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# The Residents Play Wormwood

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The Residents strike again! The performance artists that make The Blue Man Group look like a bunch of corporate mimes are back, this time, boldly attacking the politics and hijacking of Christianity (even attacking Christianity) by the extreme Religious Right in Wormwood, which was taped back in July 16, 1999. They were obviously ahead of what was going on and sadly about to happen.

But they do this on the level of myth and as if they were telling the hidden stories of The Bible. To expose hypocrisy, this is sometimes the dirty avenue artists need to go down as desperate times call for desperate measures. The program is subtitled Curious Stories Of The Bible, and though some of it is admittedly out of context, questioning all dogma is necessary and important. After all, if something is true and for real, that it should be questioned in every way, shape and form. Anyone threatened by this and reactionary to it has something to hide or cover up, which is exactly the point of doing this. The band has been consistent throughout their career, going back to their debut and as also featured in the **Demons Dance Alone** DVD, also reviewed on this site.

That played back slightly better, but this is still a work of art at a time when certain extremism has been unleashed across the land. The analog NTSC 1.33 X 1 full frame image is very soft and patchy, with poor definition and a lack of detail all over. The Dolby Digital 5.1 AC-3 mix is good for what it is, but nothing spectacular. There are no extras on the DVD, but this will be more than enough and a small paper pullout inside the DVD case has some art and limited text.

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