

A photograph of Joe Atwill, a man with glasses and a dark shirt, speaking with his hands raised. He is positioned in the foreground, slightly to the left. Behind him is a large, ornate crucifix set within an arched frame. The background is filled with a dense crowd of people, their faces blurred, suggesting a large gathering or event. The lighting is dramatic, with warm tones from the crucifix and the crowd.

**Joe Atwill**  
**Skeptiko #354**

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00:00:10,879 --> 00:00:08,570  
on this episode of skeptical there's

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00:00:13,549 --> 00:00:10,889  
this famous quote about truth

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00:00:15,980 --> 00:00:13,559  
passing through three stages first it's

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00:00:18,109 --> 00:00:15,990  
ridiculed second it's violently opposed

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00:00:20,480 --> 00:00:18,119  
and third its accept as being

6  
00:00:23,570 --> 00:00:20,490  
self-evident and I'm reading your

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00:00:25,580 --> 00:00:23,580  
critics the scathing criticisms of your

8  
00:00:27,679 --> 00:00:25,590  
work and I'm going this is exactly

9  
00:00:30,500 --> 00:00:27,689  
what's happening here I mean folks go to

10  
00:00:32,870 --> 00:00:30,510  
the Wikipedia entry for Caesars Messiah

11  
00:00:35,680 --> 00:00:32,880  
and you read these guys saying again as

12  
00:00:38,270 --> 00:00:35,690  
Joe has meant you know Richard carrier

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00:00:41,180 --> 00:00:38,280

atheist biblical scholar highly

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00:00:43,610 --> 00:00:41,190

credentialed you know Robert price very

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00:00:45,290 --> 00:00:43,620

well credentialed J throws himself in

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00:00:46,850 --> 00:00:45,300

that category take Bart internment all

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00:00:50,119 --> 00:00:46,860

these people and they're all saying the

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00:00:51,979 --> 00:00:50,129

same thing that was full of crap oh but

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00:00:55,819 --> 00:00:51,989

he's right about the Bible being

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00:00:57,680 --> 00:00:55,829

pro-roman and I just wanted to scream I

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00:01:01,340 --> 00:00:57,690

mean this is to me this is what's

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00:01:05,660 --> 00:01:01,350

relevant to today's lack of analysis

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00:01:10,520 --> 00:01:05,670

lack of insight I mean what the heck do

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00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:10,530

you mean the Bible is pro-roman that is

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00:01:13,700 --> 00:01:12,720

the whole story if the Bible is

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00:01:16,249 --> 00:01:13,710

pro-roman

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00:01:18,730 --> 00:01:16,259

then Christianity actually you know it

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00:01:21,410 --> 00:01:18,740

is not what we think it is

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00:01:25,760 --> 00:01:21,420

once you've accept the fact that it's

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00:01:28,370 --> 00:01:25,770

Pro Rome and then you need to take step

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00:01:30,679 --> 00:01:28,380

B and say well then the Romans probably

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00:01:33,530 --> 00:01:30,689

had an influence in producing it and now

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00:01:36,679 --> 00:01:33,540

at that point then you have these events

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00:01:38,390 --> 00:01:36,689

which are oddly parallel between you

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00:01:41,569 --> 00:01:38,400

know the Roman military campaign in

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00:01:43,999 --> 00:01:41,579

Jesus's ministry and frankly at that

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00:01:45,130 --> 00:01:44,009

point how do you even deny that one is

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00:01:50,050 --> 00:01:45,140

related to the other

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00:02:01,640 --> 00:01:59,440

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00:02:03,470 --> 00:02:01,650

welcome to skeptical where we explore

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00:02:05,480 --> 00:02:03,480

controversial science and spirituality

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00:02:08,030 --> 00:02:05,490

with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:02:10,609 --> 00:02:08,040

their critics I'm your host Alex Karras

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00:02:13,340 --> 00:02:10,619

and I'm still struggling a little bit

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00:02:15,410 --> 00:02:13,350

with this introduction because this

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00:02:18,740 --> 00:02:15,420

interview that I'm about to play already

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00:02:21,830 --> 00:02:18,750

has a long introduction already but I

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00:02:23,480 --> 00:02:21,840

feel like I need an intro to the intro

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so let me get to it a couple episodes

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ago I did an interview with Jay Dyer Jay

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00:02:31,400 --> 00:02:29,610  
is a guy who hosts a website called Jays

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00:02:33,370 --> 00:02:31,410  
analysis he does all this kind of

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00:02:35,720 --> 00:02:33,380  
analysis of film and culture and

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00:02:37,700 --> 00:02:35,730  
esoteric Hollywood was this book that he

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00:02:40,550 --> 00:02:37,710  
wrote for a very good book that lays out

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00:02:43,730 --> 00:02:40,560  
all this excellent evidence for these

57  
00:02:46,280 --> 00:02:43,740  
esoteric and occult symbols and themes

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00:02:47,870 --> 00:02:46,290  
in movies so the thing I really wanted

59  
00:02:50,570 --> 00:02:47,880  
to bring to the forefront in that

60  
00:02:53,090 --> 00:02:50,580  
interview with Jay was hey aren't we all

61  
00:02:56,750 --> 00:02:53,100  
just suck euler atheists here I mean

62  
00:02:58,910 --> 00:02:56,760  
what's going on coltd esoteric themes

63  
00:03:01,580 --> 00:02:58,920

and movies I mean I think we all have a

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00:03:04,340 --> 00:03:01,590

sense the pets bear but at the same time

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00:03:06,560 --> 00:03:04,350

as I looked into Jays work I found that

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00:03:08,990 --> 00:03:06,570

even though his analysis of this

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00:03:12,830 --> 00:03:09,000

occulted Hollywood thing was quite good

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00:03:15,710 --> 00:03:12,840

all his conclusions led back to his

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00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:15,720

Orthodox Christian worldview that is

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00:03:19,970 --> 00:03:18,000

this is all bad because it's all of

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00:03:22,100 --> 00:03:19,980

Satan and everything we need to know

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00:03:23,630 --> 00:03:22,110

about it is right there in the Bible now

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00:03:27,470 --> 00:03:23,640

let me switch gears for a minute because

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00:03:29,000 --> 00:03:27,480

while you might not like Jays answer the

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00:03:31,400 --> 00:03:29,010

one thing the kind of skeptical thing

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00:03:33,320 --> 00:03:31,410

that I would do is flip that around and

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00:03:35,270 --> 00:03:33,330

look at the other side that I was just

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00:03:38,060 --> 00:03:35,280

alluding to the mainstream view which is

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complete denial right says a cult what a

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00:03:41,240 --> 00:03:38,610

cult

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00:03:43,580 --> 00:03:41,250

it's just misguided people dressed up in

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00:03:44,060 --> 00:03:43,590

weird costumes flashing symbols eat each

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00:03:45,830 --> 00:03:44,070

other

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00:03:49,550 --> 00:03:45,840

never mind the hundreds of hundreds of

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00:03:51,740 --> 00:03:49,560

years of history of this never mind any

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00:03:55,820 --> 00:03:51,750

insiders that have revealed all this

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00:03:58,759 --> 00:03:55,830

stuff never mind any attempts that

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00:04:01,009 --> 00:03:58,769

anyone ever makes to understanding these

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00:04:05,150 --> 00:04:01,019

extended consciousness realms because

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00:04:06,979 --> 00:04:05,160

hey they can't exist so keep that in

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00:04:09,920 --> 00:04:06,989

mind you know you're usually being

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00:04:12,500 --> 00:04:09,930

presented with just two choices here

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00:04:14,000 --> 00:04:12,510

believe in the Bible or believe it's all

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00:04:15,800 --> 00:04:14,010

in your head because we're all

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00:04:18,830 --> 00:04:15,810

biological robots in English universe

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00:04:20,749 --> 00:04:18,840

now I wanted to lay out that bit of

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00:04:24,529 --> 00:04:20,759

background because as you know I think

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00:04:27,439 --> 00:04:24,539

the secular humanist atheists why people

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00:04:30,230 --> 00:04:27,449

believe weird things mean is disastrous

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00:04:32,420 --> 00:04:30,240

and it leads nowhere and not only that

101  
00:04:36,590 --> 00:04:32,430  
but it's been proven wrong over and over

102  
00:04:39,320 --> 00:04:36,600  
again but I also think the Bible tells a

103  
00:04:42,080 --> 00:04:39,330  
soul meme doesn't hold up very well

104  
00:04:45,230 --> 00:04:42,090  
either and that's what I really wanted

105  
00:04:48,170 --> 00:04:45,240  
to talk about in this skeptic o episode

106  
00:04:51,020 --> 00:04:48,180  
with my guest geo Atwell of Caesars

107  
00:04:53,240 --> 00:04:51,030  
Messiah now one more thing before I play

108  
00:04:56,270 --> 00:04:53,250  
the interview and this is one of those

109  
00:04:59,839 --> 00:04:56,280  
things it really makes this for me like

110  
00:05:01,909 --> 00:04:59,849  
a quintessential skeptical episode I

111  
00:05:04,010 --> 00:05:01,919  
mean I've had to tell everyone I can

112  
00:05:05,570 --> 00:05:04,020  
beforehand I tell my wife you know I

113  
00:05:06,890 --> 00:05:05,580

told you guys you know my wife like

114

00:05:08,570 --> 00:05:06,900

never listens to skeptical I like

115

00:05:09,800 --> 00:05:08,580

Saturday night floor strike you gotta

116

00:05:10,730 --> 00:05:09,810

listen to this you got to understand

117

00:05:14,149 --> 00:05:10,740

what's happening here

118

00:05:17,390 --> 00:05:14,159

cuz this is to me what kind of skeptical

119

00:05:20,600 --> 00:05:17,400

is all about so if you remember my

120

00:05:24,469 --> 00:05:20,610

original interview with Jay you'll

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00:05:26,570 --> 00:05:24,479

recall that he was all guns blazing when

122

00:05:28,850 --> 00:05:26,580

it came to debating this stuff he was

123

00:05:30,379 --> 00:05:28,860

like oh I'm sorry I hit you so hard on

124

00:05:32,899 --> 00:05:30,389

this stuff but I really know this stuff

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00:05:34,760 --> 00:05:32,909

and I know I'm right and observation

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00:05:36,409 --> 00:05:34,770

that well anytime anyplace and all that

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00:05:38,300 --> 00:05:36,419

he got playing some clips from what he

128

00:05:40,850 --> 00:05:38,310

said okay well I mean I wrote a paper

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00:05:44,390 --> 00:05:40,860

about this a grad level paper ten years

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00:05:46,370 --> 00:05:44,400

ago dealing with Wars the Jews and

131

00:05:49,580 --> 00:05:46,380

Matthew 24 and Luke 21 so I'm not trying

132

00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:49,590

to arrogant but I'm just saying I again

133

00:05:53,330 --> 00:05:51,840

if you if you haven't read you know the

134

00:05:55,879 --> 00:05:53,340

patristic literature from the first

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00:05:57,860 --> 00:05:55,889

three centuries and you haven't looked

136

00:05:59,240 --> 00:05:57,870

into you know the fact that the church

137

00:06:01,610 --> 00:05:59,250

was persecuted for the first three years

138

00:06:05,060 --> 00:06:01,620

by the Roman Empire I mean this thesis

139

00:06:06,980 --> 00:06:05,070

is really kind of ridiculous well I

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00:06:08,960 --> 00:06:06,990

would be glad to debate any of these

141

00:06:10,279 --> 00:06:08,970

topic if you want to have a debate or if

142

00:06:11,680 --> 00:06:10,289

anybody else wants to debate it I'm

143

00:06:15,320 --> 00:06:11,690

that's fine with me

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00:06:17,899 --> 00:06:15,330

so while he's saying all this in my head

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00:06:20,149 --> 00:06:17,909

I'm thinking man I've been through this

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00:06:22,580 --> 00:06:20,159

over and over again with all critics I

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00:06:24,500 --> 00:06:22,590

went through it with Richard Carey

148

00:06:26,840 --> 00:06:24,510

I went through it with the episode I did

149

00:06:29,210 --> 00:06:26,850

with Joel watts I've done it with so

150

00:06:30,500 --> 00:06:29,220

many people posters on sceptical form

151  
00:06:32,600 --> 00:06:30,510  
and you know people have write me emails

152  
00:06:34,820 --> 00:06:32,610  
on all this stuff and it's always the

153  
00:06:37,100 --> 00:06:34,830  
same script ha ha ha you believe that

154  
00:06:39,860 --> 00:06:37,110  
crazy Caesars Messiah stuff that's been

155  
00:06:42,650 --> 00:06:39,870  
completely discredited and then time and

156  
00:06:44,480 --> 00:06:42,660  
time again they just crumble there's all

157  
00:06:46,940 --> 00:06:44,490  
this bluster all this confidence and

158  
00:06:50,450 --> 00:06:46,950  
then when they're really pressed they

159  
00:06:53,720 --> 00:06:50,460  
back down but nonetheless I'm always a

160  
00:06:56,870 --> 00:06:53,730  
little surprised when it happens as it

161  
00:07:00,110 --> 00:06:56,880  
did in this case because despite the

162  
00:07:02,330 --> 00:07:00,120  
fact that Jay Dyer and I left the last

163  
00:07:04,630 --> 00:07:02,340

interview on very good terms with all

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00:07:08,930 --> 00:07:04,640

these plans to do his follow-up debate

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:08,940

Jay has not responded to my numerous

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00:07:13,820 --> 00:07:11,520

requests for a follow-up interview and

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00:07:16,280 --> 00:07:13,830

after you hear this interview which was

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00:07:19,340 --> 00:07:16,290

recorded when I thought that Jay was

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00:07:23,270 --> 00:07:19,350

going to come back on I think you'll

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00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:23,280

understand why he probably decided to

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00:07:29,420 --> 00:07:26,400

decline the invitation here's my

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00:07:31,910 --> 00:07:29,430

interview with Joe at well so a couple

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00:07:35,240 --> 00:07:31,920

of weeks ago I was interviewing Jay Dyer

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00:07:37,610 --> 00:07:35,250

of the very excellent Jay's analysis

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00:07:40,520 --> 00:07:37,620

website that Jay Dyer and we're talking

176  
00:07:43,850 --> 00:07:40,530  
about film analysis and culture analysis

177  
00:07:47,540 --> 00:07:43,860  
in geopolitics all of which Jay does a

178  
00:07:50,870 --> 00:07:47,550  
really good job of but since I had dug

179  
00:07:53,120 --> 00:07:50,880  
into Jays work beforehand I knew there

180  
00:07:56,480 --> 00:07:53,130  
was something else that I wanted to talk

181  
00:07:59,750 --> 00:07:56,490  
to him about because Jay is an orthodox

182  
00:08:01,550 --> 00:07:59,760  
christian and somewhat of a biblical

183  
00:08:03,170 --> 00:08:01,560  
scholar I mean that's part of his

184  
00:08:06,440 --> 00:08:03,180  
training and that's part of what he

185  
00:08:08,570 --> 00:08:06,450  
brings to his website and he's open

186  
00:08:11,510 --> 00:08:08,580  
about this in terms of how it informs

187  
00:08:14,600 --> 00:08:11,520  
his worldview and I don't mean that in a

188  
00:08:18,260 --> 00:08:14,610

derogatory way I mean Jays not like a

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00:08:20,840 --> 00:08:18,270

bible thumper who's trying to inject you

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00:08:24,110 --> 00:08:20,850

know scripture verses and every sentence

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00:08:26,210 --> 00:08:24,120

and Jay's also a really sharp guy who I

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00:08:29,000 --> 00:08:26,220

have a lot of respect for in terms of

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00:08:33,100 --> 00:08:29,010

his work and his analysis he's on point

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00:08:36,079 --> 00:08:33,110

on so many things but this issue of

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00:08:38,689 --> 00:08:36,089

religion and in particular this

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00:08:42,170 --> 00:08:38,699

Christian worldview and how it informs

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00:08:44,179 --> 00:08:42,180

things is something that I just can't

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00:08:46,939 --> 00:08:44,189

really get away from I think it's so

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00:08:50,720 --> 00:08:46,949

central to a lot of things were going

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00:08:53,629 --> 00:08:50,730

through today but I also think that it's

201  
00:08:57,790 --> 00:08:53,639  
an example of what skeptical is so much

202  
00:09:02,239 --> 00:08:57,800  
about in terms of big-picture questions

203  
00:09:04,429 --> 00:09:02,249  
controversy intelligent debate so I had

204  
00:09:07,340 --> 00:09:04,439  
this rather lengthy exchange with Jay

205  
00:09:10,189 --> 00:09:07,350  
got a little bit Bible geeky on it but

206  
00:09:14,030 --> 00:09:10,199  
it was fun and I decided at the end of

207  
00:09:17,629 --> 00:09:14,040  
it that this dialogue would be a great

208  
00:09:20,569 --> 00:09:17,639  
way to kind of bounce me into somewhat

209  
00:09:23,210 --> 00:09:20,579  
of a threaded debate with a guy who I

210  
00:09:25,309 --> 00:09:23,220  
really really enjoy talking to and I've

211  
00:09:29,420 --> 00:09:25,319  
referenced many times on this show and

212  
00:09:34,040 --> 00:09:29,430  
that is Joe Atwell author of Caesars

213  
00:09:36,739 --> 00:09:34,050

Messiah so I asked Joe if he'd come back

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00:09:38,720 --> 00:09:36,749

on and do this thing and I've been in

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00:09:39,920 --> 00:09:38,730

contact with Jay as well and I think

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00:09:43,610 --> 00:09:39,930

we're gonna be able to make that happen

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00:09:46,069 --> 00:09:43,620

but Joe has been patiently listening to

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00:09:48,590 --> 00:09:46,079

that long-winded introduction to kind of

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00:09:51,619 --> 00:09:48,600

set the table but he's with us right now

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00:09:53,360 --> 00:09:51,629

