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THE GIST OF JOSEPHUS

#501-MATT-WHITMAN



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00:00:02,470 --> 00:00:00,789
[Applause]

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00:00:04,470 --> 00:00:02,480
well as a christian i guess that it

3
00:00:05,269 --> 00:00:04,480
would be easy for you to recite the

4
00:00:07,190 --> 00:00:05,279
lord's prayer

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00:00:09,110 --> 00:00:07,200
is that what we're resorting to here

6
00:00:10,629 --> 00:00:09,120
gestapo tactics

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00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:10,639
i would like to hear that would you like

8
00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:16,870
you're hurting man fine i'm happy to our

9
00:00:21,670 --> 00:00:17,840
father

10
00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:21,680
art who is up in heaven aloe vera be thy

11
00:00:25,589 --> 00:00:22,560
name

12
00:00:27,990 --> 00:00:25,599
forgive us for trespassing and

13
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:28,000

do not lead us to the temptations

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00:00:31,429 --> 00:00:28,720

because we

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00:00:32,389 --> 00:00:31,439

are tired of them and they're dancing

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00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:32,399

and deliver us

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:35,280

from evil with your mighty sword and

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00:00:39,210 --> 00:00:36,480

falcon

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00:00:41,350 --> 00:00:39,220

forever and ever and ever amen

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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:41,360

[Applause]

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00:00:46,229 --> 00:00:43,520

that's zach gelfinakis and of course

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00:00:48,229 --> 00:00:46,239

will ferrell in the movie the campaign

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:48,239

and you know actually my favorite part

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00:00:51,189 --> 00:00:50,480

of that clip but i wasn't able to get it

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00:00:53,590 --> 00:00:51,199

comes right

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00:00:56,069 --> 00:00:53,600

after that when the crowd of kind of

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00:00:57,510 --> 00:00:56,079

stereotyped bible belt christians

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00:00:59,910 --> 00:00:57,520

is booing because he doesn't know the

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00:01:00,389 --> 00:00:59,920

lord's prayer and pharaoh protests and

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00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:00,399

says

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00:01:05,670 --> 00:01:03,600

i got the gist of it and i've been

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00:01:08,630 --> 00:01:05,680

working through these shows on

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00:01:10,469 --> 00:01:08,640

christianity and judaism and social

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00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:10,479

engineering by the romans

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00:01:13,910 --> 00:01:12,000

and i have to wonder to myself am i

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:13,920

maybe making too big of a deal

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00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:17,360

about this because at the end of the day

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00:01:23,670 --> 00:01:20,400

i do kind of feel like christians do

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00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:23,680

get the gist of it right

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00:01:27,190 --> 00:01:25,280

i mean it's all about love and light and

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00:01:29,749 --> 00:01:27,200

forgiveness and compassion

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00:01:30,550 --> 00:01:29,759

and for the modern liberal mainstream

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00:01:33,749 --> 00:01:30,560

protestant

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00:01:35,350 --> 00:01:33,759

in america that is what jesus is all

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00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:35,360

about that's what his message is all

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:37,200

about that's what christ consciousness

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00:01:40,710 --> 00:01:38,320

is all about

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00:01:42,389 --> 00:01:40,720

so what's the big deal they got the gist

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:42,399

of it right

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00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:44,159

so and i've kind of said this before but

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00:01:48,069 --> 00:01:45,600
i'll say it again

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00:01:49,109 --> 00:01:48,079
i'm trying to go past that i'm

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00:01:52,230 --> 00:01:49,119
acknowledging that

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00:01:55,109 --> 00:01:52,240
i'm acknowledging how awesome that is

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00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:55,119
especially in the context of a society

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00:02:00,149 --> 00:01:57,439
we have that basically denies

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00:02:01,910 --> 00:02:00,159
spirituality at every turn either

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:01,920
through science or through

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00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:04,240
wink and not hollywood luciferian

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00:02:08,150 --> 00:02:05,119
satanism

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00:02:08,869 --> 00:02:08,160
whatever that thing is so where i'm

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00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:08,879
trying to go

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:12,080

is the next level of saying

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00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:15,360

okay what's beyond the

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00:02:22,550 --> 00:02:19,200

gist of it if we were going to

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00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:22,560

try and get to some kind of factual

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:23,040

thing

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00:02:27,110 --> 00:02:24,560

like i say and i know that's slippery

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00:02:29,110 --> 00:02:27,120

and tricky what would we leave in what

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00:02:32,070 --> 00:02:29,120

would we throw out

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00:02:33,110 --> 00:02:32,080

now none of that would be a problem as

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00:02:36,550 --> 00:02:33,120

you'll hear

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00:02:39,270 --> 00:02:36,560

for today's most excellent guest

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00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:39,280

matt whitman and i have to stress and

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00:02:44,470 --> 00:02:41,440

this is just straight up the truth

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00:02:48,229 --> 00:02:44,480

i can't tell you how far matt

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00:02:50,229 --> 00:02:48,239

stands above so many of the biblical

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00:02:53,270 --> 00:02:50,239

scholars religious scholars

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00:02:54,710 --> 00:02:53,280

comparative religion professors all that

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00:02:56,150 --> 00:02:54,720

stuff you know i've talked to a ton of

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:56,160

those people

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00:02:59,509 --> 00:02:58,879

matt stands head and shoulders above

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00:03:02,949 --> 00:02:59,519

them

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00:03:04,949 --> 00:03:02,959

in terms of standing up and dealing with

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00:03:06,710 --> 00:03:04,959

the data and sorting through it and

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00:03:09,589 --> 00:03:06,720

being able to push back with a

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00:03:10,470 --> 00:03:09,599

well-reasoned supported argument of his

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00:03:12,390 --> 00:03:10,480

position

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00:03:13,990 --> 00:03:12,400

so i'm going to play a couple of

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00:03:15,990 --> 00:03:14,000

relatively long

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00:03:17,589 --> 00:03:16,000

clips from this interview because the

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00:03:19,430 --> 00:03:17,599

interview is

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00:03:21,110 --> 00:03:19,440

very long and goes a lot of different

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00:03:24,470 --> 00:03:21,120

places and i want

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00:03:25,030 --> 00:03:24,480

to give you at least as will farrell

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00:03:27,910 --> 00:03:25,040

says

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00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:27,920

the gist of it what do you think the

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00:03:30,830 --> 00:03:29,760

chances are that the gospel writers had

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00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:30,840

access to

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00:03:37,910 --> 00:03:34,080

josephus uh i think

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00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:37,920
100 that luke had access to at least the

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00:03:43,190 --> 00:03:40,480
early publications of josephus

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00:03:44,550 --> 00:03:43,200
i don't think mark had access i think he

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00:03:46,309 --> 00:03:44,560
wrote earlier than that

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00:03:48,710 --> 00:03:46,319
and drew his details from peter we've

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00:03:50,470 --> 00:03:48,720
got a ton of historical evidence and

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00:03:52,229 --> 00:03:50,480
tradition that points to mark

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00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:52,239
just writing down peter's teachings in

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00:03:55,350 --> 00:03:54,000
rome i think you'd have a tough time

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00:03:58,830 --> 00:03:55,360
making a case that mark drew

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00:04:01,350 --> 00:03:58,840
anything there uh john i think may have

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00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:01,360
wrote uh an early edition

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00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:02,799

and then some questions were left

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00:04:07,110 --> 00:04:05,040

lingering and maybe he came back

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00:04:08,949 --> 00:04:07,120

later to round things out answering the

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00:04:10,869 --> 00:04:08,959

question of what happened with peter

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00:04:12,390 --> 00:04:10,879

things like that in that final chapter

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00:04:14,789 --> 00:04:12,400

so john

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00:04:16,469 --> 00:04:14,799

would have had access at least by the

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00:04:17,030 --> 00:04:16,479

time we get to the finished version of

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00:04:18,390 --> 00:04:17,040

john

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00:04:19,670 --> 00:04:18,400

and maybe there is no finished version

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00:04:21,270 --> 00:04:19,680

maybe it was all just one version i

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00:04:22,870 --> 00:04:21,280

don't know i'm just speculating

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00:04:24,629 --> 00:04:22,880

matthew there's more debate about the

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00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:24,639

early church father who lived

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00:04:29,510 --> 00:04:28,000

in close proximity papias suggests that

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00:04:31,830 --> 00:04:29,520

matthew was actually the first to write

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00:04:34,870 --> 00:04:31,840

his gospel modern scholarship

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00:04:37,030 --> 00:04:34,880

supposes that mark wrote first but

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00:04:38,469 --> 00:04:37,040

if that's the case then matthew if

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00:04:40,230 --> 00:04:38,479

papias is right

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00:04:41,909 --> 00:04:40,240

matthew didn't have access to josephus

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:41,919

because josephus was still wet behind

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00:04:44,390 --> 00:04:43,120

the ears and a kid

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00:04:46,710 --> 00:04:44,400

and hadn't published anything when

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00:04:48,550 --> 00:04:46,720

matthew was doing the bulk of his work

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00:04:50,790 --> 00:04:48,560

if we go with the more traditional

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00:04:53,590 --> 00:04:50,800

slightly later date for matthew

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00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:53,600

he would have barely had access to

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00:04:58,950 --> 00:04:56,639

josephus and if we go with the much more

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00:05:00,550 --> 00:04:58,960

uh skeptical and traditionally it's

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00:05:02,469 --> 00:05:00,560

called the more liberal read

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00:05:03,830 --> 00:05:02,479

on the dating of matthew than he would

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00:05:06,870 --> 00:05:03,840

have had access

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00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:06,880

so sure i think they had access

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00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:10,000

i just don't see the correspondence

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00:05:13,670 --> 00:05:12,880

happening to such a degree that that

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00:05:15,990 --> 00:05:13,680

it's

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in any way historically compelling are

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00:05:21,110 --> 00:05:17,440
you at all

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00:05:24,310 --> 00:05:21,120
surprised curious about the bible being

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00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:24,320
as pro-roman as it is

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00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:27,600
those are those the fingerprints of

155
00:05:33,270 --> 00:05:30,800
josephus no

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00:05:35,029 --> 00:05:33,280
i'm well maybe i have to say maybe again

157
00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:35,039
because i didn't write this i don't know

158
00:05:42,230 --> 00:05:38,240
but based on what i see

159
00:05:43,830 --> 00:05:42,240
the the orientation one strategy for how

160
00:05:45,270 --> 00:05:43,840
to deal with rome in the situation at

161
00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:45,280
hand amongst jews

162
00:05:49,029 --> 00:05:48,000
amongst gentiles amongst hellenizers

163
00:05:52,070 --> 00:05:49,039

amongst

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00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:52,080

christians

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00:05:56,469 --> 00:05:55,199

was play along use the roman

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00:05:59,590 --> 00:05:56,479

infrastructure

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00:06:02,550 --> 00:05:59,600

play along and don't pick a fight

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00:06:04,550 --> 00:06:02,560

because you're going to lose the fight

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00:06:07,029 --> 00:06:04,560

now there are people i completely agree

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00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:07,039

with right now who

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00:06:11,430 --> 00:06:09,759

um or completely disagree with right now

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00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:11,440

who look at the situation in american

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00:06:15,430 --> 00:06:12,160

government

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00:06:17,510 --> 00:06:15,440

or the situation in people

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00:06:19,189 --> 00:06:17,520

cracking down on any kind of creative

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00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:19,199

speech on the internet

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00:06:22,150 --> 00:06:20,880

and maybe for completely different

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00:06:23,590 --> 00:06:22,160

reasons we would say i don't like that

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00:06:24,870 --> 00:06:23,600

and i want to push back on that but

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00:06:28,469 --> 00:06:24,880

right now it would be best

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00:06:30,790 --> 00:06:28,479

to appease so i won't crack this joke

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00:06:32,710 --> 00:06:30,800

i won't deal with that subject matter

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00:06:34,230 --> 00:06:32,720

i'm not looking to jab that bear and

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00:06:36,309 --> 00:06:34,240

pick a fight now we might not know each

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00:06:38,070 --> 00:06:36,319

other we might not influence each other

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00:06:39,430 --> 00:06:38,080

but if we're both people of common sense

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00:06:40,710 --> 00:06:39,440

we might look at the same playing field

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00:06:42,469 --> 00:06:40,720

and say this is probably the right way

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00:06:44,309 --> 00:06:42,479

to play it at the moment

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00:06:46,710 --> 00:06:44,319

welcome to skeptico where we explore

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00:06:49,430 --> 00:06:46,720

controversial science and spirituality

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00:06:50,230 --> 00:06:49,440

with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:06:52,469 --> 00:06:50,240

their critics

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00:06:53,430 --> 00:06:52,479

i'm your host alex secaris and today we

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00:06:56,870 --> 00:06:53,440

welcome

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00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:56,880

matt whitman to skeptico matt is the

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00:07:01,670 --> 00:06:58,080

creator

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00:07:05,589 --> 00:07:01,680

and host of the very excellent

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00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:05,599

10 minute bible hour which he says

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00:07:10,870 --> 00:07:08,960

is the bible without the sermon um

201
00:07:12,870 --> 00:07:10,880
which is really quite an amazing show he

202
00:07:14,870 --> 00:07:12,880
also has a podcast

203
00:07:16,710 --> 00:07:14,880
of the same name and he has a very

204
00:07:17,749 --> 00:07:16,720
excellent youtube channel that you can

205
00:07:20,230 --> 00:07:17,759
check out

206
00:07:21,510 --> 00:07:20,240
all kind of the same way he he does a

207
00:07:24,790 --> 00:07:21,520
great job he's a great

208
00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:24,800
presenter and he also

209
00:07:28,150 --> 00:07:26,400
produces some really high quality

210
00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:28,160
content about

211
00:07:33,350 --> 00:07:31,440
i guess the expanded version of what

212
00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:33,360
you'd expect from a bible hour i mean he

213
00:07:37,909 --> 00:07:35,680

does deep dives into apologetics

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00:07:39,749 --> 00:07:37,919

he has some pretty amazing interviews

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00:07:42,469 --> 00:07:39,759

and i was just complimenting him

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00:07:44,869 --> 00:07:42,479

which anyone will see that it's not just

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00:07:47,909 --> 00:07:44,879

kind of uh

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00:07:49,749 --> 00:07:47,919

idle uh fluffing up the guest i mean the

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00:07:51,350 --> 00:07:49,759

high quality content

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00:07:53,270 --> 00:07:51,360

and the production value that he puts

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00:07:55,909 --> 00:07:53,280

into this is

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00:07:57,510 --> 00:07:55,919

pretty impressive so we're going to have

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00:08:00,309 --> 00:07:57,520

a conversation today

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00:08:00,710 --> 00:08:00,319

and i'm really really appreciative that

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00:08:02,469 --> 00:08:00,720

uh

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00:08:04,629 --> 00:08:02,479

matt who's coming from a christian

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00:08:06,790 --> 00:08:04,639

perspective used to be a pastor

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00:08:08,869 --> 00:08:06,800

is willing to engage in this dialogue

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00:08:12,150 --> 00:08:08,879

ongoing dialogue we've been having

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00:08:15,430 --> 00:08:12,160

about kind of next level spirituality

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00:08:17,189 --> 00:08:15,440

so matt welcome to skeptic co thanks so

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00:08:18,629 --> 00:08:17,199

much for joining me

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00:08:21,029 --> 00:08:18,639

yeah i'm honored thanks for letting me

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00:08:23,110 --> 00:08:21,039

hang out with you alex and i gotta say

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00:08:24,230 --> 00:08:23,120

that was a really crisp intro nice job

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00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:24,240

man i can tell you've been doing this

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00:08:28,230 --> 00:08:25,360

for a while

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00:08:28,629 --> 00:08:28,240

wow honored i love when people say that

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00:08:31,670 --> 00:08:28,639

they're

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00:08:32,949 --> 00:08:31,680

honored to be on skeptical i never know

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00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:32,959

quite what to make of that

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00:08:35,829 --> 00:08:34,479

so i'll tell you what before we get too

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00:08:37,110 --> 00:08:35,839

chummy here well you know what can i

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00:08:39,110 --> 00:08:37,120

tell you can i tell you what to make of

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00:08:40,709 --> 00:08:39,120

it when i say it

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00:08:42,070 --> 00:08:40,719

it means that i'm about to sit and talk

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00:08:43,589 --> 00:08:42,080

with somebody i get to unwrap a present

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00:08:45,269 --> 00:08:43,599

here because i don't know you

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00:08:46,870 --> 00:08:45,279

we we didn't workshop all of this in

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00:08:48,230 --> 00:08:46,880

advance to get all our answers straight

251
00:08:51,269 --> 00:08:48,240
and make everything

252
00:08:53,190 --> 00:08:51,279
just super tidy and crispy so so i'm

253
00:08:57,030 --> 00:08:53,200
unwrapping a present here as i get to

254
00:08:59,910 --> 00:08:57,040
learn more about the the mindset

255
00:09:01,509 --> 00:08:59,920
and how ideas and experiences have

256
00:09:03,190 --> 00:09:01,519
shaped how you come at things how you

257
00:09:04,790 --> 00:09:03,200
wrestle with an idea

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00:09:06,710 --> 00:09:04,800
it feels like we're on a tennis court

259
00:09:08,230 --> 00:09:06,720
and we got a ball labeled ideas

260
00:09:09,750 --> 00:09:08,240
and you're about to put it in play and

261
00:09:10,389 --> 00:09:09,760
we're about to bounce it back and forth

262
00:09:13,430 --> 00:09:10,399
and

263
00:09:16,870 --> 00:09:13,440

anybody who's willing to

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00:09:19,829 --> 00:09:16,880

sit and really process through an idea

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00:09:21,030 --> 00:09:19,839

is automatically my friend so thank you

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00:09:23,350 --> 00:09:21,040

totally get that

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00:09:24,790 --> 00:09:23,360

and totally feel the same way in a very

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00:09:26,550 --> 00:09:24,800

very deep way because

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00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:26,560

you know it's funny i was just thinking

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00:09:31,030 --> 00:09:29,600

of this before we started because

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00:09:32,949 --> 00:09:31,040

in these discussions you always have to

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00:09:34,829 --> 00:09:32,959

kind of stake out your position if

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00:09:36,150 --> 00:09:34,839

nothing else so that the audience can

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00:09:38,710 --> 00:09:36,160

understand gee

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00:09:40,230 --> 00:09:38,720

why are you having a guy who does a

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00:09:41,829 --> 00:09:40,240

former pastor

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00:09:43,430 --> 00:09:41,839

could be a pastor tomorrow for all you

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00:09:45,829 --> 00:09:43,440

know has the degree in divinity

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00:09:47,829 --> 00:09:45,839

has all those qualifications and then it

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00:09:49,910 --> 00:09:47,839

is doing christian apologetics

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00:09:52,550 --> 00:09:49,920

you know why is he coming on your show

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00:09:56,870 --> 00:09:52,560

to speak to an audience who's primarily

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00:09:59,350 --> 00:09:56,880

spiritual but not religious and somewhat

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00:10:00,310 --> 00:09:59,360

not down on the christian kind of

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00:10:02,310 --> 00:10:00,320

version of things

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00:10:03,509 --> 00:10:02,320

and i kind of see it the other way i

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00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:03,519

kind of see it as

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00:10:07,110 --> 00:10:06,480

wow you know anyone who's digging into

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00:10:09,910 --> 00:10:07,120

this stuff

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00:10:11,190 --> 00:10:09,920

at the level that you are like you know

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00:10:13,829 --> 00:10:11,200

i just pulled up in the screen

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00:10:14,949 --> 00:10:13,839

who is pontius pilate historical proofs

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00:10:18,150 --> 00:10:14,959

and legends

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00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:18,160

you know a hundred thousand view uh 20

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00:10:21,509 --> 00:10:19,040

30 minute no

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00:10:22,389 --> 00:10:21,519

one hour and 10 minute video on youtube

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00:10:24,389 --> 00:10:22,399

with it has

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00:10:26,310 --> 00:10:24,399

as i pulled up on the screen oh here's a

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00:10:30,389 --> 00:10:26,320

guy who went to rome and is

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00:10:32,310 --> 00:10:30,399

videotaping himself in front of the

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00:10:33,430 --> 00:10:32,320

archaeological evidence that pontius

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00:10:35,110 --> 00:10:33,440

pilate existed

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00:10:37,190 --> 00:10:35,120

here's somebody's dug through and found

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00:10:38,470 --> 00:10:37,200

the coins that proved that pontius

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00:10:41,590 --> 00:10:38,480

pilate existed

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00:10:43,990 --> 00:10:41,600

so there's just a lot going on there in

307

00:10:46,550 --> 00:10:44,000

terms of someone who truly is seeking

308

00:10:47,430 --> 00:10:46,560

at that next level which i am too in a

309

00:10:49,509 --> 00:10:47,440

different way

310

00:10:50,630 --> 00:10:49,519

but as you just said and i think there's

311

00:10:54,310 --> 00:10:50,640

a lot to that

312

00:10:57,430 --> 00:10:54,320

hats off to someone who is seeking

313

00:10:59,750 --> 00:10:57,440

in a way that already says your mind

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00:11:03,509 --> 00:10:59,760

can't be totally made up

315

00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:03,519

my mind is not totally made up like

316

00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:05,360

i might come through this and i might go

317

00:11:09,430 --> 00:11:07,120

oh you know what

318

00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:09,440

everything i thought i knew is a little

319

00:11:13,350 --> 00:11:10,560

bit off because

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00:11:15,750 --> 00:11:13,360

matt changed my world that is exciting

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00:11:18,630 --> 00:11:15,760

that's why i continue to do this

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00:11:19,110 --> 00:11:18,640

and you know bro that's why it is super

323

00:11:20,870 --> 00:11:19,120

fun

324

00:11:22,470 --> 00:11:20,880

to talk to you i feel like it's going to

325

00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:22,480

be a good thing hey so

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00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:24,000

tell us tell folks a little bit more i

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00:11:29,110 --> 00:11:25,839

give a very brief bio

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00:11:30,310 --> 00:11:29,120

you know who is matt whitman and how did

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00:11:33,030 --> 00:11:30,320

you reach

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00:11:34,630 --> 00:11:33,040

this point in this whole thing that

331

00:11:35,910 --> 00:11:34,640

you're doing

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00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:35,920

what an awesome way to get the ball

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00:11:42,069 --> 00:11:38,800

rolling that's a great question

334

00:11:43,350 --> 00:11:42,079

i'm weird i know on paper what people

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00:11:45,350 --> 00:11:43,360

are going to expect

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00:11:46,870 --> 00:11:45,360

is someone who probably holds a certain

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00:11:49,910 --> 00:11:46,880

set of political views

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00:11:51,350 --> 00:11:49,920

a certain set of social views and the

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00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:51,360

only part of the introduction

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00:11:55,509 --> 00:11:53,279

that in a friendly way i would push back

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00:11:57,670 --> 00:11:55,519

on would be the term apologist

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00:11:58,790 --> 00:11:57,680

i i always get lumped in with those

343

00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:58,800

crowds

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00:12:02,069 --> 00:12:00,720

i get invited to things but i just don't

345

00:12:04,710 --> 00:12:02,079

think i am

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00:12:06,150 --> 00:12:04,720

i think what i am is trying to do eyes

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00:12:08,230 --> 00:12:06,160

wide open faith

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00:12:09,269 --> 00:12:08,240

so my dad is a first generation

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00:12:12,069 --> 00:12:09,279

christian

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00:12:13,990 --> 00:12:12,079

and a baptist pastor he was part of a

351
00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:14,000
mainline baptist denomination

352
00:12:18,389 --> 00:12:17,200
growing up uh mainline meaning you know

353
00:12:20,389 --> 00:12:18,399
at this point

354
00:12:21,590 --> 00:12:20,399
that group would lean a little bit more

355
00:12:23,430 --> 00:12:21,600
left politically

356
00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:23,440
ranging from a little bit left to really

357
00:12:27,190 --> 00:12:25,360
really hard left progressive would be

358
00:12:29,990 --> 00:12:27,200
your main line churches

359
00:12:31,670 --> 00:12:30,000
um he found that unsatisfactory and

360
00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:31,680
gravitated toward

361
00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:35,279
a more conservative traditional baptist

362
00:12:38,629 --> 00:12:37,040
church for the remainder of his career

363
00:12:40,629 --> 00:12:38,639

after i was out of the house

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00:12:41,829 --> 00:12:40,639

so that was my experience i watched him

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00:12:43,590 --> 00:12:41,839

go to seminary

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00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:43,600

i watched him go through several

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00:12:47,030 --> 00:12:45,360

iterations of

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00:12:49,590 --> 00:12:47,040

faith and understanding about the

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00:12:54,470 --> 00:12:49,600

miraculous the divine all of that

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00:12:58,389 --> 00:12:57,829

my uh my my upbringing then was an idea

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00:13:00,310 --> 00:12:58,399

upbringing

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00:13:02,310 --> 00:13:00,320

okay everybody teaches their kid the

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00:13:04,629 --> 00:13:02,320

family business one way or another

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00:13:06,069 --> 00:13:04,639

and my dad's business was ideas it still

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00:13:08,949 --> 00:13:06,079

is i mean he's just

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00:13:09,829 --> 00:13:08,959

brilliant brilliant man and so yeah we'd

377

00:13:11,350 --> 00:13:09,839

stay up till

378

00:13:12,629 --> 00:13:11,360

two in the morning every night school

379

00:13:13,670 --> 00:13:12,639

nights and everything and we would

380

00:13:16,710 --> 00:13:13,680

workshop

381

00:13:18,629 --> 00:13:16,720

ideas what's on the news what

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00:13:20,230 --> 00:13:18,639

that point in church history or scholar

383

00:13:21,430 --> 00:13:20,240

philosopher thought this and what do we

384

00:13:23,269 --> 00:13:21,440

do with it

385

00:13:24,870 --> 00:13:23,279

and that's what we did and you know dad

386

00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,880

didn't do much in terms of teaching me

387

00:13:27,590 --> 00:13:26,560

how to turn a wrench that was mostly mom

388

00:13:29,110 --> 00:13:27,600

who taught me how to

389

00:13:32,069 --> 00:13:29,120

do things with my hands and fix stuff

390

00:13:34,310 --> 00:13:32,079

which i really enjoy as well

391

00:13:36,069 --> 00:13:34,320

but dad taught me about the world of

392

00:13:37,670 --> 00:13:36,079

ideas where most dads teach their kids

393

00:13:38,629 --> 00:13:37,680

how to fish i learned that one on my own

394

00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:38,639

and

395

00:13:49,670 --> 00:13:46,880

did a great job

396

00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:49,680

of conditioning me to do eyes wide open

397

00:13:54,350 --> 00:13:50,480

faith

398

00:13:56,949 --> 00:13:54,360

i was raised around that i went to a

399

00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:56,959

pentecostal-ish christian high school

400

00:13:59,750 --> 00:13:58,560

where my mom got a job as a music

401

00:14:03,350 --> 00:13:59,760

teacher that's the only reason

402

00:14:06,389 --> 00:14:03,360

i went there the dominant

403

00:14:07,030 --> 00:14:06,399

theology of that high school was very

404

00:14:10,470 --> 00:14:07,040

much

405

00:14:11,509 --> 00:14:10,480

what now looks more like your health and

406

00:14:15,189 --> 00:14:11,519

wealth

407

00:14:19,030 --> 00:14:15,199

gospel your joel osteen tv preacher

408

00:14:21,110 --> 00:14:19,040

here's a very uh nebulous miraculous

409

00:14:23,030 --> 00:14:21,120

claim about having an idea in your head

410

00:14:26,310 --> 00:14:23,040

that you say is from god

411

00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:26,320

or being able to do inco inconsequential

412

00:14:29,269 --> 00:14:27,040

and not

413

00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:29,279

verbal miraculous things that didn't

414

00:14:33,750 --> 00:14:30,959

move the needle for me as a kid

415

00:14:34,870 --> 00:14:33,760

and bred a lot of skepticism for me not

416

00:14:40,790 --> 00:14:34,880

about

417

00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:40,800

miraculous claims stuff on the fringe it

418

00:14:43,990 --> 00:14:42,320

just didn't

419

00:14:45,829 --> 00:14:44,000

it didn't square with the reason that i

420

00:14:49,189 --> 00:14:45,839

was getting taught at home

421

00:14:51,590 --> 00:14:49,199

so i get out of that school situation

422

00:14:53,189 --> 00:14:51,600

i went to law school that was my plan be

423

00:14:54,949 --> 00:14:53,199

a lawyer do political stuff my kid

424

00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:54,959

brother got killed in a car wreck which

425

00:14:57,590 --> 00:14:55,920

just sucked

426

00:14:59,430 --> 00:14:57,600

he was awesome now i don't have a

427

00:15:00,310 --> 00:14:59,440

brother i loved having a brother i miss

428

00:15:04,069 --> 00:15:00,320

him

429

00:15:06,150 --> 00:15:04,079

and dad had trouble making church work

430

00:15:07,189 --> 00:15:06,160

not because his faith fell apart not not

431

00:15:10,069 --> 00:15:07,199

at all his

432

00:15:11,189 --> 00:15:10,079

faith was bolstered by that tragedy but

433

00:15:13,990 --> 00:15:11,199

he was just sad because

434

00:15:15,829 --> 00:15:14,000

his kid died and you know all beliefs

435

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:15,839

and politics and everything else aside i

436

00:15:18,550 --> 00:15:16,480

think it's just

437

00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:18,560

very easy for any human to be empathetic

438

00:15:24,230 --> 00:15:21,920

to a dad who lost his baby boy and

439

00:15:24,949 --> 00:15:24,240

had his heart broken and so it's pretty

440

00:15:26,470 --> 00:15:24,959

tough to

441

00:15:29,749 --> 00:15:26,480

muster creative energy when you're in

442

00:15:31,509 --> 00:15:29,759

that place so i moved home from

443

00:15:33,509 --> 00:15:31,519

law school and i jumped in with dad and

444

00:15:33,990 --> 00:15:33,519

i helped cover the bases i had like a

445

00:15:36,389 --> 00:15:34,000

minor

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00:15:38,069 --> 00:15:36,399

in biblical studies at that point my

447

00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:38,079

undergrad degrees were history

448

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:40,160

philosophy that kind of business

449

00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:42,480

so so i helped out i'm not sure i was

450

00:15:44,710 --> 00:15:44,160

any good at it but i helped cover those

451
00:15:47,509 --> 00:15:44,720
bases

452
00:15:48,949 --> 00:15:47,519
and was around church a little bit did

453
00:15:50,470 --> 00:15:48,959
one more round of that

454
00:15:52,470 --> 00:15:50,480
thought i better understand this a

455
00:15:55,030 --> 00:15:52,480
little bit more because i got some real

456
00:15:58,230 --> 00:15:55,040
questions here so i went to seminary

457
00:15:59,590 --> 00:15:58,240
um a good seminary one i probably didn't

458
00:16:00,550 --> 00:15:59,600
have any business being at i was

459
00:16:02,870 --> 00:16:00,560
definitely

460
00:16:04,230 --> 00:16:02,880
bringing down the average scholarly

461
00:16:07,189 --> 00:16:04,240
ability level of that place

462
00:16:11,430 --> 00:16:07,199
i went to i went to trinity in chicago

463
00:16:14,790 --> 00:16:12,870

that's where a lot of things really

464

00:16:18,230 --> 00:16:14,800

clicked being around

465

00:16:20,629 --> 00:16:18,240

that historical academic

466

00:16:22,230 --> 00:16:20,639

christian tradition where the bottom

467

00:16:25,269 --> 00:16:22,240

line of every class was not

468

00:16:25,829 --> 00:16:25,279

believe it more be better behaved vote

469

00:16:27,990 --> 00:16:25,839

this way

470

00:16:30,710 --> 00:16:28,000

and just none of that came up the bottom

471

00:16:33,509 --> 00:16:30,720

line of everything was

472

00:16:34,310 --> 00:16:33,519

be a better scholar have more eyes wide

473

00:16:36,470 --> 00:16:34,320

open faith

474

00:16:37,350 --> 00:16:36,480

or not faith if that's where you end up

475

00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:37,360

and that stuck

476
00:16:41,030 --> 00:16:39,440
that was that was the thing that really

477
00:16:43,350 --> 00:16:41,040
stuck was the okay

478
00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:43,360
i've now seen what it looks like to have

