

"THOSE ROMANS WEREN'T ALL BAD"

BY PAT/SALTY

HELL NO, They weren't.

ANCIENT Rome is where the MODERN WESTERN WORLD we live in came from, grew from, evolved from. ALL those people who today think of Ancient Rome as having been a bunch of cruel sickos are making two

FUNDAMENTAL ERRORS in their judgements;

A) They buy into ALL the church propoganda that has been around for centuries, and,

B) They are judging Ancient Rome and Ancient Romans by TODAYS STANDARDS INSTEAD OF BY THE ~~ANCIENT~~ STANDARDS OF THAT TIME.

which makes their opinions of ~~modern~~ Rome's "MORALITY" - OR LACK THEREOF - NOT ONLY FATELLY FLAWED BUT IGNORANT.

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN (AS USUAL);

BACK IN THOSE DAYS WATCHING GLADIATORS Fight to the death - FOR ENTERTAINMENT - WAS JUST AS NORMAL AND EXCEPTABLE AS WATCHING TWO BOXERS Fight TODAY.

OR CHEERING ON YOUR FAVORITE FOOTBALL TEAM ON SUNDAY IS TODAY.

There WAS AND IS NO REAL DIFFERENCE. WHAT WAS ONCE NORMAL NOW NO LONGER IS - THATS ALL.



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ANCIENT ROME HAD ONE MILLION PEOPLE!
NO CITY WAS ABLE TO HAVE THAT MANY
PEOPLE AGAIN UNTILL LONDON ~~WAS~~ IN
THE 1800's!

ALMOST 2,000 YEARS AFTER ROME HAD!
THATS HOW FAR AHEAD OF ITS TIME ANCIENT
ROME WAS!

STADIUMS - LIKE THE ANCIENT COLOSSEUM -
THAT COULD HOLD 40 AND 50 THOUSAND
PEOPLE DID NOT COME ABOUT ON THIS EARTH
AGAIN UNTILL THE 1920's!

WHEN SUCH HUGE CAPACITY STADIUMS
SUCH AS YANKEE STADIUM GOT BUILT
HERE IN THE U.S.A.

THATS HOW FAR AHEAD ANCIENT ROME WAS!

THE GA-GA LANS RELIGIOUS INFLUENCED
IGNORAMUSES KNOW VIRTUALLY NONE OF
THESE HISTORICAL FACTS.

BECAUSE THEY ARE BLINDED BY THEIR OWN IGNORANCE,
WELL - GUESS WHAT - WE ARE NOT.


WE KNOW, WE KNOW THE REAL HISTORY.

THOSE ANCIENT ROMANS ARE THE ONES THAT
FOUNDED CITIES LIKE PARIS AND LONDON
(CALLED - BY THE ROMANS - LONDINIUM)

WHAT CITIES DID THE RELIGIOUS ~~ASSHOLE~~ TYPES
EVER FOUND - FATIMA? GIVE ME A BREAK!



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AND - Dispite ALL The NONsense The Religious FANATICS Believed Then AND STILL Go ON Believing EVEN TODAY - Rome did NOT single out The EARLY CHRISTIANS BECAUSE OF Their Religion, NOT AT ALL, BECAUSE ANCIENT ROMANS HAD 1001 DIFFERENT CULTS AND RELIGIONS, ONE AS CRAZY AS The NEXT, AND TOLERATED Them ALL, SO IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF Their Religious practices THAT Rome ~~was~~ CAME TO CONSIDER Them DISLOYAL TO Rome (AT BEST) AND ENEMYS OF The STATE (AT WORSE) BUT simply BECAUSE MOST EARLY CHRISTIANS REFUSED TO TAKE The USUAL AND EXPECTED LOYALTY OATH TO The ROMAN EMPERER AND STATE. This ~~is~~ WAS AND IS The ONLY REAL REASON Why ~~so~~ SO MANY OF The EARLY CHRISTIANS ENDED UP ON - SHALL WE SAY - The ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRES "SHIT LIST," AND THAT IS ONE LIST NO ANCIENT people IN Their Right minds EVER WANTED TO GET ON, BELIEV YOU ME. Which Reminds me OF The FAMOUS MOVIE Line FROM The 1968 MOVIE "Koolhand Luke" Which WENT, "People! What we have 

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here is a FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE," EXACTLY AS HAPPENED BETWEEN THOSE ANCIENT ROMAN AUTHORITIES AND THOSE EARLY CHRISTIANS; A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE; THE ROMANS COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE CHRISTIANS COULDN'T/WOULDN'T TAKE A SIMPLE LOYALTY OATH AS ALL ROMAN CITIZENS, FROM EVERY OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUP AND CULT, ALL DID, AND THE CHRISTIANS COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE ROMANS ~~authorities~~ COULDN'T/WOULDN'T GRANT THEM AN EXCEPTION TO THAT RULE ABOUT ALL ROMANS HAVING TO TAKE SUCH AN OATH (DUE TO THE FACT THAT, AS MOST -BUT NOT ALL- CHRISTIANS SAW IT, THEIR DEEPLY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS PREVENTED THEM FROM TAKING ANY SUCH OATH). AS I SAID, A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE, A BIG TIME FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE. LIKE, "THEY ALONE REFUSE TO TAKE THE OATH? WHAT, ARE THEY PLANNING SOMETHING?!?" THAT KIND OF FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE. LIKE, "WE ONLY WANT TO PRAY AND BE LEFT ALONE, WHY ARE THEY INSISTING WE HAVE TO TAKE THIS LOYALTY OATH? THEY PLANNING SOMETHING?!?" THAT KIND OF FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE.



