agers get your

745

00:31:57,139 --> 00:31:54,600

ire so much do you want to maybe speak

746

00:32:00,710 --> 00:31:57,149

to what it is about the crystal crowd

747

00:32:04,850 --> 00:32:00,720

and the secret crowd that so riles you

748

00:32:06,259 --> 00:32:04,860

up often on your show oh boy yes I think

749

00:32:07,759 --> 00:32:06,269

I've found on many rents and Raley's

750

00:32:09,649 --> 00:32:07,769

right because I used to be a New Ager

751  
00:32:12,560 --> 00:32:09,659  
before I start this is the Gnostic

752  
00:32:17,180 --> 00:32:12,570  
gospel and I enjoyed it but the the

753  
00:32:19,549 --> 00:32:17,190  
problem I see is beyond again they fall

754  
00:32:21,379 --> 00:32:19,559  
into the same materialistic traps and do

755  
00:32:24,830 --> 00:32:21,389  
others except sometimes works because

756  
00:32:28,250 --> 00:32:24,840  
you get calendars and again diets and

757  
00:32:29,960 --> 00:32:28,260  
books for everything that's new agey but

758  
00:32:32,840 --> 00:32:29,970  
is the idea of how they confront

759  
00:32:36,279 --> 00:32:32,850  
suffering and this is where they fall

760  
00:32:39,769 --> 00:32:36,289  
short even shorter than acs Orpheus

761  
00:32:43,070 --> 00:32:39,779  
because somehow suffering is relegated

762  
00:32:45,759 --> 00:32:43,080  
over to away from the moral realms and

763  
00:32:49,490 --> 00:32:45,769

simply put into a sort of pseudo

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00:32:52,220 --> 00:32:49,500

psychology state and suddenly you know

765

00:32:53,930 --> 00:32:52,230

suffering is just an illusion you don't

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00:32:56,210 --> 00:32:53,940

have to worry about and everything is

767

00:32:58,129 --> 00:32:56,220

about self development and everything's

768

00:33:00,320 --> 00:32:58,139

gonna be okay but they take it even more

769

00:33:01,879 --> 00:33:00,330

to the extreme than the Abrahamic

770

00:33:04,700 --> 00:33:01,889

religion so at least wanna address

771

00:33:07,220 --> 00:33:04,710

suffering in the world and that's my big

772

00:33:10,159 --> 00:33:07,230

contention with a so called New Age and

773

00:33:12,680 --> 00:33:10,169

I remember I think when I truly left the

774

00:33:15,320 --> 00:33:12,690

New Age movement there was I was reading

775

00:33:17,330 --> 00:33:15,330

a book by Gary Zhukov and I'd really

776

00:33:19,639 --> 00:33:17,340

like the seat of the soul but I kept

777

00:33:21,259 --> 00:33:19,649

rereading it and there was a passage

778

00:33:24,740 --> 00:33:21,269

where he said well if you see somebody

779

00:33:28,129 --> 00:33:24,750

on the street who's poor and hungry and

780

00:33:30,379 --> 00:33:28,139

you know has no clothes just remember he

781

00:33:32,269 --> 00:33:30,389

has a karmic duty so don't worry about

782

00:33:34,279 --> 00:33:32,279

him he's gotta fulfill his karmic duties

783

00:33:36,019 --> 00:33:34,289

and that to me was I mean it goes

784

00:33:38,029 --> 00:33:36,029

against the Gnostics or the Christians

785

00:33:41,779 --> 00:33:38,039

or even Theseus I mean you can't just

786

00:33:45,950 --> 00:33:41,789

relegate people to the powers of fate or

787

00:33:49,190 --> 00:33:45,960

Karma or you know the the chain of being

788

00:33:51,049 --> 00:33:49,200

of the neoplatonist know the first thing

789

00:33:53,450 --> 00:33:51,059

about being a human and finding your

790

00:33:56,120 --> 00:33:53,460

divinity is to help other human beings

791

00:33:59,149 --> 00:33:56,130

it's just basic so it's the the

792

00:34:01,519 --> 00:33:59,159

narcissism and the hypocrisy I guess

793

00:34:02,150 --> 00:34:01,529

that you read so so if you're going to

794

00:34:08,960 --> 00:34:02,160

be a

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00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:08,970