Joe welcome back to sceptic oh and

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00:09:55,720 --> 00:09:53,370

thanks so much for joining me

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00:09:59,540 --> 00:09:55,730

my pleasure Alex thanks for having me on

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00:10:01,910 --> 00:09:59,550

so as I was alluding to one of the

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00:10:02,629 --> 00:10:01,920

things that really excites me is okay so

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you wrote this book

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00:10:08,900 --> 00:10:05,759

a while ago Ceaser's Messiah the Romans

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00:10:11,059 --> 00:10:08,910

conspiracy to invent Jesus as the title

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00:10:13,369 --> 00:10:11,069

of it you've written another book since

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00:10:15,040 --> 00:10:13,379

then Shakespeare's secret Messiah we

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00:10:20,329 --> 00:10:15,050

should also mention that you blog

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00:10:22,009 --> 00:10:20,339

regularly at post flave iana.org and you

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00:10:24,259 --> 00:10:22,019

also have started a podcast that I'm

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00:10:25,790 --> 00:10:24,269

enjoying I've just kind of dipped into

234

00:10:28,220 --> 00:10:25,800

it and I'm thinking more and more

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00:10:31,569 --> 00:10:28,230

there's some great stuff there but

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00:10:34,400 --> 00:10:31,579

people I think sometimes get tired of me

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00:10:37,549 --> 00:10:34,410

hounding on this caesars Messiah thing

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00:10:40,699 --> 00:10:37,559

but one of the things I wanted to start

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00:10:43,629 --> 00:10:40,709

with is maybe pulling at some of the

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00:10:47,329 --> 00:10:43,639

threads that are kind of on the outside

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00:10:49,550 --> 00:10:47,339

tangential to this directly Caesar

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messiahs debate

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even as we were just chatting about a

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minute ago I think what it really gets

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to is how do we analyze the data how do

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we sift through it how do we analyze it

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00:11:07,850 --> 00:11:04,529

especially when there's this kind of

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00:11:10,310 --> 00:11:07,860

[h\_\_h] storm of controversy which you have

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00:11:13,280 --> 00:11:10,320

been through and I think is awesome that

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00:11:15,829 --> 00:11:13,290

you've you know withstood it so do you

251  
00:11:18,470 --> 00:11:15,839  
have any thoughts in general about how

252  
00:11:21,470 --> 00:11:18,480  
these these kind of highly charged

253  
00:11:25,160 --> 00:11:21,480  
controversial debates are especially

254  
00:11:29,570 --> 00:11:25,170  
relevant to our times right now well

255  
00:11:33,230 --> 00:11:29,580  
first you just personally they're fun to

256  
00:11:36,050 --> 00:11:33,240  
engage in and I like a lot of the

257  
00:11:38,090 --> 00:11:36,060  
debates I've done and I would have to

258  
00:11:40,190 --> 00:11:38,100  
guess it to be around 200 and I've done

259  
00:11:44,840 --> 00:11:40,200  
quite a few with Christian scholars and

260  
00:11:47,269 --> 00:11:44,850  
as far as how to think about sort of the

261  
00:11:49,610 --> 00:11:47,279  
whole Caesars Messiah thesis you know it

262  
00:11:51,710 --> 00:11:49,620  
really isn't for me to tell people back

263  
00:11:54,170 --> 00:11:51,720

to how to approach it but I would just

264

00:11:56,180 --> 00:11:54,180

note that I'm bringing sort of a

265

00:11:58,310 --> 00:11:56,190

different quality of evidence to my

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00:12:00,740 --> 00:11:58,320

theory of how Christianity developed

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00:12:04,060 --> 00:12:00,750

which is basically I just produced the

268

00:12:08,720 --> 00:12:04,070

text I mean the whole Caesars Messiah

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00:12:11,150 --> 00:12:08,730

approach is just to lay the Gospels in

270

00:12:14,360 --> 00:12:11,160

there in the sequence of events that

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00:12:17,630 --> 00:12:14,370

Jesus goes through the story with the

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00:12:20,240 --> 00:12:17,640

events that are recorded by Josephus the

273

00:12:22,670 --> 00:12:20,250

wars of the war between the Roman Jews

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00:12:26,720 --> 00:12:22,680

and so it's just a different quality of

275

00:12:30,590 --> 00:12:26,730

evidence you know the the fact is is

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00:12:32,240 --> 00:12:30,600

that you can just subtract me out of the

277

00:12:33,680 --> 00:12:32,250

whole equation which a lot of people are

278

00:12:35,990 --> 00:12:33,690

doing now actually there's a lot of

279

00:12:37,730 --> 00:12:36,000

people that really they get the book and

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00:12:39,890 --> 00:12:37,740

then they take it and they go off into

281

00:12:41,870 --> 00:12:39,900

study groups you know they just said

282

00:12:43,579 --> 00:12:41,880

well we don't really need to contact out

283

00:12:46,460 --> 00:12:43,589

well we can just sit here and do it

284

00:12:50,660 --> 00:12:46,470

ourselves and and I think that's really

285

00:12:54,560 --> 00:12:50,670

what I would recommend is you can just

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00:12:57,340 --> 00:12:54,570

take the text and simply go through them

287

00:13:00,470 --> 00:12:57,350

and see for yourself that there is a

288

00:13:02,480 --> 00:13:00,480

dependency see but the Joe let me let me

289

00:13:04,280 --> 00:13:02,490

interject something because I

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00:13:08,000 --> 00:13:04,290

not sure I quite see it that way I think

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00:13:11,780 --> 00:13:08,010

you bring a very important element to

292

00:13:15,019 --> 00:13:11,790

this and part of that is that you seem

293

00:13:18,530 --> 00:13:15,029

to have been able to put this into a

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00:13:22,820 --> 00:13:18,540

context that few others have been able

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00:13:25,639 --> 00:13:22,830

to really do and you know now I'm so

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00:13:27,590 --> 00:13:25,649

glad that we have the term deep state to

297

00:13:30,650 --> 00:13:27,600

throw around as replacement to

298

00:13:33,079 --> 00:13:30,660

conspiracy theory because conspiracy

299

00:13:35,269 --> 00:13:33,089

theory has been totally co-opted by the

300

00:13:37,340 --> 00:13:35,279

people who invented it and it's done its

301  
00:13:38,840 --> 00:13:37,350  
job but what we're really talking about

302  
00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:38,850  
and what you're talking about in the

303  
00:13:43,610 --> 00:13:40,560  
book in the context that you bring to

304  
00:13:47,030 --> 00:13:43,620  
this is that maybe we need to look at

305  
00:13:48,980 --> 00:13:47,040  
this history askew maybe we need to look

306  
00:13:52,460 --> 00:13:48,990  
at it from of the standpoint of what

307  
00:13:54,290 --> 00:13:52,470  
motivations people have when with that I

308  
00:13:56,690 --> 00:13:54,300  
guess where I was going and I'd pull the

309  
00:13:59,780 --> 00:13:56,700  
lens back even a little bit further what

310  
00:14:02,090 --> 00:13:59,790  
I think is relevant to the discussion

311  
00:14:04,910 --> 00:14:02,100  
we're having right now is that when I

312  
00:14:07,819 --> 00:14:04,920  
talk to people about Joe at well and

313  
00:14:09,290 --> 00:14:07,829

Cesar's Messiah the first thing I hear

314

00:14:11,500 --> 00:14:09,300

when I mentioned your name the first

315

00:14:14,540 --> 00:14:11,510

thing is all this guy's been discredited

316

00:14:17,780 --> 00:14:14,550

did year at Bart Ehrman said a sophomore

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00:14:20,110 --> 00:14:17,790

could rip his thesis apart with that

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00:14:22,720 --> 00:14:20,120

what I'm gonna do now is play for people

319

00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:22,730

the clip from my interview with Jay

320

00:14:30,650 --> 00:14:26,399

where he just says look you know this is

321

00:14:32,480 --> 00:14:30,660

just ridiculous stuff so you can look at

322

00:14:34,760 --> 00:14:32,490

Protestant scholars even that talk about

323

00:14:37,370 --> 00:14:34,770

how the Canon came into formation like

324

00:14:40,010 --> 00:14:37,380

ffs Bruce renowned New Testament scholar

325

00:14:41,930 --> 00:14:40,020

for decades it's just completely

326

00:14:44,990 --> 00:14:41,940

contrary to like public scholarship

327

00:14:47,569 --> 00:14:45,000

about what happened in the first four or

328

00:14:50,030 --> 00:14:47,579

five centuries that brought the biblical

329

00:14:51,769 --> 00:14:50,040

Canon together and you can again you can

330

00:14:53,630 --> 00:14:51,779

read those two books just for example

331

00:14:56,350 --> 00:14:53,640

they just completely blow all this out

332

00:14:59,360 --> 00:14:56,360

of the water it's just it's nonsensical

333

00:15:03,079 --> 00:14:59,370

one of the ways that Cesar Messiah I

334

00:15:06,740 --> 00:15:03,089

think is understood is as a complete

335

00:15:11,439 --> 00:15:06,750

review of everything about Christianity

336

00:15:15,140 --> 00:15:11,449

and that it was completely contrived

337

00:15:15,890 --> 00:15:15,150

manipulation by the Romans now I don't

338

00:15:16,460 --> 00:15:15,900

buy it

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00:15:19,340 --> 00:15:16,470

- the

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00:15:21,020 --> 00:15:19,350

extent but I remember distinctly early

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00:15:23,030 --> 00:15:21,030

on one of the first times I talked to

342

00:15:25,100 --> 00:15:23,040

you and I brought this up and I thought

343

00:15:27,350 --> 00:15:25,110

your answer was so perfect and that I

344

00:15:30,260 --> 00:15:27,360

said but Joe I mean do you really think

345

00:15:33,500 --> 00:15:30,270

that the whole thing you know every

346

00:15:36,440 --> 00:15:33,510

fiber of it was invented by the Romans

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00:15:39,110 --> 00:15:36,450

and you said well I don't know I can

348

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:39,120

only go by the evidence we have and the

349

00:15:45,410 --> 00:15:42,480

evidence we have shows that a pro Roman

350

00:15:49,190 --> 00:15:45,420

conspiracy is evident in the Bible and

351

00:15:52,690 --> 00:15:49,200

from there it's all speculation and I

352

00:15:56,420 --> 00:15:52,700

thought now it shifts the debate from

353

00:15:58,790 --> 00:15:56,430

whether there was a Roman conspiracy to

354

00:16:00,950 --> 00:15:58,800

what extent there was a Roman conspiracy

355

00:16:04,250 --> 00:16:00,960

and that I felt like you were open to

356

00:16:06,890 --> 00:16:04,260

debating but you had now shifted the

357

00:16:09,260 --> 00:16:06,900

landscape the table on which everything

358

00:16:12,740 --> 00:16:09,270

would be placed do you have any thoughts

359

00:16:14,990 --> 00:16:12,750

on that and whether or not the the whole

360

00:16:17,540 --> 00:16:15,000

idea of the entire invention of

361

00:16:20,300 --> 00:16:17,550

everything about Christianity it's

362

00:16:24,230 --> 00:16:20,310

whether it's an all-or-nothing thing for

363

00:16:27,830 --> 00:16:24,240

you it's it's impossible to tell - to

364

00:16:30,080 --> 00:16:27,840

what degree there was you know

365

00:16:33,620 --> 00:16:30,090

historical individual that the character

366

00:16:37,220 --> 00:16:33,630

was based upon or to what extent there

367

00:16:40,670 --> 00:16:37,230

was a quasi pacifistic version of

368

00:16:43,880 --> 00:16:40,680

Messianic Judaism that was basically

369

00:16:45,920 --> 00:16:43,890

used as a template I I would just

370

00:16:48,950 --> 00:16:45,930

compact my original statement which is

371

00:16:51,590 --> 00:16:48,960

it's impossible to tell I don't really

372

00:16:55,220 --> 00:16:51,600

feel it's something that I need to

373

00:16:59,690 --> 00:16:55,230

actually attempt to prove because my

374

00:17:03,500 --> 00:16:59,700

role is much smaller it is simply to

375

00:17:05,960 --> 00:17:03,510

show that there is a dependency between

376

00:17:07,820 --> 00:17:05,970

the Gospels and Josephus that is just

377

00:17:10,340 --> 00:17:07,830

far far greater than it ever been

378

00:17:12,710 --> 00:17:10,350

recognized before the questions you're

379

00:17:14,690 --> 00:17:12,720

bringing up have to do with you know

380

00:17:17,180 --> 00:17:14,700

with religion and also with with

381

00:17:18,890 --> 00:17:17,190

ultimately with sort of the the template

382

00:17:21,620 --> 00:17:18,900

that was used to construct the story and

383

00:17:23,540 --> 00:17:21,630

and now honestly I wouldn't have any

384

00:17:24,260 --> 00:17:23,550

better thought than anyone else on any

385

00:17:26,929 --> 00:17:24,270

of that

386

00:17:29,630 --> 00:17:26,939

beautifully said and again this is like

387

00:17:32,899 --> 00:17:29,640

a skeptical moment for me

388

00:17:35,240 --> 00:17:32,909

that seems to slip past most people and

389

00:17:38,450 --> 00:17:35,250

that's that you know there's this famous

390

00:17:40,940 --> 00:17:38,460

quote about truth passing through three

391

00:17:43,850 --> 00:17:40,950

stages first it's ridiculed second it's

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00:17:46,039 --> 00:17:43,860

violently opposed and third its accept

393

00:17:49,519 --> 00:17:46,049

as being self-evident and I'm reading

394

00:17:51,769 --> 00:17:49,529

your critics the scathing criticisms of

395

00:17:53,870 --> 00:17:51,779

your work and I'm going this is exactly

396

00:17:56,690 --> 00:17:53,880

what's happening here I mean folks go to

397

00:17:59,060 --> 00:17:56,700

the Wikipedia entry for Caesars Messiah

398

00:18:01,870 --> 00:17:59,070

and you read these guys saying again as

399

00:18:04,460 --> 00:18:01,880

Joe has meant you knew Richard carrier

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00:18:07,370 --> 00:18:04,470

atheist biblical scholar highly

401  
00:18:09,919 --> 00:18:07,380  
credentialed you know Robert price very

402  
00:18:11,720 --> 00:18:09,929  
well credential J throws himself in that

403  
00:18:13,070 --> 00:18:11,730  
category take Bart internment all these

404  
00:18:16,490 --> 00:18:13,080  
people and they're all saying the same

405  
00:18:19,100 --> 00:18:16,500  
thing at was full of crap oh but he's

406  
00:18:22,700 --> 00:18:19,110  
right about the Bible being pro-roman

407  
00:18:24,590 --> 00:18:22,710  
and I just wanted to scream I mean this

408  
00:18:29,060 --> 00:18:24,600  
is to me this is what's relevant to

409  
00:18:33,380 --> 00:18:29,070  
today's lack of analysis lack of insight

410  
00:18:37,070 --> 00:18:33,390  
I mean what the heck do you mean the

411  
00:18:39,889 --> 00:18:37,080  
Bible is pro-roman that is the whole

412  
00:18:43,220 --> 00:18:39,899  
story if the Bible is pro-roman

413  
00:18:45,710 --> 00:18:43,230

then Christianity as we know it is not

414

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:45,720

what we think it is Christianity is not

415

00:18:49,970 --> 00:18:48,000

about the Bible being pro-roman right I

416

00:18:52,639 --> 00:18:49,980

mean you've already deconstructed that

417

00:18:57,110 --> 00:18:52,649

partially but I want you to particularly

418

00:18:59,000 --> 00:18:57,120

focus on how these guys can do this

419

00:19:00,950 --> 00:18:59,010

sleight of hand that I think is even

420

00:19:02,659 --> 00:19:00,960

deceiving themselves and that one hand

421

00:19:04,730 --> 00:19:02,669

they're saying oh yeah that Theory's

422

00:19:06,590 --> 00:19:04,740

totally crap but yeah I guess he's right

423

00:19:08,389 --> 00:19:06,600

I guess the Bible is pro-roman how are

424

00:19:11,630 --> 00:19:08,399

they maintaining those two things in

425

00:19:15,200 --> 00:19:11,640

their head um you know I'd have to be a

426

00:19:18,460 --> 00:19:15,210

psychologist I think that once you've

427

00:19:23,750 --> 00:19:18,470

accept the fact that it's pro-roman

428

00:19:26,149 --> 00:19:23,760

basically then then you need to take

429

00:19:28,159 --> 00:19:26,159

step B and say well then the Romans

430

00:19:31,159 --> 00:19:28,169

probably had an influence in producing

431

00:19:33,560 --> 00:19:31,169

it and now at that point then you have

432

00:19:35,840 --> 00:19:33,570

these events which are oddly parallel

433

00:19:38,030 --> 00:19:35,850

between you know the Roman military

434

00:19:40,550 --> 00:19:38,040

campaign in Jesus's ministry

435

00:19:42,920 --> 00:19:40,560

and frankly at that point how do you

436

00:19:46,640 --> 00:19:42,930

even deny that one is related to the

437

00:19:49,460 --> 00:19:46,650

other and so it's it's um once once you

438

00:19:52,190 --> 00:19:49,470

see you know it's it's sort of

439

00:19:54,020 --> 00:19:52,200

interesting I'm like the the video of

440

00:19:56,660 --> 00:19:54,030

the documentary has been seen by over

441

00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:56,670

two million people now and that's really

442

00:20:03,500 --> 00:20:00,240

I think you know kind of how the

443

00:20:05,300 --> 00:20:03,510

information is is spreading out into the

444

00:20:07,070 --> 00:20:05,310

you know because the population is it

445

00:20:08,660 --> 00:20:07,080

through the the video which is now

446

00:20:10,220 --> 00:20:08,670

basically been pirated and it's

447

00:20:11,570 --> 00:20:10,230

available on YouTube so if the everyone

448

00:20:14,900 --> 00:20:11,580

can see it without paying any money

449

00:20:17,510 --> 00:20:14,910

which is sad but I'm happy to have the

450

00:20:20,380 --> 00:20:17,520

information go out but the scholars um I

451  
00:20:22,640 --> 00:20:20,390  
think you know actually what what really

452  
00:20:26,660 --> 00:20:22,650  
unfortunately is in back at back of most

453  
00:20:29,060 --> 00:20:26,670  
of the of the criticism is just that New

454  
00:20:34,190 --> 00:20:29,070  
Testament scholarship is a very very

455  
00:20:35,630 --> 00:20:34,200  
finite resource pool right it's what

456  
00:20:37,460 --> 00:20:35,640  
you're saying is it's professional John

457  
00:20:39,830 --> 00:20:37,470  
so these guys are trying to make their

458  
00:20:41,000 --> 00:20:39,840  
living and here comes someone who

459  
00:20:43,340 --> 00:20:41,010  
doesn't come from their academic

460  
00:20:46,310 --> 00:20:43,350  
background and I'm getting all this

461  
00:20:47,870 --> 00:20:46,320  
publicity and in my book is selling out

462  
00:20:51,410 --> 00:20:47,880  
selling him like you know twenty to one

463  
00:20:53,030 --> 00:20:51,420

or something and so they there was

464

00:20:54,680 --> 00:20:53,040

resentment at that level but the other

465

00:20:56,780 --> 00:20:54,690

thing I think there was resentment about

466

00:20:59,810 --> 00:20:56,790

that again I'm gonna keep pulling it

467

00:21:03,080 --> 00:20:59,820

back to our current situation our

468

00:21:05,720 --> 00:21:03,090

current climate is these guys had all

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00:21:07,340 --> 00:21:05,730

the data yeah at their fingertips right

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00:21:10,520 --> 00:21:07,350

so if you read them one of the things

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00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:10,530

they say that's like kind of like a

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00:21:14,720 --> 00:21:12,720

