

1
00:00:16,679 --> 00:00:25,000
welcome to shattered reality with your

2
00:00:20,170 --> 00:00:28,060
hosts Kate Valentine and furs prepare to

3
00:00:25,000 --> 00:00:32,590
add a paradigm shifted into truths

4
00:00:28,059 --> 00:00:35,649
questioned and now shattered reality

5
00:00:32,590 --> 00:00:38,050
well here we are again faroush a-- hey

6
00:00:35,649 --> 00:00:41,229
Kate it's really great to see you and

7
00:00:38,049 --> 00:00:42,699
hear you one more time here you

8
00:00:41,229 --> 00:00:44,919
certainly picked out a very interesting

9
00:00:42,700 --> 00:00:47,800
guest today why thank you

10
00:00:44,920 --> 00:00:51,609
but I want to say that today uh-huh is

11
00:00:47,799 --> 00:00:54,399
May 10th 2016 ok all right

12
00:00:51,609 --> 00:00:56,950
and our guest I guess I'll introduce him

13
00:00:54,399 --> 00:01:00,280
ok but but there's nothing Supernatural

14
00:00:56,950 --> 00:01:03,070
about maintenance it just happens to be

15
00:01:00,280 --> 00:01:06,129
well I like to slate I see

16
00:01:03,070 --> 00:01:07,930
it's like my experience in the

17
00:01:06,129 --> 00:01:09,728
commercial field you always slate who

18
00:01:07,930 --> 00:01:10,840
you are and then they say would you take

19
00:01:09,728 --> 00:01:12,340
it is IC o----

20
00:01:10,840 --> 00:01:14,500
worth like that but we only have one

21
00:01:12,340 --> 00:01:17,560
take we don't have one no no no this is

22
00:01:14,500 --> 00:01:21,129
live this is it this is this is the way

23
00:01:17,560 --> 00:01:22,930
it is in any case we have a very very

24
00:01:21,129 --> 00:01:25,569
interesting guest for you today

25
00:01:22,930 --> 00:01:29,020
mm-hmm on a topic that we haven't even

26
00:01:25,569 --> 00:01:31,839
come close to covering before partially

27
00:01:29,019 --> 00:01:34,118
because I didn't even know exactly that

28
00:01:31,840 --> 00:01:37,118
it existed no I did not either I'm gonna

29

00:01:34,118 --> 00:01:39,430
say it like a couple of things that we

30
00:01:37,118 --> 00:01:42,009
all know about Mexico have you ever been

31
00:01:39,430 --> 00:01:46,450
to Mexico okay never want to go I have

32
00:01:42,009 --> 00:01:48,310
been to Mexico numerous times and I have

33
00:01:46,450 --> 00:01:50,978
gotten these little day of the dead

34
00:01:48,310 --> 00:01:52,269
figure it just freaks me out it freaks

35
00:01:50,978 --> 00:01:54,459
you out you're scared of those things

36
00:01:52,269 --> 00:01:56,250
not scary it's just disgusting I just

37
00:01:54,459 --> 00:01:59,889
don't like it the whole thing is just

38
00:01:56,250 --> 00:02:02,200
but I mean you know I but that is my

39
00:01:59,890 --> 00:02:05,890
take and you know obviously other people

40
00:02:02,200 --> 00:02:09,640
take it differently well I find that the

41
00:02:05,890 --> 00:02:13,419
sculptures very interesting and I have a

42
00:02:09,639 --> 00:02:16,238
couple of them in my house and one of

43
00:02:13,419 --> 00:02:18,759

them is a little guy on a motorcycle a

44

00:02:16,239 --> 00:02:20,050

skeleton on a motorcycle mhm and I think

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00:02:18,759 --> 00:02:21,669

he's funny and cute

46

00:02:20,050 --> 00:02:25,240

and I never want to get on a motorcycle

47

00:02:21,669 --> 00:02:27,069

I am I am afraid of motorcycles you know

48

00:02:25,240 --> 00:02:28,719

the percentage on that in five years

49

00:02:27,069 --> 00:02:30,069

that's a hundred percent sure you're

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00:02:28,719 --> 00:02:33,280

gonna have a major accident

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00:02:30,069 --> 00:02:34,719

yeah well I'm afraid of this your

52

00:02:33,280 --> 00:02:37,210

skillet and have like a little bobble

53

00:02:34,719 --> 00:02:39,509

head as it goes along no no that's okay

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00:02:37,210 --> 00:02:39,510

that's just

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00:02:39,719 --> 00:02:45,069

okay

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00:02:40,840 --> 00:02:46,450

in any case when I no no I don't think

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00:02:45,069 --> 00:02:48,849

something okay I have to think about

58
00:02:46,449 --> 00:02:54,639
that no I don't think he does but in any

59
00:02:48,849 --> 00:02:56,769
case when I saw the bride skeleton I

60
00:02:54,639 --> 00:02:59,259
always just thought it was another day

61
00:02:56,770 --> 00:03:01,620
of the dead skeleton and I have even

62
00:02:59,259 --> 00:03:05,019
been in both Anika's in New York City

63
00:03:01,620 --> 00:03:08,110
where I have seen candles with the

64
00:03:05,020 --> 00:03:11,950
skeleton bride mhm and I just thought it

65
00:03:08,110 --> 00:03:16,270
was some day the dead thing but when I

66
00:03:11,949 --> 00:03:18,629
discovered our guests I discovered him

67
00:03:16,270 --> 00:03:21,219
through the morbid anatomy Museum in

68
00:03:18,629 --> 00:03:23,530
Brooklyn that that he was sewing in

69
00:03:21,219 --> 00:03:25,389
place that's great yeah that's good that

70
00:03:23,530 --> 00:03:26,949
that he was going to be a guest and I

71
00:03:25,389 --> 00:03:28,689
think he's going to be a guest in the

72
00:03:26,949 --> 00:03:31,479
future there shortly

73
00:03:28,689 --> 00:03:33,159
uh and I had to get in touch with him

74
00:03:31,479 --> 00:03:36,869
because it was such a fascinating

75
00:03:33,159 --> 00:03:40,359
subject so without any further ado I

76
00:03:36,870 --> 00:03:43,439
want to introduce the bishop Walter F

77
00:03:40,360 --> 00:03:46,000
Sullivan chair in Catholic studies and

78
00:03:43,439 --> 00:03:49,560
professor of Religious Studies at

79
00:03:46,000 --> 00:03:54,340
Virginia Commonwealth University mr.

80
00:03:49,560 --> 00:03:57,879
Andrew chestnut and his book devoted to

81
00:03:54,340 --> 00:04:01,900
death sontham where they the skeleton

82
00:03:57,879 --> 00:04:04,120
st. welcome Andrew yes thank you it's a

83
00:04:01,900 --> 00:04:06,490
pleasure to be here and let me also say

84
00:04:04,120 --> 00:04:09,759
that the great significance of this date

85
00:04:06,490 --> 00:04:12,879
of May 10 yes in Mexico it's actually

86

00:04:09,759 --> 00:04:15,069
Mother's Day kit out really and so my

87
00:04:12,879 --> 00:04:17,350
wife is Mexican and my mother-in-law of

88
00:04:15,069 --> 00:04:22,540
course is Mexican so I had to do a

89
00:04:17,350 --> 00:04:25,210
Mother's Day 2.0 today oh well we're

90
00:04:22,540 --> 00:04:27,970
both mothers and uh-huh and so we're

91
00:04:25,209 --> 00:04:32,259
very happy to celebrate Mexican Mother's

92
00:04:27,970 --> 00:04:34,030
Day and your mother-in-law I wish them a

93
00:04:32,259 --> 00:04:38,019
very happy Mother's Day for

94
00:04:34,029 --> 00:04:40,239
what you're gonna ask is but maybe that

95
00:04:38,019 --> 00:04:41,949
was a little bit of psychic thinking for

96
00:04:40,240 --> 00:04:44,110
Asia maybe so

97
00:04:41,949 --> 00:04:46,810
yeah maybe okay so I usually don't

98
00:04:44,110 --> 00:04:49,210
mention the date well thank you thank

99
00:04:46,810 --> 00:04:51,310
you and again dr. Chester I have to

100
00:04:49,209 --> 00:04:53,439

confess my ignorance and I didn't

101

00:04:51,310 --> 00:04:57,759
realize the significance of Santa

102

00:04:53,439 --> 00:05:02,589
variety very fascinating really as I as

103

00:04:57,759 --> 00:05:05,709
a person who is a chair of Catholic

104

00:05:02,589 --> 00:05:07,929
studies and now knowing what I do know

105

00:05:05,709 --> 00:05:11,829
that the the Catholic Church isn't

106

00:05:07,930 --> 00:05:14,250
really very excited about this worship

107

00:05:11,829 --> 00:05:18,819
of Santa Muerte

108

00:05:14,250 --> 00:05:21,399
no and in fact so much so that when Pope

109

00:05:18,819 --> 00:05:24,689
Francis was in Mexico back in February

110

00:05:21,399 --> 00:05:28,389
he actually condemned Santa Muerte

111

00:05:24,689 --> 00:05:31,209
basically as a patron saint of narcos of

112

00:05:28,389 --> 00:05:33,069
the drug cartels in Mexico but the

113

00:05:31,209 --> 00:05:36,489
problem for the Catholic Church is that

114

00:05:33,069 --> 00:05:39,129
the great majority of devotees of Santa

115
00:05:36,490 --> 00:05:43,199
Moorthy or Saint death in English still

116
00:05:39,129 --> 00:05:49,120
identify as Catholics hmm I say well how

117
00:05:43,199 --> 00:05:53,860
exactly did you come to be so fascinated

118
00:05:49,120 --> 00:05:56,860
with this cult figure I say that with

119
00:05:53,860 --> 00:05:59,050
respect in the sense that you know when

120
00:05:56,860 --> 00:06:01,229
I mean cult figure it just means to me

121
00:05:59,050 --> 00:06:07,870
not as a negative but more or less a

122
00:06:01,228 --> 00:06:10,810
kind of some new sort of subspecies yes

123
00:06:07,870 --> 00:06:14,228
I am I'm a specialist in Latin American

124
00:06:10,810 --> 00:06:16,149
religion and so I was about two years

125
00:06:14,228 --> 00:06:19,120
into research for what I thought would

126
00:06:16,149 --> 00:06:21,519
be my third book on the most important

127
00:06:19,120 --> 00:06:24,040
representation of the Virgin Mary in the

128
00:06:21,519 --> 00:06:26,529
entire world and that's Mexico's Virgin

129
00:06:24,040 --> 00:06:30,610
of Guadalupe love it love but I just

130
00:06:26,529 --> 00:06:33,399
didn't find the same type of motivation

131
00:06:30,610 --> 00:06:36,220
and passion that had buoyed my previous

132
00:06:33,399 --> 00:06:41,079
research and in that context of kind of

133
00:06:36,220 --> 00:06:44,440
research malaise in March 2009 I saw the

134
00:06:41,079 --> 00:06:47,109
news that the Mexican army had moved in

135
00:06:44,439 --> 00:06:50,019
with bulldozers and back home

136
00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:53,319
to demolish some forty Santa Muerte