atheistic deepness don't go halfway and

796

00:34:14,810 --> 00:34:11,520

call yourself by a New Ager and and

797

00:34:16,580 --> 00:34:14,820

really be a hedonist and behind all that

798

00:34:18,380 --> 00:34:16,590

you know us being of New Age right I

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00:34:20,480 --> 00:34:18,390

wanted to bring up Shirley MacLaine

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00:34:22,550 --> 00:34:20,490

because I heard an interview with her

801  
00:34:25,400 --> 00:34:22,560  
the other day and of course she's one of

802  
00:34:27,110 --> 00:34:25,410  
the original New Agers and had a lot to

803  
00:34:28,790 --> 00:34:27,120  
do with the New Age movement with her

804  
00:34:31,130 --> 00:34:28,800  
astral projection and all the rest of

805  
00:34:32,930 --> 00:34:31,140  
that stuff but the quote that she gave

806  
00:34:35,659 --> 00:34:32,940  
because she's obviously a famous movie

807  
00:34:38,140 --> 00:34:35,669  
star was that they were pushing her and

808  
00:34:40,100 --> 00:34:38,150  
she said hey you know what we're all

809  
00:34:41,930 --> 00:34:40,110  
entertainers at the end of the day

810  
00:34:44,360 --> 00:34:41,940  
that's what we do that's that's what we

811  
00:34:46,159 --> 00:34:44,370  
do that's our life mission for everyone

812  
00:34:47,810 --> 00:34:46,169  
is the kind of entertain everyone else

813  
00:34:49,790 --> 00:34:47,820

and I thought that was particularly

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00:34:51,620 --> 00:34:49,800

relevant to your show you put a high

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00:34:54,169 --> 00:34:51,630

production quality in your show you

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00:34:57,380 --> 00:34:54,179

obviously care about engaging your

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00:35:00,620 --> 00:34:57,390

audience in a way that is entertaining

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00:35:03,910 --> 00:35:00,630

what part does that play for you and

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00:35:08,300 --> 00:35:03,920

your own personal understanding of

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00:35:09,590 --> 00:35:08,310

Gnosticism enosis well I think Shirley

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00:35:12,740 --> 00:35:09,600

MacLaine is actually being very

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00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:12,750

insightful because the truth is that and

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00:35:19,220 --> 00:35:17,040

most people forget this but the gnostics

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00:35:22,250 --> 00:35:19,230

and even the first Christians were

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00:35:25,640 --> 00:35:22,260

artists as much as they were theologians

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00:35:27,530 --> 00:35:25,650

or mystics after all the idea that you

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00:35:30,050 --> 00:35:27,540

have to express something that cannot be

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00:35:31,940 --> 00:35:30,060

expressed knowing the unknown well you

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00:35:34,850 --> 00:35:31,950

got to put it in a way that people learn

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00:35:36,800 --> 00:35:34,860

through allegory mythology a parable

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00:35:40,220 --> 00:35:36,810

Jesus was about parables because he knew

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00:35:42,440 --> 00:35:40,230

nobody would get it and many of these

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00:35:44,510 --> 00:35:42,450

texts were never meant to be gred

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00:35:47,330 --> 00:35:44,520

because nobody read but they were

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00:35:49,880 --> 00:35:47,340

actually sang they were used as poetry

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00:35:52,340 --> 00:35:49,890

even as well as Barnstone he's a great

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00:35:54,410 --> 00:35:52,350

Shakespearean translator who worked with

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00:35:57,230 --> 00:35:54,420

Jorge Luis Borges who's also another

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00:35:59,960 --> 00:35:57,240

great Gnostic he said that the Gnostics

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00:36:01,640 --> 00:35:59,970

were one of their characteristics is

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00:36:04,130 --> 00:36:01,650

always being the greatest artist of

842

00:36:06,320 --> 00:36:04,140

their time I mean then you can go to the

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00:36:08,750 --> 00:36:06,330