Greek tragedy or something they go we

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00:21:17,780 --> 00:21:14,730

already knew that though we already knew

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00:21:19,370 --> 00:21:17,790

that Josephus and the parallels with

475

00:21:21,650 --> 00:21:19,380

mark you know we knew that it's like

476

00:21:23,690 --> 00:21:21,660

yeah you knew it how come you weren't

477

00:21:25,340 --> 00:21:23,700

able to make the connection how come you

478

00:21:28,240 --> 00:21:25,350

weren't able to take the next step and

479

00:21:31,430 --> 00:21:28,250

see the implications of the fact that

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00:21:32,480 --> 00:21:31,440

Josephus is showing up in the Gospels do

481

00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:32,490

you know what I mean yeah you know I

482

00:21:37,850 --> 00:21:35,520

just want to say is that so now you know

483

00:21:42,020 --> 00:21:37,860

I pointed out that this character Joseph

484

00:21:44,390 --> 00:21:42,030

of Arimathea is an obvious he's

485

00:21:46,580 --> 00:21:44,400

obviously dependent upon the character

486

00:21:49,040 --> 00:21:46,590

and Josephus himself you know because

487

00:21:51,290 --> 00:21:49,050

the event where Joseph take Joseph's bar

488

00:21:51,830 --> 00:21:51,300

Mathias takes the guy down from the

489

00:21:53,360 --> 00:21:51,840

cross

490

00:21:55,370 --> 00:21:53,370

a group of three in this character

491

00:21:58,460 --> 00:21:55,380

survives it's obviously the basis for

492

00:22:00,019 --> 00:21:58,470

the story in the Gospels well now on the

493

00:22:02,960 --> 00:22:00,029

internet there's just literally

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00:22:04,519 --> 00:22:02,970

thousands of people that are like going

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00:22:06,980 --> 00:22:04,529

what the heck this looks very much like

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00:22:08,539 --> 00:22:06,990

it's as parallel and there's all sorts

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00:22:12,500 --> 00:22:08,549

of now original scholarship that's

498

00:22:13,940 --> 00:22:12,510

coming out but it was actually something

499

00:22:16,669 --> 00:22:13,950

that was first presented in Caesars

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00:22:19,490 --> 00:22:16,679

Messiah but it's so transparent it's so

501  
00:22:22,549 --> 00:22:19,500  
obvious so the question that's always

502  
00:22:24,200 --> 00:22:22,559  
asked me about that is well how did

503  
00:22:25,760 --> 00:22:24,210  
everyone miss it and how could you have

504  
00:22:28,370 --> 00:22:25,770  
seen it right how would you're able to

505  
00:22:30,889 --> 00:22:28,380  
see it and I and I always this is the

506  
00:22:32,960 --> 00:22:30,899  
kind of the the power of the sequence

507  
00:22:35,000 --> 00:22:32,970  
that they have presented for us you know

508  
00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:35,010  
that we can follow in both stories I

509  
00:22:39,139 --> 00:22:36,720  
said well the reason I founded it

510  
00:22:41,299 --> 00:22:39,149  
because I knew were to look I knew it

511  
00:22:43,220 --> 00:22:41,309  
had to be between these two other

512  
00:22:45,440 --> 00:22:43,230  
parallels in terms of the sequence so I

513  
00:22:46,669 --> 00:22:45,450

actually was able to them you know I

514

00:22:48,680 --> 00:22:46,679

wasn't going to go through you know

515

00:22:49,909 --> 00:22:48,690

millions of pages try to find this thing

516

00:22:53,240 --> 00:22:49,919

I actually could just look in a couple

517

00:22:55,580 --> 00:22:53,250

hundred words of text and there it was

518

00:22:57,289 --> 00:22:55,590

let's just clarify for folks again this

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00:23:01,370 --> 00:22:57,299

goes back to your idea of this

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00:23:04,490 --> 00:23:01,380

side-by-side analysis of Josephus is

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00:23:06,560 --> 00:23:04,500

writing on the war of the Jews and the

522

00:23:08,419 --> 00:23:06,570

Gospels primarily Gospel of Mark right

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00:23:10,399 --> 00:23:08,429

yeah if you break the stories into the

524

00:23:12,409 --> 00:23:10,409

temporal sequence because some of the

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00:23:13,669 --> 00:23:12,419

text is in other places and you know you

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00:23:15,799 --> 00:23:13,679

have to do there's a little bit of

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00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:15,809

puzzle but not to a whole lot you can

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00:23:21,019 --> 00:23:18,720

you can then just go straight down the

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00:23:22,519 --> 00:23:21,029

list of the events in Jesus's ministry

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00:23:24,320 --> 00:23:22,529

and then look and see if there's

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00:23:27,139 --> 00:23:24,330

something over here and Josephus that is

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00:23:30,049 --> 00:23:27,149

is parallel and you know some of them

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00:23:32,659 --> 00:23:30,059

are kind of cognitive and obviously I'm

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00:23:35,899 --> 00:23:32,669

exposed for criticism you know if you

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00:23:39,169 --> 00:23:35,909

take the most abstract of the of the of

536

00:23:41,029 --> 00:23:39,179

the parallels but others are basically

537

00:23:43,760 --> 00:23:41,039

the same historical event I mean the

538

00:23:46,720 --> 00:23:43,770

destruction of the temple complex the

539

00:23:49,399 --> 00:23:46,730

destruction of the Galilean towns the

540

00:23:52,669 --> 00:23:49,409

the encircling of Jerusalem the

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00:23:55,370 --> 00:23:52,679

abomination of desolation I mean the the

542

00:23:57,430 --> 00:23:55,380

the leaving of Galilee to go to

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00:24:01,430 --> 00:23:57,440

Jerusalem I mean these are just

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00:24:05,060 --> 00:24:01,440

historical events that are in Josephus

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00:24:07,370 --> 00:24:05,070

is history they are also in the ministry

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00:24:09,019 --> 00:24:07,380

Jesus and when you put them aside by

547

00:24:11,330 --> 00:24:09,029

side you can see that they're occurring

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00:24:14,029 --> 00:24:11,340

in the same sequence so so these are

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00:24:16,159 --> 00:24:14,039

kind of these historical events which

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00:24:18,799 --> 00:24:16,169