137
00:06:50,019 --> 00:06:56,469
shrines haha the Texas Mexico and

138
00:06:53,319 --> 00:06:58,360
California Mexico border now I've been

139
00:06:56,470 --> 00:07:02,080
going to Mexico for over thirty years

140
00:06:58,360 --> 00:07:04,840
first time I think was in 1983 so I was

141
00:07:02,079 --> 00:07:07,689
familiar with sontham worthy but I

142
00:07:04,839 --> 00:07:10,659
really wasn't aware that she had become

143

00:07:07,689 --> 00:07:12,939
kind of spiritual enemy number one for

144
00:07:10,660 --> 00:07:15,550
the Mexican government in their ongoing

145
00:07:12,939 --> 00:07:17,500
war against the drug cartels until I saw

146
00:07:15,550 --> 00:07:20,079
that news that the Mexican army had

147
00:07:17,500 --> 00:07:22,029
actually loved raised 40 of her shrines

148
00:07:20,079 --> 00:07:25,539
wow that was that was really the

149
00:07:22,029 --> 00:07:28,000
catalyst that that sparked my initial

150
00:07:25,540 --> 00:07:31,480
interest I consulted with with

151
00:07:28,000 --> 00:07:33,490
colleagues friends family and after a

152
00:07:31,480 --> 00:07:37,420
couple weeks I decided to temporarily

153
00:07:33,490 --> 00:07:40,780
turn my back on on the guadalupe project

154
00:07:37,420 --> 00:07:43,240
and plunge into into this project on

155
00:07:40,779 --> 00:07:45,369
santa muerte with the goal of publishing

156
00:07:43,240 --> 00:07:47,259
the first book in english and still four

157
00:07:45,370 --> 00:07:49,750

years later after was published it

158

00:07:47,259 --> 00:07:53,079

remains the sole academic book in

159

00:07:49,750 --> 00:07:55,180

english on on what is now the fastest

160

00:07:53,079 --> 00:07:58,659

growing new religious movement in the

161

00:07:55,180 --> 00:08:01,870

entire western hemisphere amazing Canada

162

00:07:58,660 --> 00:08:04,390

to Chile no other new religious movement

163

00:08:01,870 --> 00:08:04,810

is growing as fast as the cult of Santa

164

00:08:04,389 --> 00:08:07,689

Muerte

165

00:08:04,810 --> 00:08:10,030

okay wow that is that is just an amazing

166

00:08:07,689 --> 00:08:12,879

thing isn't it yeah well what exactly

167

00:08:10,029 --> 00:08:15,489

are usually any religious cult or

168

00:08:12,879 --> 00:08:18,730

sub-code will offer something what is

169

00:08:15,490 --> 00:08:20,560

the draw to sad what do people think you

170

00:08:18,730 --> 00:08:23,920

had was an excellent question there's

171

00:08:20,560 --> 00:08:26,110

multiple drawers but but I think the

172
00:08:23,920 --> 00:08:29,490
most important thing is that she has a

173
00:08:26,110 --> 00:08:32,800
reputation as a very speedy and

174
00:08:29,490 --> 00:08:34,629
efficacious miracle worker and that you

175
00:08:32,799 --> 00:08:36,549
know a lot of the Catholic saints tend

176
00:08:34,629 --> 00:08:38,889
to specialize in just one type of

177
00:08:36,549 --> 00:08:41,859
miracle or two at most

178
00:08:38,889 --> 00:08:45,220
right but Santa Muerte in kind of the

179
00:08:41,860 --> 00:08:48,190
spirit of the times is a multitasking

180
00:08:45,220 --> 00:08:51,490
worker she's she's an agent of

181
00:08:48,190 --> 00:08:56,200
prosperity she's a curandera or healer

182
00:08:51,490 --> 00:08:57,440
she is a she's also the black Santa

183
00:08:56,200 --> 00:09:01,459
Muerte of

184
00:08:57,440 --> 00:09:04,579
of vengeance and revenge hmm and she's

185
00:09:01,458 --> 00:09:07,159
also an agent of law and justice which

186
00:09:04,578 --> 00:09:10,328
would be her green votive candle and so

187
00:09:07,159 --> 00:09:12,919
it's kind of that multitasking molta

188
00:09:10,328 --> 00:09:15,588
miracle working persona that's a great

189
00:09:12,919 --> 00:09:17,500
attraction but at the same time since

190
00:09:15,589 --> 00:09:20,529
she does represent death

191
00:09:17,500 --> 00:09:22,429
she's proliferated in Mexico

192
00:09:20,528 --> 00:09:26,809
unfortunately during a time of great

193
00:09:22,429 --> 00:09:31,278
death and dying in which some 100,000

194
00:09:26,809 --> 00:09:33,649
Mexicans have been killed since 2006 in

195
00:09:31,278 --> 00:09:36,078
the ongoing drug violence that's

196
00:09:33,649 --> 00:09:38,688
plaguing the country and so ironically a

197
00:09:36,078 --> 00:09:42,469
lot of devotees actually look to the

198
00:09:38,688 --> 00:09:45,948
saint of death for more grains of of

199
00:09:42,470 --> 00:09:50,300
life in the hourglass of life that she

200

00:09:45,948 --> 00:09:53,958
holds interesting interesting I I had an

201
00:09:50,299 --> 00:09:56,929
in another question uh to bring things

202
00:09:53,958 --> 00:10:00,438
back a little bit to the Virgin of

203
00:09:56,929 --> 00:10:04,068
Guadalupe I did make a visit to the

204
00:10:00,438 --> 00:10:06,349
shrine of Guadalupe outside Mexico City

205
00:10:04,068 --> 00:10:08,809
I guess it is is it in the actual

206
00:10:06,350 --> 00:10:10,819
environs of Mexico City or is it it is

207
00:10:08,809 --> 00:10:13,278
it's quite it seems like a little bit on

208
00:10:10,818 --> 00:10:15,620
the outskirts it is on the outskirts yes

209
00:10:13,278 --> 00:10:17,629
uh and I did go there and I was

210
00:10:15,620 --> 00:10:21,169
incredibly impressed by the people

211
00:10:17,629 --> 00:10:25,220
coming from across Central America some

212
00:10:21,169 --> 00:10:29,419
of whom traveled the entire trip on

213
00:10:25,220 --> 00:10:32,660
their knees because they wanted to make

214
00:10:29,419 --> 00:10:38,778

this pilgrimage to the Virgin of

215

00:10:32,659 --> 00:10:43,669

Guadalupe and I am drawn to equating the

216

00:10:38,778 --> 00:10:49,759

Virgin of Guadalupe with the corn maiden

217

00:10:43,669 --> 00:10:51,979

as opposed to the mother Mary I'm not

218

00:10:49,759 --> 00:10:54,860

saying that it's not both things at once

219

00:10:51,980 --> 00:10:59,808

but I sort of have the feeling of

220

00:10:54,860 --> 00:11:03,519

something older still and by the same

221

00:10:59,808 --> 00:11:07,269

token I understand that there is a

222

00:11:03,519 --> 00:11:10,840

correspondence to a Mayan or Aztec

223

00:11:07,269 --> 00:11:13,990

goddess of death with some

224

00:11:10,840 --> 00:11:16,560

birthday right right going back to

225

00:11:13,990 --> 00:11:18,850

Virgin of Guadalupe there's actually a

226

00:11:16,559 --> 00:11:22,089

correspondence to an Aztec goddess

227

00:11:18,850 --> 00:11:25,120

called Conan seen in fact at the very

228

00:11:22,090 --> 00:11:28,540

site that you visited at the hill of

229
00:11:25,120 --> 00:11:30,610
Tepeyac was exactly where the Aztec

230
00:11:28,539 --> 00:11:33,879
goddess tonin seen which which

231
00:11:30,610 --> 00:11:36,039
coincidentally means our mother was

232
00:11:33,879 --> 00:11:37,689
worshipped by the Aztecs and so there

233
00:11:36,039 --> 00:11:39,490
are many who argue that that actually

234
00:11:37,690 --> 00:11:42,550
the Virgin of Guadalupe is a type of

235
00:11:39,490 --> 00:11:46,450
syncretism with the Aztec goddess phone

236
00:11:42,549 --> 00:11:49,059
on scene our mother yeah yes and also

237
00:11:46,450 --> 00:11:51,220
that holds true for Santa Muerte there's

238
00:11:49,059 --> 00:11:54,069
definitely a correspondence with with

239
00:11:51,220 --> 00:11:56,769
certain Mayan and Aztec death deities

240
00:11:54,070 --> 00:11:59,710
and probably the closest correspondence

241
00:11:56,769 --> 00:12:02,829
is with the Aztec female the death

242
00:11:59,710 --> 00:12:06,960
goddess known as Makdessi wat oh now I

243
00:12:02,830 --> 00:12:09,759
can't say that after I read that and

244
00:12:06,960 --> 00:12:12,550
would you just say that once again just

245
00:12:09,759 --> 00:12:13,299
sounded great me that guy see what

246
00:12:12,549 --> 00:12:16,779
though

247
00:12:13,299 --> 00:12:21,069
sounds Klingon I think maybe they are

248
00:12:16,779 --> 00:12:23,350
from space somewhere no I had noticed

249
00:12:21,070 --> 00:12:26,379
that the correspondence between what

250
00:12:23,350 --> 00:12:30,129
Alipay and the corn maiden which is a

251
00:12:26,379 --> 00:12:33,220
Native American deity that a friend of

252
00:12:30,129 --> 00:12:36,340
mine made a mask of and so I guess that

253
00:12:33,220 --> 00:12:39,430
many of these things have you know are

254
00:12:36,340 --> 00:12:40,620
more what's the word I'm looking not

255
00:12:39,429 --> 00:12:44,079
prototypes

256
00:12:40,620 --> 00:12:46,149
there are prototypes well there was what

257

00:12:44,080 --> 00:12:48,460
what is Jung call them archetypes

258
00:12:46,149 --> 00:12:52,539
archetypes are exactly exactly the word

259
00:12:48,460 --> 00:12:56,170
I was looking for and what do you think

260
00:12:52,539 --> 00:13:01,019
about the idea that once we worship

261
00:12:56,169 --> 00:13:05,709