Middle Ages with the cards their hymns

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00:36:11,090 --> 00:36:08,760

were just gorgeous you can look at the

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00:36:13,580 --> 00:36:11,100

Manicheans of the Middle Ages in before

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00:36:15,320 --> 00:36:13,590

they they loved drawing and writing

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00:36:15,980 --> 00:36:15,330

these great poetry

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00:36:18,620 --> 00:36:15,990

so these

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00:36:22,160 --> 00:36:18,630

world hating existentialist alienated

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00:36:24,140 --> 00:36:22,170

Gnostics were beautiful as USC set

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00:36:25,970 --> 00:36:24,150

entertainers first and there's nothing

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00:36:28,520 --> 00:36:25,980

wrong with it because you're expressing

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00:36:31,579 --> 00:36:28,530

something that's so amazing best you can

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00:36:34,190 --> 00:36:31,589

do is sing with saint francis of assisi

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00:36:36,650 --> 00:36:34,200

most people don't know he used to put on

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00:36:38,690 --> 00:36:36,660

plays to describe every gospel in the

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00:36:41,750 --> 00:36:38,700

little town you would just do these

858

00:36:43,700 --> 00:36:41,760

amazing theater productions to do the

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00:36:45,890 --> 00:36:43,710

gospel of john or whatever i mean it's

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00:36:47,599 --> 00:36:45,900

part of it you've got the divine spark

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00:36:49,220 --> 00:36:47,609

lights with you and you know things are

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00:36:52,310 --> 00:36:49,230

bad so the best thing you do is do a

863

00:36:55,370 --> 00:36:52,320

little sing a song and dance absolutely

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00:36:57,950 --> 00:36:55,380

and it's it's interesting this artistic

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00:37:01,400 --> 00:36:57,960

thread that you're going down as a way

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00:37:03,680 --> 00:37:01,410

of expressing this divine spark again

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00:37:07,210 --> 00:37:03,690

we'll keep using that term because what

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00:37:10,339 --> 00:37:07,220

I want to do is juxtaposed that with

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00:37:13,599 --> 00:37:10,349

science I'm just wondering what are some

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00:37:18,320 --> 00:37:13,609

of your thoughts in terms of what role

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00:37:20,870 --> 00:37:18,330

modern science can play in maybe helping

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00:37:24,010 --> 00:37:20,880

us probe these questions in a new or

873

00:37:26,750 --> 00:37:24,020

different way because we are very much

874

00:37:30,140 --> 00:37:26,760

scientific culture along with being an

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00:37:35,260 --> 00:37:30,150

atheistic culture how might science play

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00:37:38,089 --> 00:37:35,270

a role in moving this gnosis forward

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00:37:40,280 --> 00:37:38,099

well obviously science will play the

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00:37:42,710 --> 00:37:40,290

role again I mentioned the Gnostics

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00:37:45,950 --> 00:37:42,720

there's the Valentin Valentinian

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00:37:49,730 --> 00:37:45,960

Theodotus he said science actually makes

881

00:37:53,540 --> 00:37:49,740

our faith stronger because what's out

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00:37:58,070 --> 00:37:53,550

there is out there but the note says the

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00:38:00,530 --> 00:37:58,080

knowledge from Greek also is about you

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00:38:03,710 --> 00:38:00,540

might say calibrating your brain making

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00:38:06,140 --> 00:38:03,720

your mind into a stronger antenna so

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00:38:08,599 --> 00:38:06,150

that you can commune with the other

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00:38:11,900 --> 00:38:08,609

antennas the higher mind or the news as

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00:38:15,260 --> 00:38:11,910

the hermetics called it so science

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00:38:17,089 --> 00:38:15,270

guides us but art inspires us and to me

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00:38:18,950 --> 00:38:17,099

that is gnosis at the beginning of the

891

00:38:21,440 --> 00:38:18,960

know the two pillars of gnosis if you

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00:38:23,599 --> 00:38:21,450

would yeah that's a great quote well

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00:38:25,490 --> 00:38:23,609

here's another quote one from the Dalai

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00:38:27,560 --> 00:38:25,500