479
00:16:47,749 --> 00:16:45,120
modeled for me

480
00:16:48,470 --> 00:16:47,759
academically honest eyes wide open faith

481
00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:48,480
with

482
00:16:51,990 --> 00:16:50,320
varying degrees of an understanding of a

483
00:16:53,829 --> 00:16:52,000
threshold of belief

484
00:16:56,230 --> 00:16:53,839
on this issue or that issue and i felt

485
00:16:59,749 --> 00:16:56,240
like i had permission at that point

486
00:17:01,430 --> 00:16:59,759
to to find my tribe and think really

487
00:17:03,509 --> 00:17:01,440
honestly about this stuff

488
00:17:05,669 --> 00:17:03,519

and and not worry about letting people

489

00:17:08,630 --> 00:17:05,679

down i took another church

490

00:17:10,470 --> 00:17:08,640

after my first graduate degree that went

491

00:17:12,549 --> 00:17:10,480

very very badly it was the exact

492

00:17:14,789 --> 00:17:12,559

opposite of what i experienced

493

00:17:15,669 --> 00:17:14,799

at seminary in that rich academic

494

00:17:18,949 --> 00:17:15,679

setting

495

00:17:20,710 --> 00:17:18,959

and i remember driving away from that

496

00:17:24,630 --> 00:17:20,720

awful experience at church

497

00:17:26,870 --> 00:17:24,640

with my brand new baby girl

498

00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:26,880

uh moving van full of stuff i quit with

499

00:17:29,909 --> 00:17:28,960

no job i quit on principle i can't do

500

00:17:32,789 --> 00:17:29,919

this

501
00:17:34,630 --> 00:17:32,799
we always had a deal we're not um we're

502
00:17:35,909 --> 00:17:34,640
not going to lie to ourselves about god

503
00:17:37,830 --> 00:17:35,919
we're not going to lie to ourselves

504
00:17:38,870 --> 00:17:37,840
about bible things and miraculous things

505
00:17:41,750 --> 00:17:38,880
if we believe it

506
00:17:43,350 --> 00:17:41,760
and it's stupid okay at least it's

507
00:17:44,950 --> 00:17:43,360
honest but we're not going to say we

508
00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:44,960
think things we don't think

509
00:17:49,350 --> 00:17:47,919
that destroys your soul so we quit with

510
00:17:51,190 --> 00:17:49,360
no job i left

511
00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:51,200
i moved to live in a friend's guest

512
00:17:55,110 --> 00:17:52,960
bedroom in nebraska

513
00:17:56,310 --> 00:17:55,120

with no plan and no money and a wife and

514

00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:56,320

a baby girl

515

00:18:00,150 --> 00:17:58,080

and i think around grand junction

516

00:18:03,270 --> 00:18:00,160

colorado for the first time

517

00:18:04,630 --> 00:18:03,280

ever it occurred to me and what if

518

00:18:06,789 --> 00:18:04,640

there's just not a god at all

519

00:18:09,350 --> 00:18:06,799

like what if every last bit of this is

520

00:18:11,590 --> 00:18:09,360

wrong and my dad's a great guy

521

00:18:12,950 --> 00:18:11,600

and other religious people i've known

522

00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:12,960

are lovely

523

00:18:17,909 --> 00:18:16,160

people but what if it's just a coping

524

00:18:20,310 --> 00:18:17,919

mechanism for

525

00:18:21,110 --> 00:18:20,320

dealing with death and what looks like

526

00:18:25,270 --> 00:18:21,120

the complete

527

00:18:28,470 --> 00:18:25,280

chaos of the story of history and ideas

528

00:18:28,870 --> 00:18:28,480

i started bawling man i in the moving

529

00:18:33,909 --> 00:18:28,880

van

530

00:18:35,830 --> 00:18:33,919

i i was it was very very painful to even

531

00:18:37,029 --> 00:18:35,840

not entertain the idea academically i'd

532

00:18:40,230 --> 00:18:37,039

done that

533

00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:40,240

but to entertain the idea in a way that

534

00:18:43,990 --> 00:18:41,440

i would allow myself

535

00:18:44,950 --> 00:18:44,000

to just go where the evidence leads and

536

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:44,960

the whole thing broke

537

00:18:49,590 --> 00:18:48,000

and it just did for um

538

00:18:51,150 --> 00:18:49,600

really a pretty significant chunk of

539

00:18:53,350 --> 00:18:51,160

time and

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00:18:57,110 --> 00:18:53,360

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00:18:57,750 --> 00:18:57,120

ultimately it was deconstructing a bunch

542

00:18:59,350 --> 00:18:57,760

of that

543

00:19:00,950 --> 00:18:59,360

i think pretty indefensible

544

00:19:02,950 --> 00:19:00,960

unsustainable

545

00:19:04,630 --> 00:19:02,960

kid faith that i had brought with me

546

00:19:06,950 --> 00:19:04,640

without re-examining

547

00:19:08,310 --> 00:19:06,960

into adulthood and parenthood that it

548

00:19:09,750 --> 00:19:08,320

just wasn't sustainable it wasn't going

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00:19:12,549 --> 00:19:09,760

to work those ideas

550

00:19:13,510 --> 00:19:12,559

are incompatible with these other ideas

551
00:19:17,110 --> 00:19:13,520
and

552
00:19:20,390 --> 00:19:17,120
so that youth group evangelical

553
00:19:23,669 --> 00:19:20,400
light sort of intentionally

554
00:19:25,750 --> 00:19:23,679
skeptical of deep thought

555
00:19:27,190 --> 00:19:25,760
and the intellectual side of

556
00:19:29,190 --> 00:19:27,200
christianity version

557
00:19:31,510 --> 00:19:29,200
of christianity that they're really

558
00:19:33,430 --> 00:19:31,520
heavily focused on altering a few

559
00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:33,440
behaviors in young people

560
00:19:37,990 --> 00:19:36,400
it just broke and with it broke my

561
00:19:40,789 --> 00:19:38,000
belief that there was any kind of deity

562
00:19:41,990 --> 00:19:40,799
or order to anything at all and this is

563
00:19:46,150 --> 00:19:42,000

after i'm

564

00:19:48,070 --> 00:19:46,160

i've worked with

565

00:19:49,270 --> 00:19:48,080

thousands of people and tried to help

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00:19:50,630 --> 00:19:49,280

them out and

567

00:19:52,950 --> 00:19:50,640

look i know there are people sitting on

568

00:19:55,669 --> 00:19:52,960

this conversation alex who are like

569

00:19:57,029 --> 00:19:55,679

well serves you right jackass i mean you

570

00:19:58,950 --> 00:19:57,039

go and you tell people a bunch of things

571

00:20:00,390 --> 00:19:58,960

that are dead wrong i'm glad you had to

572

00:20:02,710 --> 00:20:00,400

feel the sting of that

573

00:20:04,310 --> 00:20:02,720

but i would you know to my to my friends

574

00:20:05,669 --> 00:20:04,320

who i don't know yet on the internet who

575

00:20:07,669 --> 00:20:05,679

are maybe

576

00:20:09,350 --> 00:20:07,679

going there in your head i would ask for

577

00:20:11,350 --> 00:20:09,360

grace on that

578

00:20:12,470 --> 00:20:11,360

like you're doing your best i was doing

579

00:20:14,310 --> 00:20:12,480

my best

580

00:20:15,830 --> 00:20:14,320

you get served up once you get served up

581

00:20:17,430 --> 00:20:15,840

you do your best to sort it through and

582

00:20:19,909 --> 00:20:17,440

it would be fun wouldn't it

583

00:20:21,590 --> 00:20:19,919

if we could just thanos snap and all of

584

00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:21,600

our ideas and all of that data could

585

00:20:24,789 --> 00:20:23,760

just be processed in one lightning fast

586

00:20:26,470 --> 00:20:24,799

buffer bar

587

00:20:27,990 --> 00:20:26,480

and all of it comes into fruition and

588

00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:28,000

like right there in front of you like

589

00:20:31,430 --> 00:20:28,559

there

590

00:20:33,110 --> 00:20:31,440

now i'm on build 8.1 of my faith and my

591

00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:33,120

understanding of the world and ideas and

592

00:20:35,909 --> 00:20:34,159

philosophy

593

00:20:38,950 --> 00:20:35,919

and my ethic of other people and

594

00:20:41,590 --> 00:20:38,960

politics but the buffer bar is slow

595

00:20:43,430 --> 00:20:41,600

there's a lot of complex calculations

596

00:20:45,190 --> 00:20:43,440

that go into it

597

00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:45,200

and i don't want to wait until i have

598

00:20:49,830 --> 00:20:47,039

everything figured out to try to

599

00:20:51,350 --> 00:20:49,840

be redemptive and help people and so i i

600

00:20:53,990 --> 00:20:51,360

don't regret

601
00:20:55,909 --> 00:20:54,000
how i came at it during those first 10

602
00:20:56,870 --> 00:20:55,919
years of adulthood before i got into

603
00:20:59,830 --> 00:20:56,880
this

604
00:21:01,590 --> 00:20:59,840
crisis of faith or period of disbelief i

605
00:21:03,990 --> 00:21:01,600
would call it the latter

606
00:21:05,510 --> 00:21:04,000
um i tried to teach him intellectual

607
00:21:07,830 --> 00:21:05,520
honesty i tried to model

608
00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:07,840
intellectual honesty and i didn't get

609
00:21:12,310 --> 00:21:08,880
everything right

610
00:21:14,390 --> 00:21:12,320
and i don't know that's okay but what if

611
00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:14,400
i'd done nothing for those 10 years

612
00:21:18,310 --> 00:21:16,080
i hadn't helped anybody and i just sat

613
00:21:20,070 --> 00:21:18,320

in my little tower and thought thoughts

614

00:21:22,870 --> 00:21:20,080

well i don't want to be that guy either

615

00:21:24,630 --> 00:21:22,880

i want to i want to try to be redemptive

616

00:21:26,149 --> 00:21:24,640

as well as i understand redemptive at

617

00:21:27,750 --> 00:21:26,159

any given moment

618

00:21:29,430 --> 00:21:27,760

so then i know this is a long answer and

619

00:21:31,669 --> 00:21:29,440

thank you for even being

620

00:21:33,110 --> 00:21:31,679

oh this is an awesome this is an awesome

621

00:21:35,669 --> 00:21:33,120

story i'm loving every bit of it

622

00:21:36,149 --> 00:21:35,679

so cool man you built it up now man you

623

00:21:38,149 --> 00:21:36,159

you

624

00:21:39,590 --> 00:21:38,159

this is act 3 or act 2 i don't know how

625

00:21:43,350 --> 00:21:39,600

they do those things okay

626

00:21:49,510 --> 00:21:46,470

so i come back around um

627

00:21:51,029 --> 00:21:49,520

my earnest lived experience

628

00:21:53,430 --> 00:21:51,039

which i'm sure people will express

629

00:21:56,549 --> 00:21:53,440

skepticism toward and that's fine

630

00:21:58,470 --> 00:21:56,559

is i was really sure there was a god

631

00:21:59,590 --> 00:21:58,480

i was absolutely positive there was not

632

00:22:01,990 --> 00:21:59,600

a god

633

00:22:03,990 --> 00:22:02,000

and then gradually i began to think

634

00:22:07,270 --> 00:22:04,000

about that in different categories

635

00:22:08,710 --> 00:22:07,280

to a place where yeah i

636

00:22:10,549 --> 00:22:08,720

i think there's something behind all of

637

00:22:13,350 --> 00:22:10,559

this i don't think it just happened

638

00:22:15,190 --> 00:22:13,360

i am with aristotle in thinking that

639

00:22:17,110 --> 00:22:15,200

there is a first cause

640

00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:17,120

there is some originating force and that

641

00:22:21,110 --> 00:22:19,280

i think you can reason out from there

642

00:22:22,470 --> 00:22:21,120

to at least a basic framework of what

643

00:22:25,750 --> 00:22:22,480

the attributes

644

00:22:27,750 --> 00:22:25,760

and skill set of that originating cause

645

00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:27,760

can't be

646

00:22:34,310 --> 00:22:31,120

could be and maybe even must be so i

647

00:22:35,029 --> 00:22:34,320

i i have gotten to my place of faith in

648

00:22:49,430 --> 00:22:35,039

a

649

00:22:52,230 --> 00:22:49,440

honest

650

00:22:53,590 --> 00:22:52,240

i cannot process this in a way where my

651
00:22:55,350 --> 00:22:53,600
primary concern

652
00:22:56,630 --> 00:22:55,360
is someone else might hear one little

653
00:22:59,110 --> 00:22:56,640
fragment of it

654
00:23:00,710 --> 00:22:59,120
and the spell might be broken for them

655
00:23:03,750 --> 00:23:00,720
and they might feel sad

656
00:23:07,350 --> 00:23:03,760
and go through a bad process of doubt

657
00:23:09,590 --> 00:23:07,360
doubt is faith faith is doubt so

658
00:23:10,630 --> 00:23:09,600
eyes wide open faith absolutely hard

659
00:23:12,310 --> 00:23:10,640
ground rule

660
00:23:14,710 --> 00:23:12,320
go where the evidence points go where

661
00:23:16,470 --> 00:23:14,720
the data points and so the most probably

662
00:23:17,029 --> 00:23:16,480
the most hurtful thing that i hear from

663
00:23:19,750 --> 00:23:17,039

people

664

00:23:20,950 --> 00:23:19,760

in the history of my internetting and

665

00:23:23,029 --> 00:23:20,960

now i'm going to tell everybody how they

666

00:23:26,310 --> 00:23:23,039

can make me feel sad if they want to

667

00:23:28,390 --> 00:23:26,320

but it's it's the charge

668

00:23:29,990 --> 00:23:28,400

in the comment section and the angry

669

00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:30,000

email most of which doesn't get through

670

00:23:32,950 --> 00:23:31,600

the armor at all you know i get a

671

00:23:35,029 --> 00:23:32,960

jillion things like that every day

672

00:23:35,990 --> 00:23:35,039

whatever but there's one that gets

673

00:23:39,430 --> 00:23:36,000

through the armor and it's

674

00:23:42,390 --> 00:23:39,440

the uh the accusation of dishonesty

675

00:23:43,269 --> 00:23:42,400

because it's it's not true but it's just

676
00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:43,279
it's not true

677
00:23:46,549 --> 00:23:45,200
now the accusation of incompetence i can

678
00:23:49,990 --> 00:23:46,559
handle better

679
00:23:51,590 --> 00:23:50,000
because because yeah i mean maybe

680
00:23:53,669 --> 00:23:51,600
i mean the claims of christianity are

681
00:23:56,390 --> 00:23:53,679
enormously complex

682
00:23:56,950 --> 00:23:56,400
the character and and lifetime of jesus

683
00:23:59,110 --> 00:23:56,960
christ

684
00:23:59,990 --> 00:23:59,120
i mean heck the political background of

685
00:24:02,390 --> 00:24:00,000
jesus

686
00:24:03,510 --> 00:24:02,400
would take lifetimes to understand just

687
00:24:06,710 --> 00:24:03,520
the backdrop of what

688
00:24:09,669 --> 00:24:06,720

his life is in relief against it's crazy

689

00:24:13,110 --> 00:24:09,679

complicated so is ineptitude on my part

690

00:24:14,549 --> 00:24:13,120

probable well of course

691

00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:14,559

i don't know all this stuff i'm thinking

692

00:24:18,710 --> 00:24:17,039

about it i'm working on it um

693

00:24:20,070 --> 00:24:18,720

but i'm trying to do it honestly because

694

00:24:21,669 --> 00:24:20,080

i don't want to lie to myself about

695

00:24:23,510 --> 00:24:21,679

something with stakes like that

696

00:24:25,110 --> 00:24:23,520

and i don't want to lie to other people

697

00:24:26,630 --> 00:24:25,120

about something with stakes like that

698

00:24:28,870 --> 00:24:26,640

and the way that

699

00:24:30,830 --> 00:24:28,880

has formed my style when i was at church

700

00:24:33,830 --> 00:24:30,840

and with what i'm doing on the internet

701
00:24:35,510 --> 00:24:33,840
is well i'm really empathetic to people

702
00:24:37,590 --> 00:24:35,520
who've looked at the same data i have

703
00:24:40,630 --> 00:24:37,600
and have come to a different conclusion

704
00:24:43,590 --> 00:24:40,640
i i like you i'm not threatened

705
00:24:45,990 --> 00:24:43,600
by you i to me it seems like we're doing

706
00:24:48,310 --> 00:24:46,000
the exact same homework project and

707
00:24:50,789 --> 00:24:48,320
wherever we are in the process here

708
00:24:53,029 --> 00:24:50,799
we are we're deciding what to do with

709
00:24:56,470 --> 00:24:53,039
that data a little differently

710
00:24:58,070 --> 00:24:56,480
but that isn't threatening and so

711
00:24:59,669 --> 00:24:58,080
in all my stuff i just try to take into

712
00:25:02,789 --> 00:24:59,679
account and assume

713
00:25:05,269 --> 00:25:02,799

and all of my my podcast data and my

714

00:25:06,789 --> 00:25:05,279

youtube data indicates that this is true

715

00:25:09,430 --> 00:25:06,799

the people who do not think what i'm

716

00:25:12,390 --> 00:25:09,440

think are hanging out with with me

717

00:25:13,990 --> 00:25:12,400

and that we're processing this through

718

00:25:15,909 --> 00:25:14,000

together and i assume some people

719

00:25:17,110 --> 00:25:15,919

watch and listen to my stuff because

720

00:25:19,510 --> 00:25:17,120

they would just

721

00:25:20,870 --> 00:25:19,520

like the raw data please could you just

722

00:25:21,990 --> 00:25:20,880

give me the raw materials of

723

00:25:23,350 --> 00:25:22,000

christianity

724

00:25:24,630 --> 00:25:23,360

i'll decide what to do with it i don't

725

00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:24,640

need your help with that thank you very

726
00:25:27,669 --> 00:25:25,440
much

727
00:25:28,789 --> 00:25:27,679
but without all of the persuasion and

728
00:25:30,470 --> 00:25:28,799
the angle

729
00:25:32,070 --> 00:25:30,480
and the you telling me how to behave and

730
00:25:32,950 --> 00:25:32,080
what to do and how to vote and what to

731
00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:32,960
think

732
00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:34,960
could you just break it down and could i

733
00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:36,480
hear what your thought process is as you

734
00:25:39,909 --> 00:25:37,840
break it down so that

735
00:25:41,990 --> 00:25:39,919
i can get some kind of objectivity on

736
00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:42,000
the thing so i would like to be that guy

737
00:25:45,190 --> 00:25:44,320
on the internet who full disclosure yeah

738
00:25:46,549 --> 00:25:45,200

i'm in

739

00:25:48,870 --> 00:25:46,559

but the reason i balk at the term

740

00:25:52,149 --> 00:25:48,880

apologist is

741

00:25:53,990 --> 00:25:52,159

i'm trying to game out the arguments

742

00:25:55,190 --> 00:25:54,000

for and against i'm trying to game out

743

00:25:58,950 --> 00:25:55,200

multiple positions

744

00:26:01,269 --> 00:25:58,960

on any issue that i'm talking about and

745

00:26:03,510 --> 00:26:01,279

i don't know man i'm pretty libertarian

746

00:26:06,549 --> 00:26:03,520

minded i just

747

00:26:07,909 --> 00:26:06,559

i don't try to close the deal i just

748

00:26:09,350 --> 00:26:07,919

don't feel like that's my role in this

749

00:26:11,510 --> 00:26:09,360

whole conversation

750

00:26:13,669 --> 00:26:11,520

lots of people on all sides of the

751

00:26:16,549 --> 00:26:13,679

discussion feel like that's their role

752

00:26:17,990 --> 00:26:16,559

i tip my hat cool takes all types you

753

00:26:21,909 --> 00:26:18,000

knock yourself out

754

00:26:25,669 --> 00:26:23,909

looks at the data has several

755

00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:25,679

conversations metaphorically with me

756

00:26:27,669 --> 00:26:26,640

over the internet

757

00:26:29,750 --> 00:26:27,679

and they get to a place where they're

758

00:26:31,830 --> 00:26:29,760

like you know what looking at that thing

759

00:26:33,909 --> 00:26:31,840

on its merits and not on the merits of

760

00:26:35,590 --> 00:26:33,919

internet rumors

761

00:26:36,870 --> 00:26:35,600

yeah i think i want to give that a try

762

00:26:38,230 --> 00:26:36,880

but that adds up i think it's more

763

00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:38,240

likely that there's a god than there's

764

00:26:41,830 --> 00:26:39,360

not i think

765

00:26:43,590 --> 00:26:41,840

the version of that historically that

766

00:26:44,630 --> 00:26:43,600

includes jesus makes more sense than the

767

00:26:46,789 --> 00:26:44,640

other ones

768

00:26:48,549 --> 00:26:46,799

i'm in i want him to do that because

769

00:26:50,230 --> 00:26:48,559

they just took their time like jesus

770

00:26:51,430 --> 00:26:50,240

said to do count the cost

771

00:26:53,029 --> 00:26:51,440

thought about it real hard and we're

772

00:26:54,870 --> 00:26:53,039

like i'm gonna give it a go and the

773

00:26:56,230 --> 00:26:54,880

feedback i get is that people who decide

774

00:26:57,750 --> 00:26:56,240

to be christians from

775

00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:57,760

corresponding with me while not

776
00:27:01,269 --> 00:26:59,919
corresponding but listening to my stuff

777
00:27:03,350 --> 00:27:01,279
watching my stuff

778
00:27:05,029 --> 00:27:03,360
they don't usually tend to sign up for a

779
00:27:06,390 --> 00:27:05,039
version of church that looks much like

780
00:27:07,830 --> 00:27:06,400
the version that i do

781
00:27:09,669 --> 00:27:07,840
and they're going to figure it out very

782
00:27:10,390 --> 00:27:09,679
independently they go and do their math

783
00:27:11,990 --> 00:27:10,400
on it

784
00:27:13,190 --> 00:27:12,000
and they land where they land and we

785
00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:13,200
high five and they get on with their

786
00:27:18,710 --> 00:27:14,880
life and that's cool

787
00:27:20,789 --> 00:27:18,720
and so i might be a disappointing guest

788
00:27:23,830 --> 00:27:20,799

in that regard alex because i'm

789

00:27:25,350 --> 00:27:23,840

i'm in a weird place here and i'm i'm in

790

00:27:28,870 --> 00:27:25,360

a place where i think

791

00:27:33,269 --> 00:27:31,830

on the part of christianity for how to

792

00:27:36,870 --> 00:27:33,279

interact with people who

793

00:27:38,389 --> 00:27:36,880

don't hold the same views is needed

794

00:27:40,710 --> 00:27:38,399

for a long time that ethic has been

795

00:27:43,750 --> 00:27:40,720

formulated out of a position of strength

796

00:27:46,470 --> 00:27:43,760

i mean roughly protestant-ish

797

00:27:48,070 --> 00:27:46,480

christianity dominated the 20th century

798

00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:48,080

kids got raised around it they didn't

799

00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:50,080

really think about it much

800

00:27:53,269 --> 00:27:52,480

that wasn't encouraged but you know they

801
00:27:55,750 --> 00:27:53,279
get the gist

802
00:27:57,590 --> 00:27:55,760
and um and that's that you just grew up

803
00:28:00,630 --> 00:27:57,600
with this vague assumption the socially

804
00:28:03,590 --> 00:28:00,640
easy thing for a hundred years was

805
00:28:04,310 --> 00:28:03,600
be kind of how i was raised now the

806
00:28:06,070 --> 00:28:04,320
socially

807
00:28:08,789 --> 00:28:06,080
easy thing and i predict it probably

808
00:28:11,909 --> 00:28:08,799
will be for the next 50 or 100 years

809
00:28:14,070 --> 00:28:11,919
is i don't know a default position is

810
00:28:16,230 --> 00:28:14,080
probably no on the god thing probably no

811
00:28:19,269 --> 00:28:16,240
on the organized religion thing

812
00:28:21,110 --> 00:28:19,279
okay so

813
00:28:22,549 --> 00:28:21,120

so christianity was operating from a

814

00:28:25,909 --> 00:28:22,559

position of

815

00:28:27,750 --> 00:28:25,919

i think misused strength i think it it

816

00:28:29,590 --> 00:28:27,760

squandered an opportunity to invite

817

00:28:30,310 --> 00:28:29,600

people into the richness and complexity

818

00:28:32,789 --> 00:28:30,320

of

819

00:28:35,190 --> 00:28:32,799

this whole thing uh and now it operates

820

00:28:37,830 --> 00:28:35,200

from a position of relative weakness

821

00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:37,840

but the clumsy ethic i still see being

822

00:28:40,710 --> 00:28:39,440

played out on tv and on the internet

823

00:28:42,310 --> 00:28:40,720

from christians

824

00:28:43,990 --> 00:28:42,320

is that we're still operating like

825

00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:44,000

everybody owes us something or

826
00:28:47,350 --> 00:28:46,480
like like this is the default position

827
00:28:50,149 --> 00:28:47,360
no it's not

828
00:28:50,710 --> 00:28:50,159
no no it really isn't at all there are

829
00:28:52,470 --> 00:28:50,720
people

830
00:28:54,230 --> 00:28:52,480
who do not think what we think and

831
00:28:55,669 --> 00:28:54,240
arrived there through a process of hard

832
00:28:58,230 --> 00:28:55,679
work and dedication and

833
00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:58,240
consideration those people deserve our

834
00:29:02,630 --> 00:29:00,320
respect

835
00:29:03,909 --> 00:29:02,640
i'm with you i'm with you right up till

836
00:29:06,789 --> 00:29:03,919
the end there

837
00:29:07,029 --> 00:29:06,799
but uh i said there are people i did not

838
00:29:14,549 --> 00:29:07,039

go

839

00:29:15,750 --> 00:29:14,559

and so i i'm trying to operate the thing

840

00:29:16,950 --> 00:29:15,760

in such a way where instead of people

841

00:29:19,269 --> 00:29:16,960

who don't believe what i believe

842

00:29:20,710 --> 00:29:19,279

being a cautionary tale that i hold out

843

00:29:23,029 --> 00:29:20,720

as a negative example

844

00:29:24,470 --> 00:29:23,039

for good christians to avoid falling

845

00:29:27,909 --> 00:29:24,480

into

846

00:29:30,230 --> 00:29:27,919

i would rather hold out a

847

00:29:31,430 --> 00:29:30,240

caricature of the people who don't think

848

00:29:34,470 --> 00:29:31,440

what i think

849

00:29:35,750 --> 00:29:34,480

as people of goodwill who i haven't met

850

00:29:37,269 --> 00:29:35,760

with who deserve the benefit of the

851
00:29:38,070 --> 00:29:37,279
doubt until they don't earn the benefit

852
00:29:39,510 --> 00:29:38,080
of the doubt

853
00:29:41,110 --> 00:29:39,520
who might like to talk about the same

854
00:29:42,149 --> 00:29:41,120
ideas i like to talk about and come to

855
00:29:44,549 --> 00:29:42,159
different conclusions

856
00:29:45,510 --> 00:29:44,559
so try to underscore what i do with that

857
00:29:47,909 --> 00:29:45,520
tone so that

858
00:29:48,950 --> 00:29:47,919
i can be outside my bubble and benefit

859
00:29:51,750 --> 00:29:48,960
from

860
00:29:52,149 --> 00:29:51,760
putting together multiple processors

861
00:29:54,230 --> 00:29:52,159
that

862
00:29:56,470 --> 00:29:54,240
can run more equations than my single

863
00:29:57,990 --> 00:29:56,480

processor can run at any given time

864

00:29:59,830 --> 00:29:58,000

and try to benefit from the work of

865

00:30:01,750 --> 00:29:59,840

others and and

866

00:30:03,830 --> 00:30:01,760

accelerate my ability to game out what i

867

00:30:07,430 --> 00:30:03,840

think really is

868

00:30:09,029 --> 00:30:07,440

the key question of human existence

869

00:30:10,710 --> 00:30:09,039

what's the point what are we doing here

870

00:30:12,389 --> 00:30:10,720

where'd we come from where are we going

871

00:30:13,830 --> 00:30:12,399

and that answers or speaks to the

872

00:30:16,310 --> 00:30:13,840

question of what do i do with you

873

00:30:17,350 --> 00:30:16,320

i mean how should i view alex what value

874

00:30:18,870 --> 00:30:17,360

do you have

875

00:30:20,830 --> 00:30:18,880

how should i conceive of you how should

876

00:30:23,990 --> 00:30:20,840

i treat you so to me it's a big deal

877

00:30:24,789 --> 00:30:24,000

and i suppose all of this internet stuff

878

00:30:27,510 --> 00:30:24,799

that i'm doing

879

00:30:29,269 --> 00:30:27,520

is my way of inviting other people to

880

00:30:30,789 --> 00:30:29,279

process something i'm really passionate

881

00:30:32,070 --> 00:30:30,799

about processing

882

00:30:34,149 --> 00:30:32,080

that's a long answer to your question

883

00:30:37,350 --> 00:30:34,159

thanks for indulging me

884

00:30:39,909 --> 00:30:37,360

absolutely that's fantastic you touched

885

00:30:40,870 --> 00:30:39,919

i mean you just ran the gamut there you

886

00:30:44,389 --> 00:30:40,880

know the the

887

00:30:48,789 --> 00:30:44,399

sub title kind of ethos of this show

888

00:30:52,230 --> 00:30:48,799

is inquiry to perpetuate doubt

889

00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:52,240

and uh because the term skepticos

890

00:30:55,669 --> 00:30:53,679

you know i was great raised in the greek

891

00:30:57,750 --> 00:30:55,679

orthodox church

892

00:30:59,590 --> 00:30:57,760

the greek tradition in my family and

893

00:31:01,669 --> 00:30:59,600

stuff like that so i picked this name

894

00:31:03,269 --> 00:31:01,679

because those were the ancient greek

895

00:31:05,029 --> 00:31:03,279

philosophers

896

00:31:06,389 --> 00:31:05,039

and i didn't even realize this matt at

897

00:31:07,110 --> 00:31:06,399

the time i just picked the name

898

00:31:08,549 --> 00:31:07,120

basically

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00:31:09,990 --> 00:31:08,559

it's you could really i'm sure you can

900

00:31:12,070 --> 00:31:10,000

relate to this in a lot of ways in your

901
00:31:13,990 --> 00:31:12,080
story that we could get into but

902
00:31:15,430 --> 00:31:14,000
it wasn't until a few years later that i

903
00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:15,440
actually read what these guys were all