something as human beings that a kind of

262
00:13:01,019 --> 00:13:08,740
group energy could form a sort of Topa

263
00:13:05,710 --> 00:13:13,120
like character do you know what I'm

264
00:13:08,740 --> 00:13:15,430
saying yeah but if you don't I'll

265
00:13:13,120 --> 00:13:20,830
explain yeah yeah why don't you explain

266
00:13:15,429 --> 00:13:23,379
what you mean in in Tibetan mysticism

267
00:13:20,830 --> 00:13:29,560
it's possible to

268
00:13:23,379 --> 00:13:31,840
on a being that doesn't yet exist and I

269
00:13:29,559 --> 00:13:33,609
might be slightly off on this but you

270
00:13:31,840 --> 00:13:38,879
actually with your mind

271
00:13:33,610 --> 00:13:42,460

create a physical being you can create

272

00:13:38,879 --> 00:13:46,360

like a Menem a man in black or you can

273

00:13:42,460 --> 00:13:49,090

create a shadow person with your brain

274

00:13:46,360 --> 00:13:52,269

more or less with your mind maybe not

275

00:13:49,090 --> 00:13:55,570

your brain but your consciousness and I

276

00:13:52,269 --> 00:13:59,139

think that if you have a group of

277

00:13:55,570 --> 00:14:02,770

persons that decide to worship an

278

00:13:59,139 --> 00:14:05,769

archetype you can sort of bring that

279

00:14:02,769 --> 00:14:09,490

archetype to life and make it like a

280

00:14:05,769 --> 00:14:13,750

Tulpa the topper is the Tibetan being

281

00:14:09,490 --> 00:14:16,810

that is brought into into being by by

282

00:14:13,750 --> 00:14:21,549

someone's meditation so I was just using

283

00:14:16,809 --> 00:14:24,429

that as a as an example as an example

284

00:14:21,549 --> 00:14:26,799

yes right yeah I think one of the really

285

00:14:24,429 --> 00:14:30,269

interesting things about Santa Muerte is

286
00:14:26,799 --> 00:14:34,149
that she's clearly the result of

287
00:14:30,269 --> 00:14:39,159
religious syncretism or fusion between

288
00:14:34,149 --> 00:14:42,850
the Grim Reaper as' because in Spain the

289
00:14:39,159 --> 00:14:45,219
our our Western European Grim Reaper

290
00:14:42,850 --> 00:14:47,440
more often was represented as the female

291
00:14:45,220 --> 00:14:50,230
Grim Reaper's called la potica in

292
00:14:47,440 --> 00:14:52,930
Spanish so so the Spanish Catholic

293
00:14:50,230 --> 00:14:54,970
Church brings over the figure of the

294
00:14:52,929 --> 00:14:57,699
Grim Reaper as' as a tool for

295
00:14:54,970 --> 00:14:59,710
evangelization of the indigenous people

296
00:14:57,700 --> 00:15:03,370
in Mexico and throughout the Americas

297
00:14:59,710 --> 00:15:05,500
and there's no doubt that the indigenous

298
00:15:03,370 --> 00:15:09,250
people of course already have their own

299
00:15:05,500 --> 00:15:11,289
death deities and while in Europe the

300
00:15:09,250 --> 00:15:14,309
figure of the Grim Reaper had never been

301
00:15:11,289 --> 00:15:16,719
a supernatural figure only a mere

302
00:15:14,309 --> 00:15:18,609
representation or personification of

303
00:15:16,720 --> 00:15:22,090
death which actually emerged out of the

304
00:15:18,610 --> 00:15:24,550
Black Plague of the 14th century which

305
00:15:22,090 --> 00:15:27,370
sent about you know one third of of

306
00:15:24,549 --> 00:15:29,949
Europeans to an early grave yes so it's

307
00:15:27,370 --> 00:15:33,669
clear that that some of the indigenous

308
00:15:29,950 --> 00:15:37,150
people in Mexico Guatemala Argentina and

309
00:15:33,669 --> 00:15:39,579
Paraguay kind of take the figure of the

310
00:15:37,149 --> 00:15:42,069
Spanish Grim Reaper's to be a holy

311
00:15:39,580 --> 00:15:45,389
miracle working figure because they

312
00:15:42,070 --> 00:15:48,700
already have their own religious

313
00:15:45,389 --> 00:15:50,860
cultural context of having death deities

314

00:15:48,700 --> 00:15:53,230
and so what had simply been a

315
00:15:50,860 --> 00:15:57,570
personification of death for the Western

316
00:15:53,230 --> 00:15:59,950
Europeans morphs into this supernatural

317
00:15:57,570 --> 00:16:02,650
miracle-working figure that we know as

318
00:15:59,950 --> 00:16:05,170
Santa Muerte and so there's a lot of

319
00:16:02,649 --> 00:16:08,740
Mexicans who like to say oh no she is

320
00:16:05,169 --> 00:16:11,289
kind of the latest incarnation if you

321
00:16:08,740 --> 00:16:13,690
will or manifestation of the Aztec

322
00:16:11,289 --> 00:16:15,849
goddess miktex I see well but but you

323
00:16:13,690 --> 00:16:18,010
can't ignore the role of Spain without

324
00:16:15,850 --> 00:16:19,810
the Spanish medieval Catholic Church

325
00:16:18,009 --> 00:16:21,909
coming over with their figure of the

326
00:16:19,809 --> 00:16:24,759
Grim Reaper's there is no Santa Muerte

327
00:16:21,909 --> 00:16:28,110
in Mexico or the US for that matter

328
00:16:24,759 --> 00:16:31,929

right right and and of course in Spanish

329

00:16:28,110 --> 00:16:34,240

the word for death worth that is is

330

00:16:31,929 --> 00:16:38,079

female yes yes and all the Romance

331

00:16:34,240 --> 00:16:40,060

language is it's female however we can't

332

00:16:38,080 --> 00:16:44,410

take that too far because Santa Muerte

333

00:16:40,059 --> 00:16:47,709

has two male cousins one in Argentina

334

00:16:44,409 --> 00:16:50,589

and his name is Santa Muerte and another

335

00:16:47,710 --> 00:16:53,230

in Guatemala who is called Pasquale or

336

00:16:50,590 --> 00:16:55,810

King Pasquale and those two skeleton

337

00:16:53,230 --> 00:16:59,649

Saints are actually male unlike female

338

00:16:55,809 --> 00:17:01,719

Santa Muerte so yes it is female LA

339

00:16:59,649 --> 00:17:04,539

birthday or death is female in Spanish

340

00:17:01,720 --> 00:17:07,450

but that didn't influence the fact that

341

00:17:04,539 --> 00:17:08,859

to two of the three skeletal Saints are

342

00:17:07,450 --> 00:17:11,860

death Saints in the Americas are

343
00:17:08,859 --> 00:17:15,609
actually male I have at this point I

344
00:17:11,859 --> 00:17:17,879
think we usually save questions for

345
00:17:15,609 --> 00:17:20,859
listener from listeners for the end

346
00:17:17,880 --> 00:17:25,390
however I think it's an appropriate time

347
00:17:20,859 --> 00:17:28,809
to make mention of this question from

348
00:17:25,390 --> 00:17:31,660
our listener Roxanne who has been on the

349
00:17:28,809 --> 00:17:36,250
show and it's because it's something

350
00:17:31,660 --> 00:17:40,210
that had come to my mind as well do you

351
00:17:36,250 --> 00:17:45,910
believe that the popularity of this

352
00:17:40,210 --> 00:17:48,970
saint has to do to some extent with not

353
00:17:45,910 --> 00:17:52,600
only the deaths from that the drug war

354
00:17:48,970 --> 00:17:55,809
but the the problems of ecology that are

355
00:17:52,599 --> 00:18:00,179
out there going on you may like the

356
00:17:55,809 --> 00:18:00,179
planets dying so they worship death yes

357

00:18:01,109 --> 00:18:08,349

I think less directly much because

358

00:18:04,779 --> 00:18:12,609

because the the violence is so horrific

359

00:18:08,349 --> 00:18:16,359

in Mexico that that most people are

360

00:18:12,609 --> 00:18:21,159

looking for very immediate solutions and

361

00:18:16,359 --> 00:18:23,949

and you know death and contamination due

362

00:18:21,160 --> 00:18:27,820

to environmental factors is usually kind

363

00:18:23,950 --> 00:18:29,769

of a slower and less acute problem than

364

00:18:27,819 --> 00:18:32,169

hey you know maybe there's this drug

365

00:18:29,769 --> 00:18:34,900

cartel around the quarter who might kill

366

00:18:32,170 --> 00:18:37,240

me at any moment so yeah so yeah I mean

367

00:18:34,900 --> 00:18:40,660

that could be relevant but I don't think

368

00:18:37,240 --> 00:18:43,329

it's as relevant as the horrific ongoing

369

00:18:40,660 --> 00:18:47,860

drug war that's just kind of engulfed

370

00:18:43,329 --> 00:18:50,919

Mexico and and all those students those

371

00:18:47,859 --> 00:18:54,159
university students the university

372
00:18:50,920 --> 00:18:57,640
students as well exactly yeah that's

373
00:18:54,160 --> 00:19:01,960
it's just it's it's just been you know

374
00:18:57,640 --> 00:19:04,090
ten years of just horrific violence and

375
00:19:01,960 --> 00:19:05,980
and you know a lot of people at Hope

376
00:19:04,089 --> 00:19:08,859
with the current president coming in a

377
00:19:05,980 --> 00:19:16,140
few years ago but the violence just

378
00:19:08,859 --> 00:19:19,839
continues unabated so um your book has

379
00:19:16,140 --> 00:19:23,160
the chapters divided up by the different

380
00:19:19,839 --> 00:19:26,709
color of the candles that could be lit

381
00:19:23,160 --> 00:19:30,820
in devotion to something more I think do

382
00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:33,640
you want to yes yes in studying and