Lama that kind of takes it in a

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00:38:29,420 --> 00:38:27,570

different direction and says I'm

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00:38:29,809 --> 00:38:29,430

paraphrasing of course but basically the

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00:38:34,219 --> 00:38:29,819

idea

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00:38:36,349 --> 00:38:34,229

around for centuries

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00:38:40,009 --> 00:38:36,359

within the Tibetan Buddhist tradition

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00:38:42,439 --> 00:38:40,019

are open to verification by science and

901  
00:38:45,349 --> 00:38:42,449  
if science was to prove that anything is

902  
00:38:47,900 --> 00:38:45,359  
false then of course Buddhism would have

903  
00:38:51,880 --> 00:38:47,910  
to change because Buddhism is after

904  
00:38:55,569 --> 00:38:51,890  
pursuit of the truth so do we need to

905  
00:38:58,509 --> 00:38:55,579  
put this kind of science first

906  
00:39:01,309 --> 00:38:58,519  
sensibility out there or is that

907  
00:39:04,759 --> 00:39:01,319  
consistent with Gnosticism

908  
00:39:06,319 --> 00:39:04,769  
Oh quick rebuking system because the

909  
00:39:08,539 --> 00:39:06,329  
Dalai Lama's right because after all in

910  
00:39:10,430 --> 00:39:08,549  
Buddhism what are you what are you

911  
00:39:13,039 --> 00:39:10,440  
looking for you're looking for a higher

912  
00:39:15,170 --> 00:39:13,049  
expanded state of consciousness an

913  
00:39:18,890 --> 00:39:15,180

emptiness within you of all the things

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00:39:21,319 --> 00:39:18,900

that you are so that itself what is real

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00:39:22,910 --> 00:39:21,329

can flow through and that's that goes

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00:39:25,099 --> 00:39:22,920

right into what the Gnostics would say

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00:39:27,140 --> 00:39:25,109

you know get rid of everything that's

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00:39:30,799 --> 00:39:27,150

false in you and let that divine spark

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00:39:35,390 --> 00:39:30,809

aka consciousness expand until you reach

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00:39:37,699 --> 00:39:35,400

that that silence that a serial sublime

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00:39:40,489 --> 00:39:37,709

state so there's nothing again there's

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00:39:42,370 --> 00:39:40,499

nothing wrong with that that and science

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00:39:44,979 --> 00:39:42,380

is it's a great help

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00:39:47,959 --> 00:39:44,989

Miguel you mentioned a minute ago that

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00:39:50,479 --> 00:39:47,969

Gnosticism isn't dependent on a certain

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00:39:52,910 --> 00:39:50,489

history and that that divine spark will

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00:39:55,670 --> 00:39:52,920

emerge and continue to emerge kind of no

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00:39:59,359 --> 00:39:55,680

matter what path we fall down and

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00:40:03,079 --> 00:39:59,369

history let me play devil's advocate if

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00:40:04,910 --> 00:40:03,089

I could breakers well is a guy who's

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00:40:06,859 --> 00:40:04,920

come up on your show and he's come up on

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00:40:09,400 --> 00:40:06,869

my show as well of course he's the

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00:40:12,049 --> 00:40:09,410

famous futurist who talks about

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00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:12,059

singularity that is that point sometime

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00:40:17,059 --> 00:40:14,160

in the future in a future that we can

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00:40:19,509 --> 00:40:17,069

really perceive advancing a lot faster

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00:40:23,989 --> 00:40:19,519

than we could before when technology

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00:40:25,789 --> 00:40:23,999

will equal human intellect as we know it

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00:40:28,670 --> 00:40:25,799

and when that point is reached and then

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00:40:30,019 --> 00:40:28,680

exceeded that we will be in a whole new

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00:40:32,479 --> 00:40:30,029