are obvious parallels and obviously

551  
00:24:20,960 --> 00:24:18,809  
dependent just form the basis the

552  
00:24:22,220 --> 00:24:20,970  
structure for all of the other parallels

553  
00:24:23,389 --> 00:24:22,230  
and so you can pull when you plug

554  
00:24:25,730 --> 00:24:23,399  
everything and it's really not a very

555  
00:24:28,190 --> 00:24:25,740  
difficult thing I I know it when people

556  
00:24:29,840 --> 00:24:28,200  
you know first hear it that sounds like

557  
00:24:32,360 --> 00:24:29,850  
it's complicated but actually once you

558  
00:24:35,240 --> 00:24:32,370  
start you know reading C's from sight

559  
00:24:37,159 --> 00:24:35,250  
it's really not very hard and III

560  
00:24:39,320 --> 00:24:37,169  
because I get so much feedback from

561  
00:24:41,899 --> 00:24:39,330  
readers I can tell you that that really

562  
00:24:43,580 --> 00:24:41,909  
what they left for us that what the

563  
00:24:46,999 --> 00:24:43,590

Romans left for us in terms of making

564

00:24:49,700 --> 00:24:47,009

sure that we would give them the legacy

565

00:24:52,299 --> 00:24:49,710

that they wanted the immortal legacy for

566

00:24:57,139 --> 00:24:52,309

having been so clever as to create the

567

00:24:59,029 --> 00:24:57,149

Roman Judaism that that we would get it

568

00:25:01,549 --> 00:24:59,039

right it's not it's not meant basically

569

00:25:03,230 --> 00:25:01,559

once you kind of know it's there to be

570

00:25:04,909 --> 00:25:03,240

hidden from people so it's well let's

571

00:25:07,899 --> 00:25:04,919

see that that's a little bit speculative

572

00:25:10,490 --> 00:25:07,909

because we don't know exactly how that

573

00:25:12,049 --> 00:25:10,500

plays out I take you back to your first

574

00:25:13,820 --> 00:25:12,059

point we don't know you don't know the

575

00:25:15,860 --> 00:25:13,830

extent to which Josephus thought it

576

00:25:19,129 --> 00:25:15,870

would play out this way or that way it

577

00:25:20,990 --> 00:25:19,139

doesn't you know it like extinguished

578

00:25:23,330 --> 00:25:21,000

the possibility for these historical

579

00:25:24,950 --> 00:25:23,340

basis for any this it's just that's why

580

00:25:26,600 --> 00:25:24,960

they would do something like this is

581

00:25:30,049 --> 00:25:26,610

their vein and they want legacy in the

582

00:25:33,080 --> 00:25:30,059

future with that let me back up again

583

00:25:35,869 --> 00:25:33,090

because I want to talk about Josephus in

584

00:25:39,259 --> 00:25:35,879

some very basic historical terms that

585

00:25:41,990 --> 00:25:39,269

anyone can get I took a passage from our

586

00:25:45,080 --> 00:25:42,000

old friends masters of the culture

587

00:25:48,710 --> 00:25:45,090

shaping Wikipedia and they're right up

588

00:25:51,049 --> 00:25:48,720

on Josephus and you know for folks for

589

00:25:53,930 --> 00:25:51,059

this inside baseball stuff let me try

590

00:25:56,180 --> 00:25:53,940

and add a little bit of kind of reality

591

00:25:58,639 --> 00:25:56,190

check most people do not know who

592

00:26:01,519 --> 00:25:58,649

Josephus was and that's to be expected

593

00:26:03,200 --> 00:26:01,529

you know and even you the people who do

594

00:26:05,029 --> 00:26:03,210

know it I found you know if you bring up

595

00:26:07,369 --> 00:26:05,039

the name Josephus a lot of times

596

00:26:10,249 --> 00:26:07,379

Christians who've delved into Christian

597

00:26:12,049 --> 00:26:10,259

apologetics know and they go oh yeah but

598

00:26:14,419 --> 00:26:12,059

the first thing they'll say is oh yeah

599

00:26:16,399 --> 00:26:14,429

he was a Roman historian which i think

600

00:26:18,870 --> 00:26:16,409

is really interesting cuz that's right

601  
00:26:24,020 --> 00:26:18,880  
part of how the message has been passed

602  
00:26:26,850 --> 00:26:24,030  
down so let's talk about Josephus

603  
00:26:30,090 --> 00:26:26,860  
line-by-line if you will from what I

604  
00:26:32,550 --> 00:26:30,100  
pulled from Wikipedia fascinating stuff

605  
00:26:34,860 --> 00:26:32,560  
to me this is the like what's so cool so

606  
00:26:35,910 --> 00:26:34,870  
the first little tidbit so he's you know

607  
00:26:37,670 --> 00:26:35,920  
they're talking about the life of

608  
00:26:40,200 --> 00:26:37,680  
Josephus and they pick up at this point

609  
00:26:42,570 --> 00:26:40,210  
Josephus travelled to negotiate with

610  
00:26:45,450 --> 00:26:42,580  
Emperor Nero for the release of 12

611  
00:26:48,690 --> 00:26:45,460  
Jewish priests so I should back up a

612  
00:26:51,630 --> 00:26:48,700  
little bit further Josephus is kind of a

613  
00:26:54,120 --> 00:26:51,640

big dude big heavy hitter dude he's a

614

00:26:57,780 --> 00:26:54,130

rabbis in the highest order of the

615

00:27:00,870 --> 00:26:57,790

Jewish culture or Jewish establishment

616

00:27:03,150 --> 00:27:00,880

in terms of both religiously militarily

617

00:27:06,860 --> 00:27:03,160

governmental he's an employee's an elite

618

00:27:10,860 --> 00:27:06,870

if you will and at some point he goes to

619

00:27:12,810 --> 00:27:10,870

Rome and I think this is kind of

620

00:27:15,450 --> 00:27:12,820

significant don't you I think it's a

621

00:27:17,820 --> 00:27:15,460

story of a kid being dazzled by the

622

00:27:22,670 --> 00:27:17,830

bright lights of the big city do you get

623

00:27:26,760 --> 00:27:22,680

any sense of that well the we know about

624

00:27:29,160 --> 00:27:26,770

Josephus from Josephus right right and

625

00:27:32,250 --> 00:27:29,170

no one else has ever written about him I

626

00:27:34,290 --> 00:27:32,260

would say he's just as a you know as a

627

00:27:37,640 --> 00:27:34,300

component of history's among the most

628

00:27:40,800 --> 00:27:37,650

important individuals that we have

629

00:27:43,110 --> 00:27:40,810

because he really is the the whole

630

00:27:46,160 --> 00:27:43,120

historical foundation for Christianity I

631

00:27:51,060 --> 00:27:46,170

mean no one else wrote about this era

632

00:27:52,920 --> 00:27:51,070

and he I am convinced he's a fictional

633

00:27:54,960 --> 00:27:52,930

character I don't think such an

634

00:27:57,990 --> 00:27:54,970

individual could possibly have existed I

635

00:28:00,360 --> 00:27:58,000

think that I don't mention this in

636

00:28:03,060 --> 00:28:00,370

Caesar's Messiah because I you know and

637

00:28:04,650 --> 00:28:03,070

have enough of a you know introduction

638

00:28:06,270 --> 00:28:04,660

of new information and and it's not

639

00:28:09,120 --> 00:28:06,280

necessary for the theory that he'd be

640

00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:09,130

you know fictional but when you say

641

00:28:13,320 --> 00:28:10,480

fictional let's be clear

642

00:28:16,650 --> 00:28:13,330

I mean it's someone who's inflating his

643

00:28:19,230 --> 00:28:16,660

own biography real you know actually no

644

00:28:20,220 --> 00:28:19,240

I think he is just tip to stern I don't

645

00:28:22,470 --> 00:28:20,230

think there's any part of him that's

646

00:28:24,900 --> 00:28:22,480

real what what I suspect they did was is

647

00:28:27,960 --> 00:28:24,910

they they wanted to create a an author

648

00:28:30,690 --> 00:28:27,970

of the history that was completely

649

00:28:32,730 --> 00:28:30,700

authoritative that couldn't be in any

650

00:28:36,030 --> 00:28:32,740

way questioned in terms of his

651

00:28:38,640 --> 00:28:36,040

ability to deliver the truth in terms of

652

00:28:40,910 --> 00:28:38,650

Judaism because this is what Josephus

653

00:28:44,430 --> 00:28:40,920

brings to history as he brings this

654

00:28:46,350 --> 00:28:44,440

basically the this very specific

655

00:28:49,730 --> 00:28:46,360

understanding of the Jewish prophecies

656

00:28:52,760 --> 00:28:49,740

and how the Jews are being cursed

657

00:28:54,930 --> 00:28:52,770

because of their rebellion against Rome

658

00:28:58,730 --> 00:28:54,940

that's something that many people have

659

00:29:03,270 --> 00:28:58,740

seen that that he's actually basically

660

00:29:06,060 --> 00:29:03,280

describing the same curse that that

661

00:29:09,210 --> 00:29:06,070

Jesus does in terms of the end of the

662

00:29:10,140 --> 00:29:09,220

covenant between God and the Jews okay

663

00:29:11,820 --> 00:29:10,150

now hold on we're getting we're getting

664

00:29:13,830 --> 00:29:11,830

a little bit ahead of the story but I

665

00:29:15,840 --> 00:29:13,840

think we understand why you're going

666

00:29:18,510 --> 00:29:15,850

that way because you're introducing a

667

00:29:22,340 --> 00:29:18,520

very controversial alternative theory

668

00:29:25,140 --> 00:29:22,350

and that is that Josephus himself that

669

00:29:28,320 --> 00:29:25,150

historical figure is not a historical

670

00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:28,330

figure as an invention so what I want to

671

00:29:32,850 --> 00:29:30,640

do since that's gonna kind of require

672

00:29:35,310 --> 00:29:32,860

another brain I know it's too

673

00:29:38,400 --> 00:29:35,320

complicated it's not necessarily too

674

00:29:41,490 --> 00:29:38,410

complicated and it deserves to be you

675

00:29:45,540 --> 00:29:41,500

know kind of pursued but what I want to

676

00:29:48,660 --> 00:29:45,550

do instead is is hold that and we can

677

00:29:50,610 --> 00:29:48,670

kind of keep that people should know

678

00:29:52,440 --> 00:29:50,620

that the historical details about Joseph

679

00:29:54,299 --> 00:29:52,450

as well well we don't know if they are

680

00:29:56,280 --> 00:29:54,309

historical as you're pointing out we

681

00:29:58,049 --> 00:29:56,290

don't know if there is they've been put

682

00:30:00,240 --> 00:29:58,059

into his historical books purportedly

683

00:30:02,160 --> 00:30:00,250

you know yes as the Wars of the Jews

684

00:30:05,220 --> 00:30:02,170

reports through Josephus about himself

685

00:30:08,610 --> 00:30:05,230

he he was actually um a member of all

686

00:30:10,440 --> 00:30:08,620

three of the Jewish sects and this

687

00:30:12,810 --> 00:30:10,450

really makes him unusual he was in a

688

00:30:15,060 --> 00:30:12,820

scene a sad you see in a Pharisee robbed

689

00:30:17,010 --> 00:30:15,070

completely unique as far as anyone can

690

00:30:19,590 --> 00:30:17,020

tell in fact if you look yes roles the

691

00:30:21,840 --> 00:30:19,600

idea of like leaving a particular sack

692

00:30:23,790 --> 00:30:21,850

didn't seem like a you know something

693

00:30:26,130 --> 00:30:23,800

you could actually do physically because

694

00:30:28,080 --> 00:30:26,140

you probably get killed but nevertheless

695

00:30:33,060 --> 00:30:28,090

Josephus claims he had this background

696

00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:33,070

he he was also uh somehow an emissary to

697

00:30:38,100 --> 00:30:35,200

Rome and you know mentioned the the

698

00:30:41,280 --> 00:30:38,110

episode where he you know meets Nero's

699

00:30:44,430 --> 00:30:41,290

wife they give him presents he seems to

700

00:30:45,500 --> 00:30:44,440

be you know familiar with court manners

701  
00:30:48,830 --> 00:30:45,510  
and you

702  
00:30:50,840 --> 00:30:48,840  
in Rome now when the war breaks out in

703  
00:30:53,210 --> 00:30:50,850  
spite of this relationship he has to

704  
00:30:56,990 --> 00:30:53,220  
room he has made the general of the

705  
00:30:59,150 --> 00:30:57,000  
military forces in Galilee right so here

706  
00:31:01,340 --> 00:30:59,160  
you have a priest and not just a priest

707  
00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:01,350  
remember he is from the family of

708  
00:31:07,789 --> 00:31:03,600  
Matthias which would be the royal family

709  
00:31:12,500 --> 00:31:07,799  
that has Moni ins so he is he has a very

710  
00:31:15,080 --> 00:31:12,510  
powerful sort of lineage of a details in

711  
00:31:19,039 --> 00:31:15,090  
his life and pedigree that makes him

712  
00:31:22,010 --> 00:31:19,049  
just you know extraordinarily Jewish I

713  
00:31:25,250 --> 00:31:22,020

mean he is he is just the quintessential

714

00:31:27,740 --> 00:31:25,260

you know example par excellence of

715

00:31:28,940 --> 00:31:27,750

Judaism at this point no no let me let

716

00:31:30,680 --> 00:31:28,950

me just interject because now I'm

717

00:31:32,180 --> 00:31:30,690

getting more as you're saying this I'm

718

00:31:33,980 --> 00:31:32,190

kind of I keep thinking about what

719

00:31:35,840 --> 00:31:33,990

you're saying before about him being

720

00:31:37,970 --> 00:31:35,850

invented character but I want to leave

721

00:31:40,789 --> 00:31:37,980

that aside but I do want to highlight

722

00:31:44,530 --> 00:31:40,799

here back to my earlier point now folks

723

00:31:46,520 --> 00:31:44,540

contrast this with what most Christians

724

00:31:48,169 --> 00:31:46,530

understand when you ask a Christian who

725

00:31:50,480 --> 00:31:48,179

is Josephus they go he's a Roman

726

00:31:52,900 --> 00:31:50,490

historian right so now what you're

727

00:31:57,140 --> 00:31:52,910

saying is no he is the quintessential

728

00:31:59,450 --> 00:31:57,150

Jewish elite right that's who he's at

729

00:32:02,960 --> 00:31:59,460

this point he has theological and and

730

00:32:06,049 --> 00:32:02,970

family and priestly backgrounds which

731

00:32:09,830 --> 00:32:06,059

make him absolutely authoritative as a

732

00:32:12,890 --> 00:32:09,840

Jew so that's what and that's why in my

733

00:32:14,570 --> 00:32:12,900

opinion why you know he was constructed

734

00:32:16,640 --> 00:32:14,580

in this form because now when he

735

00:32:18,409 --> 00:32:16,650

delivers the blow when he when he in

736

00:32:20,510 --> 00:32:18,419

wars of the Jews when he says the

737

00:32:23,150 --> 00:32:20,520

covenant between God and Jude and and

738

00:32:25,340 --> 00:32:23,160

the Jews is broken and there is a new

739

00:32:28,220 --> 00:32:25,350

covenant between God and Roman that now

740

00:32:30,830 --> 00:32:28,230

what you're getting is is this the

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00:32:33,140 --> 00:32:30,840

statement is from some entity some being

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00:32:35,690 --> 00:32:33,150

that is so authoritative that he just

743

00:32:38,090 --> 00:32:35,700

can't possibly be criticized so let's

744

00:32:40,250 --> 00:32:38,100

build up it just takes a minute let's

745

00:32:42,490 --> 00:32:40,260

build right up to that point because so

746

00:32:46,070 --> 00:32:42,500

the war breaks out he's appointed

747

00:32:49,669 --> 00:32:46,080

general defend Galilee and then what

748

00:32:52,400 --> 00:32:49,679

happens well he's captured his forces

749

00:32:54,950 --> 00:32:52,410

are captured and now is where the story

750

00:32:58,100 --> 00:32:54,960

really gets weird because he's captured

751  
00:32:59,049 --> 00:32:58,110  
by Vespasian and Titus and hold on

752  
00:33:06,489 --> 00:32:59,059  
because there's a great

753  
00:33:10,029 --> 00:33:06,499  
tear it before he's captured let's just

754  
00:33:13,450 --> 00:33:10,039  
be clear this is his account of his his

755  
00:33:16,180 --> 00:33:13,460  
war record right so he's he's pushed

756  
00:33:18,580 --> 00:33:16,190  
into a cave with 40 of his compatriots

757  
00:33:21,879 --> 00:33:18,590  
and they're gonna and they basically

758  
00:33:23,680 --> 00:33:21,889  
play a mathematical game to try to

759  
00:33:28,080 --> 00:33:23,690  
determine who would commit suicide first

760  
00:33:31,480 --> 00:33:28,090  
and and at the very end of it

761  
00:33:32,680 --> 00:33:31,490  
Josephus is the last person there was

762  
00:33:34,509 --> 00:33:32,690  
someone else and they go you know what

763  
00:33:39,999 --> 00:33:34,519

the heck let's not commit suicide

764

00:33:43,810 --> 00:33:40,009

and so they they are captured and and

765

00:33:47,080 --> 00:33:43,820

now Josephus has a trance he goes into a

766

00:33:48,879 --> 00:33:47,090

religious trance and he comes out of it

767

00:33:51,489 --> 00:33:48,889

and they bring him to this body and he

768

00:33:54,009 --> 00:33:51,499

goes you know what first of all you're

769

00:33:55,690 --> 00:33:54,019

going to be Caesar you know you're they

770

00:33:58,299 --> 00:33:55,700

say they're gonna send him to Nero and

771

00:33:59,859 --> 00:33:58,309

he goes now Nero's dead you're going to

772

00:34:01,840 --> 00:33:59,869

be the Caesar of course at this point

773

00:34:03,840 --> 00:34:01,850

this pausing is claiming that you know

774

00:34:06,310 --> 00:34:03,850

he's not really interested in the role

775

00:34:07,690 --> 00:34:06,320

which is a little suspicious but

776

00:34:12,040 --> 00:34:07,700

nevertheless that's what the story says

777

00:34:13,780 --> 00:34:12,050

is that this Bosnian is surprised but

778

00:34:16,899 --> 00:34:13,790

then it turns out to be correct

779

00:34:18,990 --> 00:34:16,909

and so now they go we know Jesus Josie

780

00:34:24,129 --> 00:34:19,000

this guy looks like a prophet and

781

00:34:27,220 --> 00:34:24,139

Josephus then says by the way you know

782

00:34:28,990 --> 00:34:27,230

the the God's good favor which had been

783

00:34:31,629 --> 00:34:29,000

given to the Jews the Covenant that's

784

00:34:35,020 --> 00:34:31,639

described in the Torah that's gone and

785

00:34:38,290 --> 00:34:35,030

in fact the Covenant is now with you the

786

00:34:41,230 --> 00:34:38,300

significance of this Joe fully fully

787

00:34:44,589 --> 00:34:41,240

pull out the significance of this and

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00:34:48,569 --> 00:34:44,599

what he's saying is a complete rewrite

789

00:34:51,520 --> 00:34:48,579

of Jewish religion oh absolutely

790

00:34:56,440 --> 00:34:51,530

Josephus is doing is is he's saying that

791

00:35:00,849 --> 00:34:56,450

all of the prophecies that were

792

00:35:03,400 --> 00:35:00,859

basically looking to messiahs who were

793

00:35:05,980 --> 00:35:03,410

being the lineage of David that all of

794

00:35:09,700 --> 00:35:05,990

that theology all that prophecy that

795

00:35:11,450 --> 00:35:09,710

actually is now was all developed in

796

00:35:15,740 --> 00:35:11,460

fact to

797

00:35:20,630 --> 00:35:15,750

predict the Flavian Caesar rain now

798

00:35:23,180 --> 00:35:20,640

what's amazing is that this is basically

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00:35:26,380 --> 00:35:23,190

exactly what is going on inside the

800

00:35:29,390 --> 00:35:26,390

Gospels where you have all of the the

801  
00:35:31,940 --> 00:35:29,400  
prophecies then are being funneled into

802  
00:35:33,160 --> 00:35:31,950  
this character Jesus Christ who is

803  
00:35:36,589 --> 00:35:33,170  
pro-roman

804  
00:35:38,480 --> 00:35:36,599  
the the thing that most confuses people

805  
00:35:41,480 --> 00:35:38,490  
about the character of Jesus Christ is

806  
00:35:43,370 --> 00:35:41,490  
that he has a relationship with this guy

807  
00:35:45,680 --> 00:35:43,380  
he calls the Son of Man who's gonna come

808  
00:35:47,180 --> 00:35:45,690  
in the future right he says the Son of

809  
00:35:49,940 --> 00:35:47,190  
Man is gonna come and you have all of

810  
00:35:51,290 --> 00:35:49,950  
this apocalyptic stuff happens so what

811  
00:35:55,370 --> 00:35:51,300  
what they're doing is is they're

812  
00:35:57,170 --> 00:35:55,380  
funneling the the theology using what's

813  
00:36:01,820 --> 00:35:57,180

called typology they're funneling it

814

00:36:04,760 --> 00:36:01,830

through Jesus and then into the Wars of

815

00:36:06,680 --> 00:36:04,770

the Jews right so that now when all of

816

00:36:08,240 --> 00:36:06,690

the prophecies that Jesus makes about

817

00:36:12,040 --> 00:36:08,250

the future what's going to happen it's

818

00:36:15,800 --> 00:36:12,050

all going to end up with the Caesars

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00:36:19,910 --> 00:36:15,810

basically being the recipients of all of

820

00:36:22,520 --> 00:36:19,920

the the Jewish Messianic prophecies and

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00:36:25,460 --> 00:36:22,530

then and then Josephus at kind of the

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00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:25,470

dramatic conclusion of wars of the Jews

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00:36:30,170 --> 00:36:28,320

he actually then writes that you know

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00:36:32,030 --> 00:36:30,180

what amazing thing

825

00:36:34,359 --> 00:36:32,040

the Jews rebelled because they were

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00:36:36,740 --> 00:36:34,369

looking to a messiah but you know what

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00:36:39,560 --> 00:36:36,750

actually the Messiah is the Flavian

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00:36:41,390 --> 00:36:39,570

Caesar so now when you look at the

829

00:36:44,060 --> 00:36:41,400

character in the gospel you know that

830

00:36:47,089 --> 00:36:44,070

that is Jesus is looking forward to you

831

00:36:49,670 --> 00:36:47,099

would see that well you know there it is

832

00:36:53,300 --> 00:36:49,680

it's the Flavian Caesar there is the the

833

00:36:56,240 --> 00:36:53,310

Christ that Josephus um was and Jesus

834

00:36:58,190 --> 00:36:56,250

we're both predicting now just to show

835

00:37:01,070 --> 00:36:58,200

how I just want to give an example of

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00:37:02,329 --> 00:37:01,080

why we have to say it's like cognitive

837

00:37:04,849 --> 00:37:02,339

dissonance I hate to use the expression

838

00:37:07,460 --> 00:37:04,859

it's not not a nice thing dude to do but

839

00:37:10,520 --> 00:37:07,470

I'll just say that okay so the

840

00:37:13,070 --> 00:37:10,530

relationship between Jesus and the war

841

00:37:15,079 --> 00:37:13,080

is artists is obviously artificial it's

842

00:37:16,970 --> 00:37:15,089

this hasn't really been given to the

843

00:37:18,620 --> 00:37:16,980

population but there's a very very

844

00:37:20,720 --> 00:37:18,630

simple way people can look at this and

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00:37:24,170 --> 00:37:20,730

understand it and that's just the dates

846

00:37:28,730 --> 00:37:24,180

of the of the terminations of the of the

847

00:37:31,520 --> 00:37:28,740

I mean Jesus's life is his he becomes

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00:37:34,760 --> 00:37:31,530

the the Passover lamb of the New

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00:37:37,160 --> 00:37:34,770

Covenant right when he is set up as a

850

00:37:40,100 --> 00:37:37,170

Passover lamb and crucified and that's

851  
00:37:42,710 --> 00:37:40,110  
on Passover 33 right you can determine

852  
00:37:45,680 --> 00:37:42,720  
that date from details in the Gospel now

853  
00:37:47,030 --> 00:37:45,690  
in the original Verte the the first

854  
00:37:49,670 --> 00:37:47,040  
covenant you had the forty years of

855  
00:37:51,800 --> 00:37:49,680  
wandering right from the Passover to the

856  
00:37:54,890 --> 00:37:51,810  
the date when the Israelites were given

857  
00:37:55,580 --> 00:37:54,900  
the ownership of Israel forty years for

858  
00:37:58,580 --> 00:37:55,590  
the New Covenant

859  
00:38:03,260 --> 00:37:58,590  
well what happens forty years to the day

860  
00:38:05,450 --> 00:38:03,270  
from Jesus's the Passover lamb of the

861  
00:38:07,340 --> 00:38:05,460  
New Covenant his death well that's the

862  
00:38:10,550 --> 00:38:07,350  
date of the conclusion of the Jewish war

863  
00:38:12,770 --> 00:38:10,560

when Rome is given the the ownership of

864

00:38:15,800 --> 00:38:12,780

the promised land I mean this is

865

00:38:19,010 --> 00:38:15,810

obviously the the 40 years the precise

866

00:38:22,190 --> 00:38:19,020

you know cycle of the that's wandering

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00:38:25,160 --> 00:38:22,200

and the wilderness thing in the in the

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00:38:27,350 --> 00:38:25,170

in the Old Testament being recreated

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00:38:30,050 --> 00:38:27,360

here with the New Covenant you can only

870

00:38:34,250 --> 00:38:30,060

do this in hindsight and this is an

871

00:38:38,290 --> 00:38:34,260

example of you know Christians often

872

00:38:42,160 --> 00:38:38,300

will take the position that it was real

873

00:38:45,410 --> 00:38:42,170

Mrak miraculous stuff for Jesus to

874

00:38:48,080 --> 00:38:45,420

basically make these prophecies and in

875

00:38:50,300 --> 00:38:48,090

order to have that position they need to

876

00:38:52,850 --> 00:38:50,310

basically have the Gospels written

877

00:38:55,870 --> 00:38:52,860

before the war right because if they're

878

00:38:59,810 --> 00:38:55,880

written after the war then the non

879

00:39:02,390 --> 00:38:59,820

supernatural explanation is obvious

880

00:39:06,080 --> 00:39:02,400

right so that's why they will they'll

881

00:39:08,240 --> 00:39:06,090

try to date the the you know the writing

882

00:39:10,400 --> 00:39:08,250

of this stuff to some of it anyway to

883

00:39:12,170 --> 00:39:10,410

the pre 70 so that they can at least

884

00:39:14,800 --> 00:39:12,180

hold on to this idea of it being

885

00:39:18,170 --> 00:39:14,810

miraculous but the fact is you know

886

00:39:20,900 --> 00:39:18,180

parsimony simply demands that we accept

887

00:39:23,870 --> 00:39:20,910

the non supernatural explanation if it's

888

00:39:26,110 --> 00:39:23,880

you know coherent and in this case it's

889

00:39:31,280 --> 00:39:26,120

just transparent I mean it's basically

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00:39:36,380 --> 00:39:31,290

they constructed the religion as a you

891

00:39:37,470 --> 00:39:36,390

know as a way to both pacify basically

892

00:39:39,590 --> 00:39:37,480

the Messianic Jews

893

00:39:43,320 --> 00:39:39,600

and far as our rebellion against Rome

894

00:39:44,910 --> 00:39:43,330

but also to set up the Roman

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00:39:47,430 --> 00:39:44,920