383
00:19:30,819 --> 00:19:37,929
researching it it just became kind of a

384
00:19:33,640 --> 00:19:40,690
natural organic organizational framework

385
00:19:37,930 --> 00:19:44,200

for my book the fact that really the

386

00:19:40,690 --> 00:19:46,870

most important kind of paraphernalia of

387

00:19:44,200 --> 00:19:49,289

devotion for Santa Muerte are these

388

00:19:46,869 --> 00:19:52,449

colored votive candles and and

389

00:19:49,289 --> 00:19:54,639

particularly in economies of scarcity in

390

00:19:52,450 --> 00:19:57,400

Mexico these candles usually only cost

391

00:19:54,640 --> 00:19:59,350

between adoptees jar candles only cost

392

00:19:57,400 --> 00:20:02,890

between \$1 in two dollars so if you

393

00:19:59,349 --> 00:20:04,000

can't afford a 50 or \$100 statue you

394

00:20:02,890 --> 00:20:06,040

probably can scrape

395

00:20:04,000 --> 00:20:08,109

gather enough cash to buy one of the

396

00:20:06,039 --> 00:20:10,389

votive candles and so yeah there's a

397

00:20:08,109 --> 00:20:13,509

whole series of different colors and

398

00:20:10,390 --> 00:20:17,770

they eat symbolize a major theme in the

399

00:20:13,509 --> 00:20:20,230

cult for example I found that the number

400
00:20:17,769 --> 00:20:23,470
one selling colored votive candle in

401
00:20:20,230 --> 00:20:25,630
Mexico is the red candle not a mat of

402
00:20:23,470 --> 00:20:29,140
blood and murder but the red candle of

403
00:20:25,630 --> 00:20:31,360
love and passion and in indeed what we

404
00:20:29,140 --> 00:20:34,390
know Santa Murthy has been doing for the

405
00:20:31,359 --> 00:20:36,599
longest time in Mexico going back to the

406
00:20:34,390 --> 00:20:39,190
field notes of Mexican and American

407
00:20:36,599 --> 00:20:42,909
anthropologists going back to the 1940s

408
00:20:39,190 --> 00:20:45,670
is love magic love sorcery particularly

409
00:20:42,910 --> 00:20:47,500
for aggrieved Mexican women who believe

410
00:20:45,670 --> 00:20:50,200
that their husbands or boyfriends are

411
00:20:47,500 --> 00:20:53,289
cheating on them and indeed the oldest

412
00:20:50,200 --> 00:20:58,180
known prayer to Santa Muerte is a prayer

413
00:20:53,289 --> 00:21:01,480
to ask the the cheating husband to come

414
00:20:58,180 --> 00:21:04,060
back humbled at at the devotees knees

415
00:21:01,480 --> 00:21:06,849
and to take out the other woman from his

416
00:21:04,059 --> 00:21:09,879
path and in fact that's what I'll be

417
00:21:06,849 --> 00:21:12,279
speaking about at morbid amor 'but

418
00:21:09,880 --> 00:21:15,730
anatomy on May 30th about Santa Muerte

419
00:21:12,279 --> 00:21:19,470
the the love sorcerer's and you thought

420
00:21:15,730 --> 00:21:19,470
they were worried about the ecology

421
00:21:21,240 --> 00:21:28,029
another popular candle is the gold

422
00:21:24,130 --> 00:21:31,060
candle symbolizing prosperity and

423
00:21:28,029 --> 00:21:34,180
abundance and indeed a lot of small

424
00:21:31,059 --> 00:21:36,730
businesses throughout Mexico that don't

425
00:21:34,180 --> 00:21:39,220
necessarily sell Santa Muerte products

426
00:21:36,730 --> 00:21:41,680
will have a little in store altar to

427
00:21:39,220 --> 00:21:43,809
Santa Muerte as a way to grow and

428

00:21:41,680 --> 00:21:47,110
prosper their business so she's also

429
00:21:43,809 --> 00:21:48,609
kind of a strong agent of prosperity and

430
00:21:47,109 --> 00:21:51,519
there's this kind of really strong

431
00:21:48,609 --> 00:21:53,619
current of prosperity theology and the

432
00:21:51,519 --> 00:21:55,720
cult that somewhat mirrors what you see

433
00:21:53,619 --> 00:21:59,619
an evangelical Christianity in our

434
00:21:55,720 --> 00:22:02,799
country as well another candle I think

435
00:21:59,619 --> 00:22:06,099
about is the green candle of both law

436
00:22:02,799 --> 00:22:08,769
and justice and this is really important

437
00:22:06,099 --> 00:22:12,309
in Mexico where Santa Muerte is

438
00:22:08,769 --> 00:22:14,769
basically become the patron saint of the

439
00:22:12,309 --> 00:22:16,809
Mexican penal system not only of

440
00:22:14,769 --> 00:22:17,589
prisoners locked up mostly on drug

441
00:22:16,809 --> 00:22:20,379
crimes

442
00:22:17,589 --> 00:22:23,259

but even prison guards in fact what my

443

00:22:20,380 --> 00:22:25,480

nephew in the western state of michoacán

444

00:22:23,259 --> 00:22:27,910

is a prison guard who estimates that

445

00:22:25,480 --> 00:22:30,599

about 1/4 of his fellow prison guards

446

00:22:27,910 --> 00:22:34,000

are devotees of Santa Muerte

447

00:22:30,599 --> 00:22:35,619

amazing amazing so that's sort of an

448

00:22:34,000 --> 00:22:38,019

interesting side note on human

449

00:22:35,619 --> 00:22:40,839

psychology - the number one thing is

450

00:22:38,019 --> 00:22:43,629

love marriage and so on and secondly

451

00:22:40,839 --> 00:22:45,909

money and third justice that's sort of

452

00:22:43,630 --> 00:22:48,790

that's very like that actually sort of

453

00:22:45,910 --> 00:22:55,060

sums up most of the legal codes in most

454

00:22:48,789 --> 00:22:57,069

countries handle exactly and and you

455

00:22:55,059 --> 00:22:59,980

know she's particularly important also

456

00:22:57,069 --> 00:23:03,069

as as a supernatural advocate or

457
00:22:59,980 --> 00:23:06,460
attorney because the the judicial system

458
00:23:03,069 --> 00:23:08,470
in Mexico is so dysfunctional yes I'm

459
00:23:06,460 --> 00:23:10,360
sure that a lot of people a lot of

460
00:23:08,470 --> 00:23:12,789
people think that their only help can

461
00:23:10,359 --> 00:23:17,229
come from the supernatural they're

462
00:23:12,789 --> 00:23:19,480
probably right too big well you there's

463
00:23:17,230 --> 00:23:21,759
a black candle there is a black candle

464
00:23:19,480 --> 00:23:25,230
oh yes I'm sound good yes there's the

465
00:23:21,759 --> 00:23:29,829
black candle which is both for

466
00:23:25,230 --> 00:23:31,779
protection from from black magic or for

467
00:23:29,829 --> 00:23:36,099
those who might want to come against you

468
00:23:31,779 --> 00:23:38,799
but also for works of harm injury and

469
00:23:36,099 --> 00:23:42,459
vengeance against others and indeed

470
00:23:38,799 --> 00:23:46,450
because she is a a folk saint and not a

471
00:23:42,460 --> 00:23:49,120
canonized Catholic saint she is open to

472
00:23:46,450 --> 00:23:50,910
those type of petitions I think and so I

473
00:23:49,119 --> 00:23:54,669
think there's a fair amount of Mexicans

474
00:23:50,910 --> 00:23:57,009
who find it easier to bring those type

475
00:23:54,670 --> 00:23:58,930
of perhaps from the Christian

476
00:23:57,009 --> 00:24:02,230
perspective kind of morally dubious

477
00:23:58,930 --> 00:24:04,509
petitions to her then they might want to

478
00:24:02,230 --> 00:24:05,980
bring to the Catholic saints not saying

479
00:24:04,509 --> 00:24:09,369
that they don't do it I know they do it

480
00:24:05,980 --> 00:24:11,529
but probably more frequently to Santa

481
00:24:09,369 --> 00:24:14,049
Muerte since at the end of the day she's

482
00:24:11,529 --> 00:24:16,210
not Christian right and it's sort of

483
00:24:14,049 --> 00:24:18,279
like going to your mom - as opposed to

484
00:24:16,210 --> 00:24:20,319
going to the church you know like I know

485

00:24:18,279 --> 00:24:22,119
it's not right but I'd really like to

486
00:24:20,319 --> 00:24:25,450
settle this matter so can't you take

487
00:24:22,119 --> 00:24:28,539
care of it for me you know it seems like

488
00:24:25,450 --> 00:24:30,519
a very informal sort of uh exactly and

489
00:24:28,539 --> 00:24:31,329
I'm so glad you rinse and you mentioned

490
00:24:30,519 --> 00:24:34,960
mother because

491
00:24:31,329 --> 00:24:37,779
for a lot of devotees she kind of plays

492
00:24:34,960 --> 00:24:40,150
that role of a maternal figure I've even

493
00:24:37,779 --> 00:24:42,279
heard women say you know I lost my

494
00:24:40,150 --> 00:24:44,380
mother but but I still have suntan

495
00:24:42,279 --> 00:24:46,299
worthy and so I mean that was something

496
00:24:44,380 --> 00:24:49,120
that really surprised me when I started

497
00:24:46,299 --> 00:24:52,180
my research I had no idea that she was

498
00:24:49,119 --> 00:24:55,659
this kind of maternal figure akin to the

499
00:24:52,180 --> 00:24:58,240

burgeoning while looping and she has a

500

00:24:55,660 --> 00:25:01,240

lot of epithets like the pretty girl

501

00:24:58,240 --> 00:25:03,220

though oh right hundreds but yeah some

502

00:25:01,240 --> 00:25:05,680

of the most popular translating into

503

00:25:03,220 --> 00:25:07,750

English would be the white girl

504

00:25:05,680 --> 00:25:13,360

of course she's bones right so white

505

00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:17,259

girl the pretty girl the skinny girl the

506

00:25:13,359 --> 00:25:21,990

bald lady the powerful lady the lady of

507

00:25:17,259 --> 00:25:27,460

the shadows interesting interesting and

508

00:25:21,990 --> 00:25:32,829

just as many people of the Catholic

509

00:25:27,460 --> 00:25:36,519

faith dress up the infant the infant of

510

00:25:32,829 --> 00:25:39,009

Prague I guess they have dolls of the

511

00:25:36,519 --> 00:25:40,779

Christ child as a as a toddler or

512

00:25:39,009 --> 00:25:45,309

something and they just scented dress

513

00:25:40,779 --> 00:25:50,529

him up I understand that the Mexican

514
00:25:45,309 --> 00:25:53,849
devotees also dress up these statues of

515
00:25:50,529 --> 00:25:57,910
Santa Muerte with all kinds of things

516