904
00:31:18,230 --> 00:31:16,000
about

905
00:31:19,029 --> 00:31:18,240
and i ran across this thing they were

906
00:31:22,630 --> 00:31:19,039
about

907
00:31:24,789 --> 00:31:22,640
inquiry to perpetuate doubt because

908
00:31:26,149 --> 00:31:24,799
i believe as you do the doubt is a

909
00:31:29,110 --> 00:31:26,159
spiritual thing

910
00:31:30,230 --> 00:31:29,120
right because if you are decided if you

911
00:31:33,430 --> 00:31:30,240
have these beliefs

912
00:31:35,190 --> 00:31:33,440
if you have faith that's a barrier that

913
00:31:37,430 --> 00:31:35,200

is a barrier to your

914

00:31:38,950 --> 00:31:37,440

i think in my opinion to your ultimate

915

00:31:42,230 --> 00:31:38,960

connection

916

00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:42,240

because that is always in the kind of

917

00:31:46,149 --> 00:31:44,080

etheric realm of kind of being

918

00:31:47,350 --> 00:31:46,159

rediscovered and is that rediscovery

919

00:31:49,669 --> 00:31:47,360

it's the zen mind

920

00:31:51,029 --> 00:31:49,679

beginner minds and mind but not to

921

00:31:52,950 --> 00:31:51,039

digress too far because i want to pick

922

00:31:54,710 --> 00:31:52,960

on a couple other points you said

923

00:31:55,990 --> 00:31:54,720

that you know i love what you put what

924

00:31:59,750 --> 00:31:56,000

had you say it

925

00:32:02,870 --> 00:31:59,760

homework project like you know for me

926

00:32:05,509 --> 00:32:02,880

i started skeptico after

927

00:32:07,750 --> 00:32:05,519

i had kind of done the business thing i

928

00:32:10,710 --> 00:32:07,760

that was my upbringing was hey

929

00:32:11,990 --> 00:32:10,720

get the money you know so that

930

00:32:16,389 --> 00:32:12,000

was my

931

00:32:17,430 --> 00:32:16,399

value system of

932

00:32:18,870 --> 00:32:17,440

you know those greeks that were getting

933

00:32:19,830 --> 00:32:18,880

together at the greek orthodox church

934

00:32:21,830 --> 00:32:19,840

they're about hey

935

00:32:23,750 --> 00:32:21,840

are you getting paid during the week you

936

00:32:25,509 --> 00:32:23,760

know it's a different

937

00:32:27,110 --> 00:32:25,519

it's a different value it's much closer

938

00:32:29,029 --> 00:32:27,120

to i don't know the jewish tradition

939

00:32:30,149 --> 00:32:29,039

that much but it's much closer to their

940

00:32:31,990 --> 00:32:30,159

kind of thing like

941

00:32:33,669 --> 00:32:32,000

hey phal are you getting paid you know

942

00:32:34,230 --> 00:32:33,679

now we can come in worship but during

943

00:32:37,830 --> 00:32:34,240

the week

944

00:32:40,710 --> 00:32:37,840

you're getting paid right so my value

945

00:32:41,269 --> 00:32:40,720

was make the business stuff happen so

946

00:32:45,190 --> 00:32:41,279

you know

947

00:32:46,950 --> 00:32:45,200

i did the mba i went back to get a phd

948

00:32:47,830 --> 00:32:46,960

in artificial intelligence

949

00:32:50,070 --> 00:32:47,840

because i was pretty good at the

950

00:32:51,590 --> 00:32:50,080

computer programming stuff started a

951
00:32:53,669 --> 00:32:51,600
company

952
00:32:54,950 --> 00:32:53,679
failed miserably but eventually found a

953
00:32:58,950 --> 00:32:54,960
way

954
00:33:00,950 --> 00:32:58,960
and then i did the homework project

955
00:33:02,310 --> 00:33:00,960
because kind of like you in a way the

956
00:33:04,870 --> 00:33:02,320
whole time i'm thinking

957
00:33:06,870 --> 00:33:04,880
well certainly this is just to get to

958
00:33:07,990 --> 00:33:06,880
the point where we can discover who we

959
00:33:09,990 --> 00:33:08,000
are and why we're here

960
00:33:11,669 --> 00:33:10,000
i mean that's that's what everyone's

961
00:33:12,549 --> 00:33:11,679
doing right everyone's trying to get

962
00:33:15,750 --> 00:33:12,559
enough

963
00:33:18,310 --> 00:33:15,760

free time money resources whatever to

964

00:33:19,029 --> 00:33:18,320

do the homework project who are we why

965

00:33:21,590 --> 00:33:19,039

are we here

966

00:33:23,590 --> 00:33:21,600

so you know connecting with you right

967

00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:23,600

now one of the things i think is so

968

00:33:30,630 --> 00:33:27,519

really cool is that to me

969

00:33:32,549 --> 00:33:30,640

i've got it big headed sometimes i was

970

00:33:35,350 --> 00:33:32,559

surprised to find

971

00:33:37,190 --> 00:33:35,360

that no not everyone is down with the

972

00:33:39,269 --> 00:33:37,200

homework project that that is the

973

00:33:40,950 --> 00:33:39,279

primary directive you know find out why

974

00:33:43,990 --> 00:33:40,960

we're here

975

00:33:46,549 --> 00:33:44,000

old school

976
00:33:47,590 --> 00:33:46,559
greek school of thought as well i mean

977
00:33:49,909 --> 00:33:47,600
you're hedonists

978
00:33:51,509 --> 00:33:49,919
your sophists they all had a different

979
00:33:51,990 --> 00:33:51,519
angle on what you make of the homework

980
00:33:55,269 --> 00:33:52,000
project

981
00:33:57,269 --> 00:33:55,279
and how much attention it actually

982
00:33:58,389 --> 00:33:57,279
deserves your stoics had a different

983
00:34:00,310 --> 00:33:58,399
read on that

984
00:34:02,070 --> 00:34:00,320
your epicureans had a different read on

985
00:34:04,310 --> 00:34:02,080
that and so

986
00:34:06,549 --> 00:34:04,320
yeah we're not all wired the same but i

987
00:34:08,790 --> 00:34:06,559
think you and i are wired similarly

988
00:34:10,389 --> 00:34:08,800

well you know the other way that that i

989

00:34:11,829 --> 00:34:10,399

related to your story that i thought was

990

00:34:13,349 --> 00:34:11,839

really cool and i like all the computer

991

00:34:15,109 --> 00:34:13,359

references and the buffer

992

00:34:17,829 --> 00:34:15,119

uh isn't moving fast enough i thought

993

00:34:20,950 --> 00:34:17,839

was great but i always have the feeling

994

00:34:23,909 --> 00:34:20,960

that me and everyone else

995

00:34:25,669 --> 00:34:23,919

is processing all this information at a

996

00:34:28,230 --> 00:34:25,679

very high rate

997

00:34:29,990 --> 00:34:28,240

and then they are internalizing it and

998

00:34:32,790 --> 00:34:30,000

expressing it

999

00:34:33,349 --> 00:34:32,800

kind of in a slower way so when you

1000

00:34:34,869 --> 00:34:33,359

broke

1001
00:34:37,589 --> 00:34:34,879
i mean that's the cool part about your

1002
00:34:40,629 --> 00:34:37,599
story i think you know is you broke

1003
00:34:44,470 --> 00:34:40,639
and to me the breaking is

1004
00:34:46,389 --> 00:34:44,480
when our internal rapid processing of

1005
00:34:48,550 --> 00:34:46,399
all the information

1006
00:34:49,589 --> 00:34:48,560
comes up that does not compute that does

1007
00:34:52,069 --> 00:34:49,599
not compute

1008
00:34:53,430 --> 00:34:52,079
and then it relates to us in an

1009
00:34:57,510 --> 00:34:53,440
emotional level

1010
00:34:58,470 --> 00:34:57,520
so i i think those kind of stories to me

1011
00:35:01,349 --> 00:34:58,480
are exciting

1012
00:35:01,990 --> 00:35:01,359
because i try and create those broke

1013
00:35:05,109 --> 00:35:02,000

moments for

1014

00:35:07,990 --> 00:35:05,119

myself all the time so on this show

1015

00:35:09,270 --> 00:35:08,000

uh many many years ago i hate to

1016

00:35:10,790 --> 00:35:09,280

acknowledge how many years i've been

1017

00:35:12,950 --> 00:35:10,800

doing this but i love it i love it i

1018

00:35:15,829 --> 00:35:12,960

love it i love it so i don't i love this

1019

00:35:16,150 --> 00:35:15,839

i love the chance to connect with people

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00:35:17,430 --> 00:35:16,160

who

1021

00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:17,440

i would never have a chance to connect

1022

00:35:20,470 --> 00:35:18,960

to and i really have no reason to

1023

00:35:22,790 --> 00:35:20,480

connect to i don't have any

1024

00:35:23,510 --> 00:35:22,800

financial interest or you know promoting

1025

00:35:26,630 --> 00:35:23,520

or anything like

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00:35:28,950 --> 00:35:26,640

it's just like wow that is cool and then

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00:35:30,630 --> 00:35:28,960

how awesome is this internet thing that

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00:35:33,030 --> 00:35:30,640

i can call up you know

1029

00:35:34,230 --> 00:35:33,040

last week i was talking to a new york

1030

00:35:35,910 --> 00:35:34,240

times uh

1031

00:35:37,670 --> 00:35:35,920

journalist and best-selling author and

1032

00:35:39,430 --> 00:35:37,680

stuff like that i never get the chance

1033

00:35:40,550 --> 00:35:39,440

to talk to that guy but i got a chance

1034

00:35:42,390 --> 00:35:40,560

to talk to him because

1035

00:35:44,470 --> 00:35:42,400

yeah i do this thing and that's cool

1036

00:35:47,589 --> 00:35:44,480

expanding the knowledge

1037

00:35:48,150 --> 00:35:47,599

so here is how the path may be getting

1038

00:35:50,069 --> 00:35:48,160

back to

1039

00:35:52,630 --> 00:35:50,079

where we're at right now and pontius

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00:35:55,190 --> 00:35:52,640

pilate pontius pilate so cool and i love

1041

00:35:58,630 --> 00:35:55,200

all the stuff you did with it

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00:36:00,710 --> 00:35:58,640

so i started out saying okay who are we

1043

00:36:03,750 --> 00:36:00,720

why are we here

1044

00:36:04,230 --> 00:36:03,760

and since i'm kind of a sciencey more

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00:36:06,950 --> 00:36:04,240

guy

1046

00:36:09,910 --> 00:36:06,960

i said let's look at science now i had i

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00:36:13,510 --> 00:36:09,920

have to admit in the back of my head

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00:36:16,310 --> 00:36:13,520

i had a pretty good idea

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00:36:18,310 --> 00:36:16,320

that the science people the skeptical

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00:36:18,310 --> 00:36:19,030

people the atheist people were full of

1051
00:36:22,870 --> 00:36:21,030
but i couldn't really prove it you know

1052
00:36:25,349 --> 00:36:22,880
i didn't feel like i could prove it from

1053
00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:25,359
a scientific standpoint

1054
00:36:29,829 --> 00:36:28,320
and i think i did that and i even wrote

1055
00:36:31,430 --> 00:36:29,839
a book about that why science is wrong

1056
00:36:33,670 --> 00:36:31,440
about almost everything

1057
00:36:35,829 --> 00:36:33,680
and i talked to people like dr rupert

1058
00:36:37,430 --> 00:36:35,839
sheldrick cambridge biologist who wrote

1059
00:36:38,950 --> 00:36:37,440
the intro and the forward to that book

1060
00:36:43,109 --> 00:36:38,960
and i talked to dean raiden

1061
00:36:45,589 --> 00:36:43,119
who did a six sigma you know result

1062
00:36:47,349 --> 00:36:45,599
experiment that shows that consciousness

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00:36:48,230 --> 00:36:47,359

is fundamental and the consciousness

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00:36:51,829 --> 00:36:48,240

exists

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00:36:53,030 --> 00:36:51,839

which is you know the tricky part like a

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00:36:54,870 --> 00:36:53,040

big part of this project

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00:36:56,790 --> 00:36:54,880

i spent 50 shows and sorting through

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00:36:59,750 --> 00:36:56,800

this kind of stuff is

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00:37:00,390 --> 00:36:59,760

the mental gymnastics that the atheist

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00:37:03,270 --> 00:37:00,400

goes

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00:37:05,030 --> 00:37:03,280

through to support their idea that you

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00:37:05,589 --> 00:37:05,040

are a biological robot in a meaningless

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00:37:07,430 --> 00:37:05,599

universe

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00:37:08,710 --> 00:37:07,440

and that your life essentially has no

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00:37:09,670 --> 00:37:08,720

meaning because there's no meaning in

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00:37:11,910 --> 00:37:09,680

the universe

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00:37:13,190 --> 00:37:11,920

i mean it's not just your life it's like

1078

00:37:15,190 --> 00:37:13,200

there is no

1079

00:37:16,950 --> 00:37:15,200

meaning in the universe so there can't

1080

00:37:18,630 --> 00:37:16,960

be any meaning in your accidental is it

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00:37:20,870 --> 00:37:18,640

possible that that is a

1082

00:37:21,670 --> 00:37:20,880

social engineering project and that's

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00:37:22,950 --> 00:37:21,680

what we're going to talk about when we

1084

00:37:24,790 --> 00:37:22,960

talk about the romans

1085

00:37:27,510 --> 00:37:24,800

because the romans were all about social

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00:37:30,470 --> 00:37:27,520

engineering and all about

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00:37:30,870 --> 00:37:30,480

how to control people however you're

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00:37:32,710 --> 00:37:30,880

going to

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00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:32,720

you know hey just path path of least

1090

00:37:36,470 --> 00:37:34,800

resistance if i can control you with

1091

00:37:38,710 --> 00:37:36,480

the spear if i can control you with the

1092

00:37:40,069 --> 00:37:38,720

gun that's good but if i can control you

1093

00:37:40,710 --> 00:37:40,079

and not have to do that i can get you to

1094

00:37:44,630 --> 00:37:40,720

control

1095

00:37:45,190 --> 00:37:44,640

each other hey that's just better man

1096

00:37:47,829 --> 00:37:45,200

that's a

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00:37:49,829 --> 00:37:47,839

less use as a resource no one kind of

1098

00:37:51,030 --> 00:37:49,839

comes at me i sit back and go you know

1099

00:37:51,750 --> 00:37:51,040

that's what the romans were famous for

1100

00:37:53,510 --> 00:37:51,760

doing like hey

1101

00:37:55,190 --> 00:37:53,520

hey hey hey they start the fight and

1102

00:37:56,790 --> 00:37:55,200

then they'd come in and go okay come on

1103

00:37:58,310 --> 00:37:56,800

hey let me see where are you guys you're

1104

00:37:59,990 --> 00:37:58,320

going to need more authority from us we

1105

00:38:01,349 --> 00:38:00,000

can't have this kind of chaos we gave

1106

00:38:03,270 --> 00:38:01,359

you a chance

1107

00:38:05,270 --> 00:38:03,280

after stoking the fire at charles barks

1108

00:38:08,950 --> 00:38:05,280

exactly just called that out

1109

00:38:11,270 --> 00:38:08,960

uh during the ncaa final four last week

1110

00:38:13,190 --> 00:38:11,280

i mean they're doing a pretty standard

1111

00:38:15,109 --> 00:38:13,200

issue virtue signaling segment

1112

00:38:16,470 --> 00:38:15,119

it happens to be that they were virtue

1113

00:38:17,589 --> 00:38:16,480

signaling some of the virtues that i

1114

00:38:21,349 --> 00:38:17,599

think are virtuous

1115

00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:21,359

still right still still one black guy

1116

00:38:24,470 --> 00:38:22,960

on the stage is the one who comes back

1117

00:38:25,910 --> 00:38:24,480

and he's like you know i can't do it

1118

00:38:28,069 --> 00:38:25,920

charles barkley in person

1119

00:38:30,150 --> 00:38:28,079

i think most white people are good

1120

00:38:32,550 --> 00:38:30,160

people i think most black people

1121

00:38:33,990 --> 00:38:32,560

are good people and it's these democrats

1122

00:38:35,510 --> 00:38:34,000

and it's these republicans who don't

1123

00:38:37,430 --> 00:38:35,520

live in our neighborhoods

1124

00:38:39,109 --> 00:38:37,440

who want to make us fight over money

1125

00:38:40,230 --> 00:38:39,119

fight over race and it's i mean it's

1126

00:38:42,790 --> 00:38:40,240

just

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00:38:43,510 --> 00:38:42,800

the emperor has no clothes and charles

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00:38:45,829 --> 00:38:43,520

barkley

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00:38:47,670 --> 00:38:45,839

is going to be the one who's willing to

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00:38:47,910 --> 00:38:47,680

point out that the emperor has no it was

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00:38:50,310 --> 00:38:47,920

an

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00:38:51,589 --> 00:38:50,320

amazing set of remarks that he just

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00:38:53,430 --> 00:38:51,599

threw out off the cuff while giving

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00:38:55,430 --> 00:38:53,440

everybody the benefit of the doubt

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00:38:57,670 --> 00:38:55,440

appealing to some something that is

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00:39:00,790 --> 00:38:57,680

bigger than

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00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:00,800

than a collectivist group dynamic

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00:39:07,829 --> 00:39:04,320

rooted in materialistic behavioralism

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00:39:09,670 --> 00:39:07,839

he was saying now there's some

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00:39:12,550 --> 00:39:09,680

more meaning to who we are and there's

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00:39:13,829 --> 00:39:12,560

some more intrinsic value regardless of

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00:39:15,430 --> 00:39:13,839

what you look like or where you came

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00:39:18,630 --> 00:39:15,440

from or what you believe

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00:39:20,950 --> 00:39:18,640

that people bear and what that produces

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00:39:24,390 --> 00:39:20,960

historically

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00:39:27,670 --> 00:39:24,400

is massive competition

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00:39:29,990 --> 00:39:27,680

and individualism in the marketplace

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00:39:31,270 --> 00:39:30,000

that can be a destructive system what

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00:39:33,030 --> 00:39:31,280

about spiritual people

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00:39:35,750 --> 00:39:33,040

what about and it can be offered that is

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00:39:37,510 --> 00:39:35,760
spiritual that is spiritual

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00:39:39,349 --> 00:39:37,520
the what does it produce see what does

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00:39:40,230 --> 00:39:39,359
it produce spiritually is what i'm

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00:39:41,430 --> 00:39:40,240
interested in

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00:39:42,870 --> 00:39:41,440
and i think some people believe that you

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00:39:44,550 --> 00:39:42,880
can make better stuff that you could

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00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:44,560
help other people that you could invest

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00:39:47,670 --> 00:39:46,160
in something bigger than yourself

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00:39:49,030 --> 00:39:47,680
that you could build a podcast that a

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00:39:49,829 --> 00:39:49,040
whole bunch of people would want to tune

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00:39:51,109 --> 00:39:49,839
into

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00:39:53,109 --> 00:39:51,119
and connect with that instead of

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00:39:54,630 --> 00:39:53,119

processing this privately you could

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00:39:55,270 --> 00:39:54,640

share that experience with a bunch of

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00:39:59,190 --> 00:39:55,280

people

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00:40:02,069 --> 00:39:59,200

what you what you do is spiritual

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00:40:03,510 --> 00:40:02,079

one way or another and and what i

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00:40:04,950 --> 00:40:03,520

resonated with so much about what you

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00:40:08,630 --> 00:40:04,960

just said alex

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00:40:09,510 --> 00:40:08,640

is that uh i think it's the university

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00:40:11,510 --> 00:40:09,520

of hawaii their

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00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:11,520

department that does the study on

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00:40:15,990 --> 00:40:14,160

demicide murder by government not war

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00:40:17,829 --> 00:40:16,000

like a government saying for the greater

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00:40:20,950 --> 00:40:17,839

good these people need to go

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00:40:22,069 --> 00:40:20,960

what they come up with like 217 270

1177

00:40:23,670 --> 00:40:22,079

million people

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00:40:26,069 --> 00:40:23,680

over the course of the 20th century and

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00:40:27,829 --> 00:40:26,079

just into the 21st

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00:40:29,190 --> 00:40:27,839

murdered by their own government for the

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00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:29,200

greater good

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00:40:35,270 --> 00:40:32,880

a collectivism is not this panacea

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00:40:36,309 --> 00:40:35,280

it is a there's a spiritual assumption

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00:40:38,550 --> 00:40:36,319

behind it

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00:40:40,230 --> 00:40:38,560

and that spiritual assumption greases

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00:40:40,870 --> 00:40:40,240

the skids for some very destructive

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00:40:43,829 --> 00:40:40,880

stuff

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00:40:45,510 --> 00:40:43,839

that does not give a pass to a very

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00:40:46,309 --> 00:40:45,520

different version of destructive stuff

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00:40:49,030 --> 00:40:46,319

that can be born

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00:40:51,430 --> 00:40:49,040

out of theistic assumptions and those

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00:40:52,950 --> 00:40:51,440

are worth exploring as well but the idea

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00:40:57,030 --> 00:40:52,960

that somehow collectivism and

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00:41:02,950 --> 00:41:00,630

non-conscious meat bag robot mentality

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00:41:04,710 --> 00:41:02,960

that brings us toward a better

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00:41:06,230 --> 00:41:04,720

gene roddenberry style looking forward

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00:41:08,550 --> 00:41:06,240

to the future panacea

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00:41:10,550 --> 00:41:08,560

it just doesn't bear out historically

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00:41:12,630 --> 00:41:10,560

it's fraught with problems too

1200

00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:12,640

and to deny that i think is silly and i

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00:41:17,109 --> 00:41:15,200

i appreciate your points on it

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00:41:20,309 --> 00:41:17,119

you know man i just wrote a book not to

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00:41:22,309 --> 00:41:20,319

pump books i just wrote

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00:41:23,829 --> 00:41:22,319

why evil matters how science and

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00:41:26,390 --> 00:41:23,839

religion fumble the big one

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00:41:27,670 --> 00:41:26,400

and the real it was kind of like a foul

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00:41:32,390 --> 00:41:27,680

line to the first one

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00:41:35,030 --> 00:41:32,400

if you understand that science is

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00:41:36,230 --> 00:41:35,040

the the real drive of science is to

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00:41:38,390 --> 00:41:36,240

create

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00:41:39,990 --> 00:41:38,400

separate you from your connection

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00:41:41,990 --> 00:41:40,000

separate you from

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00:41:43,190 --> 00:41:42,000

the extended consciousness realm that

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00:41:45,510 --> 00:41:43,200

you just live in you know

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00:41:47,829 --> 00:41:45,520

even if we don't understand what that

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00:41:49,270 --> 00:41:47,839

extended realm is and where jesus is

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00:41:50,630 --> 00:41:49,280

which everyone wants to go and where's

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00:41:52,950 --> 00:41:50,640

satan and all that

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00:41:54,710 --> 00:41:52,960

how about just acknowledging that yeah

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00:41:56,630 --> 00:41:54,720

there is consciousness and there seems

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00:41:59,190 --> 00:41:56,640

to be this extended consciousness realm

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00:42:01,190 --> 00:41:59,200

can't say that for sure but again follow

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00:42:02,069 --> 00:42:01,200

the data as soon as you make that big

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00:42:04,470 --> 00:42:02,079

leap

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00:42:06,150 --> 00:42:04,480

over the crevasse and say oh

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00:42:09,030 --> 00:42:06,160

consciousness does exist

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00:42:10,870 --> 00:42:09,040

news flash like every culture throughout

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00:42:12,470 --> 00:42:10,880

time hasn't known that you know but

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00:42:14,390 --> 00:42:12,480

that's been the thing there

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00:42:16,950 --> 00:42:14,400

right then you look at evil and to me

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00:42:22,470 --> 00:42:16,960

evil is

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00:42:23,910 --> 00:42:22,480

how evil has been kind of scrubbed from

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00:42:27,510 --> 00:42:23,920

the conversation

1234

00:42:29,190 --> 00:42:27,520

you know because it doesn't fit with

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00:42:31,030 --> 00:42:29,200

where we really want to go

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00:42:32,470 --> 00:42:31,040

in terms of understanding some of these

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00:42:33,910 --> 00:42:32,480

fundamental questions like is there a

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00:42:34,630 --> 00:42:33,920

moral impairment unless it's politically

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00:42:38,150 --> 00:42:34,640

expedient

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00:42:41,349 --> 00:42:38,160

then there's evil and what would that

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00:42:44,069 --> 00:42:41,359

so i but see the reason i pull up

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00:42:45,109 --> 00:42:44,079

i'm going with the politics or even

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00:42:48,150 --> 00:42:45,119

going there

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00:42:50,069 --> 00:42:48,160

is that if it is a social engineering

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00:42:53,589 --> 00:42:50,079

project if that's in play not

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00:42:55,829 --> 00:42:53,599

everything but if that's in play

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00:42:58,069 --> 00:42:55,839

then you also have to consider that that

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00:43:00,069 --> 00:42:58,079

might be in play

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00:43:01,270 --> 00:43:00,079

in this extended realm right so i don't

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00:43:04,710 --> 00:43:01,280

want to go there too far

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00:43:06,790 --> 00:43:04,720

you know the occult the satanic

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00:43:08,309 --> 00:43:06,800

the all that stuff but that stuff's real

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00:43:10,550 --> 00:43:08,319

i mean you want to look at that

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00:43:12,069 --> 00:43:10,560

you know it's like a satanic panic right

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00:43:14,790 --> 00:43:12,079

it's like yeah satanic panic

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00:43:16,470 --> 00:43:14,800

is a hell of a thing but every one of

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00:43:18,950 --> 00:43:16,480

those cases

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00:43:20,150 --> 00:43:18,960

there's real satanic rituals going on so

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00:43:23,349 --> 00:43:20,160

mcmartin preschool

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00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:23,359

yeah that's bad satanic panic but

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00:43:28,550 --> 00:43:26,480

that guy was doing that and you know the

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00:43:30,950 --> 00:43:28,560

little kid maddie johnson who

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00:43:32,069 --> 00:43:30,960

was victim number one they took him to

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00:43:34,470 --> 00:43:32,079

ucla medicine

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00:43:36,230 --> 00:43:34,480

medical and the doctor said this kid's

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00:43:37,430 --> 00:43:36,240

been sexually abused

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00:43:39,270 --> 00:43:37,440

and then they took him to the police and

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00:43:40,870 --> 00:43:39,280

they said this kid's been sexually

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00:43:42,710 --> 00:43:40,880

abused we better go talk to a guy big

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00:43:44,550 --> 00:43:42,720

martin's preschool because

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00:43:47,270 --> 00:43:44,560

little maddie says that's who did it to

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00:43:48,790 --> 00:43:47,280

him so we can spin it they can spin it

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00:43:51,030 --> 00:43:48,800

they being we know who they are

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00:43:52,710 --> 00:43:51,040

as satanic panic and it was i mean some

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00:43:54,870 --> 00:43:52,720

people got panicked and kind of

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00:43:56,309 --> 00:43:54,880
wrongful accusations and wrong all that

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00:43:59,990 --> 00:43:56,319
stuff it's that's real

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00:44:02,630 --> 00:44:00,000
but the core of it so anything on that

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00:44:04,230 --> 00:44:02,640
before we jump into pontius pilate

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00:44:05,910 --> 00:44:04,240
yeah couple thoughts on stuff you said

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00:44:08,950 --> 00:44:05,920
there uh

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00:44:11,829 --> 00:44:08,960
one i think there is

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00:44:13,109 --> 00:44:11,839
much more shaded area in the den than

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00:44:15,670 --> 00:44:13,119
the venn diagram

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00:44:17,109 --> 00:44:15,680
when it comes to what gets you to a

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00:44:18,069 --> 00:44:17,119
similar starting point for moral

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00:44:22,309 --> 00:44:18,079
philosophy

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00:44:27,589 --> 00:44:22,319

post

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00:44:30,230 --> 00:44:27,599

they were more or less the same thing

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00:44:34,230 --> 00:44:30,240

for a few thousand years in the west

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00:44:36,150 --> 00:44:34,240

prior to the scientific revolution i

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00:44:37,829 --> 00:44:36,160

i'm a little more optimistic in how i

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00:44:40,069 --> 00:44:37,839

would characterize science i mean

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00:44:42,309 --> 00:44:40,079

what you described sounds like it can be

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00:44:44,390 --> 00:44:42,319

the hubris of human knowledge that maybe

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00:44:45,349 --> 00:44:44,400

mythically or if you want to go

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00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:45,359

theologically

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00:44:49,670 --> 00:44:47,760

is warned about in the early chunks of

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00:44:52,069 --> 00:44:49,680

the book of genesis

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00:44:53,910 --> 00:44:52,079

but yeah in general i mean it's like

1301
00:44:55,030 --> 00:44:53,920
aristotle said by all by nature all men

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00:44:57,589 --> 00:44:55,040
desire to know

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00:44:59,190 --> 00:44:57,599
well natural philosophy or the hard

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00:45:00,309 --> 00:44:59,200
sciences as we now call them it's just

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00:45:02,390 --> 00:45:00,319
an extension of that

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00:45:03,829 --> 00:45:02,400
and people want to know i want to know

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00:45:06,230 --> 00:45:03,839
what that thing is in the sky i

1308
00:45:07,910 --> 00:45:06,240
want to know how that bridge works and

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00:45:09,670 --> 00:45:07,920
why it doesn't collapse i want to know

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00:45:11,190 --> 00:45:09,680
why when i plug this thing in and i get

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00:45:13,349 --> 00:45:11,200
electricity i want to know

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00:45:14,390 --> 00:45:13,359
how flicking a light off and on can