realm one that we have never anticipated

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00:40:34,489 --> 00:40:32,489

at any point in history we've never

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00:40:38,689 --> 00:40:34,499

experienced at any point previous and

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00:40:43,069 --> 00:40:38,699

that it will redefine who we are what

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00:40:46,819 --> 00:40:43,079

does Gnosticism have to say about

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00:40:48,979 --> 00:40:46,829

this view of human consciousness merging

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00:40:52,160 --> 00:40:48,989

with the machine with the divine spark

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00:40:56,089 --> 00:40:52,170

if you will merging with the machine any

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00:41:00,319 --> 00:40:56,099

thoughts on that the problem I have with

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00:41:03,799 --> 00:41:00,329

the singularity view and the proponents

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00:41:07,190 --> 00:41:03,809  
of them is that I think that it plates

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00:41:10,370 --> 00:41:07,200  
too much on so the apocalyptic mentality

953  
00:41:14,329 --> 00:41:10,380  
that's out there when it sort of

954  
00:41:16,449 --> 00:41:14,339  
exploits a very true Gnostic idea that

955  
00:41:19,249 --> 00:41:16,459  
hey we are dissatisfied with ourselves

956  
00:41:20,959 --> 00:41:19,259  
all of us are sort of sitting here in

957  
00:41:23,269 --> 00:41:20,969  
the desert of the average and our

958  
00:41:27,620 --> 00:41:23,279  
cubicles and our homes and our families

959  
00:41:30,709 --> 00:41:27,630  
and instead of looking inward to what is

960  
00:41:33,019 --> 00:41:30,719  
real right now we sort of get caught on

961  
00:41:35,569 --> 00:41:33,029  
these possibilities these hopes for a

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00:41:38,630 --> 00:41:35,579  
better world I mean the Mayan apocalypse

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00:41:41,569 --> 00:41:38,640

craze is the Great or the last great

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00:41:43,219 --> 00:41:41,579

example how Christians are always

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00:41:46,279 --> 00:41:43,229

looking for the end of the world in fact

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00:41:48,890 --> 00:41:46,289

there's a book by John Greer Apocalypse

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00:41:50,959 --> 00:41:48,900

not we need to be studied is that people

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00:41:53,170 --> 00:41:50,969

want something in the future even if

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00:41:55,400 --> 00:41:53,180

it's carnage and brimstone from heaven

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00:41:58,509 --> 00:41:55,410

because it gets them away from the

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00:42:02,269 --> 00:41:58,519

mundane reality they are and now and

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00:42:04,999 --> 00:42:02,279

again it is a singularity sort of plays

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00:42:07,579 --> 00:42:05,009

on it that we will in the future become

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00:42:09,349 --> 00:42:07,589

gods or United with the machines or have

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00:42:11,930 --> 00:42:09,359

these the mechanical consciousness

976  
00:42:13,789 --> 00:42:11,940  
instead of again focusing on where we

977  
00:42:15,709 --> 00:42:13,799  
are now and what is wrong now with

978  
00:42:19,849 --> 00:42:15,719  
ourselves again taking that journey

979  
00:42:21,859 --> 00:42:19,859  
inward great speaking of future Miguel

980  
00:42:24,589 --> 00:42:21,869  
tell us a little bit about what's going

981  
00:42:27,349 --> 00:42:24,599  
on with you in the future what's coming

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00:42:30,099 --> 00:42:27,359  
up on en bite Gnostic radio and other