00:25:53,849 --> 00:26:00,730
exactly in fact the most famous effigy

517
00:25:57,910 --> 00:26:03,610
of Santa Muerte which is one of the most

518
00:26:00,730 --> 00:26:04,240
notorious varios of mexico city called

519
00:26:03,609 --> 00:26:06,099
Tepito

520
00:26:04,240 --> 00:26:09,069
actually that's that's where the cult

521
00:26:06,099 --> 00:26:12,399
willy emerges in public forum in the

522
00:26:09,069 --> 00:26:12,849
first time in 2001 every 1st of the

523
00:26:12,400 --> 00:26:15,490
month

524
00:26:12,849 --> 00:26:18,669
Santa Muerte gets a wardrobe change and

525
00:26:15,490 --> 00:26:21,549
and here kind of I mean that that's it

526
00:26:18,670 --> 00:26:23,890
that's a good a good analogy you made

527
00:26:21,549 --> 00:26:26,349
with with the holy child of Prague or

528
00:26:23,890 --> 00:26:28,750
actually we have in in New Mexico we

529
00:26:26,349 --> 00:26:31,559
have the holy child of Atocha close to

530
00:26:28,750 --> 00:26:34,269
Santa Fe but but the more direct

531
00:26:31,559 --> 00:26:37,089
correlation Mexico is the way they dress

532
00:26:34,269 --> 00:26:39,639
up the various representations of the

533
00:26:37,089 --> 00:26:41,230
Virgin most importantly Guadalupe so

534
00:26:39,640 --> 00:26:43,150
yeah yeah in fact there's there's

535
00:26:41,230 --> 00:26:45,440
there's a bunch of small businesses in

536
00:26:43,150 --> 00:26:48,528
Mexico City that Kate

537
00:26:45,440 --> 00:26:50,389
exclusively to dressing up effigies of

538
00:26:48,528 --> 00:26:52,548
Santa Muerte it's become a thriving

539
00:26:50,388 --> 00:26:56,058
business because now there's millions of

540
00:26:52,548 --> 00:26:58,908
devotees and Mexicans are really big on

541
00:26:56,058 --> 00:27:00,740
dressing colors and such so that's

542

00:26:58,909 --> 00:27:03,470
become an important kind of small

543
00:27:00,740 --> 00:27:06,798
business particularly in Mexico City and

544
00:27:03,470 --> 00:27:12,440
and the bridal of the bridal outfit how

545
00:27:06,798 --> 00:27:15,109
did that emerge I don't know when that

546
00:27:12,440 --> 00:27:18,110
first emerged but yeah dressing her as

547
00:27:15,109 --> 00:27:22,689
the bride who's eternally waiting for

548
00:27:18,109 --> 00:27:25,908
the perfect groom who never shows up and

549
00:27:22,690 --> 00:27:28,100
sometimes a sexy bride as well I mean

550
00:27:25,909 --> 00:27:31,610
last few years I've seen the sexy scent

551
00:27:28,099 --> 00:27:34,579
that were thin as well so yeah the bride

552
00:27:31,609 --> 00:27:36,769
the bride in Waiting I don't know when

553
00:27:34,579 --> 00:27:39,189
that first emerges but yeah that's

554
00:27:36,769 --> 00:27:41,808
that's one of the more popular ways to

555
00:27:39,190 --> 00:27:45,879
represent her in fact in fact there's

556
00:27:41,808 --> 00:27:50,058

even a temple in Los Angeles that offers

557

00:27:45,878 --> 00:27:55,369

temporary six-month wedding to Santa

558

00:27:50,058 --> 00:27:59,178

Muerte for male devotees hmm I have in

559

00:27:55,369 --> 00:28:03,378

my limited research on the subject

560

00:27:59,179 --> 00:28:09,798

before the interview I saw a number of

561

00:28:03,378 --> 00:28:13,548

tattoos on mostly on men of Santa Muerte

562

00:28:09,798 --> 00:28:17,329

with some of them the skeletal and

563

00:28:13,548 --> 00:28:20,839

others looking like sort of a very

564

00:28:17,329 --> 00:28:24,349

beautiful but gaunt woman so there are a

565

00:28:20,839 --> 00:28:26,359

lot of a lot of things going on in this

566

00:28:24,349 --> 00:28:28,730

this worship of Santa Muerte

567

00:28:26,359 --> 00:28:31,278

oh yeah the tattoos are so important

568

00:28:28,730 --> 00:28:34,038

because it's it's kind of seen as the

569

00:28:31,278 --> 00:28:36,769

ultimate you are giving her a piece of

570

00:28:34,038 --> 00:28:39,619

your personal real estate and so the

571
00:28:36,769 --> 00:28:42,230
tattoo the tattoos are usually made as

572
00:28:39,619 --> 00:28:45,168
part of a vow to Santa Muerte you know

573
00:28:42,230 --> 00:28:48,319
Santa Muerte if you come through and

574
00:28:45,169 --> 00:28:50,870
give me that new job that I'm offer that

575
00:28:48,319 --> 00:28:53,119
I promise I'll tattoo you on my back so

576
00:28:50,869 --> 00:28:57,439
yeah that's really really important and

577
00:28:53,119 --> 00:28:58,879
and again in Mexican prisons the number

578
00:28:57,440 --> 00:29:02,299
one tattoo is

579
00:28:58,880 --> 00:29:07,700
is the bony lady interesting I think on

580
00:29:02,299 --> 00:29:10,849
the on the very maximum-security prisons

581
00:29:07,700 --> 00:29:13,700
in the United States there are tattoos

582
00:29:10,849 --> 00:29:16,419
born to lose is that isn't that the case

583
00:29:13,700 --> 00:29:20,029
came I think so that like serial killers

584
00:29:16,420 --> 00:29:25,700
tend to have that tattooed on their body

585
00:29:20,029 --> 00:29:29,379
somewhere born to lose in any case given

586
00:29:25,700 --> 00:29:34,940
that we here at shattered reality are

587
00:29:29,380 --> 00:29:36,620
something of a paranormal podcast

588
00:29:34,940 --> 00:29:41,150
working with a lot of different

589
00:29:36,619 --> 00:29:45,739
phenomena that occurs in the world could

590
00:29:41,150 --> 00:29:48,950
you give us some form of an account of

591
00:29:45,740 --> 00:29:52,059
something sort of paranormal that you

592
00:29:48,950 --> 00:29:55,340
have found in your research that

593
00:29:52,059 --> 00:29:57,859
something worth they has delivered yeah

594
00:29:55,339 --> 00:30:01,309
sure I never forget kind of one of the

595
00:29:57,859 --> 00:30:02,990
most compelling stories I was told early

596
00:30:01,309 --> 00:30:06,859
on in my research this must have been

597
00:30:02,990 --> 00:30:09,470
summer 2010 when I was interviewing a

598
00:30:06,859 --> 00:30:13,490
lot of devotees at the famous shrine in

599

00:30:09,470 --> 00:30:17,660
Tepito in Mexico City I met a young goth

600
00:30:13,490 --> 00:30:20,650
looking teen girl probably 18 or 19 and

601
00:30:17,660 --> 00:30:24,230
I said well you know is there any

602
00:30:20,650 --> 00:30:26,930
particularly important miracle that that

603
00:30:24,230 --> 00:30:29,329
Santa Muerte has worked for you and so

604
00:30:26,930 --> 00:30:32,120
she told me yeah about six months ago I

605
00:30:29,329 --> 00:30:35,089
was involved in a gang knife fight and

606
00:30:32,119 --> 00:30:38,029
just as one of the rival gang members

607
00:30:35,089 --> 00:30:41,779
was about to thrust a six-inch

608
00:30:38,029 --> 00:30:44,629
switchblade into my abdomen Santa Muerte

609
00:30:41,779 --> 00:30:47,629
appeared as this kind of spectral figure

610
00:30:44,630 --> 00:30:50,780
grabbed me by the by the arms and pulled

611
00:30:47,630 --> 00:30:54,230
me back saving me from the switchblade

612
00:30:50,779 --> 00:30:57,910
and so that you know that that's always

613
00:30:54,230 --> 00:31:00,849

remained with me but but those type of

614

00:30:57,910 --> 00:31:03,529
manifestations kind of spectral

615

00:31:00,849 --> 00:31:06,529
manifestations particularly for mexican

616

00:31:03,529 --> 00:31:11,569
devotees are really common currency she

617

00:31:06,529 --> 00:31:12,529
also she also appears to devotees and

618

00:31:11,569 --> 00:31:16,158
dreams

619

00:31:12,529 --> 00:31:19,609
and and and we'll give them advice or

620

00:31:16,159 --> 00:31:24,200
maybe warnings about something that they

621

00:31:19,609 --> 00:31:28,399
should avoid do you have an example of

622

00:31:24,200 --> 00:31:31,580
that I can't think of any particular

623

00:31:28,400 --> 00:31:33,980
German off the top of my head now but

624

00:31:31,579 --> 00:31:37,879
yeah it's it just I mean that also is

625

00:31:33,980 --> 00:31:39,860
common currency interesting I don't know

626

00:31:37,880 --> 00:31:42,470
just that reminded me fast of like

627

00:31:39,859 --> 00:31:45,529
Chorus Line with that one woman is

628
00:31:42,470 --> 00:31:47,480
trying to become an actress and they try

629
00:31:45,529 --> 00:31:52,759
to run her out of the acting class and

630
00:31:47,480 --> 00:31:55,548
she goes to Santa Maria and just prays

631
00:31:52,759 --> 00:31:58,609
to her and then the answer comes to her

632
00:31:55,548 --> 00:32:00,440
this man is no good and you are good and

633
00:31:58,609 --> 00:32:05,750
just ignore him and go on with your

634
00:32:00,440 --> 00:32:08,179
career and she thank you thank you that

635
00:32:05,750 --> 00:32:11,089
a lot of devotees will tell you that

636
00:32:08,179 --> 00:32:14,360
they're their statues and their

637
00:32:11,089 --> 00:32:17,779
statuettes will turn their heads

638
00:32:14,359 --> 00:32:20,240
sometimes hmm they they actually drank

639
00:32:17,779 --> 00:32:23,240
the tequila and water that's offered to

640
00:32:20,240 --> 00:32:26,058
them and and and so there's that they

641
00:32:23,240 --> 00:32:32,359
really view their their effigies as

642
00:32:26,058 --> 00:32:34,730
adamant mm-hmm it's just I think it you

643
00:32:32,359 --> 00:32:36,798
find this type of religious belief

644
00:32:34,730 --> 00:32:39,980
throughout all cultures and ethnicities

645
00:32:36,798 --> 00:32:42,259
I mean it's I think it's just more a

646
00:32:39,980 --> 00:32:45,589
reflection of the human psychology more

647
00:32:42,259 --> 00:32:48,710
than an actual religious event don't you

648
00:32:45,589 --> 00:32:50,959
I mean for example how nice 'In where

649
00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:53,298
they carve elves onto rocks and a new