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00:45:17,190 --> 00:45:14,400

somehow communicate

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00:45:17,510 --> 00:45:17,200

sound fiber optics all that stuff it's

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00:45:19,829 --> 00:45:17,520

just

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00:45:22,390 --> 00:45:19,839

baffling and so i don't want to know for

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00:45:24,710 --> 00:45:22,400

any agenda like oh that proves my thing

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00:45:26,150 --> 00:45:24,720

or now i can have that in the ammo belt

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00:45:27,349 --> 00:45:26,160

next time i get in a debate with this

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00:45:29,910 --> 00:45:27,359

kind of person

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00:45:30,550 --> 00:45:29,920

i just want to freaking know because i

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00:45:33,270 --> 00:45:30,560

can't help

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00:45:33,750 --> 00:45:33,280

but want to know now for me i would say

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00:45:37,510 --> 00:45:33,760

that

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00:45:39,430 --> 00:45:37,520

is part of the cultivative mandate

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00:45:41,829 --> 00:45:39,440

that is either mythically or literally

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00:45:44,069 --> 00:45:41,839

described early in the book of genesis

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00:45:45,430 --> 00:45:44,079

it's it's not a burden that humans bear

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00:45:46,390 --> 00:45:45,440

it's something beautiful that defines

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00:45:49,109 --> 00:45:46,400

right right right

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00:45:49,990 --> 00:45:49,119

now that's 99 of science right but but

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00:45:51,910 --> 00:45:50,000

when you call up

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00:45:53,510 --> 00:45:51,920

something when you co-op something yeah

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00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:53,520

to do it you you don't

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00:45:58,309 --> 00:45:56,400

yep it's it's not like if you pick up

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00:45:59,990 --> 00:45:58,319

what is your least favorite news source

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00:46:00,470 --> 00:46:00,000

i don't know you know pick your pick

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00:46:02,870 --> 00:46:00,480

your one

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00:46:04,230 --> 00:46:02,880

whether it's npr or fox or cnn i don't

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00:46:07,670 --> 00:46:04,240

know pick your one

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00:46:08,069 --> 00:46:07,680

it's not all fake right it's not all

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00:46:10,390 --> 00:46:08,079

fake

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00:46:11,109 --> 00:46:10,400

it's just most of it yeah it's just

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00:46:14,470 --> 00:46:11,119

shaded

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00:46:14,950 --> 00:46:14,480

you know if you want to know framing a

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00:46:16,710 --> 00:46:14,960

pitch

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00:46:19,030 --> 00:46:16,720

to make an umpire think a ball just off

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00:46:19,829 --> 00:46:19,040

the plate was actually catching the edge

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00:46:21,510 --> 00:46:19,839

of the plate yeah

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00:46:23,829 --> 00:46:21,520

exactly and how much do you know about

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00:46:26,230 --> 00:46:23,839

what's going on in north korea right now

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00:46:26,870 --> 00:46:26,240

i don't know if i wanted to know

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00:46:31,670 --> 00:46:26,880

nothing

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00:46:33,510 --> 00:46:31,680

so if i wanted to go read the official

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00:46:35,030 --> 00:46:33,520

kind of news source that's coming out of

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00:46:37,430 --> 00:46:35,040

north korea

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that would have a lot more facts in it

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than i would be able to give you about

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00:46:42,790 --> 00:46:40,480

north korea

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00:46:43,829 --> 00:46:42,800

but i bet you it's just full of

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00:46:46,870 --> 00:46:43,839

because i know it is

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00:46:49,270 --> 00:46:46,880

so i know it's i would assume so

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00:46:51,030 --> 00:46:49,280

well kim jong-il shot an 18 on his first

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00:46:52,870 --> 00:46:51,040

ever round of golf

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00:46:54,069 --> 00:46:52,880

so what does come out is enough for me

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00:46:57,030 --> 00:46:54,079

to say no

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00:46:57,750 --> 00:46:57,040

i just refuse to accept that that pudgy

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00:46:59,430 --> 00:46:57,760

16

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00:47:01,270 --> 00:46:59,440

60 year old was better at golf than

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00:47:03,750 --> 00:47:01,280

tiger woods i just so

1371

00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:03,760

i don't buy it so you know and and

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00:47:07,190 --> 00:47:05,040

that's all i'm saying about

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00:47:09,910 --> 00:47:07,200

science i mean of course you know we got

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00:47:10,390 --> 00:47:09,920

iphone we're on this all that works

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00:47:12,309 --> 00:47:10,400

but

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00:47:14,950 --> 00:47:12,319

so so the only thing is where i'm going

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00:47:17,829 --> 00:47:14,960

with that but where i'm going with that

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00:47:18,309 --> 00:47:17,839

is that because of a healthy skepticism

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00:47:20,710 --> 00:47:18,319

i mean

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skepticism drives science it's why we do

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it no

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00:47:24,950 --> 00:47:24,400

incorrect incorrect i have to jump in

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00:47:27,990 --> 00:47:24,960

there with that

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00:47:29,190 --> 00:47:28,000

no it isn't it is not necessary to be

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00:47:32,069 --> 00:47:29,200

skeptical

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00:47:33,030 --> 00:47:32,079

to do science all you have to do is do

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good science

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it's like this idea that extraordinary

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00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:37,280

claims require extraordinary proof

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00:47:40,390 --> 00:47:38,960

that is meta science it is not

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00:47:43,349 --> 00:47:40,400

scientific method

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00:47:44,309 --> 00:47:43,359

just do the work just do the work just

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00:47:46,549 --> 00:47:44,319

do the science

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00:47:47,349 --> 00:47:46,559

if you believe something is true prove

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00:47:49,910 --> 00:47:47,359

it true

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00:47:50,390 --> 00:47:49,920

replicate it send it to another lab have

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00:47:51,990 --> 00:47:50,400

them

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00:47:54,230 --> 00:47:52,000

replicate it and everyone will

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00:47:54,870 --> 00:47:54,240

acknowledge that that is a move forward

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00:47:56,549 --> 00:47:54,880

in science

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00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:56,559
it doesn't matter if your starting

1402
00:48:00,870 --> 00:47:59,119
beliefs were skeptical or non-skeptical

1403
00:48:03,030 --> 00:48:00,880
talking about classical skepticism i

1404
00:48:04,390 --> 00:48:03,040
think you're talking about internet 2021

1405
00:48:07,870 --> 00:48:04,400
skepticism

1406
00:48:11,190 --> 00:48:07,880
of

1407
00:48:13,270 --> 00:48:11,200
evidence-based approach to the natural

1408
00:48:15,510 --> 00:48:13,280
physical world that dates back to

1409
00:48:16,790 --> 00:48:15,520
600 years before the time of christ

1410
00:48:20,069 --> 00:48:16,800
we're just talking about the scientific

1411
00:48:22,309 --> 00:48:20,079
method we'd better get on to just see

1412
00:48:23,270 --> 00:48:22,319
all of that though connects to moral

1413
00:48:25,270 --> 00:48:23,280

philosophy

1414

00:48:26,309 --> 00:48:25,280

and that's what it comes down to moral

1415

00:48:28,230 --> 00:48:26,319

philosophy

1416

00:48:30,309 --> 00:48:28,240

is either going to be a product of the

1417

00:48:32,390 --> 00:48:30,319

belief that people own their bodies and

1418

00:48:33,190 --> 00:48:32,400

have value because of consciousness and

1419

00:48:35,670 --> 00:48:33,200

some

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00:48:37,430 --> 00:48:35,680

intrinsic value that is bestowed upon us

1421

00:48:39,510 --> 00:48:37,440

by the universe by the maker of the

1422

00:48:42,630 --> 00:48:39,520

universe specifically by god

1423

00:48:44,390 --> 00:48:42,640

either there is some unique value held

1424

00:48:47,910 --> 00:48:44,400

by humans by merit of that

1425

00:48:49,589 --> 00:48:47,920

or we are robots in need of leadership

1426
00:48:50,870 --> 00:48:49,599
and guidance and being moved around on

1427
00:48:53,829 --> 00:48:50,880
the chessboard

1428
00:48:55,430 --> 00:48:53,839
the entire equation of moral philosophy

1429
00:48:56,950 --> 00:48:55,440
is completely different depending on

1430
00:48:57,589 --> 00:48:56,960
which one of those two assumptions you

1431
00:48:59,670 --> 00:48:57,599
come to

1432
00:49:01,349 --> 00:48:59,680
it sounds like you and i have arrived at

1433
00:49:03,510 --> 00:49:01,359
the belief that there is something

1434
00:49:04,870 --> 00:49:03,520
intrinsically valuable about people even

1435
00:49:06,390 --> 00:49:04,880
if we don't look like them

1436
00:49:08,230 --> 00:49:06,400
or sound like them or agree on

1437
00:49:10,710 --> 00:49:08,240
everything you still have value because

1438
00:49:12,230 --> 00:49:10,720

of this larger external truth

1439

00:49:13,990 --> 00:49:12,240

and we're not coming at that from the

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00:49:15,510 --> 00:49:14,000

same theological perspective but we're

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00:49:19,109 --> 00:49:15,520

arriving at that same

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00:49:22,069 --> 00:49:19,119

moral foundational position so rightly

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00:49:24,630 --> 00:49:22,079

people right now are putting a lot of

1444

00:49:27,670 --> 00:49:24,640

thought energy and discussion energy

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00:49:30,069 --> 00:49:27,680

into racial equality awesome

1446

00:49:31,910 --> 00:49:30,079

slavery is seen as as almost worse than

1447

00:49:33,670 --> 00:49:31,920

murder like the worst thing that ever

1448

00:49:36,230 --> 00:49:33,680

could have been done in all of history

1449

00:49:38,309 --> 00:49:36,240

it was pretty bad it was pretty bad but

1450

00:49:40,950 --> 00:49:38,319

when you start to push on that

1451
00:49:42,309 --> 00:49:40,960
you get to the depth quickly of where a

1452
00:49:43,750 --> 00:49:42,319
person is coming from in terms of their

1453
00:49:45,990 --> 00:49:43,760
moral philosophy

1454
00:49:48,069 --> 00:49:46,000
see the person who believes that moral

1455
00:49:49,109 --> 00:49:48,079
philosophy is a product of consensus and

1456
00:49:51,030 --> 00:49:49,119
once you

1457
00:49:52,790 --> 00:49:51,040
roll over that inflection point to where

1458
00:49:53,670 --> 00:49:52,800
one more than half of the people in a

1459
00:49:57,349 --> 00:49:53,680
society

1460
00:50:00,309 --> 00:49:57,359
say slavery is bad then it becomes bad

1461
00:50:02,309 --> 00:50:00,319
i they scare me i think slavery is bad

1462
00:50:05,910 --> 00:50:02,319
because it's intrinsically

1463
00:50:09,030 --> 00:50:05,920

evil it's evil to imagine that you can

1464

00:50:11,349 --> 00:50:09,040

buy sell trade even breed

1465

00:50:12,549 --> 00:50:11,359

another human being you don't own that

1466

00:50:14,150 --> 00:50:12,559

person's body

1467

00:50:16,470 --> 00:50:14,160

because they have consciousness and

1468

00:50:18,630 --> 00:50:16,480

value that is equal to mine so i just

1469

00:50:20,710 --> 00:50:18,640

i can't do that crap to you i can't take

1470

00:50:21,190 --> 00:50:20,720

your stuff i can't hurt you i can't kill

1471

00:50:24,390 --> 00:50:21,200

you

1472

00:50:25,270 --> 00:50:24,400

i certainly can't write a check to buy

1473

00:50:27,990 --> 00:50:25,280

you

1474

00:50:29,910 --> 00:50:28,000

it's it's an abomination before the

1475

00:50:30,790 --> 00:50:29,920

order of the universe and in my

1476

00:50:33,430 --> 00:50:30,800

conviction

1477

00:50:35,030 --> 00:50:33,440

before god now i'm not scared of a

1478

00:50:36,390 --> 00:50:35,040

person who arrives at that conclusion

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00:50:38,630 --> 00:50:36,400

through a completely different set of

1480

00:50:40,309 --> 00:50:38,640

theological assumptions than me

1481

00:50:42,470 --> 00:50:40,319

because there's a reason that they could

1482

00:50:44,390 --> 00:50:42,480

say this is why slavery is wrong

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00:50:45,670 --> 00:50:44,400

and even if i was the only person on

1484

00:50:48,470 --> 00:50:45,680

earth who said it was wrong

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00:50:51,109 --> 00:50:48,480

it's still wrong by merit of the nature

1486

00:50:54,390 --> 00:50:51,119

and order of existence in the universe

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00:50:56,549 --> 00:50:54,400

who scares me is the person who

1488

00:50:57,670 --> 00:50:56,559

citing science and being in love with

1489

00:50:59,349 --> 00:50:57,680

collectivism

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00:51:01,190 --> 00:50:59,359

and who diminishes the value of the

1491

00:51:04,069 --> 00:51:01,200

human effectively can

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00:51:05,349 --> 00:51:04,079

only say that that deplorable practice

1493

00:51:07,109 --> 00:51:05,359

is wrong

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00:51:09,270 --> 00:51:07,119

because yeah we came around and finally

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00:51:11,190 --> 00:51:09,280

a majority of people said it was wrong

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00:51:12,710 --> 00:51:11,200

and we did some paperwork that changed

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00:51:14,150 --> 00:51:12,720

it from being right to wrong

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00:51:16,470 --> 00:51:14,160

and now it's wrong and it's just it's

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00:51:17,430 --> 00:51:16,480

just obvious well it wasn't always

1500

00:51:19,109 --> 00:51:17,440

obvious

1501
00:51:20,829 --> 00:51:19,119
like i need something more than we did

1502
00:51:23,190 --> 00:51:20,839
some paperwork and then it became

1503
00:51:24,870 --> 00:51:23,200
immoral as a foundation

1504
00:51:26,470 --> 00:51:24,880
as an assurance from the person i'm

1505
00:51:28,390 --> 00:51:26,480
talking to that if it becomes

1506
00:51:29,589 --> 00:51:28,400
fashionable to enslave people again we

1507
00:51:31,349 --> 00:51:29,599
won't do it again

1508
00:51:33,829 --> 00:51:31,359
like what if what what if we get to a

1509
00:51:35,430 --> 00:51:33,839
place where one more person than half

1510
00:51:37,190 --> 00:51:35,440
in our society is like nah we might want

1511
00:51:39,270 --> 00:51:37,200
to try slavery again

1512
00:51:40,710 --> 00:51:39,280
does that suddenly make it right have

1513
00:51:43,270 --> 00:51:40,720

you lost your mind

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00:51:44,950 --> 00:51:43,280

of course not but it's stunning when you

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00:51:46,549 --> 00:51:44,960

get into conversations with

1516

00:51:48,390 --> 00:51:46,559

people who are otherwise very reasonable

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00:51:51,750 --> 00:51:48,400

and likable when you push

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00:51:54,150 --> 00:51:51,760

on that moral philosophical foundation

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00:51:56,150 --> 00:51:54,160

you get into some crazy dark stuff

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00:51:59,430 --> 00:51:56,160

because you realize

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00:52:00,309 --> 00:51:59,440

there is no foundational conviction or

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00:52:01,990 --> 00:52:00,319

belief

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00:52:04,069 --> 00:52:02,000

that would cause them to see a value of

1524

00:52:05,430 --> 00:52:04,079

a human that inspires their ethic of how

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00:52:07,109 --> 00:52:05,440

to interact with others

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00:52:09,349 --> 00:52:07,119

or what might make something right or

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00:52:11,910 --> 00:52:09,359

wrong and so when we talk about

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00:52:12,710 --> 00:52:11,920

when we inch our way toward state

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00:52:16,390 --> 00:52:12,720

coercion

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00:52:18,069 --> 00:52:16,400

and the strategies and and mind jobiness

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00:52:19,430 --> 00:52:18,079

of the romans and all of this that we're

1532

00:52:21,349 --> 00:52:19,440

going to unpack

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00:52:22,790 --> 00:52:21,359

i still think all of that is undergirded

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00:52:24,470 --> 00:52:22,800

by moral philosophy

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00:52:26,630 --> 00:52:24,480

and the foundational assumptions that

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00:52:29,270 --> 00:52:26,640

anybody in this conversation right now

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00:52:30,790 --> 00:52:29,280

2 000 years ago that anybody has about

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00:52:32,230 --> 00:52:30,800

the nature of humanity

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00:52:33,990 --> 00:52:32,240

and one of the places where i appreciate

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00:52:36,470 --> 00:52:34,000

the collegiality we share

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00:52:37,270 --> 00:52:36,480

is that through very different processes

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00:52:39,430 --> 00:52:37,280

we both think

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00:52:42,630 --> 00:52:39,440

people have some kind of value that

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00:52:45,510 --> 00:52:42,640

shapes our moral decision making

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00:52:45,990 --> 00:52:45,520

that was quite beautiful and really

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00:52:48,150 --> 00:52:46,000

really well

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00:52:49,190 --> 00:52:48,160

said again if i pick on things because

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00:52:51,990 --> 00:52:49,200

that's what i like to do

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00:52:53,109 --> 00:52:52,000

pick what we're here to do the last part

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00:52:54,549 --> 00:52:53,119

of that

1551
00:52:56,790 --> 00:52:54,559
you know i think it's part of the

1552
00:52:58,630 --> 00:52:56,800
brainwashing to say the nature of

1553
00:53:01,910 --> 00:52:58,640
humanity

1554
00:53:05,190 --> 00:53:01,920
i just go and follow the data and say

1555
00:53:06,790 --> 00:53:05,200
consciousness exists because science

1556
00:53:09,750 --> 00:53:06,800
proves it does

1557
00:53:11,109 --> 00:53:09,760
extended consciousness seems to exist

1558
00:53:13,670 --> 00:53:11,119
overwhelmingly the best

1559
00:53:15,109 --> 00:53:13,680
evidence we have suggests that it does

1560
00:53:16,309 --> 00:53:15,119
so the burden of proof would be on

1561
00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:16,319
someone to say that

1562
00:53:19,990 --> 00:53:18,319
extended consciousness doesn't it

1563
00:53:21,990 --> 00:53:20,000

doesn't exist

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00:53:23,910 --> 00:53:22,000

once we get into that realm what we find

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00:53:26,069 --> 00:53:23,920

people consistently coming back and

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00:53:28,630 --> 00:53:26,079

saying yeah there's a moral imperative

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00:53:30,390 --> 00:53:28,640

deal with it it's called god for lack of

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00:53:32,230 --> 00:53:30,400

a better term you can call it god spirit

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00:53:34,309 --> 00:53:32,240

light you can call it whatever you want

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00:53:37,109 --> 00:53:34,319

there are these guys who bullshitted us

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00:53:39,589 --> 00:53:37,119

through all this nonsense of

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00:53:41,349 --> 00:53:39,599

social construct it's a social construct

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00:53:45,109 --> 00:53:41,359

it's not a social construct

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00:53:47,510 --> 00:53:45,119

no if you're all alone if it's 51

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00:53:48,950 --> 00:53:47,520

vote or if you're sitting alone in a

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00:53:51,990 --> 00:53:48,960

tent in

1577

00:53:54,710 --> 00:53:52,000

a hut in thailand you know

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00:53:56,309 --> 00:53:54,720

doing your yoga sutras you're coming to

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00:53:59,510 --> 00:53:56,319

the same conclusion

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00:54:01,829 --> 00:53:59,520

without the 51 because it's just

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00:54:03,030 --> 00:54:01,839

it's a moral imperative it's who you are

1582

00:54:05,589 --> 00:54:03,040

at this

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00:54:07,109 --> 00:54:05,599

extended consciousness level i love what

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00:54:08,230 --> 00:54:07,119

you just said though about the burden of

1585

00:54:11,349 --> 00:54:08,240

proof

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00:54:13,510 --> 00:54:11,359

because the stakes here are

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00:54:15,349 --> 00:54:13,520

are very high and so for example i

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00:54:16,549 --> 00:54:15,359

remember when i went through driver's ed

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00:54:18,549 --> 00:54:16,559

there was a question on there was like

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00:54:20,150 --> 00:54:18,559

if you see a cardboard box

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00:54:22,150 --> 00:54:20,160

on the road and you're pretty sure it's

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00:54:23,430 --> 00:54:22,160

empty would it be okay to hit that

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00:54:25,829 --> 00:54:23,440

and i was like well yeah you're pretty

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00:54:27,510 --> 00:54:25,839

sure it's empty yes i got it wrong

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00:54:29,510 --> 00:54:27,520

and the uh the person teaching the class

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00:54:31,430 --> 00:54:29,520

was like well no cause

1597

00:54:32,710 --> 00:54:31,440

it's a mystery box you don't know what

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00:54:34,150 --> 00:54:32,720

is in the box

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00:54:36,470 --> 00:54:34,160

there's a chance something you don't

1600

00:54:39,270 --> 00:54:36,480

want to hurt or kill is in the box

1601
00:54:40,950 --> 00:54:39,280
therefore if you don't know it's worth

1602
00:54:43,190 --> 00:54:40,960
making the move with your wheel in any

1603
00:54:45,990 --> 00:54:43,200
way possible to avoid hitting that

1604
00:54:47,829 --> 00:54:46,000
likewise i think the burden of proof is

1605
00:54:49,270 --> 00:54:47,839
on the person who says no it's okay to

1606
00:54:52,150 --> 00:54:49,280
make central moves that involve

1607
00:54:54,230 --> 00:54:52,160
mass death or curtailing of freedom or

1608
00:54:55,510 --> 00:54:54,240
life or rights or anything

1609
00:54:57,829 --> 00:54:55,520
because we're pretty sure there's not

1610
00:54:58,230 --> 00:54:57,839
consciousness who the burden of proof is

1611
00:55:01,030 --> 00:54:58,240
on

1612
00:55:03,030 --> 00:55:01,040
dramatically shapes what is and is not

1613
00:55:06,309 --> 00:55:03,040

acceptable policy

1614

00:55:07,190 --> 00:55:06,319

because on the outside chance that you

1615

00:55:10,230 --> 00:55:07,200

alex are an

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00:55:13,990 --> 00:55:10,240

actual conscious being with

1617

00:55:16,230 --> 00:55:14,000

value uh even if i'm only like 95

1618

00:55:17,589 --> 00:55:16,240

sure you're not and that you are just a

1619

00:55:19,190 --> 00:55:17,599

meat bag robot

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00:55:20,950 --> 00:55:19,200

there's still a five percent chance that

1621

00:55:23,910 --> 00:55:20,960

if i mess with you i am

1622

00:55:25,990 --> 00:55:23,920

violating that which gives me value i am

1623

00:55:29,190 --> 00:55:26,000

violating a peer and a

1624

00:55:31,190 --> 00:55:29,200

a transcendent beautiful

1625

00:55:32,549 --> 00:55:31,200

fluke or ordered component of the

1626
00:55:35,910 --> 00:55:32,559
universe

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00:55:37,109 --> 00:55:35,920
i mean your threshold of action against

1628
00:55:39,670 --> 00:55:37,119
another person and

1629
00:55:41,349 --> 00:55:39,680
certainty that there is nothing to them

1630
00:55:43,829 --> 00:55:41,359
i it's got to be a hundred percent and

1631
00:55:46,230 --> 00:55:43,839
it's got to be demonstrable

1632
00:55:47,190 --> 00:55:46,240
you just i'm not gonna go if kids are

1633
00:55:48,710 --> 00:55:47,200
playing behind

1634
00:55:50,549 --> 00:55:48,720
the curtains at the tennis center where

1635
00:55:51,030 --> 00:55:50,559
i work out i'm not going to go up there

1636
00:55:53,030 --> 00:55:51,040
and

1637
00:55:55,190 --> 00:55:53,040
know that yeah i probably won't stab any

1638
00:55:56,789 --> 00:55:55,200

kids and run a big long blade through

1639

00:55:59,270 --> 00:55:56,799

that curtain in a couple places this is

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00:56:00,390 --> 00:55:59,280

a very low chance i'm going to get them

1641

00:56:02,150 --> 00:56:00,400

i'm just not going to do it on the

1642

00:56:02,870 --> 00:56:02,160

outside chance that i mean the kids back

1643

00:56:04,470 --> 00:56:02,880

there

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00:56:06,069 --> 00:56:04,480

i think the same logic applies and i

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00:56:07,990 --> 00:56:06,079

think the burden of proof

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00:56:10,309 --> 00:56:08,000

in this case is not just a semantic

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00:56:12,309 --> 00:56:10,319

throw away i don't sense laziness on

1648

00:56:15,589 --> 00:56:12,319

your part i think it has

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00:56:17,589 --> 00:56:15,599

serious moral implications as to whom

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00:56:19,510 --> 00:56:17,599

the burden of proof is assigned and i

1651
00:56:24,230 --> 00:56:19,520
agree with your assessment

1652
00:56:26,309 --> 00:56:24,240
okay so matt who was

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00:56:28,390 --> 00:56:26,319
pontius pilate historical proof in

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00:56:31,510 --> 00:56:28,400
legends so i just for folks who are

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00:56:32,069 --> 00:56:31,520
interested i pulled up really good video

1656
00:56:34,710 --> 00:56:32,079
you did

1657
00:56:35,750 --> 00:56:34,720
really really great video man high

1658
00:56:38,789 --> 00:56:35,760
quality stuff

1659
00:56:40,789 --> 00:56:38,799
but on youtube why

1660
00:56:43,190 --> 00:56:40,799
first of all fill people in on the

1661
00:56:45,829 --> 00:56:43,200
background why do this video

1662
00:56:46,870 --> 00:56:45,839
what what is this about on that level

1663
00:56:51,270 --> 00:56:46,880

and then

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00:56:55,349 --> 00:56:51,280

tear it apart

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00:56:57,430 --> 00:56:55,359

yeah perfect sounds good good luck so

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00:56:59,190 --> 00:56:57,440

the the thing about pontius pilate is

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00:57:01,030 --> 00:56:59,200

he's one of three names

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00:57:02,950 --> 00:57:01,040

that comes up in one of the most

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00:57:05,670 --> 00:57:02,960

foundational oft repeated

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00:57:06,230 --> 00:57:05,680

christian statements of belief one of

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00:57:08,470 --> 00:57:06,240

the

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00:57:09,430 --> 00:57:08,480

foundational creeds it's called within

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00:57:11,510 --> 00:57:09,440

christianity

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00:57:12,549 --> 00:57:11,520

mentions three human characters mary

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00:57:15,990 --> 00:57:12,559

jesus and

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00:57:19,270 --> 00:57:16,000

pontius pilate so pontius pilate is this

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00:57:21,109 --> 00:57:19,280