Christianity which would be something

896

00:39:49,500 --> 00:39:47,440

and controlled by the by the by the by

897

00:39:53,940 --> 00:39:49,510

the Caesars okay with that let's

898

00:39:56,700 --> 00:39:53,950

introduce reintroduce some clips from my

899

00:39:58,920 --> 00:39:56,710

interview with Jay and I think that

900

00:40:02,550 --> 00:39:58,930

dovetails right into what you're saying

901  
00:40:05,280 --> 00:40:02,560  
let me play these last two clips for

902  
00:40:06,930 --> 00:40:05,290  
everybody so what I want to make one

903  
00:40:09,660 --> 00:40:06,940  
more point though again this this is

904  
00:40:11,640 --> 00:40:09,670  
very crucial to to Atwells things the

905  
00:40:14,270 --> 00:40:11,650  
preterist argument which is the idea

906  
00:40:16,950 --> 00:40:14,280  
that most of what you're seeing in

907  
00:40:19,470 --> 00:40:16,960  
Matthew 24 the Olivet discourse and Luke

908  
00:40:21,450 --> 00:40:19,480  
21 about the last days and even the book

909  
00:40:24,090 --> 00:40:21,460  
of the apocalypse which I referenced the

910  
00:40:26,430 --> 00:40:24,100  
days of vengeance by David Chilton those

911  
00:40:29,220 --> 00:40:26,440  
books don't stand alone a lot of what's

912  
00:40:31,530 --> 00:40:29,230  
in the apocalypse is out of texts from

913  
00:40:34,260 --> 00:40:31,540

Isaiah and out of text from Ezekiel and

914

00:40:36,870 --> 00:40:34,270

they're they're out of text from Daniel

915

00:40:39,030 --> 00:40:36,880

so what I'm saying is that you it's not

916

00:40:41,340 --> 00:40:39,040

like you can build this thesis just on

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00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:41,350

these New Testament chapters and say

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00:40:46,349 --> 00:40:43,359

that well oh it coincides with Josephus

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00:40:48,890 --> 00:40:46,359

because nobody will argue that Josephus

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00:40:54,390 --> 00:40:48,900

was around the days of Daniel

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00:40:58,970 --> 00:40:54,400

okay so re-explain your point and why

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00:41:02,010 --> 00:40:58,980

that doesn't hold well you know he's

923

00:41:04,320 --> 00:41:02,020

saying that because there is typology

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00:41:07,099 --> 00:41:04,330

the author has introduced into the story

925

00:41:13,260 --> 00:41:07,109

of Jesus that is from the Old Testament

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00:41:17,370 --> 00:41:13,270

that this means that the the story of

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00:41:19,160 --> 00:41:17,380

Jesus basically is should be seen as

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00:41:21,810 --> 00:41:19,170

having been written before the war and

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00:41:23,970 --> 00:41:21,820

in other words he's able to maintain the

930

00:41:26,550 --> 00:41:23,980

supernatural explanation what are you

931

00:41:29,700 --> 00:41:26,560

saying in simple terms says hey it's not

932

00:41:31,680 --> 00:41:29,710

just Josephus right because before this

933

00:41:34,560 --> 00:41:31,690

I hit him with the fact I said doesn't

934

00:41:36,270 --> 00:41:34,570

it again this goes back to what I think

935

00:41:39,540 --> 00:41:36,280

we're really talking about here is how

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00:41:41,990 --> 00:41:39,550

to analyze and how people even really

937

00:41:44,550 --> 00:41:42,000

smart people and people who were

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00:41:46,050 --> 00:41:44,560

scholarly and spent all their time now

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00:41:48,750 --> 00:41:46,060

Jay doesn't but some of these other

940

00:41:51,150 --> 00:41:48,760

biblical scholars how they can miss the

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00:41:53,760 --> 00:41:51,160

boat and to me the way there

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00:41:56,610 --> 00:41:53,770

seeing the boat is that it all boils

943

00:41:59,550 --> 00:41:56,620

down to like we're saying pro-roman if

944

00:42:02,130 --> 00:41:59,560

they are pro-roman oh if Josephus is in

945

00:42:05,100 --> 00:42:02,140

the picture at all then Daniel doesn't

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00:42:07,730 --> 00:42:05,110

matter and the alt none of it matters

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00:42:11,400 --> 00:42:07,740

because we're in this kind of mess of

948

00:42:14,160 --> 00:42:11,410

there's a soup of stuff going on and we

949

00:42:15,980 --> 00:42:14,170

can argue about how its put together and

950

00:42:18,390 --> 00:42:15,990

whether this person was inspired

951  
00:42:20,790 --> 00:42:18,400  
divinely or supernaturally or any of

952  
00:42:23,130 --> 00:42:20,800  
this at least part of it we have a very

953  
00:42:25,280 --> 00:42:23,140  
natural explanation for a historical

954  
00:42:28,520 --> 00:42:25,290  
explanation for a conspiratorial

955  
00:42:32,040 --> 00:42:28,530  
explanation for and that is completely

956  
00:42:35,580 --> 00:42:32,050  
incompatible with what we're asked to

957  
00:42:39,600 --> 00:42:35,590  
swallow hold with Christianity right I

958  
00:42:42,750 --> 00:42:39,610  
mean the the idea that because the

959  
00:42:48,060 --> 00:42:42,760  
author interjects Daniel we should then

960  
00:42:50,330 --> 00:42:48,070  
not recognize the pro Roman total menu

961  
00:42:52,620 --> 00:42:50,340  
that we're in with this literature is

962  
00:42:56,300 --> 00:42:52,630  
just not a strong interpretive framework

963  
00:42:59,910 --> 00:42:56,310

I mean basically J is just maintaining

964

00:43:02,670 --> 00:42:59,920

the you know the principles of someone

965

00:43:04,950 --> 00:43:02,680

who believes in in Christianity this

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00:43:06,900 --> 00:43:04,960

said this is faith this is it's self

967

00:43:08,940 --> 00:43:06,910

referential right it's it's true because

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00:43:11,490 --> 00:43:08,950

the Bible says it's true yeah I mean it

969

00:43:13,380 --> 00:43:11,500

just I mean it because and it's actually

970

00:43:17,760 --> 00:43:13,390

fascinating comment I was thinking about

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00:43:25,140 --> 00:43:17,770

it you know and I was playing is that J

972

00:43:27,960 --> 00:43:25,150

is really having to find you know a way

973

00:43:30,570 --> 00:43:27,970

to keep the the supernatural intact in

974

00:43:32,400 --> 00:43:30,580

his mind and and I don't mean to be you

975

00:43:34,440 --> 00:43:32,410

know I'm just trying to be honest about

976  
00:43:37,170 --> 00:43:34,450  
what what I'm experiencing with with a

977  
00:43:41,120 --> 00:43:37,180  
statement that is so oddball because

978  
00:43:44,220 --> 00:43:41,130  
frankly I could just sit here and create

979  
00:43:47,520 --> 00:43:44,230  
literature all day long that would blend

980  
00:43:50,520 --> 00:43:47,530  
a character from our current time and

981  
00:43:52,680 --> 00:43:50,530  
end and the Old Testament to create

982  
00:43:56,670 --> 00:43:52,690  
typology in other words it's just such a

983  
00:43:57,990 --> 00:43:56,680  
trivial literary technique but to J it

984  
00:44:00,600 --> 00:43:58,000  
well people do it all the time with

985  
00:44:02,790 --> 00:44:00,610  
channeled material exactly of course I

986  
00:44:04,800 --> 00:44:02,800  
mean I mean just just as an example I

987  
00:44:07,750 --> 00:44:04,810  
mean you know someone has

988  
00:44:09,850 --> 00:44:07,760

you know originally rights of Superman

989

00:44:13,540 --> 00:44:09,860

and then 100 years later there's still

990

00:44:15,880 --> 00:44:13,550

people writing about it they can use you

991

00:44:18,430 --> 00:44:15,890

know literary techniques from you know

992

00:44:19,810 --> 00:44:18,440

current time they can blend them in but

993

00:44:22,090 --> 00:44:19,820

they can always reach back to the

994

00:44:25,320 --> 00:44:22,100

original story and just slip them in as

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00:44:29,500 --> 00:44:25,330

as types you know as things that you can

996

00:44:33,010 --> 00:44:29,510

use in the in the present-day story but

997

00:44:35,380 --> 00:44:33,020

none of it matters if the original story

998

00:44:39,880 --> 00:44:35,390

is fiction you can't ever no matter what

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00:44:41,440 --> 00:44:39,890

you do go back and try to basically make

1000

00:44:45,280 --> 00:44:41,450

the original story something that it

1001  
00:44:47,500 --> 00:44:45,290  
wasn't and you know the story of Jesus

1002  
00:44:51,040 --> 00:44:47,510  
is obviously just pro-roman

1003  
00:44:52,720 --> 00:44:51,050  
so that's you know that's that is really

1004  
00:44:55,180 --> 00:44:52,730  
the way that you want to be looking at

1005  
00:44:58,090 --> 00:44:55,190  
at this literature is like well how

1006  
00:44:59,320 --> 00:44:58,100  
would Rome have influenced this and then

1007  
00:45:01,660 --> 00:44:59,330  
when you look at when you think of that

1008  
00:45:04,000 --> 00:45:01,670  
and and you know you think of the fact

1009  
00:45:06,400 --> 00:45:04,010  
that the the Flavian Caesars claimed to

1010  
00:45:08,170 --> 00:45:06,410  
be the Jewish Messiah the literature

1011  
00:45:09,400 --> 00:45:08,180  
doesn't really have any mysteries in my

1012  
00:45:13,060 --> 00:45:09,410  
opinion it's just very straightforward

1013  
00:45:14,830 --> 00:45:13,070

very easy to understand okay clip three

1014

00:45:17,410 --> 00:45:14,840

and this is somewhat of the clincher in

1015

00:45:20,110 --> 00:45:17,420

terms of what we were talking about just

1016

00:45:23,200 --> 00:45:20,120

a minute ago here goes even Josephus

1017

00:45:24,850 --> 00:45:23,210

says that the destruction of Jerusalem

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00:45:28,180 --> 00:45:24,860

seems in some way to kind of be a

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00:45:29,890 --> 00:45:28,190

covenant 'el upon Israel now he

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00:45:30,790 --> 00:45:29,900

obviously doesn't believe in Jesus he

1021

00:45:32,950 --> 00:45:30,800

doesn't think that it was for the

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00:45:34,270 --> 00:45:32,960

rejection on Messiah what I'm saying is

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00:45:37,680 --> 00:45:34,280

that if you read the book of Deuteronomy

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00:45:39,430 --> 00:45:37,690

well he thinks Titus is the Messiah I

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00:45:42,040 --> 00:45:39,440

think that's what you'll see fost

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00:45:43,840 --> 00:45:42,050

believes I mean that's his whole if

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00:45:46,510 --> 00:45:43,850

that's his whole conversion right he's

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00:45:48,190 --> 00:45:46,520

in the cave and he tells everybody okay

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00:45:50,080 --> 00:45:48,200

we all have to commit suicide and then

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00:45:52,480 --> 00:45:50,090

he has incredible revelation goes hey

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00:45:55,090 --> 00:45:52,490

wait a minute we were all wrong our

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00:45:57,310 --> 00:45:55,100

whole Judaic tradition had it wrong the

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00:45:57,910 --> 00:45:57,320

Messiah is here it's Caesar Caesar is

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00:45:59,920 --> 00:45:57,920

the Messiah

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00:46:01,930 --> 00:45:59,930

let's go and that's what he that's what

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00:46:04,630 --> 00:46:01,940

he he lives and writes for the rest of

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00:46:07,750 --> 00:46:04,640

his life so I mean that's Josie again a

1038

00:46:10,830 --> 00:46:07,760

real quick way to dispel this is that

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00:46:13,120 --> 00:46:10,840

there there are 300 years of persecution

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00:46:14,650 --> 00:46:13,130

of Christianity throughout the Roman

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00:46:16,569 --> 00:46:14,660

Empire

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00:46:19,960 --> 00:46:16,579

so this kind of stunning that paused

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00:46:23,229 --> 00:46:19,970

there it is stunning J doesn't know this

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00:46:25,660 --> 00:46:23,239

right which is really actually amazing

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00:46:28,539 --> 00:46:25,670

to me because he is you know a very good

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00:46:31,900 --> 00:46:28,549

research individual but what Josephus

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00:46:33,819 --> 00:46:31,910

wrote which is I mean can only be seen

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00:46:38,200 --> 00:46:33,829

as the climax of the entire story says

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00:46:42,940 --> 00:46:38,210

what what more than all else incited the

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00:46:46,329 --> 00:46:42,950

Jews was there Oracle who which was

1051  
00:46:48,460 --> 00:46:46,339  
found in in the Torah which stated that

1052  
00:46:50,140 --> 00:46:48,470  
a one from their country would become

1053  
00:46:52,660 --> 00:46:50,150  
the ruler of the world right the

1054  
00:46:54,339 --> 00:46:52,670  
Messianic prophecies and they they the

1055  
00:46:57,039 --> 00:46:54,349  
Jews thought that this meant someone

1056  
00:47:01,329 --> 00:46:57,049  
from their race and that they all went

1057  
00:47:07,749 --> 00:47:01,339  
crazy because of this but in fact it was

1058  
00:47:10,180 --> 00:47:07,759  
the the rain and dynasty of espacio and

1059  
00:47:12,759 --> 00:47:10,190  
then and then Joseph is that something

1060  
00:47:15,700 --> 00:47:12,769  
like you said that you know no one

1061  
00:47:17,799 --> 00:47:15,710  
connects it can escape their fate even

1062  
00:47:19,749 --> 00:47:17,809  
though you even though they can foresee

1063  
00:47:21,759 --> 00:47:19,759

it in other words you know you're gonna

1064

00:47:24,009 --> 00:47:21,769

get crushed even if you're you know you

1065

00:47:28,390 --> 00:47:24,019

can you can see that the future is going

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00:47:30,359 --> 00:47:28,400

to be of that nature so that's the you

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00:47:33,370 --> 00:47:30,369

know that but my point is is that

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00:47:34,539 --> 00:47:33,380