650
00:32:50,960 --> 00:32:56,960
leaf cookies there for them and then the

651
00:32:53,298 --> 00:32:59,569
cookies are eaten in the morning I mean

652
00:32:56,960 --> 00:33:02,150
you hear these type of stories all over

653
00:32:59,569 --> 00:33:05,359
we were looking for a real red-blooded

654
00:33:02,150 --> 00:33:07,730
miracle like like the volcano went off

655
00:33:05,359 --> 00:33:10,219
and Santa Maria put a cork in it or

656

00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:13,700
something of that nature well right

657
00:33:10,220 --> 00:33:17,480
right but there's also there's also kind

658
00:33:13,700 --> 00:33:20,929
of a kind of class basis to this because

659
00:33:17,480 --> 00:33:23,950
a lot of times for the more working

660
00:33:20,929 --> 00:33:26,210
classes religion tends to be much more

661
00:33:23,950 --> 00:33:30,319
tangible

662
00:33:26,210 --> 00:33:34,430
a lot of touching involved and also much

663
00:33:30,319 --> 00:33:36,349
more utilitarian or pragmatically

664
00:33:34,430 --> 00:33:38,870
oriented and so when I'm talking about

665
00:33:36,349 --> 00:33:40,849
you know matters of law and justice and

666
00:33:38,869 --> 00:33:42,889
love and health and wealth it's because

667
00:33:40,849 --> 00:33:46,490
a lot of the devotees have hard lives

668
00:33:42,890 --> 00:33:49,940
yeah yeah they're looking for quick and

669
00:33:46,490 --> 00:33:52,250
immediate solutions to things and so so

670
00:33:49,940 --> 00:33:55,340

it's it's very much kind of the the

671

00:33:52,250 --> 00:33:58,009

opposite of what tends to be kind of a

672

00:33:55,339 --> 00:34:01,279

much more abstract and intellectual

673

00:33:58,009 --> 00:34:04,759

istic religious orientation of the elite

674

00:34:01,279 --> 00:34:07,579

of any given society well I would I

675

00:34:04,759 --> 00:34:12,530

would tend to agree with you on that

676

00:34:07,579 --> 00:34:14,750

Andrew insofar as I think here in the

677

00:34:12,530 --> 00:34:16,550

northeast of the United States and

678

00:34:14,750 --> 00:34:19,550

you're almost in the northeast of the

679

00:34:16,550 --> 00:34:21,140

United States being here almost here

680

00:34:19,550 --> 00:34:24,980

just a little south of the mason-dixon

681

00:34:21,139 --> 00:34:29,500

line right now but I think that there is

682

00:34:24,980 --> 00:34:32,570

a worship of scientism and this kind of

683

00:34:29,500 --> 00:34:36,980

everything can be explained sort of head

684

00:34:32,570 --> 00:34:40,430

set which does not exist south of the

685
00:34:36,980 --> 00:34:42,440
border to any extent whatsoever except

686
00:34:40,429 --> 00:34:44,589
as you say and you know maybe at the

687
00:34:42,440 --> 00:34:48,429
University of Mexico City or something

688
00:34:44,590 --> 00:34:51,200
in my experiences in Brazil and in

689
00:34:48,429 --> 00:34:53,329
Panama and Mexico and a few other of the

690
00:34:51,199 --> 00:34:58,149
latin-american countries I visited is

691
00:34:53,329 --> 00:35:03,170
that there's still of the same degree of

692
00:34:58,150 --> 00:35:06,260
belief in the supernatural and belief

693
00:35:03,170 --> 00:35:09,619
that matter can be compromised by

694
00:35:06,260 --> 00:35:12,950
consciousness and frankly although I may

695
00:35:09,619 --> 00:35:16,869
not agree with the particulars of of

696
00:35:12,949 --> 00:35:20,089
that I do agree in general that it

697
00:35:16,869 --> 00:35:22,279
matters can matter can be compromised by

698
00:35:20,090 --> 00:35:24,200
consciousness if you know what I mean

699
00:35:22,280 --> 00:35:26,090
yeah sure and you can even include the

700
00:35:24,199 --> 00:35:29,000
United States in that because we're a

701
00:35:26,090 --> 00:35:31,130
much much more religious country than

702
00:35:29,000 --> 00:35:34,420
Western Europe I mean Western Europe is

703
00:35:31,130 --> 00:35:37,340
kind of the greatest bastion of of

704
00:35:34,420 --> 00:35:40,099
disbelief and SEC secularism in the

705
00:35:37,340 --> 00:35:42,048
entire world so even even large

706
00:35:40,099 --> 00:35:44,479
swass of the United States you can clued

707
00:35:42,048 --> 00:35:47,809
in that that's true actually the whole

708
00:35:44,478 --> 00:35:51,978
voice I agree that the United States is

709
00:35:47,809 --> 00:35:58,759
a very religious country but I don't

710
00:35:51,978 --> 00:36:02,538
know how much general America tends to

711
00:35:58,759 --> 00:36:06,289
believe that matter is compromised by

712
00:36:02,539 --> 00:36:09,380
consciousness just believing in a God

713

00:36:06,289 --> 00:36:14,140
which you may petition or you may have

714
00:36:09,380 --> 00:36:16,548
certain rituals or beliefs around the

715
00:36:14,139 --> 00:36:19,190
supernatural quality I think is is

716
00:36:16,548 --> 00:36:20,719
stronger in the latin-american countries

717
00:36:19,190 --> 00:36:22,849
I mean it's maybe it's not true but

718
00:36:20,719 --> 00:36:24,978
seems that way to me I think because

719
00:36:22,849 --> 00:36:27,588
they still have a strong native culture

720
00:36:24,978 --> 00:36:29,838
underneath it are natives unfortunately

721
00:36:27,588 --> 00:36:33,170
that culture disappeared to a great

722
00:36:29,838 --> 00:36:36,078
extent but I may be wrong to bail those

723
00:36:33,170 --> 00:36:39,470
people in the southwest back no you know

724
00:36:36,079 --> 00:36:42,680
what I'm saying no I hear ya let me

725
00:36:39,469 --> 00:36:45,318
point out that you know Pentecostalism

726
00:36:42,679 --> 00:36:48,108
uh-huh which is the great kind of spirit

727
00:36:45,318 --> 00:36:50,719

centered Christianity was born in the

728

00:36:48,108 --> 00:36:53,420
United States and it's very much

729

00:36:50,719 --> 00:36:56,028
centered on being kind of possessed and

730

00:36:53,420 --> 00:36:58,719
given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and