this very important character in the new

1678

00:57:22,230 --> 00:57:21,119

testament he comes up in the gospels the

1679

00:57:24,630 --> 00:57:22,240

accounts of the life

1680

00:57:25,750 --> 00:57:24,640

and the deeds and death and resurrection

1681

00:57:28,789 --> 00:57:25,760

of jesus

1682

00:57:31,910 --> 00:57:28,799

he is the local roman governor of

1683

00:57:34,789 --> 00:57:31,920

judea the roman client king

1684

00:57:36,870 --> 00:57:34,799

state of judea which had been so since

1685

00:57:37,670 --> 00:57:36,880

pompe the great rolled in in the middle

1686

00:57:40,710 --> 00:57:37,680

of the first

1687

00:57:42,069 --> 00:57:40,720

century bc and the way this works for

1688

00:57:44,470 --> 00:57:42,079

people who aren't in the know is this

1689

00:57:46,630 --> 00:57:44,480

client king system meant that you've got

1690

00:57:47,670 --> 00:57:46,640

local ethnic governorship so a lot of

1691

00:57:48,470 --> 00:57:47,680

people are probably like wait wasn't

1692

00:57:50,950 --> 00:57:48,480

herod

1693

00:57:53,190 --> 00:57:50,960

the guy who governed judea well the

1694

00:57:55,670 --> 00:57:53,200

answer is yes the herod family

1695

00:57:56,549 --> 00:57:55,680

wielded tremendous influence as a local

1696

00:57:58,789 --> 00:57:56,559

indigenous

1697

00:57:59,589 --> 00:57:58,799

ethnic ruler as was the habit of the

1698

00:58:01,910 --> 00:57:59,599

romans when

1699

00:58:03,910 --> 00:58:01,920

setting up a client king state and he

1700

00:58:05,589 --> 00:58:03,920

operated in partnership with a different

1701

00:58:07,910 --> 00:58:05,599

list of responsibilities

1702

00:58:09,109 --> 00:58:07,920

and jurisdiction than the roman governor

1703

00:58:11,349 --> 00:58:09,119

who was present

1704

00:58:12,870 --> 00:58:11,359

and in this case a guy who would

1705

00:58:15,829 --> 00:58:12,880

otherwise have a pretty

1706

00:58:17,910 --> 00:58:15,839

forgettable tenure as governor of this

1707

00:58:19,670 --> 00:58:17,920

roman state of judea

1708

00:58:21,190 --> 00:58:19,680

is the most famous one ever the one

1709

00:58:22,069 --> 00:58:21,200

everybody can name and that's pontius

1710

00:58:24,710 --> 00:58:22,079

pilate

1711

00:58:26,710 --> 00:58:24,720

mid-20s to mid 30s a.d is the time frame

1712

00:58:28,870 --> 00:58:26,720

we're talking about here

1713

00:58:30,150 --> 00:58:28,880

he's a political no namer from a

1714

00:58:33,270 --> 00:58:30,160

political no-name

1715

00:58:35,030 --> 00:58:33,280

family in a region called samnia just a

1716

00:58:38,230 --> 00:58:35,040

few clicks outside of

1717

00:58:38,950 --> 00:58:38,240

modern day rome his name is even

1718

00:58:40,470 --> 00:58:38,960

confusing

1719

00:58:42,390 --> 00:58:40,480

it might have been that he was

1720

00:58:45,270 --> 00:58:42,400

militarily effective with a

1721

00:58:47,109 --> 00:58:45,280

pike a pillion i don't know we don't

1722

00:58:49,510 --> 00:58:47,119

really have anything to compare it to

1723

00:58:51,750 --> 00:58:49,520

the the only theory i can develop for

1724

00:58:52,710 --> 00:58:51,760

how he gained a prominent position like

1725

00:58:55,430 --> 00:58:52,720

this

1726

00:58:56,870 --> 00:58:55,440

was an association with a political

1727

00:58:59,990 --> 00:58:56,880

benefactor named

1728

00:59:02,309 --> 00:59:00,000

sajanus this sajanu's character was

1729

00:59:04,069 --> 00:59:02,319

duplicitous and he has janus in his name

1730

00:59:05,829 --> 00:59:04,079

the two-facedness is right there i don't

1731

00:59:08,789 --> 00:59:05,839

know how anybody missed it at the time

1732

00:59:10,549 --> 00:59:08,799

but the sajnus guy curried favor with a

1733

00:59:12,870 --> 00:59:10,559

couple of different courts particularly

1734

00:59:15,910 --> 00:59:12,880

with the emperor tiberius

1735

00:59:17,990 --> 00:59:15,920

and it looks as though at least some

1736

00:59:21,109 --> 00:59:18,000

contemporary sources

1737

00:59:23,430 --> 00:59:21,119

ascribe anti-semitic motivations as well

1738

00:59:26,230 --> 00:59:23,440

as obviously politically upwardly mobile

1739

00:59:27,270 --> 00:59:26,240

motivations to the sajnu's character and

1740

00:59:29,670 --> 00:59:27,280

so

1741

00:59:32,230 --> 00:59:29,680

my theory goes that he thought pilate

1742

00:59:35,430 --> 00:59:32,240

was politically weak enough familially

1743

00:59:38,549 --> 00:59:35,440

unconnected enough that he was someone

1744

00:59:40,630 --> 00:59:38,559

who sejanus who was sitting in for an

1745

00:59:42,390 --> 00:59:40,640

absentee emperor in tiberius who just

1746

00:59:44,549 --> 00:59:42,400

wanted to do booze and sex parties on

1747

00:59:46,150 --> 00:59:44,559

the isle of capri down by naples

1748

00:59:47,349 --> 00:59:46,160

and wasn't really focused on governing

1749

00:59:48,069 --> 00:59:47,359

for a period of time in the middle of

1750

00:59:50,789 --> 00:59:48,079

his reign

1751

00:59:53,030 --> 00:59:50,799

i think sajanus hand-picked this pilot

1752

00:59:55,880 --> 00:59:53,040

guy because he was controllable

1753

00:59:57,109 --> 00:59:55,890

i think he sent him to judea to

1754

00:59:59,990 --> 00:59:57,119

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1755

01:00:02,150 --> 01:00:00,000

carry out whatever political motivations

1756

01:00:02,710 --> 01:00:02,160

sajnu's had i'm not totally convinced on

1757

01:00:05,670 --> 01:00:02,720

the

1758

01:00:06,390 --> 01:00:05,680

anti-semitism charges and i don't think

1759

01:00:07,829 --> 01:00:06,400

pilate

1760

01:00:09,990 --> 01:00:07,839

was up for it i think it gave him a

1761

01:00:11,990 --> 01:00:10,000

complex i think he

1762

01:00:13,910 --> 01:00:12,000

always felt like he needed to

1763

01:00:15,589 --> 01:00:13,920

demonstrate that he was a real boy who

1764

01:00:17,750 --> 01:00:15,599

really earned this job

1765

01:00:19,349 --> 01:00:17,760

and he okay but matt he killed he he

1766

01:00:20,950 --> 01:00:19,359

sentences jesus to death

1767

01:00:22,789 --> 01:00:20,960

right i mean that's why we all have a

1768

01:00:26,630 --> 01:00:22,799

bunch of other political blunders

1769

01:00:28,630 --> 01:00:26,640

yeah so you know in the

1770

01:00:29,910 --> 01:00:28,640

in the youtube one of the things that

1771

01:00:33,109 --> 01:00:29,920

you go through

1772

01:00:33,829 --> 01:00:33,119

in in very you know snappy little

1773

01:00:36,870 --> 01:00:33,839

fashion

1774

01:00:38,230 --> 01:00:36,880

is how we know what we know and one of

1775

01:00:41,750 --> 01:00:38,240

the first things you come to

1776

01:00:44,230 --> 01:00:41,760

is our friend flavius josephus

1777

01:00:46,069 --> 01:00:44,240

and yes you do that in not a super

1778

01:00:49,190 --> 01:00:46,079

controversial way you just say

1779

01:00:49,670 --> 01:00:49,200

here is the guy well you tell us who do

1780

01:00:52,069 --> 01:00:49,680

you

1781

01:00:54,069 --> 01:00:52,079

understand flavius josephus to be

1782

01:00:56,710 --> 01:00:54,079

because i have a very different

1783

01:00:58,789 --> 01:00:56,720

understanding of who he is based on the

1784

01:01:02,230 --> 01:00:58,799

data nothing about him seems maybe

1785

01:01:05,349 --> 01:01:02,240

the least bit believable he is a

1786

01:01:06,789 --> 01:01:05,359

top to bottom roman propaganda agent and

1787

01:01:07,829 --> 01:01:06,799

really can't be understood to be

1788

01:01:11,270 --> 01:01:07,839

anything else

1789

01:01:15,670 --> 01:01:11,280

in my opinion he probably sold

1790

01:01:15,990 --> 01:01:15,680

his information to vespasian rather than

1791

01:01:18,870 --> 01:01:16,000

this

1792

01:01:20,630 --> 01:01:18,880

wacky story about he prophesied that

1793

01:01:22,630 --> 01:01:20,640

he'd be emperor and that somehow got him

1794

01:01:25,510 --> 01:01:22,640

yes

1795

01:01:26,710 --> 01:01:25,520

of course that's nonsense so yeah okay

1796

01:01:29,030 --> 01:01:26,720

let me speak to that

1797

01:01:30,549 --> 01:01:29,040

um i do disagree with you and i think i

1798

01:01:32,630 --> 01:01:30,559

can make a good case for it but

1799

01:01:34,150 --> 01:01:32,640

uh ultimately the fate of earth doesn't

1800

01:01:36,829 --> 01:01:34,160

hinge on what we make of flavius

1801
01:01:39,990 --> 01:01:36,839
josephus so i think we're gonna have fun

1802
01:01:43,190 --> 01:01:40,000
the josephus is a jewish guy

1803
01:01:46,390 --> 01:01:43,200
um oh uh

1804
01:01:49,109 --> 01:01:46,400
joseph ben mata

1805
01:01:50,069 --> 01:01:49,119
yeah yeah sometimes his name is acidic

1806
01:01:53,349 --> 01:01:50,079
it's not mata

1807
01:01:55,029 --> 01:01:53,359
but it sounds like that um flavius is

1808
01:01:57,190 --> 01:01:55,039
obviously a latin name that he receives

1809
01:02:00,309 --> 01:01:57,200
later on after currying favor with

1810
01:02:02,069 --> 01:02:00,319
a couple of roman courts and

1811
01:02:03,750 --> 01:02:02,079
so he's a jewish guy during a time of

1812
01:02:05,750 --> 01:02:03,760
tremendous turmoil

1813
01:02:07,589 --> 01:02:05,760

at times he seems to be aligned with the

1814

01:02:10,150 --> 01:02:07,599

more conservative

1815

01:02:12,150 --> 01:02:10,160

miracle-believing pharisee sect at times

1816

01:02:14,950 --> 01:02:12,160

he seems to be aligned with the more

1817

01:02:17,109 --> 01:02:14,960

liberal hellenizing that is greekifying

1818

01:02:18,470 --> 01:02:17,119

let's roll with the culture

1819

01:02:21,190 --> 01:02:18,480

more like the equivalent of your main

1820

01:02:23,510 --> 01:02:21,200

mind churches type of sect at times

1821

01:02:25,109 --> 01:02:23,520

it looks like he's more aligned with the

1822

01:02:26,789 --> 01:02:25,119

qumran crowd the people out

1823

01:02:28,950 --> 01:02:26,799

the escapists who went out to the dead

1824

01:02:30,630 --> 01:02:28,960

sea and give us the dead sea scrolls or

1825

01:02:32,470 --> 01:02:30,640

a large percentage of them

1826

01:02:34,549 --> 01:02:32,480

were more aesthetic in their lifestyle

1827

01:02:35,589 --> 01:02:34,559

and were kind of rejectionist of all of

1828

01:02:38,549 --> 01:02:35,599

this

1829

01:02:39,910 --> 01:02:38,559

his thoughts let me interject one piece

1830

01:02:43,109 --> 01:02:39,920

on what you just said

1831

01:02:46,150 --> 01:02:43,119

because this is also to me telltale

1832

01:02:47,910 --> 01:02:46,160

fake josephus right there was no one who

1833

01:02:48,470 --> 01:02:47,920

was friendly to all those different

1834

01:02:50,230 --> 01:02:48,480

sects

1835

01:02:51,829 --> 01:02:50,240

those people were completely at odds

1836

01:02:54,230 --> 01:02:51,839

they were killing each other as

1837

01:02:56,069 --> 01:02:54,240

as they ultimately go in and siege you

1838

01:02:57,670 --> 01:02:56,079

know jerusalem and

1839

01:02:59,349 --> 01:02:57,680

attack the temple those guys are still

1840

01:03:00,230 --> 01:02:59,359

killing each other within the group so

1841

01:03:03,990 --> 01:03:00,240

his id

1842

01:03:06,390 --> 01:03:04,000

his claim you know go to the preface of

1843

01:03:07,829 --> 01:03:06,400

war are the jews this book primarily

1844

01:03:10,069 --> 01:03:07,839

we're going to talk about the josephus

1845

01:03:11,750 --> 01:03:10,079

very important to note that is his first

1846

01:03:15,029 --> 01:03:11,760

book yes it is right

1847

01:03:16,710 --> 01:03:15,039

very important very important

1848

01:03:18,950 --> 01:03:16,720

very important to note his preface to

1849

01:03:21,990 --> 01:03:18,960

that which says you know what

1850

01:03:23,990 --> 01:03:22,000

there's a lot of bad history out there

1851

01:03:25,750 --> 01:03:24,000

so i'm going to straighten all that out

1852

01:03:27,829 --> 01:03:25,760

rely on me

1853

01:03:29,750 --> 01:03:27,839

i'm going to tell you the truth no

1854

01:03:32,069 --> 01:03:29,760

matter who gets hurt in it

1855

01:03:33,910 --> 01:03:32,079

and then he says of course i'm gonna he

1856

01:03:36,069 --> 01:03:33,920

says i'm gonna tell you the truth about

1857

01:03:37,670 --> 01:03:36,079

the glorious romans

1858

01:03:39,029 --> 01:03:37,680

and about these other folks that you

1859

01:03:40,710 --> 01:03:39,039

know were pretty june the best they

1860

01:03:43,750 --> 01:03:40,720

could to called the jews

1861

01:03:44,390 --> 01:03:43,760

but he then goes about lying in jewish

1862

01:03:47,990 --> 01:03:44,400

wars

1863

01:03:49,109 --> 01:03:48,000

because antiquities reads very

1864

01:03:51,510 --> 01:03:49,119

differently

1865

01:03:53,589 --> 01:03:51,520

which is kind of does it doesn't help

1866

01:03:55,510 --> 01:03:53,599

the claim that this guy is trustworthy

1867

01:03:57,510 --> 01:03:55,520

right it does not help the claim

1868

01:03:58,950 --> 01:03:57,520

that he has he sees things differently

1869

01:03:59,829 --> 01:03:58,960

which is right i think you're making

1870

01:04:01,750 --> 01:03:59,839

alex

1871

01:04:03,589 --> 01:04:01,760

well hold on hold on because we got to

1872

01:04:05,829 --> 01:04:03,599

build it we've got to build a

1873

01:04:06,950 --> 01:04:05,839

piece we got to build it piece by piece

1874

01:04:11,029 --> 01:04:06,960

and that is that

1875

01:04:11,589 --> 01:04:11,039

josephus is telling you believe me trust

1876

01:04:13,829 --> 01:04:11,599

me

1877

01:04:14,789 --> 01:04:13,839

and then he's saying stuff that is

1878

01:04:17,829 --> 01:04:14,799

completely

1879

01:04:19,109 --> 01:04:17,839

trustworthy

1880

01:04:21,190 --> 01:04:19,119

one of the things you just alluded to

1881

01:04:24,710 --> 01:04:21,200

his lenses to understand him through

1882

01:04:26,870 --> 01:04:24,720

well let me make my case let me make

1883

01:04:27,829 --> 01:04:26,880

no let me make my case and then you can

1884

01:04:29,109 --> 01:04:27,839

you can alright right on right

1885

01:04:32,069 --> 01:04:29,119

contradict okay

1886

01:04:32,549 --> 01:04:32,079

but the the reason i don't see it that

1887

01:04:34,390 --> 01:04:32,559

way

1888

01:04:36,230 --> 01:04:34,400

is like even the point that you just

1889

01:04:38,069 --> 01:04:36,240

made about him being in all these

1890

01:04:40,950 --> 01:04:38,079

different sects

1891

01:04:43,109 --> 01:04:40,960

read it i read it from my perspective

1892

01:04:43,910 --> 01:04:43,119

which is this guy's purely a propaganda

1893

01:04:45,910 --> 01:04:43,920

agent

1894

01:04:47,430 --> 01:04:45,920

if you read it from that perspective it

1895

01:04:49,349 --> 01:04:47,440

totally makes sense

1896

01:04:51,349 --> 01:04:49,359

because it fits in with this other thing

1897

01:04:54,069 --> 01:04:51,359

that he claims is that he's a super jew

1898

01:04:55,270 --> 01:04:54,079

right he says hey i'm friends with all

1899

01:04:58,309 --> 01:04:55,280

these different sects they

1900

01:05:01,750 --> 01:04:58,319

highly respect me and he says by the way

1901

01:05:02,789 --> 01:05:01,760

i know the law you know jewish law at 14

1902

01:05:05,109 --> 01:05:02,799

i was in the temple

1903

01:05:06,950 --> 01:05:05,119

and i was telling those old rabbis and

1904

01:05:08,230 --> 01:05:06,960

they all sat down and bended me and

1905

01:05:11,510 --> 01:05:08,240

listen to me because

1906

01:05:14,230 --> 01:05:11,520

i knew the whole thing luke 2. well

1907

01:05:16,390 --> 01:05:14,240

this is josephus's account right so his

1908

01:05:17,829 --> 01:05:16,400

preface says hey

1909

01:05:19,750 --> 01:05:17,839

trust me everything i'm going to tell

1910

01:05:20,950 --> 01:05:19,760

you don't list those other historians

1911

01:05:22,549 --> 01:05:20,960

they kind of make stuff up they

1912

01:05:23,349 --> 01:05:22,559

exaggerate they play one side i'm going

1913

01:05:24,870 --> 01:05:23,359

to tell you the truth

1914

01:05:26,950 --> 01:05:24,880

and then he goes on to tell you these

1915

01:05:28,470 --> 01:05:26,960

things and like the thing i always point

1916

01:05:28,870 --> 01:05:28,480

out i have in a couple of shows here is

1917

01:05:31,750 --> 01:05:28,880

that

1918

01:05:32,630 --> 01:05:31,760

if you talk to people now who are

1919

01:05:34,950 --> 01:05:32,640

scholarly

1920

01:05:36,630 --> 01:05:34,960

in the jewish cult what felt and they've

1921

01:05:37,750 --> 01:05:36,640

read the law and all that stuff what

1922

01:05:40,710 --> 01:05:37,760

they'll tell you is

1923

01:05:42,150 --> 01:05:40,720

josephus kind of contradicts himself he

1924

01:05:43,829 --> 01:05:42,160

says he knows the law

1925

01:05:45,270 --> 01:05:43,839

quote unquote and then he doesn't he

1926

01:05:45,910 --> 01:05:45,280

demonstrates by his writing that he

1927

01:05:49,270 --> 01:05:45,920

doesn't

1928

01:05:51,270 --> 01:05:49,280

really know the law so again my claim is

1929

01:05:54,069 --> 01:05:51,280

that the only way to really

1930

01:05:57,109 --> 01:05:54,079

understand josephus is as a roman

1931

01:06:01,990 --> 01:05:57,119

propaganda agent

1932

01:06:02,950 --> 01:06:02,000

okay okay first of all

1933

01:06:04,870 --> 01:06:02,960

i think you're headed for a

1934

01:06:06,390 --> 01:06:04,880

disappointment on this because i think

1935

01:06:09,109 --> 01:06:06,400

you're assuming that i'm more optimistic

1936

01:06:12,230 --> 01:06:09,119

about josephus than i actually am

1937

01:06:13,029 --> 01:06:12,240

i don't feel like anything about my

1938

01:06:16,150 --> 01:06:13,039

faith or

1939

01:06:18,870 --> 01:06:16,160

belief in any way hinges on josephus

1940

01:06:19,510 --> 01:06:18,880

the one excerpt that was often cited

1941

01:06:23,270 --> 01:06:19,520

through

1942

01:06:27,029 --> 01:06:23,280

right on up into the 19th 20th century

1943

01:06:29,829 --> 01:06:27,039

from josephus regarding jesus is clearly

1944

01:06:30,230 --> 01:06:29,839

a later edition there are elements of

1945

01:06:34,230 --> 01:06:30,240

that

1946

01:06:36,069 --> 01:06:34,240

early manuscript evidence seems to

1947

01:06:38,230 --> 01:06:36,079

support the idea that josephus

1948

01:06:40,789 --> 01:06:38,240

somewhere in there acknowledged jesus in

1949

01:06:44,069 --> 01:06:40,799

a few of the foundational details

1950

01:06:45,190 --> 01:06:44,079

that would have been accepted as common

1951

01:06:47,270 --> 01:06:45,200

historical fact

1952

01:06:48,789 --> 01:06:47,280

at that time however the more

1953

01:06:51,190 --> 01:06:48,799

embellished version that seems to

1954

01:06:52,870 --> 01:06:51,200

support christian theology

1955

01:06:54,470 --> 01:06:52,880

i think even though i'd like it if

1956

01:06:57,029 --> 01:06:54,480

josephus wrote that it would be

1957

01:06:58,710 --> 01:06:57,039

wonderful for my case as somebody who

1958

01:06:59,109 --> 01:06:58,720

thinks that jesus is legitimate and that

1959

01:07:02,390 --> 01:06:59,119

the

1960

01:07:03,829 --> 01:07:02,400

religion is filled with answers i still

1961

01:07:05,990 --> 01:07:03,839

have to be loyal to the data because

1962

01:07:08,230 --> 01:07:06,000

eyes wide open faith the data

1963

01:07:10,870 --> 01:07:08,240

doesn't support that that more robust

1964

01:07:13,589 --> 01:07:10,880

version of josephus's account of jesus

1965

01:07:15,510 --> 01:07:13,599

is defensible so i don't think it is

1966

01:07:16,069 --> 01:07:15,520

josephus is somebody who does not

1967

01:07:18,710 --> 01:07:16,079

provide

1968

01:07:21,029 --> 01:07:18,720

value first and foremost because

1969

01:07:23,270 --> 01:07:21,039

everything he said was true

1970

01:07:25,029 --> 01:07:23,280

anyone who's read josephus can tell this

1971

01:07:28,150 --> 01:07:25,039

is compromised history

1972

01:07:30,870 --> 01:07:28,160

josephus provides value if

1973

01:07:31,910 --> 01:07:30,880

we work with him through those lenses

1974

01:07:33,990 --> 01:07:31,920

okay of okay

1975

01:07:35,589 --> 01:07:34,000

who is this guy what's he doing what

1976

01:07:37,190 --> 01:07:35,599

could you get away with what could you

1977

01:07:38,069 --> 01:07:37,200

actually write and still have this

1978

01:07:39,670 --> 01:07:38,079

published

1979

01:07:42,150 --> 01:07:39,680

and still have people view it as worth

1980

01:07:43,109 --> 01:07:42,160

preserving or circulating and who was

1981

01:07:45,349 --> 01:07:43,119

preserving it and

1982

01:07:46,789 --> 01:07:45,359

who was circulating it i think also the

1983

01:07:48,789 --> 01:07:46,799

wrong question

1984

01:07:49,990 --> 01:07:48,799

the question is is he a propaganda agent

1985

01:07:51,589 --> 01:07:50,000

because if you're a propaganda

1986

01:07:53,589 --> 01:07:51,599

well if he is then that points to the

1987

01:07:54,710 --> 01:07:53,599

what i'm saying let me interject really

1988

01:07:55,430 --> 01:07:54,720

quickly and then i want you to comment

1989

01:07:59,109 --> 01:07:55,440

on it

1990

01:07:59,670 --> 01:07:59,119

if he is that north korean press release

1991

01:08:02,309 --> 01:07:59,680

guy

1992

01:08:03,270 --> 01:08:02,319

press secretary historian for north

1993

01:08:06,069 --> 01:08:03,280

korea

1994

01:08:07,670 --> 01:08:06,079

we look at him differently than if he's

1995

01:08:08,230 --> 01:08:07,680

kind of tried to do his best with the

1996

01:08:11,109 --> 01:08:08,240

history

1997

01:08:12,630 --> 01:08:11,119

i think he's that north korean guy okay

1998

01:08:13,990 --> 01:08:12,640

so first of all

1999

01:08:16,149 --> 01:08:14,000

golly i like hitting the tennis ball

2000

01:08:18,870 --> 01:08:16,159

around with you man this is really fun

2001

01:08:20,550 --> 01:08:18,880

really fun you hit it well secondly i

2002

01:08:37,189 --> 01:08:20,560

don't think that's analogous

2003

01:08:40,550 --> 01:08:38,709

there's a reason available moved east

2004

01:08:41,269 --> 01:08:40,560

300 years later because they couldn't

2005

01:08:43,669 --> 01:08:41,279

keep a grip

2006

01:08:44,709 --> 01:08:43,679

on the eastern mediterranean from that

2007

01:08:48,470 --> 01:08:44,719

position

2008

01:08:51,510 --> 01:08:48,480

this story is all unfolding in judea

2009

01:08:53,990 --> 01:08:51,520

in galilee in transjordan the decapolis

2010

01:08:55,510 --> 01:08:54,000

that's where all the stuff that that

2011

01:08:57,669 --> 01:08:55,520

josephus is writing about

2012

01:08:59,349 --> 01:08:57,679

is unfolding now that's all vettable for

2013

01:09:01,430 --> 01:08:59,359

a first century audience

2014

01:09:03,430 --> 01:09:01,440

they can just go and look it's not like

2015

01:09:05,430 --> 01:09:03,440

these are far away stories

2016

01:09:06,950 --> 01:09:05,440

they can either say no that's not what

2017

01:09:08,390 --> 01:09:06,960

happened or that is what happened and

2018

01:09:10,950 --> 01:09:08,400

that's going to affect

2019

01:09:12,309 --> 01:09:10,960

its circulation and its interest level

2020

01:09:13,749 --> 01:09:12,319

whereas with north korea

2021

01:09:15,189 --> 01:09:13,759

the reason i think that analogy doesn't

2022

01:09:16,149 --> 01:09:15,199

hold is you can't cross-reference it

2023

01:09:17,669 --> 01:09:16,159

with anything

2024

01:09:19,269 --> 01:09:17,679

it's happening if a north korea

2025

01:09:19,990 --> 01:09:19,279

propaganda is happening in a far away

2026

01:09:21,749 --> 01:09:20,000

place you can't

2027

01:09:23,990 --> 01:09:21,759

visit you can't vet you can't

2028

01:09:25,590 --> 01:09:24,000

investigate and in this analogy

2029

01:09:27,110 --> 01:09:25,600

all of the data is coming out of the

2030

01:09:29,110 --> 01:09:27,120

center of power whereas

2031

01:09:31,430 --> 01:09:29,120

in the historical event you and i are

2032

01:09:32,229 --> 01:09:31,440

talking about josephus is writing about

2033

01:09:34,950 --> 01:09:32,239

something in the

2034

01:09:37,030 --> 01:09:34,960

far east of the roman empire in those

2035

01:09:40,870 --> 01:09:37,040

four provinces primarily

2036

01:09:42,789 --> 01:09:40,880

and the roman authority is headquartered

2037

01:09:43,990 --> 01:09:42,799

in the very very far west he's writing

2038

01:09:45,829 --> 01:09:44,000

about stuff that happened in their

2039

01:09:47,590 --> 01:09:45,839

backyard they know people who were there

2040

01:09:49,189 --> 01:09:47,600

they can vet this stuff themselves so i

2041

01:09:50,709 --> 01:09:49,199

think there is

2042

01:09:52,550 --> 01:09:50,719

there's a degree of difference in terms

2043

01:09:53,590 --> 01:09:52,560

of what the propagandist can get away

2044

01:09:55,910 --> 01:09:53,600

with

2045

01:09:58,070 --> 01:09:55,920

in the north korea example versus here

2046

01:09:59,830 --> 01:09:58,080

but i think you're absolutely right and

2047

01:10:02,950 --> 01:09:59,840

you make a great point

2048

01:10:06,070 --> 01:10:02,960

by his own admission

2049

01:10:08,390 --> 01:10:06,080

dude is is positioning himself

2050

01:10:10,310 --> 01:10:08,400

to have his accounts questioned as being

2051
01:10:11,830 --> 01:10:10,320
that which advances the cause of the

2052
01:10:13,510 --> 01:10:11,840
roman ideology

2053
01:10:15,189 --> 01:10:13,520
we're almost we're almost there in terms

2054
01:10:16,950 --> 01:10:15,199
of coming together but let's

2055
01:10:19,910 --> 01:10:16,960
take one step further because here is

2056
01:10:22,470 --> 01:10:19,920
the money shot and i sent you this

2057
01:10:23,990 --> 01:10:22,480
i can't i can't wrap my head around how

2058
01:10:25,990 --> 01:10:24,000
many biblical scholars

2059
01:10:27,910 --> 01:10:26,000
genuine biblical biblical scholars and

2060
01:10:29,270 --> 01:10:27,920
you've read a lot of them and so have i

2061
01:10:31,270 --> 01:10:29,280
and a lot of them are totally full of

2062
01:10:31,990 --> 01:10:31,280
and go through an entire career

2063
01:10:34,550 --> 01:10:32,000

just saying

2064

01:10:35,990 --> 01:10:34,560

a bunch of nonsense this to me is the

2065

01:10:39,270 --> 01:10:36,000

most important thing

2066

01:10:40,310 --> 01:10:39,280

that josephus says that completely i

2067

01:10:42,630 --> 01:10:40,320

think

2068

01:10:44,310 --> 01:10:42,640

shuts the door on this issue of whether

2069

01:10:48,310 --> 01:10:44,320

he's a propaganda agent

2070

01:10:51,750 --> 01:10:48,320

and this is from war of the jews

2071

01:10:53,510 --> 01:10:51,760

and he's describing his people

2072

01:10:55,189 --> 01:10:53,520

right because a lot of people in the

2073

01:10:56,070 --> 01:10:55,199

jewish tradition consider joseph as a

2074

01:10:58,229 --> 01:10:56,080

traitor

2075

01:10:59,189 --> 01:10:58,239

i yeah that's after the fact he wasn't

2076

01:11:00,870 --> 01:10:59,199

traitor he was just

2077

01:11:02,229 --> 01:11:00,880

trying to advance what he was trying to

2078

01:11:04,870 --> 01:11:02,239

advance here's what he writes

2079

01:11:06,149 --> 01:11:04,880

sure but what more than all else incited

2080

01:11:09,030 --> 01:11:06,159

them to war

2081

01:11:09,669 --> 01:11:09,040

was the ambiguous oracle likewise found

2082

01:11:12,630 --> 01:11:09,679

in their

2083

01:11:15,110 --> 01:11:12,640

sacred scriptures so what he's saying is

2084

01:11:15,669 --> 01:11:15,120

the reason why these jews of which he is

2085

01:11:18,470 --> 01:11:15,679

one

2086

01:11:20,229 --> 01:11:18,480

he was a jewish general fighting against

2087

01:11:21,750 --> 01:11:20,239

the romans in galilee if you believe his

2088

01:11:22,310 --> 01:11:21,760

story and that part of it is probably

2089

01:11:23,990 --> 01:11:22,320

true

2090

01:11:25,590 --> 01:11:24,000

so it's kind of even the language is

2091

01:11:25,910 --> 01:11:25,600

weird you have to wrap your head around

2092

01:11:28,950 --> 01:11:25,920

it

2093

01:11:31,830 --> 01:11:28,960

saying

2094

01:11:32,470 --> 01:11:31,840

the jews which he is one but anyways he

2095

01:11:34,550 --> 01:11:32,480

says

2096

01:11:36,630 --> 01:11:34,560

the scriptures to the fact that at the

2097

01:11:39,750 --> 01:11:36,640

time one from their country would become

2098

01:11:41,830 --> 01:11:39,760

ruler of the world so he's saying look

2099

01:11:43,830 --> 01:11:41,840

the reason that the jews are kind of

2100

01:11:44,790 --> 01:11:43,840

holding out and fighting so strongly

2101
01:11:48,390 --> 01:11:44,800
against the romans

2102
01:11:49,590 --> 01:11:48,400
is they had this belief that the messiah

2103
01:11:51,910 --> 01:11:49,600
was coming

2104
01:11:52,709 --> 01:11:51,920
and the messiah would come from their

2105
01:11:54,070 --> 01:11:52,719
soil

2106
01:11:56,149 --> 01:11:54,080
that's what they believe now this is

2107
01:11:59,430 --> 01:11:56,159
josephus's spin is that

2108
01:12:01,990 --> 01:11:59,440
that's why they're so mad at the romans

2109
01:12:03,430 --> 01:12:02,000
and here super jew josephus steps in and

2110
01:12:05,430 --> 01:12:03,440
says

2111
01:12:06,550 --> 01:12:05,440
they understood to mean that someone of

2112
01:12:08,550 --> 01:12:06,560
their own race

2113
01:12:10,310 --> 01:12:08,560

and many of their wise men went astray

2114

01:12:13,430 --> 01:12:10,320

in their interpretation of it

2115

01:12:18,070 --> 01:12:13,440

but really the oracle in reality

2116

01:12:19,830 --> 01:12:18,080

signified the sovereignty of vespasian

2117

01:12:22,149 --> 01:12:19,840

who was proclaimed emperor on jewish

2118

01:12:23,590 --> 01:12:22,159

soil now again you you as this is all

2119

01:12:25,189 --> 01:12:23,600

over you i mean this is like you said

2120

01:12:27,750 --> 01:12:25,199

you're having fun conversation

2121

01:12:29,270 --> 01:12:27,760

with me i i am loving this dude because

2122

01:12:31,030 --> 01:12:29,280

you do have this deep knowledge

2123

01:12:32,950 --> 01:12:31,040

but to just deconstruct that most people

2124

01:12:33,990 --> 01:12:32,960

won't even totally get that so let me

2125

01:12:36,550 --> 01:12:34,000

just say

2126

01:12:38,229 --> 01:12:36,560

he's saying look they had this idea that

2127

01:12:39,830 --> 01:12:38,239

there would be a messiah and he would

2128

01:12:41,870 --> 01:12:39,840

come from judea

2129

01:12:43,430 --> 01:12:41,880

what they didn't realize is that when

2130

01:12:45,430 --> 01:12:43,440

vespasian

2131

01:12:47,030 --> 01:12:45,440

is named which is really kind of a fluke

2132

01:12:49,510 --> 01:12:47,040

in history that he was named

2133

01:12:50,550 --> 01:12:49,520

emperor while he was still in judea kind

2134

01:12:52,709 --> 01:12:50,560

of a fluke

2135

01:12:54,790 --> 01:12:52,719

so josephus is trying to blow that up

2136

01:12:57,830 --> 01:12:54,800

and saying hey you know what

2137

01:13:00,709 --> 01:12:57,840

that's really what the oracle

2138

01:13:01,830 --> 01:13:00,719

prophesied this can only be understood

2139

01:13:03,590 --> 01:13:01,840

as propaganda

2140

01:13:05,430 --> 01:13:03,600

because what it is is a social

2141

01:13:08,790 --> 01:13:05,440