983  
00:42:35,900 --> 00:42:30,109  
projects you might have in the works

984  
00:42:38,390 --> 00:42:35,910  
well I'm sort of status quo I just keep

985  
00:42:41,539 --> 00:42:38,400  
trying to get these great guests he's a

986  
00:42:43,640 --> 00:42:41,549  
midwife errs of truth that come on for

987  
00:42:45,469 --> 00:42:43,650  
example I will show on Freemasonry I

988  
00:42:48,410 --> 00:42:45,479

have another guest talking about the

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00:42:50,059 --> 00:42:48,420

different sort of Gnostic churches

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00:42:52,309 --> 00:42:50,069

because they are out there in the 19th

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00:42:54,680 --> 00:42:52,319

century we had a great there was sort of

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00:42:56,600 --> 00:42:54,690

a gnostic revival and these churches

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00:42:58,940 --> 00:42:56,610

started coming about including

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00:43:01,040 --> 00:42:58,950

you know Crowley did it all Gnostic mass

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00:43:05,090 --> 00:43:01,050

and so forth so there's still a lot of

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00:43:08,120 --> 00:43:05,100

places and guests out there who do who

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00:43:10,190 --> 00:43:08,130

are part of the the Gnostic taproot so

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00:43:12,320 --> 00:43:10,200

I'm working on that I've got another

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00:43:16,070 --> 00:43:12,330

novel that I should be finishing for a

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00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:16,080

publisher and do you nonfiction article

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00:43:19,790 --> 00:43:16,800

that I'm writing for different

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00:43:21,380 --> 00:43:19,800

publications so I'm just again I am in

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00:43:22,940 --> 00:43:21,390

my own little corner of the universe

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00:43:25,820 --> 00:43:22,950

like you are and we're over here just

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00:43:27,470 --> 00:43:25,830

trying to open some more doors so people

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00:43:29,180 --> 00:43:27,480

can make their own choices and go on

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00:43:31,610 --> 00:43:29,190

their own adventure to find the divine

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00:43:34,040 --> 00:43:31,620

spark the true selves or higher selves

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00:43:36,080 --> 00:43:34,050

and we'll see what happens I don't I

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00:43:39,770 --> 00:43:36,090

don't expect to change the world I don't

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00:43:41,780 --> 00:43:39,780

think the Gnostics did but we can you

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00:43:44,690 --> 00:43:41,790

know help one life spark at a time

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00:43:47,330 --> 00:43:44,700

because a Kabbalist would say well said

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00:43:49,880 --> 00:43:47,340

and let's hope that a few more folks can

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00:43:52,340 --> 00:43:49,890

find their way over to your little

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00:43:54,260 --> 00:43:52,350

corner of the universe by virtue of the

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00:43:57,650 --> 00:43:54,270

show and I certainly hope that people do

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check out a on bite Gnostic radio you're

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00:44:02,960 --> 00:44:00,210

in for a great ride if you do not only

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00:44:06,860 --> 00:44:02,970

great content but great guests as well

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00:44:09,170 --> 00:44:06,870

I've become a regular listener and can't

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00:44:11,390 --> 00:44:09,180

wait for the next episode so it's been

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00:44:14,300 --> 00:44:11,400

great having you on Miguel thanks again

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00:44:16,940 --> 00:44:14,310

for joining me today on skeptic oh thank

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00:44:18,830 --> 00:44:16,950

you Alex it was great being here thanks

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00:44:20,750 --> 00:44:18,840  
again to miguel connor for joining me

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00:44:22,490 --> 00:44:20,760  
today on skeptic Oh a couple of

1028  
00:44:24,890 --> 00:44:22,500  
questions on my tee up from this

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00:44:27,290 --> 00:44:24,900  
interview first let's jump right in to

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00:44:30,050 --> 00:44:27,300  
first century Gnosticism in first

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00:44:32,870 --> 00:44:30,060  
century Christianity and tackle this one

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00:44:36,320 --> 00:44:32,880  
what are the implications of the Gnostic

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00:44:38,270 --> 00:44:36,330  
Gospels for modern day Christianity now

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00:44:41,000 --> 00:44:38,280  
I know most of you aren't into religion