731

00:36:56,028 --> 00:37:00,650
that really quickly took off among

732

00:36:58,719 --> 00:37:03,200
african-americans in this country and

733

00:37:00,650 --> 00:37:05,838
it's thriving in Brazil in the Caribbean

734

00:37:03,199 --> 00:37:09,048
and such - so so there still are very

735

00:37:05,838 --> 00:37:10,969
strong strains United States maybe not

736

00:37:09,048 --> 00:37:12,469
to the extent is Latin America but again

737

00:37:10,969 --> 00:37:15,318
compared to Western Europe

738

00:37:12,469 --> 00:37:18,679
I mean we're religious fanatics yes yes

739

00:37:15,318 --> 00:37:21,048
well so a lot of the people in on both

740

00:37:18,679 --> 00:37:23,568
coasts were basically their religion did

741

00:37:21,048 --> 00:37:25,210
come from Western Europe and so it you

742
00:37:23,568 --> 00:37:27,228
know it lacked that underlying

743
00:37:25,210 --> 00:37:28,789
supernatural quality I mean obviously

744
00:37:27,228 --> 00:37:30,798
all religions have supernatural

745
00:37:28,789 --> 00:37:32,180
qualities but I don't it's just I don't

746
00:37:30,798 --> 00:37:36,798
know what you're saying it just seems

747
00:37:32,179 --> 00:37:39,710
more natural more just stronger and in

748
00:37:36,798 --> 00:37:41,900
other areas and we do you have to

749
00:37:39,710 --> 00:37:43,460
convince people here that there are such

750
00:37:41,900 --> 00:37:45,858
thing as ghosts or supernatural

751
00:37:43,460 --> 00:37:48,259
happenings whereas I think in South

752
00:37:45,858 --> 00:37:50,268
America it's more or less accepted yes I

753
00:37:48,259 --> 00:37:53,500
mean look at UFOs everyone believes in

754
00:37:50,268 --> 00:37:56,500
UFOs in Mexico City and here's like an

755
00:37:53,500 --> 00:37:59,230
in Argentina and yeah and here you have

756
00:37:56,500 --> 00:38:01,269
to you know you come off as an idiot if

757
00:37:59,230 --> 00:38:03,730
you think you believe in UFOs which of

758
00:38:01,269 --> 00:38:07,019
course is my parents used to live in New

759
00:38:03,730 --> 00:38:11,920
Mexico a lot of people there oh yeah

760
00:38:07,019 --> 00:38:16,750
that's the heartland well in New Mexico

761
00:38:11,920 --> 00:38:19,470
it's hard to tell ours from theirs in

762
00:38:16,750 --> 00:38:23,139
other words there are a lot of military

763
00:38:19,469 --> 00:38:25,989
installations around that area that may

764
00:38:23,139 --> 00:38:27,219
be flying advanced craft all right but

765
00:38:25,989 --> 00:38:29,469
you still have a lot of the American

766
00:38:27,219 --> 00:38:31,089
natives like the various Indians in that

767
00:38:29,469 --> 00:38:34,239
area I mean look at their religious

768
00:38:31,090 --> 00:38:39,070
things they're largely supernatural and

769
00:38:34,239 --> 00:38:40,389
I mean yeah they are they do believe in

770

00:38:39,070 --> 00:38:43,059
date it's a whole different approach

771
00:38:40,389 --> 00:38:44,259
than Western religions I was I was I'm

772
00:38:43,059 --> 00:38:47,259
telling you this I mean you're the

773
00:38:44,260 --> 00:38:49,510
professor I was fascinated

774
00:38:47,260 --> 00:38:54,880
over the weekend I happened to stay at a

775
00:38:49,510 --> 00:38:59,830
hotel in Pennsylvania and opened the

776
00:38:54,880 --> 00:39:03,369
drawer to find of course Gideon's Bible

777
00:38:59,829 --> 00:39:05,889
as in the Beatles song but next to

778
00:39:03,369 --> 00:39:09,339
Gideon's Bible was the Book of Mormon

779
00:39:05,889 --> 00:39:13,150
and I almost fell over I was so

780
00:39:09,340 --> 00:39:16,660
surprised but when you consider that the

781
00:39:13,150 --> 00:39:20,950
Mormon religion is founded on a certain

782
00:39:16,659 --> 00:39:22,869
amount of a UFO lore I don't know if

783
00:39:20,949 --> 00:39:26,649
you're staying in a Marriott because the

784
00:39:22,869 --> 00:39:31,079

Marriott okay there you go that's the

785

00:39:26,650 --> 00:39:34,000

reason thank you I didn't know that yeah

786

00:39:31,079 --> 00:39:39,579

so but anyway getting back to Santa

787

00:39:34,000 --> 00:39:41,260

morta more thing you know okay yeah but

788

00:39:39,579 --> 00:39:44,049

you know you can see that where it would

789

00:39:41,260 --> 00:39:46,180

come out of sort of of people in the

790

00:39:44,050 --> 00:39:49,420

barrios in Mexico I mean their lives are

791

00:39:46,179 --> 00:39:52,359

desperate and I I would imagine I mean

792

00:39:49,420 --> 00:39:54,700

happily I don't know for sure but I mean

793

00:39:52,360 --> 00:39:56,650

if your life is so miserable you start

794

00:39:54,699 --> 00:39:58,809

the worship death I mean it seems like a

795

00:39:56,650 --> 00:40:02,079

relief you know exactly and I think it's

796

00:39:58,809 --> 00:40:05,529

really telling that the the most popular

797

00:40:02,079 --> 00:40:07,230

Catholic saint in both Mexico and among

798

00:40:05,530 --> 00:40:10,710

Catholic Latinos and I

799

00:40:07,230 --> 00:40:13,590
States is st. Jude who of course is the

800

00:40:10,710 --> 00:40:15,710
patron of lost causes yeah yeah I've

801

00:40:13,590 --> 00:40:19,619
found that a lot of Santa Muerte

802

00:40:15,710 --> 00:40:22,349
devotees in Mexico before were devotees

803

00:40:19,619 --> 00:40:25,140
of Saint Jude and they would say oh you

804

00:40:22,349 --> 00:40:27,358
know I was asking Saint Jude for this

805

00:40:25,139 --> 00:40:30,629
favor for three months he never came

806

00:40:27,358 --> 00:40:33,960
through my aunt recommended that I check

807

00:40:30,630 --> 00:40:36,329
out Santa Muerte and within three days I

808

00:40:33,960 --> 00:40:39,210
got the new job that I was asking for

809

00:40:36,329 --> 00:40:41,759
and so you know if you can't if you

810

00:40:39,210 --> 00:40:44,280
can't get the patron saint of lost

811

00:40:41,760 --> 00:40:47,400
causes to come to you then then who else

812

00:40:44,280 --> 00:40:51,510
to go to well fantomworks birthday well

813
00:40:47,400 --> 00:40:53,730
what is the story with making a promise

814
00:40:51,510 --> 00:40:57,119
and if you don't keep the promise there

815
00:40:53,730 --> 00:41:00,750
could be dire results can you that would

816
00:40:57,119 --> 00:41:04,260
beYOU listen on that yeah yeah actually

817
00:41:00,750 --> 00:41:06,599
actually that also corresponds with

818
00:41:04,260 --> 00:41:10,020
Catholic saints as well a lot of people

819
00:41:06,599 --> 00:41:12,719
will approach favors and asking for

820
00:41:10,019 --> 00:41:16,230
miracles of the Catholic saints in kind

821
00:41:12,719 --> 00:41:20,279
of a contractual relationship Oh st.