engineering project

2142

01:13:11,189 --> 01:13:08,800

to tell the jews hey man what are you

2143

01:13:12,229 --> 01:13:11,199

complaining about you got exactly what

2144

01:13:15,590 --> 01:13:12,239

you wanted

2145

01:13:17,030 --> 01:13:15,600

this is the messiah it's vespasian you

2146

01:13:19,590 --> 01:13:17,040

idiots you didn't see it

2147

01:13:21,590 --> 01:13:19,600

here it is so rather than looking at

2148

01:13:24,070 --> 01:13:21,600

this as a trader which we do

2149

01:13:25,990 --> 01:13:24,080

in present time because it didn't work

2150

01:13:26,550 --> 01:13:26,000

it's just a failed social engineering

2151

01:13:28,229 --> 01:13:26,560

project

2152

01:13:30,390 --> 01:13:28,239

he was trying to pull off what the

2153

01:13:32,709 --> 01:13:30,400

romans tried to pull off all the time

2154

01:13:34,229 --> 01:13:32,719

which was like hey if we can co-op the

2155

01:13:35,110 --> 01:13:34,239

religion and get him to come over to our

2156

01:13:38,709 --> 01:13:35,120

side that way

2157

01:13:41,350 --> 01:13:38,719

all the better there is in my opinion

2158

01:13:43,990 --> 01:13:41,360

no other way no other way to read this

2159

01:13:46,709 --> 01:13:44,000

quote than that

2160

01:13:48,070 --> 01:13:46,719

i think you're exactly right i wish we

2161

01:13:50,310 --> 01:13:48,080

could disagree on it because it would be

2162

01:13:54,149 --> 01:13:50,320

more fun and make for better radio

2163

01:13:55,669 --> 01:13:54,159

but clearly this is propogandism

2164

01:13:57,270 --> 01:13:55,679

and the reason why let me take just

2165

01:13:59,990 --> 01:13:57,280

imagine a parenthetical here

2166

01:14:01,030 --> 01:14:00,000

brief aside is that people had messiah

2167

01:14:04,790 --> 01:14:01,040

fever

2168

01:14:07,990 --> 01:14:04,800

in the time in roman judea roman galilei

2169

01:14:10,310 --> 01:14:08,000

uh acts chapter what is it four or five

2170

01:14:12,149 --> 01:14:10,320

where you've got gamaliel the head of

2171

01:14:12,709 --> 01:14:12,159

the sanhedrin speaking up and saying hey

2172

01:14:14,070 --> 01:14:12,719

guys

2173

01:14:15,669 --> 01:14:14,080

i don't know what we do with peter and

2174

01:14:17,350 --> 01:14:15,679

this christian cult thing that we have

2175

01:14:19,270 --> 01:14:17,360

going on but remember a while back

2176
01:14:20,950 --> 01:14:19,280
when judas the galilean rised up and

2177
01:14:22,070 --> 01:14:20,960
when theodus rose up and

2178
01:14:23,510 --> 01:14:22,080
of course there's debate about the

2179
01:14:25,110 --> 01:14:23,520
timeline regarding the reference to

2180
01:14:26,709 --> 01:14:25,120
theaters whether we're talking about

2181
01:14:28,149 --> 01:14:26,719
the one well known to history or some

2182
01:14:30,630 --> 01:14:28,159
other guy with the same name

2183
01:14:31,430 --> 01:14:30,640
he referenced two rival messianic

2184
01:14:34,709 --> 01:14:31,440
claimants

2185
01:14:36,149 --> 01:14:34,719
pilate put down a messianic uprising

2186
01:14:39,270 --> 01:14:36,159
born out of the samaritans

2187
01:14:41,110 --> 01:14:39,280
on was it mount gerizim some people

2188
01:14:42,950 --> 01:14:41,120

came to believe that moses was up there

2189

01:14:44,950 --> 01:14:42,960

something moses had buried

2190

01:14:46,709 --> 01:14:44,960

that was one of the things that really

2191

01:14:47,590 --> 01:14:46,719

hurt pilate's political career is that

2192

01:14:50,229 --> 01:14:47,600

he violently

2193

01:14:51,669 --> 01:14:50,239

botched that little messianic uprising

2194

01:14:53,830 --> 01:14:51,679

there john the baptist

2195

01:14:55,830 --> 01:14:53,840

had a huge messianic following that

2196

01:14:59,030 --> 01:14:55,840

persists all the way into the

2197

01:15:01,669 --> 01:14:59,040

50s or 60s a b that is referenced

2198

01:15:03,350 --> 01:15:01,679

when apollo of alexandria makes his way

2199

01:15:04,390 --> 01:15:03,360

to ephesus and corinth then he gets to

2200

01:15:07,510 --> 01:15:04,400

know

2201

01:15:08,950 --> 01:15:07,520

paul's buddies uh aquila and priscilla

2202

01:15:10,790 --> 01:15:08,960

and they engage with him and he's like i

2203

01:15:12,310 --> 01:15:10,800

only know the baptism of john

2204

01:15:14,390 --> 01:15:12,320

so there were still people even coming

2205

01:15:16,550 --> 01:15:14,400

out of john the baptist who viewed him

2206

01:15:19,270 --> 01:15:16,560

as some sort of messianic figure

2207

01:15:21,430 --> 01:15:19,280

you have got uh what's the guy saying

2208

01:15:24,709 --> 01:15:21,440

nicholas of perea there's a guy from

2209

01:15:26,870 --> 01:15:24,719

perea who has a similar messianic claim

2210

01:15:29,590 --> 01:15:26,880

um there's a dude from crete moses of

2211

01:15:31,750 --> 01:15:29,600

crete a little bit later on

2212

01:15:32,790 --> 01:15:31,760

so then what do we do with josephus well

2213

01:15:35,510 --> 01:15:32,800

this is what i'm driving at

2214

01:15:36,390 --> 01:15:35,520

so you've got a dozen of these messianic

2215

01:15:39,110 --> 01:15:36,400

claims

2216

01:15:39,669 --> 01:15:39,120

that are hanging around and how many of

2217

01:15:42,630 --> 01:15:39,679

those

2218

01:15:43,830 --> 01:15:42,640

have held up with any with any any

2219

01:15:45,189 --> 01:15:43,840

meaningful way over the last two

2220

01:15:47,430 --> 01:15:45,199

thousand years one

2221

01:15:49,189 --> 01:15:47,440

does that automatically make it right no

2222

01:15:51,350 --> 01:15:49,199

lots of things get traction and

2223

01:15:52,550 --> 01:15:51,360

pass the test of time not because

2224

01:15:55,189 --> 01:15:52,560

they're true but because they

2225

01:15:57,350 --> 01:15:55,199

got lucky is it possible that that's

2226

01:15:58,870 --> 01:15:57,360

what jesus is as a messianic claimant

2227

01:16:02,149 --> 01:15:58,880

well sure you have to explore that

2228

01:16:04,229 --> 01:16:02,159

possibility but everybody else

2229

01:16:05,750 --> 01:16:04,239

made quick claims and did nothing they

2230

01:16:06,149 --> 01:16:05,760

were violent but i think you're jumping

2231

01:16:07,750 --> 01:16:06,159

at it

2232

01:16:10,149 --> 01:16:07,760

you're jumping ahead in the story a

2233

01:16:13,669 --> 01:16:10,159

little bit more than that

2234

01:16:14,630 --> 01:16:13,679

but vespasian nobody viewed him as a

2235

01:16:17,830 --> 01:16:14,640

messiah

2236

01:16:19,510 --> 01:16:17,840

yeah no it's at the time

2237

01:16:21,189 --> 01:16:19,520

see again you're jumping ahead in the

2238

01:16:22,550 --> 01:16:21,199

story and respectfully i think you're

2239

01:16:23,110 --> 01:16:22,560

misinterpreting it we're just having fun

2240

01:16:26,149 --> 01:16:23,120

here but

2241

01:16:28,709 --> 01:16:26,159

it's like no the most important guy

2242

01:16:29,590 --> 01:16:28,719

in the world thought that he was the

2243

01:16:32,470 --> 01:16:29,600

messiah

2244

01:16:34,790 --> 01:16:32,480

josephus for a minute for for that's

2245

01:16:36,950 --> 01:16:34,800

right well but that's all

2246

01:16:38,470 --> 01:16:36,960

all that matters is that is that minute

2247

01:16:41,350 --> 01:16:38,480

all that matters is

2248

01:16:43,270 --> 01:16:41,360

josephus is the guy this is the history

2249

01:16:43,750 --> 01:16:43,280

this is the official word that's coming

2250

01:16:46,470 --> 01:16:43,760

out

2251

01:16:49,910 --> 01:16:46,480

and he's saying so again no you can't i

2252

01:16:53,590 --> 01:16:52,630

if you acknowledge that this is roman

2253

01:16:55,669 --> 01:16:53,600

propaganda

2254

01:16:57,350 --> 01:16:55,679

and that the only purpose behind it can

2255

01:16:59,910 --> 01:16:57,360

be the purpose that

2256

01:17:01,430 --> 01:16:59,920

it clearly has which is to subvert

2257

01:17:03,350 --> 01:17:01,440

judaism

2258

01:17:04,550 --> 01:17:03,360

then that puts this moment in time that

2259

01:17:05,510 --> 01:17:04,560

you're just saying which is way in the

2260

01:17:07,430 --> 01:17:05,520

west and all that

2261

01:17:09,590 --> 01:17:07,440

it puts it in a completely different

2262

01:17:13,350 --> 01:17:09,600

light and my point is that

2263

01:17:14,470 --> 01:17:13,360

we must then look at everything that

2264

01:17:16,950 --> 01:17:14,480

josephus

2265

01:17:19,510 --> 01:17:16,960

says through this lens because he's

2266

01:17:21,590 --> 01:17:19,520

already played the ultimate card

2267

01:17:23,590 --> 01:17:21,600

this idea like in his preface where he

2268

01:17:26,870 --> 01:17:23,600

says he's an honest broker of the truth

2269

01:17:28,310 --> 01:17:26,880

he clearly now is not an honest broker

2270

01:17:28,709 --> 01:17:28,320

of the truth there can be no doubt on

2271

01:17:31,270 --> 01:17:28,719

that

2272

01:17:32,709 --> 01:17:31,280

and this is a a stumbling block for so

2273

01:17:35,669 --> 01:17:32,719

many historians they go

2274

01:17:36,149 --> 01:17:35,679

yeah josephus is full of but you

2275

01:17:39,030 --> 01:17:36,159

know

2276

01:17:40,310 --> 01:17:39,040

the light over here out in the street is

2277

01:17:42,149 --> 01:17:40,320

really better so that's where i'm

2278

01:17:43,750 --> 01:17:42,159

looking for my keys even though i lost

2279

01:17:45,110 --> 01:17:43,760

them over in the dark parking lot

2280

01:17:47,669 --> 01:17:45,120

i'm going to look over here at jeff see

2281

01:17:49,990 --> 01:17:47,679

this no you can't josephus is

2282

01:17:51,510 --> 01:17:50,000

out the window so the next thing i'd go

2283

01:17:54,390 --> 01:17:51,520

to is no

2284

01:17:56,709 --> 01:17:54,400

oh oh oh he's out the window don't take

2285

01:18:01,350 --> 01:17:56,719

me the wrong way like you did on science

2286

01:18:04,630 --> 01:18:01,360

he is of course spinning 95 percent

2287

01:18:07,910 --> 01:18:04,640

real stuff but it's always through

2288

01:18:10,950 --> 01:18:07,920

the lens he is he has only one purpose

2289

01:18:12,630 --> 01:18:10,960

which is to propagandize rome he doesn't

2290

01:18:15,270 --> 01:18:12,640

have any other purpose

2291

01:18:17,189 --> 01:18:15,280

he's the guy who led him to the gold if

2292

01:18:19,270 --> 01:18:17,199

you go look at the arch of titus

2293

01:18:21,189 --> 01:18:19,280

where they're hauling away all that gold

2294

01:18:22,790 --> 01:18:21,199

he went and got all that stuff for him

2295

01:18:24,950 --> 01:18:22,800

it wasn't that he prophesized

2296

01:18:26,870 --> 01:18:24,960

so he is totally if that's what it looks

2297

01:18:29,030 --> 01:18:26,880

like so he's totally in their pocket

2298

01:18:30,790 --> 01:18:29,040

he's doing their bidding and we must

2299

01:18:33,590 --> 01:18:30,800

understand that when we look at

2300

01:18:36,310 --> 01:18:33,600

anything he writes particularly what he

2301

01:18:39,510 --> 01:18:36,320

writes about pontius pilate

2302

01:18:41,590 --> 01:18:39,520

well what historical

2303

01:18:43,430 --> 01:18:41,600

writer throughout history do you not

2304

01:18:44,790 --> 01:18:43,440

have to apply lenses to

2305

01:18:46,950 --> 01:18:44,800

i mean well let's just take you and me

2306

01:18:48,229 --> 01:18:46,960

for example have you ever shield for

2307

01:18:50,070 --> 01:18:48,239

something

2308

01:18:51,669 --> 01:18:50,080

i don't know you but you've lived a long

2309

01:18:52,390 --> 01:18:51,679

time you've chilled for something at

2310

01:18:55,110 --> 01:18:52,400

some point

2311

01:18:56,310 --> 01:18:55,120

i promise something where you got paid

2312

01:18:58,229 --> 01:18:56,320

maybe this wasn't really what you

2313

01:19:00,550 --> 01:18:58,239

believed in or your first thing but

2314

01:19:01,910 --> 01:19:00,560

yeah sure whatever i have people have

2315

01:19:03,110 --> 01:19:01,920

like it just happens even if it was just

2316

01:19:04,790 --> 01:19:03,120

when you were a kid and you weren't even

2317

01:19:07,750 --> 01:19:04,800

really thinking about it i mean

2318

01:19:08,790 --> 01:19:07,760

humans at times are in positions where

2319

01:19:09,990 --> 01:19:08,800

they advance something

2320

01:19:11,590 --> 01:19:10,000

but i don't sense your shilling for

2321

01:19:12,390 --> 01:19:11,600

anything now i sense your pursuit is

2322

01:19:13,910 --> 01:19:12,400

honest

2323

01:19:15,910 --> 01:19:13,920

and not that i'm the arbiter of that who

2324

01:19:18,310 --> 01:19:15,920

cares what i think but i like the way

2325

01:19:19,430 --> 01:19:18,320

you come at it i like the way

2326

01:19:21,830 --> 01:19:19,440

it seems like you come at it with

2327

01:19:24,149 --> 01:19:21,840

integrity i should i not take you

2328

01:19:25,830 --> 01:19:24,159

seriously now because at some point

2329

01:19:26,950 --> 01:19:25,840

somewhere else you were in another place

2330

01:19:29,189 --> 01:19:26,960

in life and you said this because

2331

01:19:31,189 --> 01:19:29,199

josephus's later writings

2332

01:19:32,870 --> 01:19:31,199

look like he's all over the map in terms

2333

01:19:34,550 --> 01:19:32,880

of taking other positions

2334

01:19:36,149 --> 01:19:34,560

he comes back it's like he wants to give

2335

01:19:37,189 --> 01:19:36,159

a makeup call to the jews and

2336

01:19:39,430 --> 01:19:37,199

antiquities

2337

01:19:40,790 --> 01:19:39,440

and wants to talk about how beautiful

2338

01:19:42,550 --> 01:19:40,800

this tradition has been it's like

2339

01:19:43,110 --> 01:19:42,560

there's been a political shift that has

2340

01:19:44,870 --> 01:19:43,120

occurred

2341

01:19:46,630 --> 01:19:44,880

he's no longer feeling the pressures

2342

01:19:48,550 --> 01:19:46,640

under the court of the spacian

2343

01:19:49,750 --> 01:19:48,560

to advocate for the stuff he had been

2344

01:19:50,950 --> 01:19:49,760

and so now he's willing to go a

2345

01:19:54,149 --> 01:19:50,960

different direction

2346

01:19:55,270 --> 01:19:54,159

does it make him a shill yes but he's a

2347

01:19:57,350 --> 01:19:55,280

moving target

2348

01:19:59,590 --> 01:19:57,360

shill who's shilling for different

2349

01:20:02,229 --> 01:19:59,600

things and we can reestablish that

2350

01:20:03,270 --> 01:20:02,239

with some historical context which means

2351

01:20:05,030 --> 01:20:03,280

that you can't

2352

01:20:06,310 --> 01:20:05,040

you can't throw out somebody because

2353

01:20:06,629 --> 01:20:06,320

they're a skill you just have to know

2354

01:20:09,910 --> 01:20:06,639

how

2355

01:20:10,950 --> 01:20:09,920

don't really disagree with you and i

2356

01:20:13,270 --> 01:20:10,960

think this is like

2357

01:20:14,149 --> 01:20:13,280

the real real finer points of this thing

2358

01:20:15,669 --> 01:20:14,159

but it's to me

2359

01:20:18,149 --> 01:20:15,679

it's where it gets interesting it's

2360

01:20:19,990 --> 01:20:18,159

really where the rubber meets the road

2361

01:20:21,669 --> 01:20:20,000

yeah yeah yeah to all the things you're

2362

01:20:22,790 --> 01:20:21,679

saying to the transformation

2363

01:20:25,350 --> 01:20:22,800

you know and the other thing i always

2364

01:20:26,470 --> 01:20:25,360

throw into this and i have to throw it

2365

01:20:28,229 --> 01:20:26,480

in here is that

2366

01:20:30,070 --> 01:20:28,239

one of the things i think is missing

2367

01:20:32,310 --> 01:20:30,080

from our history

2368

01:20:33,510 --> 01:20:32,320

is this understanding that we're all

2369

01:20:37,030 --> 01:20:33,520

leading rich

2370

01:20:39,830 --> 01:20:37,040

spiritual lives so josephus is leading

2371

01:20:41,669 --> 01:20:39,840

a rich spiritual life if i'm calling him

2372

01:20:42,149 --> 01:20:41,679

michelle if i'm calling him a propaganda

2373

01:20:43,830 --> 01:20:42,159

agent

2374

01:20:45,430 --> 01:20:43,840

if i'm calling him somebody who cashed

2375

01:20:45,990 --> 01:20:45,440

in for the money to go live in the

2376

01:20:48,550 --> 01:20:46,000

townhouse

2377

01:20:49,910 --> 01:20:48,560

in rome it he still woke up at two

2378

01:20:52,149 --> 01:20:49,920

o'clock in the morning

2379

01:20:53,189 --> 01:20:52,159

and wondered who if he if those he loved

2380

01:20:55,189 --> 01:20:53,199

loved him back

2381

01:20:57,270 --> 01:20:55,199

he wondered if there was god he wonder

2382

01:20:59,990 --> 01:20:57,280

how his soul would be weighed

2383

01:21:00,790 --> 01:21:00,000

because we all that's the experience of

2384

01:21:03,189 --> 01:21:00,800

being human

2385

01:21:04,629 --> 01:21:03,199

vespasian when he was running his sword

2386

01:21:07,669 --> 01:21:04,639

through those druid

2387

01:21:11,030 --> 01:21:07,679

those beautifully spiritually druid

2388

01:21:12,870 --> 01:21:11,040

priests in britannia

2389

01:21:14,550 --> 01:21:12,880

that was weighing on his soul because

2390

01:21:14,950 --> 01:21:14,560

the things we do weighs on everyone's

2391

01:21:18,149 --> 01:21:14,960

soul

2392

01:21:19,830 --> 01:21:18,159

so of course josephus is complicated

2393

01:21:21,830 --> 01:21:19,840

but we must bring the lens back to this

2394

01:21:24,950 --> 01:21:21,840

period we must bring the lens back

2395

01:21:26,310 --> 01:21:24,960

to pontius pilate to what josephus is

2396

01:21:29,430 --> 01:21:26,320

doing right now

2397

01:21:31,270 --> 01:21:29,440

he is trying to fool you

2398

01:21:33,270 --> 01:21:31,280

he's do and he's played the ultimate

2399

01:21:35,270 --> 01:21:33,280

card now which says

2400

01:21:37,750 --> 01:21:35,280

screw your religion judaism's out the

2401

01:21:40,070 --> 01:21:37,760

window it's about vespasian

2402

01:21:41,270 --> 01:21:40,080

so when josephus starts popping up in

2403

01:21:43,910 --> 01:21:41,280

the new testament

2404

01:21:45,990 --> 01:21:43,920

and when he starts popping up or not

2405

01:21:48,229 --> 01:21:46,000

popping up in the account of

2406

01:21:49,510 --> 01:21:48,239

pontius pilate we need to take notice

2407

01:21:51,990 --> 01:21:49,520

and we need to focus

2408

01:21:54,550 --> 01:21:52,000

on that period not his whole life not

2409

01:21:56,950 --> 01:21:54,560

his rich spiritual life and not his

2410

01:21:58,310 --> 01:21:56,960

transformation just on what he's saying

2411

01:22:01,510 --> 01:21:58,320

right now

2412

01:22:05,030 --> 01:22:01,520

and we by absence

2413

01:22:06,390 --> 01:22:05,040

we know that jesus didn't get a sit with

2414

01:22:13,350 --> 01:22:06,400

pontius pilate

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01:22:15,990 --> 01:22:13,360

and not show up in josephus's book

2416

01:22:17,510 --> 01:22:16,000

hell josephus wrote about the aqueduct

2417

01:22:18,390 --> 01:22:17,520

riot have you ever heard of the aqueduct

2418

01:22:21,270 --> 01:22:18,400

riot

2419

01:22:21,669 --> 01:22:21,280

of course it's in my video oh see i

2420

01:22:23,830 --> 01:22:21,679

was

2421

01:22:24,709 --> 01:22:23,840

trying to try to trump you man and i

2422

01:22:27,910 --> 01:22:24,719

can't do it

2423

01:22:30,310 --> 01:22:27,920

pontius pilate is a real guy your video

2424

01:22:32,229 --> 01:22:30,320

makes that clear you have the coins you

2425

01:22:33,669 --> 01:22:32,239

have the video of you in rome where he's

2426

01:22:36,950 --> 01:22:33,679

on there

2427

01:22:39,750 --> 01:22:36,960

there is no way that jesus met

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01:22:40,709 --> 01:22:39,760

with that guy and it doesn't show up in

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01:22:45,350 --> 01:22:40,719

josephus

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01:22:46,709 --> 01:22:45,360

like the aqueduct riot

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01:22:48,870 --> 01:22:46,719

so why do you read about that do you

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01:22:51,910 --> 01:22:48,880

think because it makes

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01:22:52,310 --> 01:22:51,920

it makes pontius pilot look kind of cool

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01:22:54,310 --> 01:22:52,320

um

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01:22:55,510 --> 01:22:54,320

i think you've got it exactly backwards

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01:22:56,790 --> 01:22:55,520

and i think i might

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01:22:58,310 --> 01:22:56,800

i think i might have more homework on

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01:22:59,350 --> 01:22:58,320

this one than you but i could be wrong

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01:23:00,790 --> 01:22:59,360

so i'm going to make my case and you

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01:23:03,430 --> 01:23:00,800

tell me yours

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01:23:03,910 --> 01:23:03,440

i would offer this thesis it did not

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01:23:06,070 --> 01:23:03,920

advance

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01:23:08,310 --> 01:23:06,080

josephus's purposes in writing about

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01:23:09,830 --> 01:23:08,320

pontius pilate for the larger point that

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01:23:11,990 --> 01:23:09,840

you have rightly pointed out the

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01:23:14,629 --> 01:23:12,000

exaltation of the romans

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01:23:16,149 --> 01:23:14,639

it did not advance his purposes to

2448

01:23:18,629 --> 01:23:16,159

include anything about

2449

01:23:20,310 --> 01:23:18,639

jesus sitting with pontius pilate what

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01:23:22,470 --> 01:23:20,320

he's doing here is not that tough i

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01:23:24,709 --> 01:23:22,480

keep my copy of just just really handy

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01:23:26,870 --> 01:23:24,719

i've burned through this multiple times

2453

01:23:27,990 --> 01:23:26,880

i'm not an expert on josephus by any

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01:23:29,590 --> 01:23:28,000

means but

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01:23:31,189 --> 01:23:29,600

first century is my world i just it's

2456

01:23:33,750 --> 01:23:31,199

fascinating i like it i'm not

2457

01:23:34,790 --> 01:23:33,760

an expert i just love it and so you read

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01:23:36,950 --> 01:23:34,800

through this

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01:23:39,030 --> 01:23:36,960

without any of the oh man i hope this

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01:23:41,430 --> 01:23:39,040

makes makes christianity look good

2461

01:23:42,709 --> 01:23:41,440

or oh man i hope it makes it look bad if

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01:23:44,310 --> 01:23:42,719

you step away from that and just do the

2463

01:23:45,910 --> 01:23:44,320

historical exercise

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01:23:47,350 --> 01:23:45,920

you see a dude who i think you've

2465

01:23:50,149 --> 01:23:47,360

rightly identified

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01:23:51,910 --> 01:23:50,159

as someone who played his hand and the

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01:23:52,390 --> 01:23:51,920

better hand was with the romans he made

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01:23:56,709 --> 01:23:52,400

a

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01:23:59,590 --> 01:23:56,719

of this

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01:24:01,270 --> 01:23:59,600

the spacial there are all these tests

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01:24:03,830 --> 01:24:01,280

that would have to be passed for messiah

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01:24:06,149 --> 01:24:03,840

isaiah chapter 35 lays those out

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01:24:07,990 --> 01:24:06,159

jesus references them matthew references

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01:24:09,510 --> 01:24:08,000

them that clearly even if you don't

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01:24:12,310 --> 01:24:09,520

believe there is a jesus

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01:24:14,229 --> 01:24:12,320

or believe in the gospels we know that

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01:24:16,149 --> 01:24:14,239

that demonstrates what the expectation

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01:24:18,070 --> 01:24:16,159

was in terms of messiah from the old

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01:24:19,510 --> 01:24:18,080

testament scriptures and the prophets

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01:24:21,430 --> 01:24:19,520

so that's there the station doesn't take

2481

01:24:23,270 --> 01:24:21,440

any of those boxes it's a totally

2482

01:24:25,189 --> 01:24:23,280

cynical thing that josephus is doing

2483

01:24:27,350 --> 01:24:25,199

there because he knows vespasian doesn't

2484

01:24:29,189 --> 01:24:27,360

heal the lame or make the blind to see

2485

01:24:30,390 --> 01:24:29,199

or raise the dead like isaiah said the

2486

01:24:33,430 --> 01:24:30,400

messiah would

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01:24:35,990 --> 01:24:33,440

maybe not cynical just a lame attempt at

2488

01:24:36,629 --> 01:24:36,000

propagandizing but for somebody that

2489

01:24:39,030 --> 01:24:36,639

smart

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01:24:41,030 --> 01:24:39,040

very weak attempt compared to his

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01:24:43,430 --> 01:24:41,040

accomplishments well his own

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01:24:45,510 --> 01:24:43,440

self-acclaimed accomplishments so

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01:24:46,070 --> 01:24:45,520

josephus is advancing an argument the

2494

01:24:49,350 --> 01:24:46,080

argument

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01:24:52,550 --> 01:24:49,360

is that the

2496

01:24:55,990 --> 01:24:52,560

the roman governorship leading up

2497

01:24:56,950 --> 01:24:56,000

to the the collapse in the east that

2498

01:24:59,030 --> 01:24:56,960

required

2499

01:25:01,030 --> 01:24:59,040

rome to get off of its butt bring

2500

01:25:03,590 --> 01:25:01,040

legions and solve all of this problem

2501
01:25:05,430 --> 01:25:03,600
one of his theses for what went wrong

2502
01:25:07,990 --> 01:25:05,440
was inept leadership

2503
01:25:08,790 --> 01:25:08,000
we just had bad political leadership all

2504
01:25:10,550 --> 01:25:08,800
this time

2505
01:25:12,229 --> 01:25:10,560
so the accounts we get from josephus

2506
01:25:14,070 --> 01:25:12,239
both in the antiquities and the jewish

2507
01:25:17,270 --> 01:25:14,080
wars of pontius pilate's

2508
01:25:20,229 --> 01:25:17,280
time in office paint him as weak

2509
01:25:22,470 --> 01:25:20,239
fumbling dumb trying to impress tiberius

2510
01:25:24,550 --> 01:25:22,480
and doing a terribly sloppy job of it

2511
01:25:25,990 --> 01:25:24,560
and i give this a very concise treatment

2512
01:25:27,430 --> 01:25:26,000
for about seven eight minutes

2513
01:25:29,030 --> 01:25:27,440

in the video that you're referencing

2514

01:25:30,709 --> 01:25:29,040

here and so you've got the issue

2515

01:25:33,030 --> 01:25:30,719

of you've got the the crisis of the

2516

01:25:35,110 --> 01:25:33,040

shields the crisis of the banners

2517

01:25:36,629 --> 01:25:35,120

the crisis of the aqueduct you've got

2518

01:25:39,590 --> 01:25:36,639

the crisis of

2519

01:25:40,870 --> 01:25:39,600

the samaritan prophet in all of these

2520

01:25:42,870 --> 01:25:40,880

things

2521

01:25:44,709 --> 01:25:42,880

pilate is held out by josephus as

2522

01:25:48,310 --> 01:25:44,719

getting it exactly

2523

01:25:51,270 --> 01:25:48,320

wrong and botching it on this front

2524

01:25:52,950 --> 01:25:51,280

and then we move on from pilate who we

2525

01:25:54,950 --> 01:25:52,960

care about because of the long shadow

2526

01:25:55,990 --> 01:25:54,960

jesus of nazareth casts over western

2527

01:25:57,510 --> 01:25:56,000

history

2528

01:25:59,110 --> 01:25:57,520

and if you keep going with josephus

2529

01:26:01,189 --> 01:25:59,120

argument you realize he wasn't really

2530

01:26:02,629 --> 01:26:01,199

that concerned with pilate

2531

01:26:04,149 --> 01:26:02,639

the stuff that comes up because it

2532

01:26:06,470 --> 01:26:04,159

overlaps with the bible is

2533

01:26:09,110 --> 01:26:06,480

disproportionately represented

2534

01:26:10,229 --> 01:26:09,120

in in josephus studies but you keep

2535

01:26:12,070 --> 01:26:10,239

reading with him and he's like and then

2536

01:26:12,709 --> 01:26:12,080

this guy was inept and then this guy was

2537

01:26:14,709 --> 01:26:12,719

inept

2538

01:26:15,830 --> 01:26:14,719

and what you had were weak crappy

2539

01:26:19,510 --> 01:26:15,840

leaders and someone

2540

01:26:20,870 --> 01:26:19,520

strong like the spacion like titus

2541

01:26:22,709 --> 01:26:20,880

these are the kind of people who had to

2542

01:26:24,070 --> 01:26:22,719

come in and restore this thing and get

2543

01:26:25,189 --> 01:26:24,080

it squared away and point out to the

2544

01:26:26,790 --> 01:26:25,199

jewish people

2545

01:26:28,950 --> 01:26:26,800

that all of this floundering around that

2546

01:26:31,750 --> 01:26:28,960

was going on over here in just

2547

01:26:33,830 --> 01:26:31,760

a washed society you had going on you

2548

01:26:34,310 --> 01:26:33,840

should be thankful that now the real

2549

01:26:36,229 --> 01:26:34,320

roman

2550

01:26:39,030 --> 01:26:36,239

presence is here to get this

2551
01:26:41,030 --> 01:26:39,040
straightened out this is the way forward

2552
01:26:42,629 --> 01:26:41,040
in light of that it doesn't advance his

2553
01:26:44,709 --> 01:26:42,639
thesis at all

2554
01:26:46,950 --> 01:26:44,719
to be like oh and also uh there's this

2555
01:26:47,910 --> 01:26:46,960
guy jesus and he was there for a trial

2556
01:26:50,550 --> 01:26:47,920
for a minute

2557
01:26:52,709 --> 01:26:50,560
who cares it doesn't help his point so i

2558
01:26:54,790 --> 01:26:52,719
don't find it to be in any way

2559
01:26:56,629 --> 01:26:54,800
threatening to the historical claim that

2560
01:26:58,310 --> 01:26:56,639
jesus got a trial

2561
01:27:00,149 --> 01:26:58,320
if anything it makes more sense that he

2562
01:27:02,310 --> 01:27:00,159
would get a trial because

2563
01:27:04,390 --> 01:27:02,320

the pilot of the bible looks like a lot

2564

01:27:04,709 --> 01:27:04,400

like the pilot of josephus and just kind

2565

01:27:07,510 --> 01:27:04,719

of

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01:27:09,430 --> 01:27:07,520

