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Candace Owens Invented a Jewish “Doctrine of Evil.” Here’s the Truth.

The Lie:

- Candace Owens claims Sigmund Freud was a Sabbatean who supported incest, and that Jews and Israelis follow a mystical doctrine requiring evil acts—such as incest or the war in Gaza—to “prove” evil doesn’t exist and to ascend socially.

The Truth:

- Sigmund Freud was not a Sabbatean and never advocated incest. Jews and Israelis categorically reject evil acts. There is no Jewish doctrine of “evil.” Israel’s actions in Gaza are acts of war in response to Hamas terrorism—not the product of any mystical ideology.

Background

- The Sabbateans were a cult that followed the 17th-century false Jewish messiah Sabbatai Zvi, who ultimately converted to Islam and was completely rejected by the rabbinate and mainstream Jewry.
- The Sabbatean cult continued in the 18th century under Jacob Frank, who converted to Catholicism along with his followers.
- On December 9, 2025, Candace Owens told Russell Brand that Freud was a Sabbatean, and that Sabbateanism “is Jewish mysticism.” She claimed Sabbatai Zvi believed in committing “incest as a sacrament,” which Freud said is necessary to condition children into becoming “psychopaths.” She insisted that Jews and “people in Israel” subscribe to a “doctrine of evil,” one that claims “evil is okay” and that people must “commit the most depraved act” to prove that evil doesn’t exist.” Owens said this imagined doctrine is the source of Jewish “power,” and she labeled Israel’s war in Gaza as one such act of evil. ([X](#))

Truth Explained

- Sabbateans rejected core Jewish beliefs and discarded Jewish law. They were excommunicated by Jewish leadership, and Sabbateanism was ostracized by mainstream Jewry. It survived only in secretive, Masonic-like circles. ([Jewish Virtual Library](#))
- Sabbateanism is not “Jewish mysticism.” Jewish mysticism (Kabbalah) predates Zvi by centuries and is the foundation of Hasidism—**which actively fought Sabbateanism.** ([Grokikipedia](#)), ([The New Kabbalah](#))
- Historians note that the Baal Shem Tov and early Hasidic leaders explicitly rejected Sabbatean doctrines, particularly the antinomian teachings of “redemption through sin.” ([Grokikipedia](#))
- The Frankists converted to Catholicism and were accepted into Catholic society; their descendants disappeared into the Polish and Bohemian Christian population. They left **no theological footprint in Judaism.** ([Jewish Virtual Library](#))
- Jacob Frank’s beliefs and actions would align more closely today with Candace Owens than with Jews: he rejected Talmudic Judaism, converted to Catholicism, and spread blood libels about Jews using Christian blood for rituals—paralleling Owens’s own rhetoric. ([Washington Post](#)), ([Jewish Review of Books](#))
- The sole basis for linking Sigmund Freud to Sabbateanism is that he was familiar with Kabbalah. He was **not** a Sabbatean. He was a secular, atheist Jew who publicly rejected religion. ([New York Times](#))
- Freud never advocated for incest or conditioning children into psychopathy. Early drafts of his “seduction theory” examined whether childhood trauma—including incest—explained neuroses before he shifted to internal psychological conflicts. His Oedipus theory was a symbolic model, not a moral endorsement. ([Freud](#)), ([New York Times](#))
- There is no **“Doctrine of Evil”** in Judaism. Quite the contrary—Judaism commands that a Jew give up his life rather than commit any of three cardinal sins: murder, incest, or idolatry. ([Foundations of the Torah](#))
- Judaism forbids committing evil acts under any circumstances—certainly not to “advance in society” or “prove evil doesn’t exist.”
- The war in Gaza is Israel’s response to Hamas’s mass atrocity in which terrorists raped and murdered 1,200 men, women, and children. It is war, not metaphysical doctrine. ([CNN](#))

Quotes:

- “The commandment that prohibits incest... is the root of the whole structure of human society.” — (Freud, *Totem and Taboo*, Ch. II)
- “Incest must be abominated in every society that wishes to survive.” — (Freud, *Totem and Taboo*, Ch. IV)

Takeaway:

- Candace Owens’s claims invert reality and reveal a profound ignorance of Judaism and history. The Sabbateans were a fringe cult rejected by Judaism; Freud had no connection to them; and Jewish law strictly forbids the very acts she accuses Jews of embracing.