1035  
00:44:43,940 --> 00:44:41,010  
but purely from a historical perspective

1036  
00:44:45,920 --> 00:44:43,950  
I think it's interesting to look back at

1037  
00:44:48,080 --> 00:44:45,930  
this history that is now pretty

1038  
00:44:50,870 --> 00:44:48,090

well-established that is that there were

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00:44:54,170 --> 00:44:50,880

all these different sects centered

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00:44:56,870 --> 00:44:54,180

around this historical figure of Jesus

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00:44:58,520 --> 00:44:56,880

or smait be several historical figures

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00:45:00,230 --> 00:44:58,530

that were called Jesus however you want

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00:45:02,630 --> 00:45:00,240

to slice or dice that but it's

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00:45:04,760 --> 00:45:02,640

interesting that we now know there were

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00:45:06,800 --> 00:45:04,770

all these different traditions in the

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00:45:08,690 --> 00:45:06,810

first century that were practicing

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00:45:10,430 --> 00:45:08,700

different rites different rituals had

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00:45:12,940 --> 00:45:10,440

very different ideas of

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00:45:16,339 --> 00:45:12,950

what all that meant and they were all

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00:45:19,760 --> 00:45:16,349

coexisting at this time and yet it gets

1051  
00:45:22,579 --> 00:45:19,770  
rolled into this very homogenized kind

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00:45:25,309 --> 00:45:22,589  
of Christianity that we have today so

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00:45:27,440 --> 00:45:25,319  
from a historical perspective I think

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00:45:30,800 --> 00:45:27,450  
that's fascinating and I certainly think

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00:45:33,500 --> 00:45:30,810  
that even if you're an atheist and think

1056  
00:45:35,870 --> 00:45:33,510  
that all religion is total crap you have

1057  
00:45:38,990 --> 00:45:35,880  
to acknowledge the enormous influence

1058  
00:45:42,170 --> 00:45:39,000  
that this Christian tradition has had on

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00:45:44,690 --> 00:45:42,180  
our culture on our world so I think it's

1060  
00:45:47,980 --> 00:45:44,700  
worth a look back and the second

1061  
00:45:52,010 --> 00:45:47,990  
question has to do with this Gnostic

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sensitivity of alienation and I think

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that's one thing that really sparks my

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interest in Gnosticism because there's

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something that rings true to that for me

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and that is this idea that this world is

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not really what it's about and we are

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somehow alienated in some way that we

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can't fully put our finger on from this

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material world and I think in this show

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as we've explored the limits of

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materialism both scientifically and

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culturally it does force one to kind of

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00:46:30,109 --> 00:46:27,660

step back and say gee if I'm not part of

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that materialism and that materialistic

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worldview then what am i and am I really

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on the outside looking in of all this

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are we meant to feel alienated from this

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world so those are a couple of questions

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to mull over and maybe share with me or

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other listeners through the comment

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section of The Skeptical website or on

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00:46:57,829 --> 00:46:53,160

the forum you can find both at skeptic

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Oh calm that's sk EPT lko calm you'll

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also find while you're there a link to

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00:47:04,730 --> 00:47:02,069

our more than 200 previous shows and an

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00:47:06,500 --> 00:47:04,740

email on a facebook link to me all sorts

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00:47:09,290 --> 00:47:06,510

of other good stuff well I have a number

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00:47:11,450 --> 00:47:09,300

of interesting shows coming up a couple

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of them on the UFO topic which I've

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really wanted to get into more and more

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00:47:18,740 --> 00:47:16,619

but I seem to be limited by these other

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00:47:21,380 --> 00:47:18,750

side Adventures that I can't resist

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00:47:23,610 --> 00:47:21,390

going down but I do want to return to

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00:47:25,940 --> 00:47:23,620

that topic because I think understand

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00:47:28,650 --> 00:47:25,950

ending the reality of that is

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00:47:31,920 --> 00:47:28,660

fundamental to all these other questions

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that were asking so just a warning that

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you're reliable to get a good dose of

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that in the upcoming episodes so that's

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what's coming up I hope you'll stay with

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00:47:43,230 --> 00:47:41,350

me for all of that and I hope you'll

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00:47:45,510 --> 00:47:43,240

tell your friends about skeptic oh and

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00:47:48,120 --> 00:47:45,520

continue to blog and write about us like

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00:47:49,920 --> 00:47:48,130

many of you do it's always nice to hear

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from people who are discovering the show

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for the first time well that's it for