overwhelmed by a political mess back in

2567

01:27:11,270 --> 01:27:09,440

rome with sejanus and an absentee

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01:27:12,790 --> 01:27:11,280

emperor in tiberius

2569

01:27:14,550 --> 01:27:12,800

kind of floundering in his job

2570

01:27:16,070 --> 01:27:14,560

historically we know he effectively got

2571

01:27:19,189 --> 01:27:16,080

relieved of duty

2572

01:27:22,310 --> 01:27:19,199

by a peer that was the governor of

2573

01:27:23,189 --> 01:27:22,320

syria and with 35 36 a.d something like

2574

01:27:25,430 --> 01:27:23,199

that

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01:27:27,350 --> 01:27:25,440

and so yeah i think jesus got an

2576

01:27:28,870 --> 01:27:27,360

audience well yeah absolutely i do that

2577

01:27:30,550 --> 01:27:28,880

isn't weird or threatening at all and it

2578

01:27:32,070 --> 01:27:30,560

doesn't mean christianity has ultimately

2579

01:27:34,310 --> 01:27:32,080

proved true

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01:27:35,990 --> 01:27:34,320

but yeah yeah i get you already fumbled

2581

01:27:37,510 --> 01:27:36,000

three

2582

01:27:39,030 --> 01:27:37,520

ugly incidents and wouldn't have wanted

2583

01:27:42,629 --> 01:27:39,040

to fumble that one either

2584

01:27:44,870 --> 01:27:42,639

well you know we're in now this

2585

01:27:45,990 --> 01:27:44,880

range where we can just kind of i i kind

2586

01:27:49,110 --> 01:27:46,000

of get your point

2587

01:27:50,310 --> 01:27:49,120

and point taken that josephus there

2588

01:27:52,790 --> 01:27:50,320

could have been a meeting

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01:27:55,189 --> 01:27:52,800

and josephus could have left it out it

2590

01:27:58,149 --> 01:27:55,199

doesn't undermine my point that

2591

01:28:00,070 --> 01:27:58,159

there wasn't a meeting and that's why

2592

01:28:02,950 --> 01:28:00,080

josephus didn't write about it

2593

01:28:05,110 --> 01:28:02,960

but either way the what do we call the

2594

01:28:06,950 --> 01:28:05,120

testianum flavion and what

2595

01:28:08,629 --> 01:28:06,960

is out the window right because if he's

2596

01:28:11,189 --> 01:28:08,639

going to talk about jesus

2597

01:28:12,950 --> 01:28:11,199

he's going to talk about it yeah well

2598

01:28:14,550 --> 01:28:12,960

the exaggerated one but it really kind

2599

01:28:15,910 --> 01:28:14,560

of calls into question the whole thing

2600

01:28:17,110 --> 01:28:15,920

because if he's going to talk about

2601

01:28:18,470 --> 01:28:17,120

jesus

2602

01:28:20,390 --> 01:28:18,480

he probably would have talked about

2603

01:28:21,030 --> 01:28:20,400

jesus now but that's still a matter of

2604

01:28:22,550 --> 01:28:21,040

conjecture

2605

01:28:24,390 --> 01:28:22,560

here's where we can see version though

2606

01:28:25,990 --> 01:28:24,400

the manuscript evidence does support so

2607

01:28:29,350 --> 01:28:26,000

there we just have data

2608

01:28:31,030 --> 01:28:29,360

yeah we we have some we have some so

2609

01:28:32,550 --> 01:28:31,040

we'll get way too bible geeky we

2610

01:28:35,030 --> 01:28:32,560

probably already have but

2611

01:28:36,229 --> 01:28:35,040

if we don't go over the moon too far so

2612

01:28:37,189 --> 01:28:36,239

the other the other problem with

2613

01:28:41,030 --> 01:28:37,199

josephus

2614

01:28:43,750 --> 01:28:41,040

is that he shows up in the new testament

2615

01:28:44,709 --> 01:28:43,760

so what biblical scholars will say is

2616

01:28:47,669 --> 01:28:44,719

that

2617

01:28:48,790 --> 01:28:47,679

he shows up the new testament let me

2618

01:28:51,510 --> 01:28:48,800

make my point

2619

01:28:52,709 --> 01:28:51,520

the new testament gospels a lot of

2620

01:28:56,149 --> 01:28:52,719

scholars will say

2621

01:28:58,950 --> 01:28:56,159

are dependent upon josephus which means

2622

01:28:59,830 --> 01:28:58,960

they look to be writing they look to be

2623

01:29:02,629 --> 01:28:59,840

written

2624

01:29:03,430 --> 01:29:02,639

by someone who has access to those

2625

01:29:07,430 --> 01:29:03,440

writings

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01:29:10,629 --> 01:29:07,440

right so point by point i mean

2627

01:29:12,310 --> 01:29:10,639

jesus ministry starts in galilee the

2628

01:29:14,070 --> 01:29:12,320

three guys on the cross one dies one

2629

01:29:15,430 --> 01:29:14,080

foot down all this stuff parallels

2630

01:29:18,070 --> 01:29:15,440

and then the main thing that parallels

2631

01:29:21,350 --> 01:29:18,080

that is is just glaring

2632

01:29:23,750 --> 01:29:21,360

is that josephus uh says

2633

01:29:25,030 --> 01:29:23,760

okay they seized jerusalem and then they

2634

01:29:27,430 --> 01:29:25,040

destroyed it and no

2635

01:29:29,189 --> 01:29:27,440

stone left unturned this is exactly what

2636

01:29:30,870 --> 01:29:29,199

jesus says

2637

01:29:33,350 --> 01:29:30,880

but as it's written in the gospels when

2638

01:29:36,790 --> 01:29:33,360

jesus says it it's prophecy

2639

01:29:39,110 --> 01:29:36,800

so look maybe it's prophecy

2640

01:29:41,669 --> 01:29:39,120

but when you can pick when you can pick

2641

01:29:42,149 --> 01:29:41,679

up a historical semi-quasi as we're

2642

01:29:45,430 --> 01:29:42,159

saying

2643

01:29:47,910 --> 01:29:45,440

historical account like josephus and it

2644

01:29:50,229 --> 01:29:47,920

is played by play

2645

01:29:52,870 --> 01:29:50,239

kind of describing the same things that

2646

01:29:54,070 --> 01:29:52,880

are said in the gospel at some point you

2647

01:29:57,189 --> 01:29:54,080

have to say

2648

01:30:00,310 --> 01:29:57,199

what a lot of biblical scholars say

2649

01:30:03,350 --> 01:30:00,320

is gee it looks like

2650

01:30:06,629 --> 01:30:03,360

the gospel writers had access to

2651
01:30:07,830 --> 01:30:06,639
josephus and maybe just maybe because

2652
01:30:10,950 --> 01:30:07,840
we're all human

2653
01:30:16,390 --> 01:30:10,960
they kind of wrote stuff as a prophecy

2654
01:30:19,990 --> 01:30:16,400
when it was really just history

2655
01:30:21,030 --> 01:30:20,000
maybe or here's another possibility uh

2656
01:30:23,110 --> 01:30:21,040
starting from the beginning of your

2657
01:30:24,790 --> 01:30:23,120
points and moving forward to the

2658
01:30:27,430 --> 01:30:24,800
specific phraseology of

2659
01:30:29,110 --> 01:30:27,440
not one stone on top of another maybe

2660
01:30:31,430 --> 01:30:29,120
that was just such common parlance for

2661
01:30:34,310 --> 01:30:31,440
the total destruction of the people

2662
01:30:36,229 --> 01:30:34,320
that it dated all the way back to the

2663
01:30:37,910 --> 01:30:36,239

third punic war in the roman destruction

2664

01:30:38,950 --> 01:30:37,920

of carthage that's the language that was

2665

01:30:40,870 --> 01:30:38,960

used there

2666

01:30:42,470 --> 01:30:40,880

if that language was something that is a

2667

01:30:44,550 --> 01:30:42,480

metaphor for

2668

01:30:45,669 --> 01:30:44,560

that is completely what it is to

2669

01:30:47,750 --> 01:30:45,679

completely wreck

2670

01:30:49,669 --> 01:30:47,760

a place it wouldn't be far-fetched at

2671

01:30:51,510 --> 01:30:49,679

all that jesus josephus

2672

01:30:53,030 --> 01:30:51,520

hundreds of other people that now

2673

01:30:55,270 --> 01:30:53,040

non-extant writings

2674

01:30:56,470 --> 01:30:55,280

would have used the same phrase without

2675

01:30:57,830 --> 01:30:56,480

it being this like whoa

2676

01:30:59,350 --> 01:30:57,840

that's a that's a really unique

2677

01:31:00,709 --> 01:30:59,360

plagiarized phrase well it wasn't a

2678

01:31:02,709 --> 01:31:00,719

unique plagiarized phrase

2679

01:31:04,709 --> 01:31:02,719

we see that in other places but it's

2680

01:31:06,070 --> 01:31:04,719

still prophecy

2681

01:31:07,669 --> 01:31:06,080

well it's going to be viewed that way by

2682

01:31:08,470 --> 01:31:07,679

someone who believes that jesus is the

2683

01:31:10,550 --> 01:31:08,480

messiah

2684

01:31:12,390 --> 01:31:10,560

and that that happened before 70 a.d and

2685

01:31:14,149 --> 01:31:12,400

it's going to be viewed not that way

2686

01:31:15,830 --> 01:31:14,159

by somebody who believes that jesus was

2687

01:31:17,350 --> 01:31:15,840

not from god and that that was written

2688

01:31:18,950 --> 01:31:17,360

after 70 a.d

2689

01:31:21,270 --> 01:31:18,960

we're all from god so that's not the

2690

01:31:24,950 --> 01:31:21,280

point the point is back to the data like

2691

01:31:27,110 --> 01:31:24,960

when i was kind of dissing the flavium

2692

01:31:28,629 --> 01:31:27,120

the testonium that sounds like harry

2693

01:31:30,870 --> 01:31:28,639

potter stuff i can never get that

2694

01:31:33,030 --> 01:31:30,880

and stuff right but you know you were

2695

01:31:33,430 --> 01:31:33,040

saying hey we have we have sources on

2696

01:31:35,350 --> 01:31:33,440

that

2697

01:31:38,390 --> 01:31:35,360

well here we have sources you lay

2698

01:31:40,229 --> 01:31:38,400

josephus side by side with the gospels

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01:31:42,310 --> 01:31:40,239

and they play out like that walk me

2700

01:31:43,990 --> 01:31:42,320

through that in what ways

2701
01:31:45,910 --> 01:31:44,000
that's going to be another show if you

2702
01:31:46,470 --> 01:31:45,920
ever come back we will lay that out but

2703
01:31:49,189 --> 01:31:46,480
it's a

2704
01:31:49,590 --> 01:31:49,199
centerpiece of your argument well i i

2705
01:31:54,149 --> 01:31:49,600
already

2706
01:31:57,990 --> 01:31:54,159
gave you two

2707
01:32:00,950 --> 01:31:58,000
the the the meeting of the three guys

2708
01:32:01,510 --> 01:32:00,960
who are being crucified right and uh

2709
01:32:04,310 --> 01:32:01,520
that's

2710
01:32:05,430 --> 01:32:04,320
right out of josephus it's right out of

2711
01:32:08,870 --> 01:32:05,440
the gospels

2712
01:32:10,229 --> 01:32:08,880
and then you'll see uh jesus sitting and

2713
01:32:12,550 --> 01:32:10,239

prophesizing you know

2714

01:32:13,590 --> 01:32:12,560

his prophecy about the siege of

2715

01:32:15,830 --> 01:32:13,600

jerusalem

2716

01:32:17,830 --> 01:32:15,840

and then the sacking and the turning i

2717

01:32:18,550 --> 01:32:17,840

mean you got a couple of data points in

2718

01:32:20,870 --> 01:32:18,560

there

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01:32:21,910 --> 01:32:20,880

that would have to line up so again you

2720

01:32:25,590 --> 01:32:21,920

know maybe it's

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01:32:29,110 --> 01:32:25,600

prophecy but it just seems given all the

2722

01:32:31,750 --> 01:32:29,120

see my point is that

2723

01:32:32,229 --> 01:32:31,760

we're in a different soup now and the

2724

01:32:35,350 --> 01:32:32,239

soup

2725

01:32:37,590 --> 01:32:35,360

is that all this is up for grabs

2726
01:32:39,189 --> 01:32:37,600
because it's all being manipulated and

2727
01:32:40,870 --> 01:32:39,199
you've already bought into that

2728
01:32:42,629 --> 01:32:40,880
because you've you've agreed that

2729
01:32:45,669 --> 01:32:42,639
there's no other way to read

2730
01:32:48,390 --> 01:32:45,679
that thing so now this is in play

2731
01:32:50,070 --> 01:32:48,400
in my opinion it's in play so and you're

2732
01:32:51,750 --> 01:32:50,080
fair with it

2733
01:32:53,270 --> 01:32:51,760
again i'm being opinionated about you

2734
01:32:55,830 --> 01:32:53,280
now but that's my read of it

2735
01:32:57,910 --> 01:32:55,840
is you're not like throwing up the laser

2736
01:32:59,910 --> 01:32:57,920
defense beams

2737
01:33:01,590 --> 01:32:59,920
you're going hey maybe you know maybe

2738
01:33:04,470 --> 01:33:01,600

not prove it to me more

2739

01:33:05,750 --> 01:33:04,480

and i'm saying the fact that the bribe

2740

01:33:08,950 --> 01:33:05,760

is pro-roman

2741

01:33:11,990 --> 01:33:08,960

the bad the fact that it won hints

2742

01:33:14,470 --> 01:33:12,000

of josephus's fingerprints on it

2743

01:33:16,310 --> 01:33:14,480

through axis of the gospel writers and

2744

01:33:16,790 --> 01:33:16,320

then the fact of like this prophecy that

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01:33:18,390 --> 01:33:16,800

has

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01:33:20,550 --> 01:33:18,400

three or four elements in it that are

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01:33:23,990 --> 01:33:20,560

right out of josephus's history

2748

01:33:25,270 --> 01:33:24,000

again kind of lean me in that direction

2749

01:33:26,629 --> 01:33:25,280

we're in a minute 50 that's the only

2750

01:33:27,510 --> 01:33:26,639

reason i said if we do it again i'd love

2751

01:33:29,910 --> 01:33:27,520

to do it again

2752

01:33:31,110 --> 01:33:29,920

but we're in it we're at an hour 50 so

2753

01:33:32,629 --> 01:33:31,120

that's the only reason i said we might

2754

01:33:34,229 --> 01:33:32,639

have to because we go into depth which

2755

01:33:35,510 --> 01:33:34,239

is what you got to do on this stuff

2756

01:33:37,030 --> 01:33:35,520

what can i respond to that stuff because

2757

01:33:39,750 --> 01:33:37,040

i mean that's of course that's where our

2758

01:33:42,950 --> 01:33:39,760

entire conversation is leading to so

2759

01:33:44,790 --> 01:33:42,960

um i i'm

2760

01:33:46,629 --> 01:33:44,800

i'm not totally tracking with the

2761

01:33:50,070 --> 01:33:46,639

reference to

2762

01:33:53,750 --> 01:33:50,080

the criminals on the cross from josephus

2763

01:33:56,870 --> 01:33:53,760

um i would have to look more closely to

2764

01:34:00,390 --> 01:33:56,880

to understand what that reference is to

2765

01:34:01,910 --> 01:34:00,400

uh the description of jesus in josephus

2766

01:34:04,149 --> 01:34:01,920

from the antiquities

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01:34:05,990 --> 01:34:04,159

the one that everybody thinks of as the

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01:34:08,229 --> 01:34:06,000

testimonium flavium

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01:34:10,390 --> 01:34:08,239

or flavianum i think they say is is

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01:34:11,110 --> 01:34:10,400

really pretty ambiguous it's something

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01:34:13,270 --> 01:34:11,120

like

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01:34:14,629 --> 01:34:13,280

you know jesus was a great guy if indeed

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01:34:17,110 --> 01:34:14,639

it's right to call him a guy

2774

01:34:19,030 --> 01:34:17,120

that might be a later interpolation um

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01:34:22,629 --> 01:34:19,040

he did

2776

01:34:24,629 --> 01:34:22,639

amazing or surprising deeds and

2777

01:34:26,870 --> 01:34:24,639

some people thought he was the christ

2778

01:34:28,550 --> 01:34:26,880

and he died on the cross

2779

01:34:31,110 --> 01:34:28,560

and i think pilate is specifically

2780

01:34:32,390 --> 01:34:31,120

mentioned there but there's not

2781

01:34:34,870 --> 01:34:32,400

there's there's not any of the

2782

01:34:35,669 --> 01:34:34,880

specificity of the gospels there so if

2783

01:34:37,110 --> 01:34:35,679

you were

2784

01:34:38,629 --> 01:34:37,120

if you're sitting down in the first

2785

01:34:40,629 --> 01:34:38,639

century a.d or if you believe those

2786

01:34:43,270 --> 01:34:40,639

gospels were written much later by

2787

01:34:44,790 --> 01:34:43,280

anonymous authors you know or not the

2788

01:34:45,830 --> 01:34:44,800

authors whose names are attached and

2789

01:34:47,430 --> 01:34:45,840

you're like i'm going to go off of

2790

01:34:49,430 --> 01:34:47,440

josephus

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01:34:51,109 --> 01:34:49,440

man you're going to have to build out a

2792

01:34:54,550 --> 01:34:51,119

ton from there because there just

2793

01:34:55,990 --> 01:34:54,560

isn't that much core material so

2794

01:34:57,750 --> 01:34:56,000

matthew is a book that i spend a ton of

2795

01:35:00,149 --> 01:34:57,760

time with and i'm fascinated by it

2796

01:35:02,470 --> 01:35:00,159

because of the cultural intersection of

2797

01:35:03,990 --> 01:35:02,480

romanism and hellenism and judaism and

2798

01:35:04,790 --> 01:35:04,000

the old testament and everything that's

2799

01:35:06,310 --> 01:35:04,800

going on

2800

01:35:08,870 --> 01:35:06,320

and the build-up to what we're talking

2801

01:35:11,270 --> 01:35:08,880

about here with the jewish wars

2802

01:35:12,790 --> 01:35:11,280

finalizing in 70 a.d and i look at the

2803

01:35:16,070 --> 01:35:12,800

gospel of matthew

2804

01:35:19,910 --> 01:35:16,080

and the detail that is included here

2805

01:35:23,109 --> 01:35:19,920

matthew and luke it's just massive

2806

01:35:25,030 --> 01:35:23,119

the detail about what jesus said he's

2807

01:35:27,750 --> 01:35:25,040

having with religious leadership

2808

01:35:29,350 --> 01:35:27,760

his travel itinerary going up north to

2809

01:35:31,030 --> 01:35:29,360

tyre and sidon

2810

01:35:32,629 --> 01:35:31,040

and coming back down and hanging out on

2811

01:35:34,709 --> 01:35:32,639

the east side of the sea of galilee and

2812

01:35:36,470 --> 01:35:34,719

the decapolis and then he goes in a boat

2813

01:35:39,030 --> 01:35:36,480

across the sea to a town nobody even has

2814

01:35:42,709 --> 01:35:39,040

heard of anymore called magaden

2815

01:35:44,950 --> 01:35:42,719

you've got all of these ultra specific

2816

01:35:47,510 --> 01:35:44,960

details throughout the book of matthew

2817

01:35:49,510 --> 01:35:47,520

that it's just a very robust

2818

01:35:50,950 --> 01:35:49,520

document regardless of what you think of

2819

01:35:54,070 --> 01:35:50,960

its origins

2820

01:35:56,229 --> 01:35:54,080

it to to say that that is somehow

2821

01:35:57,270 --> 01:35:56,239

a parallel with josephus or that its

2822

01:36:00,070 --> 01:35:57,280

credibility

2823

01:36:00,310 --> 01:36:00,080

hinges on the the political allegiances

2824

01:36:03,750 --> 01:36:00,320

to

2825

01:36:07,350 --> 01:36:03,760

josephus i i just objectively

2826
01:36:09,430 --> 01:36:07,360
don't see it because of how sweeping

2827
01:36:10,470 --> 01:36:09,440
the account even if we reject it is pure

2828
01:36:12,550 --> 01:36:10,480
fiction

2829
01:36:13,830 --> 01:36:12,560
that matthew for example gives of the

2830
01:36:15,669 --> 01:36:13,840
life of jesus

2831
01:36:17,430 --> 01:36:15,679
and i don't even see a framework there

2832
01:36:19,270 --> 01:36:17,440
as i look at the testimonium

2833
01:36:21,030 --> 01:36:19,280
flavinium i have trouble with it too

2834
01:36:22,550 --> 01:36:21,040
well it's not it's not just

2835
01:36:24,310 --> 01:36:22,560
it's it's not just in the harry potter

2836
01:36:25,910 --> 01:36:24,320
part it's like here is

2837
01:36:27,590 --> 01:36:25,920
here's the part i was referring to

2838
01:36:28,550 --> 01:36:27,600

josephus this is titus goes with

2839

01:36:31,830 --> 01:36:28,560

jerusalem

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01:36:32,390 --> 01:36:31,840

so wars 5 12. titus naked without his

2841

01:36:35,430 --> 01:36:32,400

armor

2842

01:36:35,830 --> 01:36:35,440

escapes attack at the garden of uh what

2843

01:36:39,430 --> 01:36:35,840

is that

2844

01:36:39,910 --> 01:36:39,440

geshemaine okay that's right out in

2845

01:36:42,390 --> 01:36:39,920

that's

2846

01:36:43,830 --> 01:36:42,400

parallel right out of the bible right um

2847

01:36:46,390 --> 01:36:43,840

a naked man escapes

2848

01:36:47,030 --> 01:36:46,400

at the garden of gasoline okay so the

2849

01:36:50,870 --> 01:36:47,040

next thing

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01:36:52,870 --> 01:36:50,880

in uh yeah that's there's the

2851

01:36:53,990 --> 01:36:52,880

the naked part doesn't drive for me i

2852

01:36:55,910 --> 01:36:54,000

mean it doesn't track

2853

01:36:57,830 --> 01:36:55,920

okay all right so then peter runs out of

2854

01:37:00,709 --> 01:36:57,840

there jesus gets arrested there well

2855

01:37:01,990 --> 01:37:00,719

near there okay right out of wars again

2856

01:37:05,109 --> 01:37:02,000

josephus

2857

01:37:06,390 --> 01:37:05,119

or the jews 5 12. titus builds a siege

2858

01:37:08,709 --> 01:37:06,400

while around jerusalem

2859

01:37:11,109 --> 01:37:08,719

titus pitches camp at jerusalem exactly

2860

01:37:14,229 --> 01:37:11,119

40 years after the start of jesus of

2861

01:37:16,950 --> 01:37:14,239

jesus's ministry supposedly

2862

01:37:17,990 --> 01:37:16,960

so again we're all on board with that

2863

01:37:20,470 --> 01:37:18,000

that that's

2864

01:37:22,709 --> 01:37:20,480

written then as a prophecy right here's

2865

01:37:25,030 --> 01:37:22,719

the next thing from josephus now again

2866

01:37:29,990 --> 01:37:25,040

and this will ring true with the bible

2867

01:37:31,910 --> 01:37:30,000

three men josephus uh 75 4 24 21.

2868

01:37:33,590 --> 01:37:31,920

three men are chris are crucified at the

2869

01:37:36,550 --> 01:37:33,600

village of the inquiring mind

2870

01:37:38,709 --> 01:37:36,560

one man is taken down from the cross uh

2871

01:37:39,910 --> 01:37:38,719

by josephus josephus goes and says hey

2872

01:37:43,510 --> 01:37:39,920

kind of let that guy down

2873

01:37:46,470 --> 01:37:43,520

and it miraculously survives okay so

2874

01:37:48,149 --> 01:37:46,480

we can't get into all of them but this

2875

01:37:50,870 --> 01:37:48,159

is what i was saying

2876

01:37:52,629 --> 01:37:50,880

point by point you go through josephus

2877

01:37:55,990 --> 01:37:52,639

and strangely enough

2878

01:37:58,310 --> 01:37:56,000

these are showing up in the gospels so

2879

01:38:00,229 --> 01:37:58,320

maybe maybe not well not they're showing

2880

01:38:02,070 --> 01:38:00,239

up there's something like it

2881

01:38:03,590 --> 01:38:02,080

that looks similar i mean roman

2882

01:38:05,030 --> 01:38:03,600

executions were happening off and he's

2883

01:38:05,830 --> 01:38:05,040

not calling the person on the cross

2884

01:38:07,669 --> 01:38:05,840

jesus

2885

01:38:09,350 --> 01:38:07,679

it chronologically doesn't align with

2886

01:38:10,390 --> 01:38:09,360

jesus we're talking about decades of

2887

01:38:13,750 --> 01:38:10,400

space

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01:38:15,830 --> 01:38:13,760

between it chronologically it depends

2889

01:38:17,590 --> 01:38:15,840

it's in a different time slot right but

2890

01:38:18,870 --> 01:38:17,600

it's like right chronologically these

2891

01:38:19,990 --> 01:38:18,880

things are showing it's not like

2892

01:38:22,870 --> 01:38:20,000

josephus wrote

2893

01:38:23,990 --> 01:38:22,880

i'm not stringing together random quotes

2894

01:38:26,310 --> 01:38:24,000

from josephus

2895

01:38:27,990 --> 01:38:26,320

if you remember and listen to the this

2896

01:38:29,510 --> 01:38:28,000

is like one right after another what

2897

01:38:33,430 --> 01:38:29,520

josephus writes

2898

01:38:36,629 --> 01:38:33,440

it looks to me like again my only point

2899

01:38:40,470 --> 01:38:36,639

is is not that it's uh

2900

01:38:42,149 --> 01:38:40,480

you know stem to stem or writing off of

2901

01:38:43,990 --> 01:38:42,159

josephus

2902

01:38:45,590 --> 01:38:44,000

i'm just saying i'm just saying what a

2903

01:38:49,189 --> 01:38:45,600

lot of biblical scholars say

2904

01:38:50,790 --> 01:38:49,199

is that gee it sure looks like

2905

01:38:52,950 --> 01:38:50,800

the gospel writers had access to

2906

01:38:55,510 --> 01:38:52,960

josephus and

2907

01:38:56,629 --> 01:38:55,520

that once you combine that with what we

2908

01:39:00,070 --> 01:38:56,639

do agree on

2909

01:39:02,070 --> 01:39:00,080

which is that josephus was

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01:39:04,470 --> 01:39:02,080

a propaganda agent i don't go with the

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01:39:05,990 --> 01:39:04,480

shill you know i go with uh he was

2912

01:39:09,350 --> 01:39:06,000

intentionally trying to

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01:39:10,790 --> 01:39:09,360

subvert judaism for political uh reason

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01:39:12,790 --> 01:39:10,800

i'm semantically comfortable with that

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01:39:13,830 --> 01:39:12,800

distinction sure so so then i think

2916

01:39:15,910 --> 01:39:13,840

we're just in a different

2917

01:39:16,870 --> 01:39:15,920

a different soup you know in a different

2918

01:39:20,550 --> 01:39:16,880

soup in

2919

01:39:23,510 --> 01:39:20,560

understanding all this stuff

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01:39:25,270 --> 01:39:23,520

yeah well scope and scale wise i remain

2921

01:39:25,750 --> 01:39:25,280

unpersuaded i think if somebody wants to

2922

01:39:28,310 --> 01:39:25,760

build

2923

01:39:30,709 --> 01:39:28,320

a really strong case against the

2924

01:39:33,990 --> 01:39:30,719

reliability of the gospels

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01:39:36,390 --> 01:39:34,000

they're not going to get good traction

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01:39:38,070 --> 01:39:36,400

with the josephus angle and when we say

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01:39:39,910 --> 01:39:38,080

a lot of scholars

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01:39:41,430 --> 01:39:39,920

my guess is that without googling you'd

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01:39:43,270 --> 01:39:41,440

struggle to come up with more than one

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01:39:45,669 --> 01:39:43,280

name

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01:39:46,390 --> 01:39:45,679

without googling yeah i would definitely

2932

01:39:48,470 --> 01:39:46,400

struggle

2933

01:39:50,070 --> 01:39:48,480

okay so and that's that's not an

2934

01:39:51,830 --> 01:39:50,080

indictment of you or your preparation in

2935

01:39:55,350 --> 01:39:51,840

any way my point is

2936

01:39:57,510 --> 01:39:55,360

if you asked for the name of

2937

01:39:59,109 --> 01:39:57,520

25 or 50 scholars who would read it the

2938

01:40:00,470 --> 01:39:59,119

exact opposite way i think i'm ready

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01:40:02,390 --> 01:40:00,480

with those names

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01:40:03,830 --> 01:40:02,400

now and maybe that's not fair because

2941

01:40:05,669 --> 01:40:03,840

it's what i do for a living in this

2942

01:40:07,510 --> 01:40:05,679

particular narrow tiny little field and

2943

01:40:09,910 --> 01:40:07,520

you're covering a billion things

2944

01:40:11,750 --> 01:40:09,920

but i mean i can just as easily hit that

2945

01:40:13,750 --> 01:40:11,760

tennis ball back and say like well

2946

01:40:14,870 --> 01:40:13,760

i can name a ton of scholars who see

2947

01:40:15,750 --> 01:40:14,880

that differently and are very

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01:40:17,590 --> 01:40:15,760

fair-minded

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01:40:19,030 --> 01:40:17,600

and well-respected inside and outside of

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01:40:21,990 --> 01:40:19,040