Josephus said that that's what caused

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00:47:36,700 --> 00:47:34,549

them to rebel

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00:47:38,680 --> 00:47:36,710

this is really what caused and rebelled

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00:47:41,559 --> 00:47:38,690

was an error in in scriptural

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00:47:46,089 --> 00:47:41,569

understanding so you can't really

1073

00:47:48,489 --> 00:47:46,099

understand the the whole sort of point

1074

00:47:50,920 --> 00:47:48,499

of Josephus is work if you don't have

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00:47:52,749 --> 00:47:50,930

that as a as an understanding you need

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00:47:54,009 --> 00:47:52,759

to know this everyone everyone really

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00:47:56,469 --> 00:47:54,019

needs to think with us and they need to

1078

00:47:59,140 --> 00:47:56,479

think about this in light of you know

1079

00:48:01,150 --> 00:47:59,150

Jesus prediction about the Son of Man

1080

00:48:03,219 --> 00:48:01,160

who's gonna come during the war right

1081

00:48:05,019 --> 00:48:03,229

right to look at you need to look at

1082

00:48:06,940 --> 00:48:05,029

this statement and just honestly ask

1083

00:48:08,799 --> 00:48:06,950

yourself well could this be could the

1084

00:48:11,380 --> 00:48:08,809

Son of Man Jesus predicts be this

1085

00:48:13,420 --> 00:48:11,390

individual well folks I hate to say it

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00:48:15,039 --> 00:48:13,430

but it's just self-evident and then I

1087

00:48:16,829 --> 00:48:15,049

you know if you don't mind I would like

1088

00:48:19,319 --> 00:48:16,839

to comment on the idea that there was a

1089

00:48:24,099 --> 00:48:19,329

persecution of Christians for 300 years

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00:48:27,180 --> 00:48:24,109

this is just simply inaccurate the you

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00:48:32,130 --> 00:48:27,190

know you it's if this is a

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00:48:35,610 --> 00:48:32,140

basically a propaganda idea that that

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00:48:38,610 --> 00:48:35,620

later Christians brought into play but

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00:48:39,780 --> 00:48:38,620

the fact is is that you know at the end

1095

00:48:41,640 --> 00:48:39,790

of the first century have what's called

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00:48:44,820 --> 00:48:41,650

the Christian Flavians which were the

1097

00:48:46,140 --> 00:48:44,830

imperial family you know members of the

1098

00:48:48,630 --> 00:48:46,150

Christian religion this is where you

1099

00:48:51,810 --> 00:48:48,640

have the the first catacombs of fleded

1100

00:48:54,150 --> 00:48:51,820

omotola whose Titus's sister are as nice

1101  
00:48:56,340 --> 00:48:54,160  
and you have all of these people who are

1102  
00:48:58,890 --> 00:48:56,350  
who are Christians that are buried with

1103  
00:49:01,320 --> 00:48:58,900  
great honor and dignity inside of of

1104  
00:49:06,180 --> 00:49:01,330  
Rome this is the this is the end of the

1105  
00:49:10,080 --> 00:49:06,190  
first entry and then you have Trajan and

1106  
00:49:11,760 --> 00:49:10,090  
Trajan actually you know he they they

1107  
00:49:14,820 --> 00:49:11,770  
have a recording of what he said about

1108  
00:49:16,350 --> 00:49:14,830  
it and he said that that they are not to

1109  
00:49:19,770 --> 00:49:16,360  
be sought out there's an exchange

1110  
00:49:21,480 --> 00:49:19,780  
between Trajan and Pliny the Younger and

1111  
00:49:23,700 --> 00:49:21,490  
and he says no he says you know don't

1112  
00:49:26,850 --> 00:49:23,710  
don't chase them don't seek out

1113  
00:49:28,740 --> 00:49:26,860

Christians and you know if they're

1114

00:49:32,580 --> 00:49:28,750

guilty punish them but if not just leave

1115

00:49:36,720 --> 00:49:32,590

them alone um there there is a confusion

1116

00:49:40,860 --> 00:49:36,730

about the first say you know eight years

1117

00:49:43,860 --> 00:49:40,870

of Christianity in terms of Rome's you

1118

00:49:46,830 --> 00:49:43,870

know so-called persecution of Christians

1119

00:49:49,500 --> 00:49:46,840

because this was during the era of the

1120

00:49:53,250 --> 00:49:49,510

the rebellions of the Masonic movement

1121

00:49:55,830 --> 00:49:53,260

you had the first one in 66 there was an

1122

00:49:59,310 --> 00:49:55,840

absolute bloodbath around 115 and then

1123

00:49:59,820 --> 00:49:59,320

in 133 you had the final one with Bar

1124

00:50:01,730 --> 00:49:59,830

Kokhba

1125

00:50:03,660 --> 00:50:01,740

which was just another just absolute

1126

00:50:07,980 --> 00:50:03,670

genocide 'old bloodbath I mean these

1127

00:50:10,230 --> 00:50:07,990

were the most destructive Wars that Rome

1128

00:50:14,100 --> 00:50:10,240

ever encountered and so during that

1129

00:50:16,560 --> 00:50:14,110

period if you were a messianic Christian

1130

00:50:18,330 --> 00:50:16,570

yeah it's easy to imagine you know there

1131

00:50:19,830 --> 00:50:18,340

would be a tradition about this I

1132

00:50:21,390 --> 00:50:19,840

explained some of this in Caesars and

1133

00:50:23,880 --> 00:50:21,400

say I don't want to get you know inside

1134

00:50:25,920 --> 00:50:23,890

baseball too far but just okay so that's

1135

00:50:29,820 --> 00:50:25,930

that's the first you know hundred and

1136

00:50:32,550 --> 00:50:29,830

fifty years then you have feverish I

1137

00:50:34,920 --> 00:50:32,560

mean you know he gets actually sidious

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00:50:37,650 --> 00:50:34,930

records that he had a Christian barber

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00:50:40,140 --> 00:50:37,660

and and he wouldn't let people you know

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00:50:43,769 --> 00:50:40,150

cause any trouble to him

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00:50:48,720 --> 00:50:43,779

there was a an empire-wide persecution

1142

00:50:51,480 --> 00:50:48,730

in 302 that's but you see what's really

1143

00:50:54,210 --> 00:50:51,490

important is that that actually has some

1144

00:50:56,430 --> 00:50:54,220

historical documentation and what it was

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00:50:57,839 --> 00:50:56,440

deal CLE ssin and then 302 he says hey

1146

00:51:00,210 --> 00:50:57,849

we got to get rid of these Christians

1147

00:51:02,250 --> 00:51:00,220

and so what they did was is they kicked

1148

00:51:04,829 --> 00:51:02,260

them out of high places in the

1149

00:51:08,789 --> 00:51:04,839

government and for example they

1150

00:51:13,440 --> 00:51:08,799

destroyed their the Christian Church in

1151

00:51:16,559 --> 00:51:13,450

nickim media which was right across from

1152

00:51:19,769 --> 00:51:16,569

the Imperial Palace literally across the

1153

00:51:23,000 --> 00:51:19,779

street and it's gigantic it's 150 yards

1154

00:51:25,640 --> 00:51:23,010

long so you see there was no general

1155

00:51:28,289 --> 00:51:25,650

persecution of the Christian as a

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00:51:31,319 --> 00:51:28,299

systematic thing it was just you know

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00:51:33,750 --> 00:51:31,329

sporadic and different emperors would

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00:51:36,029 --> 00:51:33,760

would go after him depending on whether

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00:51:38,460 --> 00:51:36,039

or not they wanted to return Rome to its

1160

00:51:40,079 --> 00:51:38,470

traditional religion and stuff so if you

1161

00:51:41,370 --> 00:51:40,089

and then I you know again I don't I

1162

00:51:45,059 --> 00:51:41,380

don't want to get too far in it but if

1163

00:51:47,990 --> 00:51:45,069

you just look at what's called the the

1164

00:51:50,250 --> 00:51:48,000

six authentic you know the most the most

1165

00:51:54,510 --> 00:51:50,260

authentic persecutions they're all

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00:51:56,190 --> 00:51:54,520

basically groups didn't like Christians

1167

00:51:58,440 --> 00:51:56,200

and then there would be some kind of

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00:52:00,720 --> 00:51:58,450

battle and then Christianity would

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00:52:01,890 --> 00:52:00,730

maintain that there was martyrdom and

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00:52:03,809 --> 00:52:01,900

this reflected Rome's

1171

00:52:05,970 --> 00:52:03,819

persecution of them but actually this

1172

00:52:08,579 --> 00:52:05,980

had nothing to do with Rome in general

1173

00:52:10,799 --> 00:52:08,589

it was just these individual you know

1174

00:52:13,620 --> 00:52:10,809

groups that would that would have these

1175

00:52:16,289 --> 00:52:13,630

battles with Christians you know I could

1176

00:52:18,690 --> 00:52:16,299

go on and on this is a something that

1177

00:52:21,000 --> 00:52:18,700

I'm not sure we you know would be too

1178

00:52:22,620 --> 00:52:21,010

interesting for you know but I would

1179

00:52:24,750 --> 00:52:22,630

just reference that there's there's a

1180

00:52:26,099 --> 00:52:24,760

couple of really good books now Kandee a

1181

00:52:28,410 --> 00:52:26,109

moth wrote a book called the mists of

1182

00:52:30,180 --> 00:52:28,420

persecution and you know she estimates

1183

00:52:32,339 --> 00:52:30,190

that there was like maybe 10 to 12 years

1184

00:52:36,210 --> 00:52:32,349

in the first 300 years where Christians

1185

00:52:40,740 --> 00:52:36,220

were singled out Christians basically

1186

00:52:42,900 --> 00:52:40,750

would would take prosecution because if

1187

00:52:45,359 --> 00:52:42,910

you look at the the original martyrs

1188

00:52:47,430 --> 00:52:45,369

they would be prosecuted for individual

1189

00:52:49,230 --> 00:52:47,440

crimes and in Rome you know they didn't

1190

00:52:51,029 --> 00:52:49,240

want to maintain a prison population so

1191

00:52:52,079 --> 00:52:51,039

they would they would just execute you

1192

00:52:53,760 --> 00:52:52,089

for just about anything

1193

00:52:56,610 --> 00:52:53,770

and so these the

1194

00:52:59,370 --> 00:52:56,620

we're not a general persecution which

1195

00:53:02,040 --> 00:52:59,380

you can see from you know the Flavian

1196

00:53:06,590 --> 00:53:02,050

catacombs right through to the gigantic

1197

00:53:09,720 --> 00:53:06,600

church in nickim IDIA in 300 that

1198

00:53:13,380 --> 00:53:09,730

christianity was never you know other

1199

00:53:15,270 --> 00:53:13,390

than between 302 and 305 really singled

1200

00:53:19,470 --> 00:53:15,280

out for persecution by the emperor and

1201  
00:53:21,720 --> 00:53:19,480  
then of course after after the 305 issue

1202  
00:53:24,090 --> 00:53:21,730  
Constantine stepped in and it becomes a

1203  
00:53:27,060 --> 00:53:24,100  
state religion which was really more

1204  
00:53:29,430 --> 00:53:27,070  
reflective of the basically the you know

1205  
00:53:31,680 --> 00:53:29,440  
the relationship between Rome and and

1206  
00:53:33,300 --> 00:53:31,690  
the religion so anyway the the idea that

1207  
00:53:36,030 --> 00:53:33,310  
there was some kind of 300 years of

1208  
00:53:39,900 --> 00:53:36,040  
persecution is simply inaccurate and and

1209  
00:53:41,880 --> 00:53:39,910  
the the texts show that it never

1210  
00:53:42,840 --> 00:53:41,890  
happened I'm really glad you went

1211  
00:53:45,750 --> 00:53:42,850  
through all that a lot of new

1212  
00:53:49,890 --> 00:53:45,760  
information for me but at the same time

1213  
00:53:52,650 --> 00:53:49,900

it almost you know further demonstrates

1214

00:53:55,800 --> 00:53:52,660

how easy it is to get knocked off of the

1215

00:53:57,600 --> 00:53:55,810

thread line and into the weeds because

1216

00:53:58,980 --> 00:53:57,610

you know back to the big picture and

1217

00:54:01,260 --> 00:53:58,990

back the analysis thing we're talking

1218

00:54:03,690 --> 00:54:01,270

about here's what's going on right I hit

1219

00:54:06,920 --> 00:54:03,700

Jay with the the bomb here that he

1220

00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:06,930

doesn't he's escaped him is that

1221

00:54:15,210 --> 00:54:12,240

Josephus is completely co-opted by the

1222

00:54:17,010 --> 00:54:15,220

Romans right and he doesn't have it that

1223

00:54:20,790 --> 00:54:17,020

this is central to the whole thing and

1224

00:54:22,140 --> 00:54:20,800

the diversion the retreat tactic and I'm

1225

00:54:23,880 --> 00:54:22,150

not saying it's like conscious or

1226

00:54:25,140 --> 00:54:23,890

diabolical or anything like that it's

1227

00:54:26,550 --> 00:54:25,150

what we all do it's a cognitive

1228

00:54:28,530 --> 00:54:26,560

dissonance thing that you talk about

1229

00:54:31,860 --> 00:54:28,540

it's like well wait a minute my world is

1230

00:54:33,900 --> 00:54:31,870

spinning so he switched he tried to he

1231

00:54:35,820 --> 00:54:33,910

tried to like deflect he said he said

1232

00:54:39,000 --> 00:54:35,830

well I can't really go further with your

1233

00:54:40,920 --> 00:54:39,010

your point it leads to a kind of chaos

1234

00:54:43,410 --> 00:54:40,930

so I'm just going to go to my other my

1235

00:54:45,630 --> 00:54:43,420

fallback which is the persecution angle

1236

00:54:46,980 --> 00:54:45,640

and this is what's happening over and

1237

00:54:49,530 --> 00:54:46,990

over again in the kind of debates that

1238

00:54:51,210 --> 00:54:49,540

were all seem to be today we should redo

1239

00:54:53,550 --> 00:54:51,220

that because I don't want to like blow

1240

00:54:54,870 --> 00:54:53,560

the point no no no no no I think we're I

1241

00:54:57,000 --> 00:54:54,880

think we're there I think it all has to

1242

00:54:59,900 --> 00:54:57,010

be in the soup you know because that's

1243

00:55:02,820 --> 00:54:59,910

what happens when you have complex

1244

00:55:04,110 --> 00:55:02,830

controversial debates with intelligent

1245

00:55:06,760 --> 00:55:04,120

people because like we're both saying

1246

00:55:08,920 --> 00:55:06,770

Jay is a sharp guy Jay's not a

1247

00:55:11,080 --> 00:55:08,930

me and J can stay we'll see what J says

1248

00:55:13,810 --> 00:55:11,090

in responses right because he will have

1249

00:55:16,840 --> 00:55:13,820

a response so this is what makes it hard

1250

00:55:19,810 --> 00:55:16,850

it's not like we're beating up on the

1251

00:55:21,820 --> 00:55:19,820

town idiot here this is an intelligent

1252

00:55:23,980 --> 00:55:21,830

debate with people who've thought about

1253

00:55:26,230 --> 00:55:23,990

it deeply are gonna reference a lot of

1254

00:55:28,960 --> 00:55:26,240

sources but you know I'll go back we'll

1255

00:55:30,940 --> 00:55:28,970

pick up back on Wikipedia here and I

1256

00:55:33,190 --> 00:55:30,950

hate Wikipedia for a lot of reasons but

1257

00:55:36,520 --> 00:55:33,200

you know this is again back to the

1258

00:55:38,410 --> 00:55:36,530

biography of Josephus and I had to come

1259

00:55:40,900 --> 00:55:38,420

to this kind of closing point on it you

1260

00:55:43,420 --> 00:55:40,910

know cuz the this biography goes on and

1261

00:55:45,820 --> 00:55:43,430

it's talking about Josephus and he goes

1262

00:55:48,010 --> 00:55:45,830

to Rome and he marries and that doesn't

1263

00:55:50,740 --> 00:55:48,020

work out and he remarries and he has a

1264

00:55:54,220 --> 00:55:50,750

couple of kids and he gets a pension and

1265

00:55:55,780 --> 00:55:54,230

you know historians look at him and in a

1266

00:55:58,420 --> 00:55:55,790

way that you know why did he commit

1267

00:56:00,640 --> 00:55:58,430

suicide and all this again you know if

1268

00:56:02,860 --> 00:56:00,650

you take your alternative thing that

1269

00:56:06,580 --> 00:56:02,870

he's completely invented or if you just

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00:56:08,590 --> 00:56:06,590

take the situation as it unfolds in the

1271

00:56:11,410 --> 00:56:08,600

history that he taught ELLs they are

1272

00:56:13,330 --> 00:56:11,420

completely missing the point about who

1273

00:56:16,180 --> 00:56:13,340

Josephus was and they're talking about

1274

00:56:18,400 --> 00:56:16,190

him in this other way that is completely

1275

00:56:21,760 --> 00:56:18,410

yes fascinating isn't it yeah that's

1276

00:56:25,800 --> 00:56:21,770

right they they they don't look at these

1277

00:56:29,620 --> 00:56:25,810

bizarre attributes of his personality as

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00:56:31,900 --> 00:56:29,630

as having any relation at all to their

1279

00:56:34,600 --> 00:56:31,910

belief in this the history we've been

1280

00:56:38,410 --> 00:56:34,610

given I mean it really it goes to kind

1281

00:56:42,760 --> 00:56:38,420

of the the way that people address nine

1282

00:56:46,030 --> 00:56:42,770

hundred you know it's it's that just the

1283

00:56:48,190 --> 00:56:46,040

socialization it is so powerful we don't

1284

00:56:50,710 --> 00:56:48,200

see it going on we don't understand it

1285

00:56:53,200 --> 00:56:50,720

but it's there and it just shapes how we

1286

00:56:55,600 --> 00:56:53,210

see the world and the old the Oleg arcs

1287

00:57:00,250 --> 00:56:55,610

know this you see they have basically

1288

00:57:04,000 --> 00:57:00,260

broken the code in terms of how the

1289

00:57:07,410 --> 00:57:04,010

human mind operates and so they can you

1290

00:57:09,970 --> 00:57:07,420

know they create stories and you know

1291

00:57:13,030 --> 00:57:09,980

realities that are that are to their

1292

00:57:14,740 --> 00:57:13,040

benefit and yet we can't see the fact

1293

00:57:17,500 --> 00:57:14,750

that they're fake because we've been

1294

00:57:19,450 --> 00:57:17,510

socialized we just believe the you know

1295

00:57:20,800 --> 00:57:19,460

the version of history we're given and

1296

00:57:24,460 --> 00:57:20,810

so Bible scholar

1297

00:57:27,250 --> 00:57:24,470

end up not looking at Josephus in in the

1298

00:57:29,650 --> 00:57:27,260

right way in the way that well let's

1299

00:57:32,170 --> 00:57:29,660

look at how he could be fitting into the

1300

00:57:35,710 --> 00:57:32,180

whole pro-roman perspective we see in

1301  
00:57:37,660 --> 00:57:35,720  
the Gospels and like 9/11 or like your

1302  
00:57:39,010 --> 00:57:37,670  
piece on Gloria Steinem which we're

1303  
00:57:40,300 --> 00:57:39,020  
probably not going to be able to get

1304  
00:57:40,990 --> 00:57:40,310  
into in this show because we're running

1305  
00:57:44,800 --> 00:57:41,000  
out of time

1306  
00:57:48,010 --> 00:57:44,810  
it's the trick of the culture shapers to

1307  
00:57:50,770 --> 00:57:48,020  
know that eventually the pieces of the

1308  
00:57:53,710 --> 00:57:50,780  
jigsaw puzzle will be turned over and

1309  
00:57:56,350 --> 00:57:53,720  
people will have the pieces so then the

1310  
00:57:58,330 --> 00:57:56,360  
goal is as you're just stating is to

1311  
00:58:00,340 --> 00:57:58,340  
keep them from being able to put them

1312  
00:58:04,780 --> 00:58:00,350  
together in any kind of meaningful way

1313  
00:58:06,760 --> 00:58:04,790

so Josephus is revealed but let's keep

1314

00:58:08,620 --> 00:58:06,770

everyone spinning their wheels from

1315

00:58:10,600 --> 00:58:08,630

really putting it together in a

1316

00:58:13,000 --> 00:58:10,610

meaningful way we have a lot of the

1317

00:58:15,940 --> 00:58:13,010

pieces of the 9/11 puzzle let's just

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00:58:18,310 --> 00:58:15,950

keep the confusion level going so that

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00:58:20,860 --> 00:58:18,320

no one really asks the right questions

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00:58:23,260 --> 00:58:20,870

you know the just to touch on the Gloria

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00:58:26,470 --> 00:58:23,270