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SO THE ROMANS FINALLY DECIDED TO LET THEIR LIONS DO THE COMMUNICATING FOR THEM.

WHICH WAS A BIG TIME ~~BARBARIC~~ COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM FOR THE CHRISTIANS.

BEING THAT, AS FAR AS THE INTRACASYS OF EARLY CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE ~~WAS~~ ^{WERE} CONCERNED,

THOSE ~~WAS~~ LIONS WERE EVEN HARDER TO REASON WITH THAN THE ROMANS HAD BEEN.

AND A HELL OF A LOT HUNGRIER, I MIGHT ADD.

THE HALFTIME SCORE AT THE OLD COLOSSEUM ALWAYS ENDING UP SOMETHING LIKE

LIONS 10
CHRISTIANS 0.

AND THAT WAS ON A DAY OF A CLOSE CONTEST!

MOST CONTESTS, NATURALLY, WERE REAL BLOWOUTS.

SPECTATORS BACK THEN WERE NO DIFFERENT

THEN PAYING CUSTOMERS - SPECTATORS -

OF TODAY IN SO FAR AS THEY WANTED

A CONTEST TO BE COMPETITIVE.

YOU KNOW, EXCITING, REASONABLY CLOSE.

AND WHATEVER ONE CHOOSES TO CALL THE

LIONS VERSUS CHRISTIANS SPECTACULARS,

CLOSE OR COMPETITIVE THEY WEREN'T.

THINK; HALFTIME SHOWS WHERE EVERYONE

GETS UP AND GOES TO THE BATHROOM;



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THATS where the Colosium promoters would put on those kind of shows, NOT EXACTLY ~~the~~ prime time, to be blunt. ACTUALLY, I think I've ~~already~~ milked this Lions versus Christians story for about all its worth so NOW I'll get TOTALLY SERIOUS AND TELL YOU ALL THE REAL TRUTH; There is ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE IN THE HISTORICAL RECORD THAT IT EVER HAPPENED!

THAT THE ROMANS EVER HAD CHRISTIANS THROWN TO THE LIONS IN THE COLOSIMUM. Oh, the ROMANS HAD wild lions kept in cages BELOW THE COLOSIMUM (which they would RAISE UP IN INTERNAL PULLEY SYSTEM ELEVATORS) AND OCCASIONALLY RELEASE ^{them} IN WILD BEAST HUNTING SHOWS AND SO FORTH - AND OF COURSE THE ROMANS HAD CHRISTIANS, TOO - MANY OF WHOM WERE SOLD INTO SLAVERY + KILLED - BUT ~~there~~ ^{there} IS NO INDEPENDANT RELIABLE HISTORICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE ROMANS EVER HAD CHRISTIANS FED TO THE LIONS. AND - TO BE PRACTICAL - LIONS HAD TO BE CAPTURED + TRANSPORTED FROM AFRICA - AN ENORMOUS EXPENSE IN THOSE DAYS! - →

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Which MADE WILD LIONS INCREDIBLY VALUABLE, AND THE LAST THING YOU WOULD EVER WANT TO FEED A WILD LION IS HUMAN BEINGS - FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT - AND EVEN THEIR BIGGEST CRITICS HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THE ANCIENT ROMANS WERE NOTHING IF NOT PRACTICAL, FEED HIGHLY VALUABLE WILD LIONS HUMAN BEINGS? WHEN ALL THEIR USED TO IS ANTALOPE AND ZEBRA AND SUCH? highly DOUGHTFULL FROM A PRACTICAL

STANDPOINT ALONE (AND MORALS WOULD HAVE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT)

THE SECULAR ~~ACADEMIC~~ ACADEMIC HISTORIANS HAVE NEVER BELIEVED IT - AND WHY SHOULD THEY, OR ANY OBJECTIVELY RATIONAL PERSON, BELIEVE SUCH A THING EVER HAPPENED IN REAL LIFE? BEING THAT THE HISTORIANS CAN FIND NO EVIDENCE IT EVER DID, MY OWN PERSONAL OPINION? I ~~thought~~ SERIOUSLY DOUGHT ANY SUCH THING EVER HAPPENED FOR THE PRACTICAL REASONS I JUST LISTED; IT WAS PROBABLY EARLY CHRISTIAN PROPOGANDA; A COLORFULL AND DRAMATIC WAY FOR THEM TO DRIVE HOME THE POINT ABOUT EARLY CHRISTIAN PERSECUTIONS, THATS ALL.

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