religious circles

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01:40:23,669 --> 01:40:22,000

so a lot of scholars think it doesn't

2952

01:40:26,950 --> 01:40:23,679

carry a ton of money my source

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01:40:31,430 --> 01:40:26,960

my source on that is the ultimate

2954

01:40:34,229 --> 01:40:31,440

truth in the anime wikipedia

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01:40:34,790 --> 01:40:34,239

good man good that's a very useful place

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01:40:37,109 --> 01:40:34,800

and

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01:40:39,109 --> 01:40:37,119

so i think if you want to criticize the

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01:40:41,189 --> 01:40:39,119

gospels like hey here's my insider take

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01:40:42,950 --> 01:40:41,199

on where the vulnerable points are

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01:40:44,149 --> 01:40:42,960

one i think they're reliable i think

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01:40:45,830 --> 01:40:44,159

they're written by the people whose

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01:40:47,030 --> 01:40:45,840

names are on them i'd love to break all

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01:40:48,950 --> 01:40:47,040

that down sometime

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01:40:51,189 --> 01:40:48,960

i don't feel a vigorous need to defend

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01:40:53,189 --> 01:40:51,199

it but if you want to jab at it jab at

2966

01:40:55,830 --> 01:40:53,199

the fact that formally none of the four

2967

01:40:57,430 --> 01:40:55,840

actually put a name on them so all of

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01:40:58,229 --> 01:40:57,440

that has to be ascribed to church

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01:40:59,430 --> 01:40:58,239

tradition

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01:41:01,510 --> 01:40:59,440

now you want to be careful not to make

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01:41:03,189 --> 01:41:01,520

an anachronistic assumption like oh well

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01:41:05,510 --> 01:41:03,199

rome was very powerful as a catholic

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01:41:07,109 --> 01:41:05,520

church they inflicted those names now

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01:41:09,189 --> 01:41:07,119

those names are attached

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01:41:10,550 --> 01:41:09,199

way before roman catholicism has any

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01:41:13,270 --> 01:41:10,560

kind of traction

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01:41:14,709 --> 01:41:13,280

or structure to it to be able to inflict

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01:41:17,270 --> 01:41:14,719

that kind of a change

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01:41:18,070 --> 01:41:17,280

on a very decentralized distribution of

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01:41:20,470 --> 01:41:18,080

these documents

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01:41:21,590 --> 01:41:20,480

i mean it's kind of a a blockchain style

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01:41:24,629 --> 01:41:21,600

distribution nobody

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01:41:26,550 --> 01:41:24,639

owned matthew or luke or john in the

2984

01:41:27,590 --> 01:41:26,560

first few centuries of christianity it

2985

01:41:30,709 --> 01:41:27,600

was just

2986

01:41:31,750 --> 01:41:30,719

distributed and in the ether so to speak

2987

01:41:33,990 --> 01:41:31,760

but

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01:41:35,830 --> 01:41:34,000

i mean christians have to admit none of

2989

01:41:36,870 --> 01:41:35,840

those four gospel authors wrote their

2990

01:41:39,270 --> 01:41:36,880

name on the top

2991

01:41:39,910 --> 01:41:39,280

they all give us hints about who wrote

2992

01:41:46,229 --> 01:41:39,920

it

2993

01:41:47,270 --> 01:41:46,239

about this

2994

01:41:49,430 --> 01:41:47,280

i think you can get a little bit of

2995

01:41:51,030 --> 01:41:49,440

purchase in pushing back on some of the

2996

01:41:52,870 --> 01:41:51,040

early manuscript evidence there are a

2997

01:41:56,229 --> 01:41:52,880

couple of key passages there's a

2998

01:41:57,750 --> 01:41:56,239

pericope and then a story in john

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01:41:59,350 --> 01:41:57,760

a very famous one about a woman caught

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01:42:01,109 --> 01:41:59,360

in adultery well the early manuscript

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01:42:02,790 --> 01:42:01,119

evidence doesn't support that

3002

01:42:04,149 --> 01:42:02,800

should that be in there that raises

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01:42:05,990 --> 01:42:04,159

questions about

3004

01:42:07,750 --> 01:42:06,000

how the bible unfolded over the years

3005

01:42:10,390 --> 01:42:07,760

i'm very satisfied with the

3006

01:42:11,830 --> 01:42:10,400

critical answers to those questions but

3007

01:42:14,149 --> 01:42:11,840

they're valid questions for the

3008

01:42:15,910 --> 01:42:14,159

skeptical person to push back on and i

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01:42:16,629 --> 01:42:15,920

think there's more purchase to be gained

3010

01:42:19,669 --> 01:42:16,639

there

3011

01:42:22,229 --> 01:42:19,679

be gained

3012

01:42:23,030 --> 01:42:22,239

in critiquing the gospels and the new

3013

01:42:24,550 --> 01:42:23,040

testament

3014

01:42:26,310 --> 01:42:24,560

in something i referenced earlier you

3015

01:42:26,870 --> 01:42:26,320

have a couple of historical questions

3016

01:42:29,990 --> 01:42:26,880

that

3017

01:42:32,870 --> 01:42:30,000

look a little quirky uh what's the deal

3018

01:42:35,189 --> 01:42:32,880

with the census with quirinius there are

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01:42:36,629 --> 01:42:35,199

historical responses to that but

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01:42:38,550 --> 01:42:36,639

i don't find them to be wildly

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01:42:40,470 --> 01:42:38,560

satisfactory it's

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01:42:41,910 --> 01:42:40,480

it's a valid question for the person

3023

01:42:43,510 --> 01:42:41,920

who's unsure of what to do with those

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01:42:44,310 --> 01:42:43,520

are critical of those documents to push

3025

01:42:45,990 --> 01:42:44,320

back on

3026
01:42:47,590 --> 01:42:46,000
you've got the question from acts and

3027
01:42:50,310 --> 01:42:47,600
this theodis fellow

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01:42:51,270 --> 01:42:50,320
it looks like theaters and his rebellion

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01:42:53,830 --> 01:42:51,280
would have happened

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01:42:54,870 --> 01:42:53,840
after that conversation with gamaliel

3031
01:42:56,470 --> 01:42:54,880
would have occurred

3032
01:42:59,350 --> 01:42:56,480
so what gives is there another guy named

3033
01:43:02,149 --> 01:42:59,360
theaters maybe is it a mistake

3034
01:43:03,590 --> 01:43:02,159
i'm inclined to not think so but maybe

3035
01:43:05,590 --> 01:43:03,600
it's a valid question

3036
01:43:07,189 --> 01:43:05,600
at least what's the deal with the two

3037
01:43:09,590 --> 01:43:07,199
accounts of

3038
01:43:10,629 --> 01:43:09,600

what happened to judas it's a valid

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01:43:12,790 --> 01:43:10,639

question to ask

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01:43:14,149 --> 01:43:12,800

exactly how that went down the timeline

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01:43:17,189 --> 01:43:14,159

of the resurrection

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01:43:18,550 --> 01:43:17,199

there it's reconcilable but there's

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01:43:20,310 --> 01:43:18,560

certainly enough there that any

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01:43:21,830 --> 01:43:20,320

honest-minded christian should be able

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01:43:23,030 --> 01:43:21,840

to say well that's certainly worth

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01:43:25,510 --> 01:43:23,040

considering

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01:43:27,430 --> 01:43:25,520

i think a couple of those internal

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01:43:29,910 --> 01:43:27,440

points are a place where you can get

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01:43:32,070 --> 01:43:29,920

more purchase and i think the manuscript

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01:43:34,629 --> 01:43:32,080

evidence though very strong

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01:43:36,550 --> 01:43:34,639
for almost all of the new testament does

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01:43:38,229 --> 01:43:36,560
leave a couple of vulnerabilities acts 8

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01:43:40,470 --> 01:43:38,239
37 being one

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01:43:41,590 --> 01:43:40,480
the johannine pericope the final chapter

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01:43:44,550 --> 01:43:41,600
of john

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01:43:44,950 --> 01:43:44,560
the long ending of mark all of those

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01:43:47,510 --> 01:43:44,960
points

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01:43:48,950 --> 01:43:47,520
a couple verses in the first third of

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01:43:52,149 --> 01:43:48,960
matthew

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01:43:53,990 --> 01:43:52,159
you know all of those points there are

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01:43:55,830 --> 01:43:54,000
there are good questions to be wrestled

3062
01:43:58,950 --> 01:43:55,840
with there and i think you get

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01:44:01,350 --> 01:43:58,960

uh a stronger pushback

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01:44:03,510 --> 01:44:01,360

from that than you do by by what i would

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01:44:05,430 --> 01:44:03,520

what i think just really is a stretch

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01:44:07,590 --> 01:44:05,440

in trying to connect the dots on the

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01:44:10,229 --> 01:44:07,600

josephus front what do you mean

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01:44:12,070 --> 01:44:10,239

a stretch on the josephus front i mean

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01:44:13,510 --> 01:44:12,080

one you already agree

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01:44:15,270 --> 01:44:13,520

you've already agreed on the most

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01:44:16,870 --> 01:44:15,280

important point that josephus

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01:44:19,750 --> 01:44:16,880

has to be understood as a propaganda

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01:44:20,550 --> 01:44:19,760

agent and the most important point is

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01:44:23,109 --> 01:44:20,560

hold on

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01:44:25,189 --> 01:44:23,119

hold up because the the the you know all

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01:44:28,470 --> 01:44:25,199

that i kind of boil all that down

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01:44:30,470 --> 01:44:28,480

to you know

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01:44:32,390 --> 01:44:30,480

do you think what do you think the

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01:44:33,189 --> 01:44:32,400

chances are that the gospel writers had

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01:44:36,709 --> 01:44:33,199

access to

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01:44:39,669 --> 01:44:36,719

josephus uh i think

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01:44:41,830 --> 01:44:39,679

a hundred percent that luke had access

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01:44:43,109 --> 01:44:41,840

to at least the early publications of

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01:44:45,830 --> 01:44:43,119

josephus

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01:44:47,189 --> 01:44:45,840

i don't think mark had access i think he

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01:44:48,950 --> 01:44:47,199

wrote earlier than that

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01:44:51,350 --> 01:44:48,960

and drew his details from peter we've

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01:44:53,109 --> 01:44:51,360

got a ton of historical evidence and

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01:44:54,870 --> 01:44:53,119

tradition that points to mark

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01:44:56,629 --> 01:44:54,880

just writing down peter's teachings in

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01:44:58,470 --> 01:44:56,639

rome i think he'd have a tough time

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01:44:59,910 --> 01:44:58,480

making a case that mark drew anything

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01:45:03,109 --> 01:44:59,920

there

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01:45:03,990 --> 01:45:03,119

john i think may have wrote an early

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01:45:05,430 --> 01:45:04,000

edition

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01:45:07,669 --> 01:45:05,440

and then some questions were left

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01:45:09,750 --> 01:45:07,679

lingering and maybe he came back

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01:45:11,590 --> 01:45:09,760

later to round things out answering the

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01:45:13,510 --> 01:45:11,600

question of what happened with peter

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01:45:15,030 --> 01:45:13,520

things like that in that final chapter

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01:45:17,430 --> 01:45:15,040

so john

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01:45:19,109 --> 01:45:17,440

would have had access at least by the

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01:45:19,590 --> 01:45:19,119

time we get to the finished version of

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01:45:21,030 --> 01:45:19,600

john

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01:45:22,310 --> 01:45:21,040

and maybe there is no finished version

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01:45:23,910 --> 01:45:22,320

maybe it was all just one version i

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01:45:25,510 --> 01:45:23,920

don't know i'm just speculating

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01:45:27,270 --> 01:45:25,520

matthew there's more debate about the

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01:45:30,629 --> 01:45:27,280

early church father who lived

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01:45:32,149 --> 01:45:30,639

in close proximity papias suggests that

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01:45:34,470 --> 01:45:32,159

matthew was actually the first to write

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01:45:37,510 --> 01:45:34,480

his gospel modern scholarship

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01:45:39,669 --> 01:45:37,520

supposes that mark wrote first but

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01:45:41,109 --> 01:45:39,679

if that's the case then matthew if

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01:45:42,870 --> 01:45:41,119

papias is right

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01:45:44,550 --> 01:45:42,880

matthew didn't have access to josephus

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01:45:45,750 --> 01:45:44,560

because josephus was still wet behind

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01:45:47,030 --> 01:45:45,760

the ears and a kid

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01:45:49,350 --> 01:45:47,040

and hadn't published anything when

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01:45:51,189 --> 01:45:49,360

matthew was doing the bulk of his work

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01:45:53,430 --> 01:45:51,199

if we go with the more traditional

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01:45:56,229 --> 01:45:53,440

slightly later date for matthew

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01:45:58,070 --> 01:45:56,239

he would have barely had access to

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01:46:01,590 --> 01:45:58,080

josephus and if we go with the much

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01:46:03,189 --> 01:46:01,600

more uh skeptical and traditionally it's

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01:46:05,109 --> 01:46:03,199

called the more liberal read

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01:46:06,470 --> 01:46:05,119

on the dating of matthew than he would

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01:46:09,910 --> 01:46:06,480

have had access

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01:46:11,189 --> 01:46:09,920

so sure i think they had access i just

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01:46:13,510 --> 01:46:11,199

don't see

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01:46:14,790 --> 01:46:13,520

the correspondence happening to such a

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01:46:17,510 --> 01:46:14,800

degree

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01:46:18,470 --> 01:46:17,520

that that it's in any way historically

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01:46:22,629 --> 01:46:18,480

compelling

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01:46:24,790 --> 01:46:22,639

are you at all surprised curious

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01:46:26,790 --> 01:46:24,800

about the bible being as pro-roman as it

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01:46:30,229 --> 01:46:26,800

is

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01:46:33,430 --> 01:46:30,239

are those are those the fingerprints of

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01:46:35,830 --> 01:46:33,440

josephus no

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01:46:37,669 --> 01:46:35,840

i'm well maybe i have to say maybe again

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01:46:40,870 --> 01:46:37,679

because i didn't write this i don't know

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01:46:44,870 --> 01:46:40,880

but based on what i see

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01:46:46,470 --> 01:46:44,880

the the orientation one strategy for how

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01:46:47,910 --> 01:46:46,480

to deal with rome in the situation at

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01:46:50,629 --> 01:46:47,920

hand amongst jews

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01:46:51,669 --> 01:46:50,639

amongst gentiles amongst hellenizers

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01:46:54,709 --> 01:46:51,679

amongst

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01:46:57,830 --> 01:46:54,719

christians

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01:46:59,109 --> 01:46:57,840

was play along use the roman

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01:47:02,229 --> 01:46:59,119

infrastructure

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01:47:04,550 --> 01:47:02,239

play along and don't pick a fight

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01:47:06,470 --> 01:47:04,560

because you're going to lose the fight

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01:47:08,709 --> 01:47:06,480

some people retreated some people wanted

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01:47:10,950 --> 01:47:08,719

to fight some people chose this route

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01:47:12,470 --> 01:47:10,960

to me the book of romans which is

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01:47:15,109 --> 01:47:12,480

written by paul

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01:47:17,109 --> 01:47:15,119

to the church in rome or male would have

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01:47:18,629 --> 01:47:17,119

been even sifted through potentially

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01:47:20,870 --> 01:47:18,639

especially the very controversial

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01:47:23,189 --> 01:47:20,880

chapter 13 of romans

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01:47:25,990 --> 01:47:23,199

it looks like it's being written with an

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01:47:31,030 --> 01:47:29,510

anonymously persuade or make nice

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01:47:33,910 --> 01:47:31,040

now i don't think it's far-fetched at

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01:47:35,750 --> 01:47:33,920

all to imagine that josephus

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01:47:37,590 --> 01:47:35,760

and the apostle paul who had no

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01:47:39,750 --> 01:47:37,600

influence on each other

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01:47:40,950 --> 01:47:39,760

both would have looked at the playing

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01:47:42,310 --> 01:47:40,960

field and said

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01:47:44,149 --> 01:47:42,320

well there's no point in jabbing that

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01:47:44,870 --> 01:47:44,159

bear the right play would be to do it

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01:47:46,790 --> 01:47:44,880

this way

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01:47:48,229 --> 01:47:46,800

now there are people i completely agree

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01:47:51,830 --> 01:47:48,239

with right now

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01:47:53,270 --> 01:47:51,840

who um or completely disagree with right

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01:47:54,470 --> 01:47:53,280

now who look at the situation in

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01:47:57,750 --> 01:47:54,480

american government

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01:47:59,750 --> 01:47:57,760

or the situation in uh people

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01:48:01,510 --> 01:47:59,760

cracking down on any kind of creative

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01:48:03,109 --> 01:48:01,520

speech on the internet

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01:48:04,470 --> 01:48:03,119

and maybe for completely different

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01:48:05,910 --> 01:48:04,480

reasons we would say i don't like that

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01:48:07,189 --> 01:48:05,920

and i want to push back on that but

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01:48:10,790 --> 01:48:07,199

right now it would be best

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01:48:13,030 --> 01:48:10,800

to appease so i won't crack this joke

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01:48:15,030 --> 01:48:13,040

i won't deal with that subject matter

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01:48:16,550 --> 01:48:15,040

i'm not looking to jab that bear and

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01:48:17,990 --> 01:48:16,560

pick a fight now we might not know each

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01:48:20,070 --> 01:48:18,000

other we might not influence each

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01:48:21,510 --> 01:48:20,080

other but if we're both people of common

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01:48:22,870 --> 01:48:21,520

sense we might look at the same playing

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01:48:24,310 --> 01:48:22,880

field and say this is probably the right

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01:48:27,590 --> 01:48:24,320

way to play it at the moment

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01:48:29,910 --> 01:48:27,600

so is it possible that that pro-roman

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01:48:31,669 --> 01:48:29,920

play-along mentality is something that

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01:48:31,990 --> 01:48:31,679

josephus informed the bible and the

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01:48:35,430 --> 01:48:32,000

bible

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01:48:37,590 --> 01:48:35,440

informed josephus i mean it could be

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01:48:38,950 --> 01:48:37,600

but statistically just in terms of how

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01:48:40,229 --> 01:48:38,960

many humans were on the earth and how

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01:48:42,550 --> 01:48:40,239

much they interacted

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01:48:44,070 --> 01:48:42,560

it seems more likely that those are two

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01:48:46,229 --> 01:48:44,080

relatively sophisticated

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01:48:47,350 --> 01:48:46,239

shrewd groups of people who read the

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01:48:49,189 --> 01:48:47,360

playing field and said this would

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01:48:52,310 --> 01:48:49,199

probably be the best way to play it

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01:48:55,830 --> 01:48:52,320

pro-romanism in the roman empire

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01:48:57,910 --> 01:48:55,840

is in and of itself no evidence of

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01:48:59,590 --> 01:48:57,920

collaboration or corroboration between

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01:49:02,790 --> 01:48:59,600

two sources

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01:49:06,070 --> 01:49:02,800

it was the status quo matt

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01:49:09,750 --> 01:49:06,080

you are fantastic i love you

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01:49:12,709 --> 01:49:09,760

buddy what's going on what's going on

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01:49:14,390 --> 01:49:12,719

you know i never even asked you this 10

3214

01:49:16,790 --> 01:49:14,400
minute bible hour that's such a

3215

01:49:17,750 --> 01:49:16,800
it's such a little riddle right there

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01:49:20,149 --> 01:49:17,760
it's 10 minutes it's

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01:49:21,589 --> 01:49:20,159
never it's an hour and then it's never

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01:49:23,430 --> 01:49:21,599
even an hour so

3219

01:49:25,750 --> 01:49:23,440
but what's going on at the 10 minute

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01:49:26,550 --> 01:49:25,760
bible hour what what can people expect

3221

01:49:28,470 --> 01:49:26,560
and find out

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01:49:30,870 --> 01:49:28,480
and what are you doing where can they go

3223

01:49:33,430 --> 01:49:30,880
and see you i think you do you do

3224

01:49:35,270 --> 01:49:33,440
do you get out there and beat the bushes

3225

01:49:37,669 --> 01:49:35,280
and give presentations sometimes

3226

01:49:39,830 --> 01:49:37,679

yeah i've got i got more of that coming

3227

01:49:40,070 --> 01:49:39,840

up starting this summer and fall i mean

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01:49:47,270 --> 01:49:40,080

i

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01:49:49,589 --> 01:49:47,280

started about

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01:49:51,189 --> 01:49:49,599

six years ago because i wanted to have a

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01:49:52,950 --> 01:49:51,199

different sounding conversation

3232

01:49:54,790 --> 01:49:52,960

about the bible and church history and

3233

01:49:57,030 --> 01:49:54,800

christianity and all of those things

3234

01:49:59,750 --> 01:49:57,040

philosophy morality

3235

01:50:01,270 --> 01:49:59,760

um i tried to pick a goofy name that was

3236

01:50:04,470 --> 01:50:01,280

a bit of a self-riff

3237

01:50:05,990 --> 01:50:04,480

i'm not sure i got it right um that joke

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01:50:07,750 --> 01:50:06,000

slays with people who used to listen to

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01:50:09,189 --> 01:50:07,760

old tiny bible radio stuff

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01:50:10,390 --> 01:50:09,199

everything was the bible hour and i was

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01:50:11,430 --> 01:50:10,400

like well i'll just do it faster and

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01:50:14,629 --> 01:50:11,440

quirkier

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01:50:15,910 --> 01:50:14,639

uh the tone of the show is

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01:50:17,990 --> 01:50:15,920

hopefully it's we get into the deep

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01:50:19,189 --> 01:50:18,000

water we respect the time of the viewer

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01:50:21,189 --> 01:50:19,199

or the listener

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01:50:22,870 --> 01:50:21,199

but also we screw around like it's it's

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01:50:25,350 --> 01:50:22,880

the bible and also fart jokes

3249

01:50:26,629 --> 01:50:25,360

it just i want to take a thing that we

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01:50:27,910 --> 01:50:26,639

all want to fight about and that makes

3251

01:50:29,430 --> 01:50:27,920

people on edge

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01:50:31,109 --> 01:50:29,440

and i want to emulate the tone of this

3253

01:50:32,310 --> 01:50:31,119

conversation with people of goodwill

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01:50:33,189 --> 01:50:32,320

people who can have a laugh about

3255

01:50:35,109 --> 01:50:33,199

something

3256

01:50:36,470 --> 01:50:35,119

people who like picking up a thing and

3257

01:50:37,830 --> 01:50:36,480

looking at it from a bunch of different

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01:50:39,589 --> 01:50:37,840

angles at the end of the day

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01:50:41,270 --> 01:50:39,599

just like we're about to do yeah i might

3260

01:50:42,709 --> 01:50:41,280

not see it the same way high five what a

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01:50:45,430 --> 01:50:42,719

blast this was

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01:50:46,390 --> 01:50:45,440

and so that's the tone of the show if

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01:50:47,990 --> 01:50:46,400

you're looking for

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01:50:49,910 --> 01:50:48,000

something that is quick and punchy and

3265

01:50:51,430 --> 01:50:49,920

fun where i don't presume to tell you

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01:50:52,950 --> 01:50:51,440

what to do or how to be

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01:50:54,470 --> 01:50:52,960

but i'm happy to think through ideas

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01:50:56,629 --> 01:50:54,480

with you i think you'll like

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01:50:58,790 --> 01:50:56,639

my youtube channel i go around i visit

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01:51:00,950 --> 01:50:58,800

other expressions of christianity

3271

01:51:02,709 --> 01:51:00,960

i point at things in fancy churches and

3272

01:51:03,669 --> 01:51:02,719

ask the priests what that means why they

3273

01:51:05,589 --> 01:51:03,679

wear that outfit

3274

01:51:06,950 --> 01:51:05,599

what do you do there and how does this

3275

01:51:08,790 --> 01:51:06,960

work what do you believe

3276

01:51:10,709 --> 01:51:08,800

and we have a really good time with it i

3277

01:51:14,390 --> 01:51:10,719

walk through books of the bible

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01:51:17,830 --> 01:51:14,400

in sort of a lighthearted but deep divey

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01:51:21,109 --> 01:51:17,840

daily show style format

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01:51:22,629 --> 01:51:21,119

um and then the daily podcast is

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01:51:24,310 --> 01:51:22,639

completely separate from the youtube

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01:51:26,390 --> 01:51:24,320

channel i was just describing

3283

01:51:27,910 --> 01:51:26,400

the daily podcast is straight through

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01:51:31,430 --> 01:51:27,920

the book of matthew

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01:51:32,950 --> 01:51:31,440

in finite detail i mean

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01:51:35,109 --> 01:51:32,960

we talk about historical context

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01:51:37,430 --> 01:51:35,119

literary context josephus comes up

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01:51:39,669 --> 01:51:37,440

all the time we're talking about roman

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01:51:41,830 --> 01:51:39,679

politics we're talking about hasmonean

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01:51:43,270 --> 01:51:41,840

politics the end of that dynasty

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01:51:45,270 --> 01:51:43,280

all of these cultural assumptions

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01:51:47,750 --> 01:51:45,280

historical theological philosophical

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01:51:50,149 --> 01:51:47,760

assumptions going on behind the text

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01:51:51,430 --> 01:51:50,159

we're trying to get into that and a huge

3295

01:51:53,109 --> 01:51:51,440

percentage of that audience

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01:51:54,870 --> 01:51:53,119

are people who don't believe anything

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01:51:56,870 --> 01:51:54,880

like what i believe but

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01:51:58,070 --> 01:51:56,880

we just enjoy kicking it around together

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01:52:00,229 --> 01:51:58,080

it's 10 minutes a day

3300

01:52:01,589 --> 01:52:00,239

every weekday it's there in the morning

3301

01:52:04,870 --> 01:52:01,599

people work out with it

3302

01:52:06,550 --> 01:52:04,880

commute with it and um and i have a

3303

01:52:07,189 --> 01:52:06,560

blast with it and thank you for letting

3304

01:52:10,550 --> 01:52:07,199

me

3305

01:52:12,870 --> 01:52:10,560

stuff oh absolutely

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01:52:14,229 --> 01:52:12,880

do check it out folks and uh even if

3307

01:52:16,229 --> 01:52:14,239

you're not

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01:52:17,350 --> 01:52:16,239

totally down with the christians a lot

3309

01:52:18,149 --> 01:52:17,360

of people listen to the show who are

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01:52:20,070 --> 01:52:18,159

christian

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01:52:21,189 --> 01:52:20,080

and they really let me hear it every

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01:52:24,070 --> 01:52:21,199

time i do one of these shows

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01:52:24,950 --> 01:52:24,080

be good to him my friends because yes

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01:52:26,629 --> 01:52:24,960

peace here

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01:52:29,990 --> 01:52:26,639

let's hear that i can make him say it

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01:52:32,870 --> 01:52:30,000

again but you know also even if you are

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01:52:33,430 --> 01:52:32,880

it's it's such a it's very rich in

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01:52:35,910 --> 01:52:33,440

content

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it's super well produced very very

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01:52:39,189 --> 01:52:36,560

watchable

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01:52:40,870 --> 01:52:39,199

listenable so it's been fantastic

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01:52:42,830 --> 01:52:40,880

getting to know you matt uh

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01:52:45,350 --> 01:52:42,840

thanks again so much for coming on

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01:52:46,310 --> 01:52:45,360

skeptico likewise what a blast thank you

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01:52:48,149 --> 01:52:46,320

alex

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01:52:49,750 --> 01:52:48,159

thanks again to matthew whitman from the

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01:52:52,470 --> 01:52:49,760

10 minute bible hour

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01:52:53,910 --> 01:52:52,480

for joining me today on skeptico so many

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01:52:55,109 --> 01:52:53,920

questions i could tee up from this

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01:52:58,629 --> 01:52:55,119

interview but i'm going to go

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01:53:00,470 --> 01:52:58,639

real specific bible geeky

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01:53:03,030 --> 01:53:00,480

do you think jesus met with pontius

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01:53:04,629 --> 01:53:03,040

pilate and do you think because

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01:53:06,149 --> 01:53:04,639

we didn't really hash this out but i

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01:53:09,109 --> 01:53:06,159

think there's kind of an interesting

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01:53:11,189 --> 01:53:09,119

argument here if you think jesus met

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01:53:13,669 --> 01:53:11,199

with pontius pilate

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01:53:15,270 --> 01:53:13,679

and josephus didn't document it in war

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01:53:17,109 --> 01:53:15,280

of the jews

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01:53:19,030 --> 01:53:17,119

and at the same time you think the

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testimonium flavianum

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that is the writing by josephus where he

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01:53:24,629 --> 01:53:22,639

says

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01:53:26,070 --> 01:53:24,639

wow this jesus guy if you can even call

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01:53:27,990 --> 01:53:26,080

him a guy he was so great

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01:53:30,229 --> 01:53:28,000

that is written down in josephus's

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01:53:31,350 --> 01:53:30,239

second bestseller antiquities that comes

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a lot of years later

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01:53:35,189 --> 01:53:34,320

well if you think that passage is

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authentic

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which kind of matt is arguing that at

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01:53:42,229 --> 01:53:40,560

least part of it is the spirit of it is

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01:53:44,390 --> 01:53:42,239

i would suggest that you really have a

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hard time reconciling

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01:53:50,709 --> 01:53:47,520

those two points those two

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01:53:52,149 --> 01:53:50,719

places in history right so if he wrote

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01:53:58,629 --> 01:53:52,159

about it

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when he wrote war of the jews so why

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didn't he write about it

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when he was writing about pontius

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pilate's other

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01:54:09,830 --> 01:54:06,480

exploits now again i know that's

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01:54:10,149 --> 01:54:09,840

bible geeky and it's almost might seem

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like

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01:54:16,390 --> 01:54:13,360

overkill but this is the beginning

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01:54:17,510 --> 01:54:16,400

of digging that next level deeper to

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01:54:21,189 --> 01:54:17,520

where we can

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have some degree of confidence with what

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01:54:26,229 --> 01:54:22,080

we're saying

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01:54:27,430 --> 01:54:26,239

about how all this came into being

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because you know where i'm going with

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01:54:31,109 --> 01:54:29,440

that i think it's all about social

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01:54:31,669 --> 01:54:31,119

engineering by the romans but that's

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01:54:34,790 --> 01:54:31,679

what i'm

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01:54:36,149 --> 01:54:34,800

building up to i can't close the book on

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01:54:37,990 --> 01:54:36,159

it yet

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01:54:39,510 --> 01:54:38,000

so let me know what you think love love

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01:54:41,430 --> 01:54:39,520

love to hear the feedback let's hear the

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01:54:42,070 --> 01:54:41,440

comments hear what your thoughts are on

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01:54:43,669 --> 01:54:42,080

that

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01:54:45,910 --> 01:54:43,679

track me down come over the skeptical

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01:54:47,990 --> 01:54:45,920

forum track me down any way you like

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01:54:49,990 --> 01:54:48,000

and then please stay with me for more of

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01:54:54,920 --> 01:54:50,000

this there's plenty more to come

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01:55:02,830 --> 01:54:54,930

until next time take care and bye for