Steinem piece of course Gloria Steinem

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00:58:29,260 --> 00:58:26,480

has been outed as being a CIA operative

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00:58:33,580 --> 00:58:29,270

and the narrative that was played out in

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00:58:35,560 --> 00:58:33,590

the media was gee why she says that that

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00:58:37,750 --> 00:58:35,570

was good for feminism was it good for

1326  
00:58:39,670 --> 00:58:37,760  
feminism was it bad for feminism and

1327  
00:58:42,280 --> 00:58:39,680  
let's get into this big debate and what

1328  
00:58:43,840 --> 00:58:42,290  
I liked about you your analysis you step

1329  
00:58:48,250 --> 00:58:43,850  
back and said wait a minute

1330  
00:58:51,130 --> 00:58:48,260  
what the heck is this CIA doing trying

1331  
00:58:53,860 --> 00:58:51,140  
to shape our culture by having this

1332  
00:58:56,590 --> 00:58:53,870  
lifelong relationship with someone in

1333  
00:58:57,880 --> 00:58:56,600  
feminism and if that's and it obviously

1334  
00:59:01,090 --> 00:58:57,890  
doesn't end there

1335  
00:59:03,430 --> 00:59:01,100  
what game is at hand to what extent are

1336  
00:59:05,080 --> 00:59:03,440  
they trying to shape and manipulate

1337  
00:59:07,750 --> 00:59:05,090  
culture if they're doing it in this way

1338  
00:59:09,730 --> 00:59:07,760

then in what other ways are we doing it

1339

00:59:11,170 --> 00:59:09,740

so in that way Gloria Steinem becomes

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00:59:13,210 --> 00:59:11,180

somewhat irrelevant

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00:59:15,520 --> 00:59:13,220

other than pinning down the the data

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00:59:18,370 --> 00:59:15,530

points the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle

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00:59:20,170 --> 00:59:18,380

that say yes she did it not just when

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00:59:22,690 --> 00:59:20,180

she was starting the movement but when

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00:59:25,420 --> 00:59:22,700

she was with MS magazine and she's doing

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00:59:28,450 --> 00:59:25,430

it today with her comments about Syria

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00:59:32,080 --> 00:59:28,460

and her very slanted kind of you know

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00:59:34,660 --> 00:59:32,090

look past these kind of atrocities on

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00:59:37,240 --> 00:59:34,670

women and focus on these ones to advance

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00:59:40,060 --> 00:59:37,250

legenda I mean maybe you want to comment

1351  
00:59:41,680 --> 00:59:40,070  
in general about some of that stuff well

1352  
00:59:44,110 --> 00:59:41,690  
I'm just you know would point out you're

1353  
00:59:46,480 --> 00:59:44,120  
right and and it was very well said I

1354  
00:59:50,890 --> 00:59:46,490  
mean once you understand that she is a

1355  
00:59:53,440 --> 00:59:50,900  
CIA agent and that she lied about being

1356  
00:59:59,080 --> 00:59:53,450  
an agent she lied about doing

1357  
01:00:01,030 --> 00:59:59,090  
intelligent work for the agency she lied

1358  
01:00:02,920 --> 01:00:01,040  
about the length of time she was

1359  
01:00:06,370 --> 01:00:02,930  
involved with the independent research

1360  
01:00:08,230 --> 01:00:06,380  
service which was a CIA cutout then you

1361  
01:00:11,470 --> 01:00:08,240  
can see that the fact that everyone

1362  
01:00:14,500 --> 01:00:11,480  
around her and promoting her funding you

1363  
01:00:16,720 --> 01:00:14,510

know MS magazine is involved with the

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01:00:19,330 --> 01:00:16,730

CIA then you can see that the CIA is

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01:00:22,500 --> 01:00:19,340

mucking around inside our culture that

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01:00:26,320 --> 01:00:22,510

she was a CIA version of feminism and so

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01:00:28,630 --> 01:00:26,330

the question is is what is the CIA's

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01:00:33,070 --> 01:00:28,640

role in our world

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01:00:36,580 --> 01:00:33,080

well what once you basically come to the

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01:00:38,820 --> 01:00:36,590

position that you know the government is

1371

01:00:42,280 --> 01:00:38,830

involved in the production of culture

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01:00:45,190 --> 01:00:42,290

now you know you can't really trust

1373

01:00:49,120 --> 01:00:45,200

basically anything in the media and what

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01:00:52,150 --> 01:00:49,130

we need to do is to set up our own media

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01:00:54,120 --> 01:00:52,160

our own method of gaining and vetting

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01:00:56,830 --> 01:00:54,130

facts and information of looking at

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01:00:59,740 --> 01:00:56,840

terrorist events looking at the things

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01:01:03,220 --> 01:00:59,750

that they use to socialize us to shape

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01:01:06,400 --> 01:01:03,230

us and to do independent analysis which

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01:01:08,020 --> 01:01:06,410

you know is why for one reason people

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01:01:11,050 --> 01:01:08,030

should support you so much because you

1382

01:01:14,200 --> 01:01:11,060

really are kind of the cutting edge as

1383

01:01:17,200 --> 01:01:14,210

far as the considering of ideas and and

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01:01:18,880 --> 01:01:17,210

presenting them to the public so well

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01:01:20,680 --> 01:01:18,890

that's nice of you to say but before we

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01:01:23,320 --> 01:01:20,690

go too far down that path what I'd like

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01:01:25,690 --> 01:01:23,330

to do is bring it back to Cesar's

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01:01:29,260 --> 01:01:25,700

Messiah because I think the parallels

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01:01:31,630 --> 01:01:29,270

are inescapable and just so profound

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01:01:34,240 --> 01:01:31,640

because in the same way

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01:01:36,820 --> 01:01:34,250

it's the pro-roman thing Joe right it's

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01:01:40,150 --> 01:01:36,830

back to saying okay but if we establish

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01:01:43,420 --> 01:01:40,160

that there is this pro-roman

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01:01:46,880 --> 01:01:43,430

aspect to the Bible then as you said an

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01:01:49,250 --> 01:01:46,890

hour ago then it becomes a question of

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01:01:50,990 --> 01:01:49,260

the heck are the Romans doing trying to

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01:01:53,089 --> 01:01:51,000

influence the process so the same thing

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01:01:55,069 --> 01:01:53,099

what the heck is the CIA do what is the

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01:01:56,690 --> 01:01:55,079

extent to which they're trying to we

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01:01:58,400 --> 01:01:56,700

know now that they're trying to shape

1401  
01:01:59,599 --> 01:01:58,410  
culture to what extent are they're doing

1402  
01:02:01,400 --> 01:01:59,609  
that why are they doing that when are

1403  
01:02:02,900 --> 01:02:01,410  
they doing it what should we believe in

1404  
01:02:05,630 --> 01:02:02,910  
not believe and that's what I think

1405  
01:02:08,839 --> 01:02:05,640  
you're doing in Cesar's Messiah and the

1406  
01:02:13,099 --> 01:02:08,849  
reason I think that escapes so many is

1407  
01:02:17,230 --> 01:02:13,109  
they're just unwilling or unable to open

1408  
01:02:19,339 --> 01:02:17,240  
themselves up to this broader deep state

1409  
01:02:21,970 --> 01:02:19,349  
understanding of how the world works

1410  
01:02:24,799 --> 01:02:21,980  
they want to stay in really kind of this

1411  
01:02:27,289 --> 01:02:24,809  
juvenile kind of make-believe world that

1412  
01:02:30,140 --> 01:02:27,299  
you know people don't really do all

1413  
01:02:33,230 --> 01:02:30,150

sorts of neat mean nasty things to

1414

01:02:36,559 --> 01:02:33,240

advance their own agenda right that's

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01:02:39,710 --> 01:02:36,569

exactly right that's one of the hard

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01:02:42,500 --> 01:02:39,720

lessons that comes from Caesars Messiah

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01:02:44,839 --> 01:02:42,510

and I think it is part of why some

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01:02:47,450 --> 01:02:44,849

scholars sort of rejected out of hand is

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01:02:50,359 --> 01:02:47,460

because it leads directly to a different

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01:02:54,529 --> 01:02:50,369

kind of responsibility of the citizen

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01:02:58,460 --> 01:02:54,539

I mean if Christianity was a tool of the

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01:03:01,630 --> 01:02:58,470

oligarchs it yep that 2,000 years of

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01:03:04,999 --> 01:03:01,640

basically mind control was effective and

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01:03:07,849 --> 01:03:05,009

so now when you see you know things like

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01:03:11,569 --> 01:03:07,859

a Course in Miracles which is creating

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01:03:16,009 --> 01:03:11,579

this neo Christianity coming from a see

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01:03:20,329 --> 01:03:16,019

a project called MKULTRA you know you

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01:03:23,240 --> 01:03:20,339

you have to be more skeptical and you

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01:03:29,029 --> 01:03:23,250

have to just just basically take that

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01:03:31,789 --> 01:03:29,039

position intellectually of there is you

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01:03:35,920 --> 01:03:31,799

know influenced by sophisticated

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01:03:41,089 --> 01:03:35,930

technical people that is creating a

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01:03:44,660 --> 01:03:41,099

basically a matrix of illusion that is

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01:03:47,089 --> 01:03:44,670

the world I know essentially so I have

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01:03:49,279 --> 01:03:47,099

to you know develop new analytic skills

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01:03:51,620 --> 01:03:49,289

to be able to get to the truth and it's

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01:03:54,079 --> 01:03:51,630

really critical that people do this

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01:03:57,230 --> 01:03:54,089

because you know the oleg arcs they

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01:04:00,590 --> 01:03:57,240

aren't playing for you know just trying

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01:04:02,150 --> 01:04:00,600

to you know basically reduce

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01:04:06,110 --> 01:04:02,160

the middle-class I mean these things

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01:04:08,900 --> 01:04:06,120

these these these concerns are of

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01:04:11,360 --> 01:04:08,910

genocide of dramatic population

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01:04:14,000 --> 01:04:11,370

reduction we're really raps know more

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01:04:15,950 --> 01:04:14,010

about the group that controls our

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01:04:17,900 --> 01:04:15,960

government perhaps and I don't I don't

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01:04:19,820 --> 01:04:17,910

want to cut you off there but I want to

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01:04:23,030 --> 01:04:19,830

make one point sure because I think it's

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01:04:26,210 --> 01:04:23,040

an area where I think we are able to

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01:04:28,040 --> 01:04:26,220

kind of synergize and synthesize some of

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01:04:30,920 --> 01:04:28,050

our thinking is that you have a business

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01:04:33,410 --> 01:04:30,930

background and I do too and you combine

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01:04:35,330 --> 01:04:33,420

that with more of a scholarly and you

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01:04:37,700 --> 01:04:35,340

know you read Greek and let and all that

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01:04:41,090 --> 01:04:37,710

stuff and I don't but my background it's

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01:04:44,060 --> 01:04:41,100

more IT but I'll tell you what anyone

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01:04:46,940 --> 01:04:44,070

who's been in business sees this in a

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01:04:49,730 --> 01:04:46,950

not necessarily quite so conspiratorial

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01:04:52,130 --> 01:04:49,740

thing it's just like hey man that's how

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01:04:55,570 --> 01:04:52,140

frickin [h\_\_h] gets done are you kidding

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01:04:58,880 --> 01:04:55,580

me influencing corruption buy-off

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01:05:02,240 --> 01:04:58,890

manipulation that's how stuff gets done

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01:05:04,490 --> 01:05:02,250

grow up so did the Romans know how to

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01:05:06,550 --> 01:05:04,500

make stuff happen 2,000 years ago

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01:05:08,990 --> 01:05:06,560

are they placing their bets here that

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01:05:11,000 --> 01:05:09,000

Christianity this little project might

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01:05:12,680 --> 01:05:11,010

work out or they play it at the same

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01:05:15,080 --> 01:05:12,690

time or they're placing their bets over

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01:05:16,850 --> 01:05:15,090

here that this might work out yeah

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01:05:19,670 --> 01:05:16,860

that's how they're doing it are they

1471

01:05:21,920 --> 01:05:19,680

also mixing in maybe some kind of belief

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01:05:23,120 --> 01:05:21,930

in the supernatural because that's the

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01:05:25,550 --> 01:05:23,130

other thing we haven't even talked about

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01:05:30,020 --> 01:05:25,560

it but when the atheists approach this

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01:05:32,480 --> 01:05:30,030

whole topic of Caesars Messiah and the

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01:05:36,110 --> 01:05:32,490

creation of Christianity they take a

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01:05:38,180 --> 01:05:36,120

very cynical view of the supernatural

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01:05:40,190 --> 01:05:38,190

that is completely at odds from

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01:05:42,710 --> 01:05:40,200

everything we can tell about history so

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01:05:45,260 --> 01:05:42,720

the the Romans it seemed were able to

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01:05:47,060 --> 01:05:45,270

balance these two they did believe in

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01:05:48,560 --> 01:05:47,070

the supernatural but they also believed

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01:05:51,620 --> 01:05:48,570

that hey this is how you get things done

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01:05:53,480 --> 01:05:51,630

this how you dominate a foreign nation

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01:05:55,580 --> 01:05:53,490

you go into your co-op the religion

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01:05:57,170 --> 01:05:55,590

religion you take them over you've

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01:05:59,930 --> 01:05:57,180

bait-and-switch you do all these dirty

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01:06:02,090 --> 01:05:59,940

things and like a lot of religious

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01:06:05,660 --> 01:06:02,100

people we see today they are still able

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01:06:07,970 --> 01:06:05,670

to in some twisted way reconcile that

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01:06:10,700 --> 01:06:07,980

with some very strange supernatural

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01:06:13,250 --> 01:06:10,710

beliefs we have as well so maybe as a

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01:06:14,329 --> 01:06:13,260

final point I asked do you have any

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01:06:17,539 --> 01:06:14,339

thoughts on

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01:06:20,749 --> 01:06:17,549

maybe the oversimplification that I see

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01:06:24,079 --> 01:06:20,759

is done by a lot of atheists and really

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01:06:27,380 --> 01:06:24,089

understanding the supernatural beliefs

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01:06:31,099 --> 01:06:27,390

that the Romans did have well you know

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01:06:33,859 --> 01:06:31,109

the Atheist community has a kind of

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01:06:38,269 --> 01:06:33,869

arrogance which I think makes it

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01:06:41,949 --> 01:06:38,279

vulnerable they aren't always basically

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01:06:44,809 --> 01:06:41,959

sort of intuitive as to as to how

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01:06:47,179 --> 01:06:44,819

theology blends in with power you know

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01:06:50,959 --> 01:06:47,189

you look at for example Aleister Crowley

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01:06:53,150 --> 01:06:50,969

and the connections he has into all of

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01:06:54,709 --> 01:06:53,160

the different political systems you know

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01:06:58,059 --> 01:06:54,719

Britain in the United States and

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01:07:00,589 --> 01:06:58,069

intelligence systems right yeah he was a

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01:07:05,709 --> 01:07:00,599

mi6 agent you know as well as being a

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01:07:11,959 --> 01:07:05,719

kind of a Luciferian and I think that

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01:07:15,319 --> 01:07:11,969

what I see is that atheists can't you

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01:07:17,660 --> 01:07:15,329

know in general grasp that that there

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01:07:21,289 --> 01:07:17,670

might actually be a whole theological

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01:07:24,620 --> 01:07:21,299

structure that's basically within the

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01:07:26,779 --> 01:07:24,630

secret society that you know comes to us

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01:07:30,349 --> 01:07:26,789

through history is that they they just

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01:07:34,849 --> 01:07:30,359

wouldn't share with the common person

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01:07:38,239 --> 01:07:34,859

anything that would be useful basically

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01:07:41,059 --> 01:07:38,249

two things one let's substitute theology

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01:07:42,739 --> 01:07:41,069

for a reality to these extended

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01:07:45,140 --> 01:07:42,749

consciousness realms where some of this

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01:07:47,569 --> 01:07:45,150

stuff is going on so I would say atheist

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01:07:49,609 --> 01:07:47,579

cannot contemplate that as part of their

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01:07:52,099 --> 01:07:49,619

worldview whether they would completely

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01:07:54,079 --> 01:07:52,109

accept it or reject it it's not even on

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01:07:56,359 --> 01:07:54,089

the table and when you have that kind of

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01:07:58,429 --> 01:07:56,369

blind spot you're crippled and you're

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01:08:01,489 --> 01:07:58,439

crippled from what number two is what I

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01:08:04,069 --> 01:08:01,499

think is at play is atheists are part of

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01:08:06,739 --> 01:08:04,079

the SIA right because if there is this

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01:08:10,519 --> 01:08:06,749

theological kind of occulted

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01:08:14,839 --> 01:08:10,529

underpinning to a certain group of these

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01:08:19,129 --> 01:08:14,849

controllers shapers then what better

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01:08:21,019 --> 01:08:19,139

means to manipulate to subterfuge is to

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01:08:23,930 --> 01:08:21,029

kind of introduce this group over here

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01:08:27,539 --> 01:08:23,940

that's completely spotting this you know

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01:08:29,490 --> 01:08:27,549

a useful idiot atheistic nonsense

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01:08:32,189 --> 01:08:29,500

that you can just kind of point to over

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01:08:34,260 --> 01:08:32,199

there and use as part of your plan as

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01:08:36,419 --> 01:08:34,270

well so even that doesn't have to be

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01:08:39,599 --> 01:08:36,429

totally true it can just be a

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01:08:42,479 --> 01:08:39,609

possibility that has a lot of usefulness

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01:08:43,620 --> 01:08:42,489

or explains a lot before of course I

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01:08:48,299 --> 01:08:43,630

mean it

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01:08:51,660 --> 01:08:48,309

you know the to maintain power you you

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01:08:54,089 --> 01:08:51,670

have to be basically changing your form

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01:08:59,419 --> 01:08:54,099

as culture deforms and changes and

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01:09:02,430 --> 01:08:59,429

shifts and so I think that the the the

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01:09:03,359 --> 01:09:02,440

middle-class Christian ethnic

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01:09:06,780 --> 01:09:03,369

neighborhood

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01:09:10,200 --> 01:09:06,790

was not something the oligarch wanted to

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01:09:14,220 --> 01:09:10,210

see and so you started having basically

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01:09:16,109 --> 01:09:14,230

cultural marxism all kinds of different

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01:09:17,519 --> 01:09:16,119

programs came about which ended up with

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01:09:19,249 --> 01:09:17,529

its you know close to being

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01:09:22,769 --> 01:09:19,259

disintegrated now in the United States

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01:09:24,089 --> 01:09:22,779

but you know the these elements and

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01:09:27,059 --> 01:09:24,099

atheism was one of them

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01:09:28,439 --> 01:09:27,069

they weren't being given as a benefit or

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01:09:31,649 --> 01:09:28,449

something that was going to take us to a

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01:09:34,379 --> 01:09:31,659

better place it was done to atomizes to

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01:09:38,129 --> 01:09:34,389

separate to to break apart what was

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01:09:40,140 --> 01:09:38,139

holding us together I know this is a you

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01:09:41,729 --> 01:09:40,150

know an odd thing for someone who wrote

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01:09:45,479 --> 01:09:41,739

Caesar Messiah to say but even

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01:09:48,269 --> 01:09:45,489

Christianity was attacked as in a kind

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01:09:50,479 --> 01:09:48,279

of weaponized fashion you know you can

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01:09:54,359 --> 01:09:50,489

have something that is really you know

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01:09:57,180 --> 01:09:54,369

that people don't understand how the the

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01:09:59,819 --> 01:09:57,190

social construction and the different

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01:10:02,600 --> 01:09:59,829

aspects of it are needed for political

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01:10:05,520 --> 01:10:02,610

power you know an ethnic neighborhood

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01:10:08,100 --> 01:10:05,530

can resist something like pornography

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01:10:10,770 --> 01:10:08,110

for example a friend of mine was telling

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01:10:12,060 --> 01:10:10,780

me that he grew up in an Irish

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01:10:14,160 --> 01:10:12,070

neighborhood and he said you know some

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01:10:16,530 --> 01:10:14,170

guy came in and tried to sell dirty

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01:10:19,169 --> 01:10:16,540

pictures he said the dad's just got

1579

01:10:21,689 --> 01:10:19,179

together and beat him up you know so

1580

01:10:23,879 --> 01:10:21,699

that couldn't happen in the D raishin

1581

01:10:26,160 --> 01:10:23,889

Aidid you know middle class I mean now

1582

01:10:29,100 --> 01:10:26,170

it's you know you just don't have that

1583

01:10:31,439 --> 01:10:29,110

kind of ability to repulse things which

1584

01:10:35,339 --> 01:10:31,449

are you know against the the cultural

1585

01:10:37,439 --> 01:10:35,349

glue and so we're being atomized now at

1586

01:10:40,650 --> 01:10:37,449

the end of it you end up as individuals

1587

01:10:42,360 --> 01:10:40,660

and the state basically is

1588

01:10:44,730 --> 01:10:42,370

complete control over you the the

1589

01:10:47,250 --> 01:10:44,740

component of power is dissolved without

1590

01:10:50,280 --> 01:10:47,260

being you know this extended family and

1591

01:10:52,170 --> 01:10:50,290

so you know what was in back of the

1592

01:10:55,680 --> 01:10:52,180

atheism that was given to us you know in

1593

01:10:57,390 --> 01:10:55,690

the 50s you know what had it been kind

1594

01:10:59,040 --> 01:10:57,400

of weaponized like feminism was

1595

01:11:00,270 --> 01:10:59,050

weaponized like integration was

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01:11:02,040 --> 01:11:00,280

weaponized like all these other

1597

01:11:05,370 --> 01:11:02,050

seemingly really valuable cultural

1598

01:11:06,660 --> 01:11:05,380

components have been recognized sure see

1599

01:11:08,010 --> 01:11:06,670

but but hold on there's there's an

1600

01:11:09,210 --> 01:11:08,020

important point there that I want to

1601

01:11:11,010 --> 01:11:09,220

persist a little bit further because

1602

01:11:12,840 --> 01:11:11,020

I've spoken with you kind of off the

1603

01:11:14,490 --> 01:11:12,850

record on this and I want to get it on

1604

01:11:17,820 --> 01:11:14,500

the record because I think a lot of

1605

01:11:18,900 --> 01:11:17,830

people don't understand your your

1606

01:11:20,760 --> 01:11:18,910

position as let's say your

1607

01:11:22,200 --> 01:11:20,770

open-mindedness but that sets you up I

1608

01:11:24,810 --> 01:11:22,210

want you to say whatever you think you

1609

01:11:26,880 --> 01:11:24,820

know I have to credit my buddy Gordon

1610

01:11:30,150 --> 01:11:26,890

white at are in soup for kind of helping

1611

01:11:31,980 --> 01:11:30,160

me clarify and see this more clearly and

1612

01:11:34,620 --> 01:11:31,990

that is that whatever we want to call

1613

01:11:38,310 --> 01:11:34,630

this deep state shadow government one

1614

01:11:42,480 --> 01:11:38,320

thing is for sure they are totally

1615

01:11:45,990 --> 01:11:42,490

committed to pursuing these extended

1616

01:11:49,740 --> 01:11:46,000

consciousness realms as a reality so

1617

01:11:52,860 --> 01:11:49,750

whether that be in a Luciferian way as

1618

01:11:55,860 --> 01:11:52,870

some people see satanic way or just in a

1619

01:11:57,840 --> 01:11:55,870

how can we weaponize whatever the

1620

01:12:00,390 --> 01:11:57,850

spirits are and you get them on our side

1621

01:12:03,240 --> 01:12:00,400

or however you want to see that they

1622

01:12:06,630 --> 01:12:03,250

have been in that game for a long time

1623

01:12:08,850 --> 01:12:06,640

so that's what MKULTRA is about that's

1624

01:12:11,460 --> 01:12:08,860

in all its different forms

1625

01:12:14,240 --> 01:12:11,470

that's what MK often is about that's

1626

01:12:17,490 --> 01:12:14,250

what all these other projects are about

1627

01:12:21,090 --> 01:12:17,500

but the real trick is while the same

1628

01:12:24,500 --> 01:12:21,100

time that's not only in play but a given

1629

01:12:26,970 --> 01:12:24,510

for these folks they've at the same time

1630

01:12:31,170 --> 01:12:26,980

perpetuated and promoted through

1631

01:12:34,470 --> 01:12:31,180

academia this complete rejection of this

1632

01:12:36,990 --> 01:12:34,480

extended consciousness and what may or

1633

01:12:39,540 --> 01:12:37,000

may not exist there and how it may be

1634

01:12:42,060 --> 01:12:39,550

influencing our world so what is

1635

01:12:44,280 --> 01:12:42,070

reflected back through our culture

1636

01:12:47,160 --> 01:12:44,290

through academia through intellectuals

1637

01:12:49,410 --> 01:12:47,170

through mainstream media is oh you think

1638

01:12:52,260 --> 01:12:49,420

any of that stuff is real oh my god

1639

01:12:53,970 --> 01:12:52,270

you're cured so it's so ridiculous so we

1640

01:12:56,100 --> 01:12:53,980

might be doing our

1641

01:12:58,260 --> 01:12:56,110

Crowley and kind of stuff over here in

1642

01:12:59,730 --> 01:12:58,270

secret but what we want reflected back

1643

01:13:04,290 --> 01:12:59,740

in the culture is that that's complete

1644

01:13:06,600 --> 01:13:04,300

nonsense yeah well I think you can't add

1645

01:13:07,950 --> 01:13:06,610

anything to you know to do that I mean

1646

01:13:11,700 --> 01:13:07,960

they obviously look at the MKULTRA

1647

01:13:15,270 --> 01:13:11,710

experiments they are absolutely fixated

1648

01:13:17,580 --> 01:13:15,280

upon basically a kind of a spiritual

1649

01:13:18,030 --> 01:13:17,590

dimension I'm trying to get control over

1650

01:13:24,030 --> 01:13:18,040

it

1651

01:13:28,380 --> 01:13:24,040

telepathy all you know so the this you

1652

01:13:30,990 --> 01:13:28,390

know the reality we have is to to the

1653

01:13:35,240 --> 01:13:31,000

extent they can just a completely fake

1654

01:13:37,860 --> 01:13:35,250

one and so I would I would just say that

1655

01:13:40,860 --> 01:13:37,870

you know people just need to keep an

1656

01:13:43,920 --> 01:13:40,870

open mind as to you know what is a

1657

01:13:46,470 --> 01:13:43,930

correct spiritual path they should be

1658

01:13:48,770 --> 01:13:46,480

skeptical about basically what has been

1659

01:13:52,230 --> 01:13:48,780

you know brought to us through the media

1660

01:13:54,450 --> 01:13:52,240

in terms of you know what is real and

1661

01:13:56,490 --> 01:13:54,460

what is not just look to ourselves you

1662

01:13:58,890 --> 01:13:56,500

know look look to what we can find

1663

01:14:03,720 --> 01:13:58,900

inside ourselves with our reason with

1664

01:14:07,170 --> 01:14:03,730

our spirit and and develop our own sort

1665

01:14:10,560 --> 01:14:07,180

of spiritual context we shouldn't be

1666

01:14:13,320 --> 01:14:10,570

looking to you know Miley Cyrus or the

1667

01:14:16,020 --> 01:14:13,330

Kardashians are you know even the media

1668

01:14:18,660 --> 01:14:16,030

gurus like Aldous Huxley to try to you

1669

01:14:20,700 --> 01:14:18,670

know promote a theology that we can

1670

01:14:22,470 --> 01:14:20,710

relate to stuff so in my opinion that's

1671

01:14:24,540 --> 01:14:22,480

just all weaponized those are you know

1672

01:14:26,790 --> 01:14:24,550

either they're useful idiots or actual

1673

01:14:29,160 --> 01:14:26,800

life time actors it an expression I used

1674

01:14:31,500 --> 01:14:29,170

for you know someone who has been who

1675

01:14:34,830 --> 01:14:31,510

basically creates a personality that is

1676

01:14:36,570 --> 01:14:34,840

useful for the secret society to control

1677

01:14:38,400 --> 01:14:36,580

the population with someone like Gordon

1678

01:14:40,950 --> 01:14:38,410

wasps and you know with his going down

1679

01:14:42,030 --> 01:14:40,960

to Mexico supposedly to find the magic

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01:14:44,280 --> 01:14:42,040

mushrooms I mean that kind of a

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01:14:45,990 --> 01:14:44,290

character is being developed you know

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01:14:47,730 --> 01:14:46,000

the personality is being developed as a

1683

01:14:50,880 --> 01:14:47,740

weapon something to get that we would

1684

01:14:53,430 --> 01:14:50,890

trust and then and then you know think

1685

01:14:56,760 --> 01:14:53,440

take seriously and so we have all of the

1686

01:14:57,750 --> 01:14:56,770

media atheists today you know don't

1687

01:15:01,170 --> 01:14:57,760

believe any of them I mean it's just

1688

01:15:03,900 --> 01:15:01,180

these questions are not ones we should

1689

01:15:05,729 --> 01:15:03,910

try to be answering in the context of a

1690

01:15:08,339 --> 01:15:05,739

world that is fake

1691

01:15:11,009 --> 01:15:08,349

we have to first recognize that most of

1692

01:15:15,120 --> 01:15:11,019

what makes up our intellectual structure

1693

01:15:17,549 --> 01:15:15,130

is basically you know been deliberately

1694

01:15:20,399 --> 01:15:17,559

given to us and is that in fact

1695

01:15:22,439 --> 01:15:20,409

incorrect it's an illusion so how do we

1696

01:15:25,259 --> 01:15:22,449

get right how do we get straight and

1697

01:15:28,439 --> 01:15:25,269

think clearly well I mean first step is

1698

01:15:30,479 --> 01:15:28,449

just recognize our situation and try to

1699

01:15:34,049 --> 01:15:30,489

have an open mind as we move forward try

1700

01:15:37,410 --> 01:15:34,059

to use logic reasons evidence and of

1701

01:15:39,330 --> 01:15:37,420

course try to to the extent we can learn

1702

01:15:41,430 --> 01:15:39,340

more and more about the secret society

1703

01:15:43,049 --> 01:15:41,440

learn more about the connections the

1704

01:15:44,729 --> 01:15:43,059

WikiLeaks that came out were very

1705

01:15:47,339 --> 01:15:44,739

interesting because they talked about

1706

01:15:49,859 --> 01:15:47,349

spirit cooking which is just the crow

1707

01:15:51,810 --> 01:15:49,869

lien ritual I'm gonna have you back on

1708

01:15:54,000 --> 01:15:51,820

I'm gonna have you back to talk about

1709

01:15:57,959 --> 01:15:54,010

that yeah talk about other stuff because

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01:16:00,959 --> 01:15:57,969

Joe you just you never disappoint me you

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01:16:03,660 --> 01:16:00,969

always over-deliver it's just it's just

1712

01:16:06,870 --> 01:16:03,670

so cool having young again our guest has

1713

01:16:09,689 --> 01:16:06,880

been Josaphat well most famously the

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01:16:13,080 --> 01:16:09,699

author of Caesars Messiah but I do

1715

01:16:14,430 --> 01:16:13,090

encourage you to check out his blog and

1716

01:16:18,229 --> 01:16:14,440

all the interesting work that he's

1717

01:16:20,520 --> 01:16:18,239

continuing to do at a post Flaviana.org

1718

01:16:24,089 --> 01:16:20,530

I'll of course have a link to that in

1719

01:16:25,830 --> 01:16:24,099

the show notes and Joe all the best to

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01:16:27,479 --> 01:16:25,840

you and I won't say you know thank you

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01:16:28,799 --> 01:16:27,489

so much interesting discussion yeah

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01:16:30,239 --> 01:16:28,809

we're just getting we're just getting

1723

01:16:32,129 --> 01:16:30,249

started here there's so many different

1724

01:16:33,959 --> 01:16:32,139

directions to go and so many things are

1725

01:16:36,540 --> 01:16:33,969

covered but it was it was really fun

1726

01:16:38,609 --> 01:16:36,550

talk to me thank you thanks again to Joe

1727

01:16:41,100 --> 01:16:38,619

Atwell for joining me today on skeptic

1728

01:16:42,989 --> 01:16:41,110

oh I always like to tee up questions

1729

01:16:46,640 --> 01:16:42,999

from these interviews and I'll do one

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01:16:47,910 --> 01:16:46,650

here what are the implications of a

1731

01:16:50,759 --> 01:16:47,920

pro-roman

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01:16:53,100 --> 01:16:50,769

Bible Joe and I are obviously quite

1733

01:16:55,140 --> 01:16:53,110

enthusiastic about what that means but

1734

01:16:57,569 --> 01:16:55,150

you know maybe you see it differently

1735

01:16:59,489 --> 01:16:57,579

and maybe you'd like to share that with

1736

01:17:01,529 --> 01:16:59,499

other people of course the place to do

1737

01:17:03,540 --> 01:17:01,539

it is through this skeptic Oh website

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01:17:06,060 --> 01:17:03,550

it's got to go for what you can get

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01:17:07,859 --> 01:17:06,070

from there or you can just send me an

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01:17:10,470 --> 01:17:07,869

email or connect with me on Facebook or

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01:17:10,830 --> 01:17:10,480

whatever other means you have done

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01:17:13,200 --> 01:17:10,840

that

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01:17:16,140 --> 01:17:13,210

as I mentioned at the beginning this is

1744

01:17:17,910 --> 01:17:16,150

a quintessential skeptical for me so I

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01:17:19,650 --> 01:17:17,920

really enjoyed putting it together and

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01:17:21,930 --> 01:17:19,660

sharing it with you

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01:17:24,090 --> 01:17:21,940

was always a pleasure I do appreciate

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01:17:26,760 --> 01:17:24,100

you listening coming along for this ride

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01:17:29,040 --> 01:17:26,770

this journey and joining me I have a

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01:17:32,220 --> 01:17:29,050

number of shows coming up good ones I