822
00:41:16,230 --> 00:41:26,550
Jude if you heal my daughter of her

823
00:41:20,280 --> 00:41:31,530
illness then I will light 12 candles to

824
00:41:26,550 --> 00:41:33,900
you for 12 straight days now if st. Jude

825
00:41:31,530 --> 00:41:36,240
comes through with a miracle and you

826
00:41:33,900 --> 00:41:39,809
don't fulfill your vow to light those

827

00:41:36,239 --> 00:41:42,329
candles then even st. Jude might exact

828
00:41:39,809 --> 00:41:44,489
some type of retribution or punishment

829
00:41:42,329 --> 00:41:46,079
well the same works with Santa Muerte

830
00:41:44,489 --> 00:41:49,079
but of course since she has the

831
00:41:46,079 --> 00:41:52,799
reputation of being so powerful and she

832
00:41:49,079 --> 00:41:56,009
has that larger than life size then if

833
00:41:52,800 --> 00:41:57,960
you don't fulfill a vow that you made

834
00:41:56,010 --> 00:42:00,930
her and she comes through on the miracle

835
00:41:57,960 --> 00:42:04,050
then then yeah I mean it's possible she

836
00:42:00,929 --> 00:42:06,358
might seek retribution and kind of the

837
00:42:04,050 --> 00:42:09,480
the myth that you'll hear in Mexico

838
00:42:06,358 --> 00:42:12,509
particularly among non-believers is that

839
00:42:09,480 --> 00:42:16,699
she actually might seek retribution in

840
00:42:12,510 --> 00:42:17,880
taking your entire family with her oh

841
00:42:16,699 --> 00:42:20,849

that's

842

00:42:17,880 --> 00:42:22,800

quite something but of course most

843

00:42:20,849 --> 00:42:25,170

devotees will tell you though that's not

844

00:42:22,800 --> 00:42:29,310

true that's just that's just lie spread

845

00:42:25,170 --> 00:42:32,159

by non-believers you know what what fer

846

00:42:29,309 --> 00:42:35,759

Shur was mentioning before was mind over

847

00:42:32,159 --> 00:42:39,599

matter and how much is that you know if

848

00:42:35,760 --> 00:42:40,110

you're that firm a believer in Santa

849

00:42:39,599 --> 00:42:43,949

Muerte

850

00:42:40,110 --> 00:42:46,410

if you're that firm a believer perhaps

851

00:42:43,949 --> 00:42:48,659

you yourself create your own miracles I

852

00:42:46,409 --> 00:42:49,379

mean that would be your take on it right

853

00:42:48,659 --> 00:42:52,920

for Russia

854

00:42:49,380 --> 00:42:56,070

uh you know my my jury is out as to

855

00:42:52,920 --> 00:43:01,920

whether we are contacting our higher

856
00:42:56,070 --> 00:43:05,130
selves or a third a third party and

857
00:43:01,920 --> 00:43:08,010
whether on some level if you know we're

858
00:43:05,130 --> 00:43:11,519
all one whether it actually matters yeah

859
00:43:08,010 --> 00:43:14,790
I mean it's it's beyond me in in my

860
00:43:11,519 --> 00:43:17,280
human right thank you you feel that's

861
00:43:14,789 --> 00:43:19,219
really possible it you have let's say

862
00:43:17,280 --> 00:43:22,590
twenty people really praying for

863
00:43:19,219 --> 00:43:24,809
something right and they're very they're

864
00:43:22,590 --> 00:43:27,329
very serious they really want this and

865
00:43:24,809 --> 00:43:30,059
they're very sincere in their request do

866
00:43:27,329 --> 00:43:33,599
you think dr chesson that that might

867
00:43:30,059 --> 00:43:36,960
have some sort of an effect and other

868
00:43:33,599 --> 00:43:39,239
than st. doing it for them just the fact

869
00:43:36,960 --> 00:43:43,349
of you know this psychic ability in

870
00:43:39,239 --> 00:43:46,079
humans to create things to give you an

871
00:43:43,349 --> 00:43:51,509
example like home team advantage in in

872
00:43:46,079 --> 00:43:54,929
sports yeah yeah yeah that's a tough

873
00:43:51,510 --> 00:43:58,070
question because in my own research I

874
00:43:54,929 --> 00:44:04,019
don't usually get into you know

875
00:43:58,070 --> 00:44:11,780
explaining or analyzing the validity of

876
00:44:04,019 --> 00:44:15,119
miracles I don't see it as my charge to

877
00:44:11,780 --> 00:44:17,490
to kind of scientifically debunk

878
00:44:15,119 --> 00:44:20,429
miracles right that's not exactly the

879
00:44:17,489 --> 00:44:22,289
bunking it no no it's not it's not yes

880
00:44:20,429 --> 00:44:26,389
but but but it's not really something

881
00:44:22,289 --> 00:44:31,009
that I get into into this kind of

882
00:44:26,389 --> 00:44:33,650
genesis of miracles in my research so i

883
00:44:31,010 --> 00:44:35,720
no I guess I'd rather refrain from okay

884

00:44:33,650 --> 00:44:39,050
finding on that particular matter

885
00:44:35,719 --> 00:44:42,469
well the miracles I mean in terms of the

886
00:44:39,050 --> 00:44:45,500
Catholic Church isn't it that they're it

887
00:44:42,469 --> 00:44:47,659
has to go before a Council of Bishops

888
00:44:45,500 --> 00:44:50,119
and they decide whether it's a miracle

889
00:44:47,659 --> 00:44:52,129
or not depending on certain things I

890
00:44:50,119 --> 00:44:54,589
mean I gotta I'm not a Catholic scholars

891
00:44:52,130 --> 00:44:56,599
yeah yeah particularly if somebody's

892
00:44:54,590 --> 00:44:59,900
being considered for beatification and

893
00:44:56,599 --> 00:45:02,360
canonization yeah they they need proof

894
00:44:59,900 --> 00:45:04,450
of that yes so so why do you think

895
00:45:02,360 --> 00:45:07,010
they'd object-- so much to Santa Muerte

896
00:45:04,449 --> 00:45:09,469
since you've what what's their

897
00:45:07,010 --> 00:45:10,970
objections there yeah there's two major

898
00:45:09,469 --> 00:45:14,929

reasons mm-hmm

899

00:45:10,969 --> 00:45:18,079

first there's competition okay the

900

00:45:14,929 --> 00:45:21,009

Catholic Church in Mexico is the second

901

00:45:18,079 --> 00:45:24,079

largest in the world second to Brazil's

902

00:45:21,010 --> 00:45:25,550

and it's in decline as all Catholic

903

00:45:24,079 --> 00:45:27,440

churches are throughout Latin America

904

00:45:25,550 --> 00:45:29,660

which of course it historically has been

905

00:45:27,440 --> 00:45:32,539

the most Catholic region on earth mm-hm

906

00:45:29,659 --> 00:45:34,480

and the real the most important reason

907

00:45:32,539 --> 00:45:36,739

they're in decline is because

908

00:45:34,480 --> 00:45:39,440

Pentecostalism which I mentioned before

909

00:45:36,739 --> 00:45:42,529

is surging throughout Latin America so

910

00:45:39,440 --> 00:45:44,659

so many many Catholics have left the

911

00:45:42,530 --> 00:45:47,300

church to become Pentecostals that's the

912

00:45:44,659 --> 00:45:50,210

main reason so for example Brazil is now

913
00:45:47,300 --> 00:45:53,360
only sixty-one percent Catholic Wow if

914
00:45:50,210 --> 00:45:55,639
the trend continues by 2030 Brazil the

915
00:45:53,360 --> 00:45:58,450
largest Catholic nation on earth will no

916
00:45:55,639 --> 00:46:01,190
longer be a Catholic majority nation

917
00:45:58,449 --> 00:46:02,839
Mexico has held its own better but it's

918
00:46:01,190 --> 00:46:06,230
still down to about eighty percent

919
00:46:02,840 --> 00:46:09,650
Catholic and so Santa Muerte presents

920
00:46:06,230 --> 00:46:12,679
serious competition particularly when

921
00:46:09,650 --> 00:46:16,099
most of the devotees are people who do

922
00:46:12,679 --> 00:46:18,679
identify as Catholics yet most of them

923
00:46:16,099 --> 00:46:20,809
really are nominal or cultural Catholics

924
00:46:18,679 --> 00:46:22,789
who probably haven't set foot and

925
00:46:20,809 --> 00:46:25,989
haven't attended a Catholic Mass for

926
00:46:22,789 --> 00:46:28,880
many years so there's competition and

927

00:46:25,989 --> 00:46:33,079

there's also on the theological plane

928

00:46:28,880 --> 00:46:35,269

the argument that as a Christian you

929

00:46:33,079 --> 00:46:39,110

should not be venerating a figure of

930

00:46:35,269 --> 00:46:41,989

death if Jesus Christ came sacrifice

931

00:46:39,110 --> 00:46:43,730

himself on the cross to give us the the

932

00:46:41,989 --> 00:46:44,759

promise of eternal life eternal

933

00:46:43,730 --> 00:46:47,550

salvation

934

00:46:44,760 --> 00:46:50,550

then in a way death is really the last

935

00:46:47,550 --> 00:46:53,640

enemy that was vanquished by by Christ

936

00:46:50,550 --> 00:46:56,130

and in venerating death you're really

937

00:46:53,639 --> 00:46:58,670

venerating the antithesis of Christ and

938

00:46:56,130 --> 00:47:03,059

so it's really tantamount to an

939

00:46:58,670 --> 00:47:06,980

unintentional Satanism oh my yeah you're

940

00:47:03,059 --> 00:47:11,759

quite right well things seem to work

941

00:47:06,980 --> 00:47:15,539
pretty comfortably together in places in

942
00:47:11,760 --> 00:47:20,010
the Caribbean that have Santeria and

943
00:47:15,539 --> 00:47:24,900
their counterparts you know with folk

944
00:47:20,010 --> 00:47:27,840
Saints in in that area so I I could see

945
00:47:24,900 --> 00:47:31,460
where people could both think of

946
00:47:27,840 --> 00:47:34,890
themselves as Catholic and also have a

947
00:47:31,460 --> 00:47:38,070
devotion to Santa Muerte right right of

948
00:47:34,889 --> 00:47:40,650
course yeah most most Mexican devotees

949
00:47:38,070 --> 00:47:42,690
don't even don't know that the church is

950
00:47:40,650 --> 00:47:45,690
condemned Santa Marta or they don't care

951
00:47:42,690 --> 00:47:47,849
because it kind of fits in fits in with

952
00:47:45,690 --> 00:47:51,750
their kind of larger larger folk

953
00:47:47,849 --> 00:47:53,190
Catholic worldview so yeah I think you

954
00:47:51,750 --> 00:47:54,530
know the Vatican and it really is

955
00:47:53,190 --> 00:47:56,970

extraordinary that Pope Francis

956

00:47:54,530 --> 00:48:00,090

condemned her and actually one of his

957

00:47:56,969 --> 00:48:03,089

colleagues Italian Cardinal who's the

958

00:48:00,090 --> 00:48:05,519

president of the Pontifical Council of

959

00:48:03,090 --> 00:48:08,100

culture condemned Santa Muerte three

960

00:48:05,519 --> 00:48:10,710

years ago he was in Mexico City for a

961

00:48:08,099 --> 00:48:11,699

visit and I'm each to the four days in

962

00:48:10,710 --> 00:48:14,340

Mexico City

963

00:48:11,699 --> 00:48:16,109

he condemned Santa Martha by name so you

964

00:48:14,340 --> 00:48:18,809

know it's not every day that the Vatican

965

00:48:16,110 --> 00:48:22,230

is actually issuing condemnation of folk

966

00:48:18,809 --> 00:48:24,119

sings well why oh I was gonna say why

967

00:48:22,230 --> 00:48:26,550

did they kit I mean what reasons did

968

00:48:24,119 --> 00:48:28,889

they give did they have to give a reason

969

00:48:26,550 --> 00:48:32,700

or did they you say I condemn you

970
00:48:28,889 --> 00:48:35,250
yeah well they called her blasphemy okay

971
00:48:32,699 --> 00:48:38,429
anti religion and when the Pope was

972
00:48:35,250 --> 00:48:40,530
there in February basically condemned

973
00:48:38,429 --> 00:48:45,029
her as kind of the what did he call it

974
00:48:40,530 --> 00:48:50,700
the McCobb symbol of of narcos of drug

975
00:48:45,030 --> 00:48:56,220
traffickers well Andrew I am a something

976
00:48:50,699 --> 00:48:58,318
of a devotee of another folk saint that

977
00:48:56,219 --> 00:49:01,108
was condemned by the Catholic

978
00:48:58,318 --> 00:49:03,630
and I don't know if you're familiar with

979
00:49:01,108 --> 00:49:07,528
her but she wouldn't go away

980
00:49:03,630 --> 00:49:11,219
and she just kept coming back so much so

981
00:49:07,528 --> 00:49:14,548
that they had to install her in the

982
00:49:11,219 --> 00:49:18,119
cathedral of short in France and that's

983
00:49:14,548 --> 00:49:20,219
no true Dom Sue's tere are you familiar

984
00:49:18,119 --> 00:49:23,099
with her I am I am

985
00:49:20,219 --> 00:49:26,219
and I am you know I went over there and

986
00:49:23,099 --> 00:49:29,298
I spent a lot of time in the Crypt with

987
00:49:26,219 --> 00:49:33,929
her where she's underneath the earth and

988
00:49:29,298 --> 00:49:37,528
they couldn't keep her down or the black

989
00:49:33,929 --> 00:49:41,009
Isis of of Poland you know the Black

990
00:49:37,528 --> 00:49:44,989
Madonna which was Isis and Isis statue

991
00:49:41,009 --> 00:49:47,880
and I don't know no relationship to the

992
00:49:44,989 --> 00:50:00,239
disgusting immoral beasts in the Middle

993
00:49:47,880 --> 00:50:01,858
East they punished for using her name is

994
00:50:00,239 --> 00:50:04,228
a good example because over the

995
00:50:01,858 --> 00:50:06,119
centuries there have been there have

996
00:50:04,228 --> 00:50:08,908
been kind of folks saying to have been

997
00:50:06,119 --> 00:50:11,099
incorporated and canonized but I can

998

00:50:08,909 --> 00:50:14,390
firmly guarantee that that's never ever

999
00:50:11,099 --> 00:50:14,390
gonna happen with Santa Muerte

1000
00:50:14,418 --> 00:50:19,528
so what is your next project

1001
00:50:17,579 --> 00:50:21,028
actually I don't I think we should

1002
00:50:19,528 --> 00:50:23,039
announce your book at this yes you

1003
00:50:21,028 --> 00:50:26,159
should announce your book I Andrews yeah

1004
00:50:23,039 --> 00:50:28,919
yeah my book is called devoted to deaths

1005
00:50:26,159 --> 00:50:32,119
anthem worthless skeleton Saint was

1006
00:50:28,918 --> 00:50:34,739
published by Oxford University Press

1007
00:50:32,119 --> 00:50:36,419
2012 and so actually right now I'm

1008
00:50:34,739 --> 00:50:41,039
writing the new edition the second

1009
00:50:36,418 --> 00:50:43,348
edition which should be out mid 2017 so

1010
00:50:41,039 --> 00:50:44,489
that's what I'm working on now and then

1011
00:50:43,349 --> 00:50:46,588
when I'm done with that I'll probably

1012
00:50:44,489 --> 00:50:48,568

move on to a second book on Santa Muerte

1013

00:50:46,588 --> 00:50:51,538

because there's so many themes I haven't

1014

00:50:48,568 --> 00:50:55,048

covered like her name also means holy

1015

00:50:51,539 --> 00:50:58,650

death and this concept of having a good

1016

00:50:55,048 --> 00:51:01,650

death or a holy death in a Mexico beset

1017

00:50:58,650 --> 00:51:03,959

by so much bad death yeah it was really

1018

00:51:01,650 --> 00:51:06,119

powerful as well and that's not a theme

1019

00:51:03,958 --> 00:51:08,158

that I really worked too much and in

1020

00:51:06,119 --> 00:51:10,798

devoted to death so there's a she's also

1021

00:51:08,159 --> 00:51:12,869

grown a lot among african-american

1022

00:51:10,798 --> 00:51:15,809

and euro-americans here in the united

1023

00:51:12,869 --> 00:51:18,650

states i'm on four or five facebook

1024

00:51:15,809 --> 00:51:21,869

pages of devotees or almost exclusively

1025

00:51:18,650 --> 00:51:25,289

white americans so i want to write about

1026

00:51:21,869 --> 00:51:28,229

her her kind of surging popularity among

1027
00:51:25,289 --> 00:51:29,910
african and euro-american so interesting

1028
00:51:28,228 --> 00:51:32,669
a lot of themes that i haven't touched

1029
00:51:29,909 --> 00:51:35,368
on yet i'd like to explore in the near

1030
00:51:32,670 --> 00:51:37,048
future so a lot of people obviously are

1031
00:51:35,369 --> 00:51:39,900
buying your books that are interested in

1032
00:51:37,048 --> 00:51:41,909
this is unless until faroush you brought

1033
00:51:39,900 --> 00:51:42,269
it up I had actually never even heard of

1034
00:51:41,909 --> 00:51:44,788
it

1035
00:51:42,268 --> 00:51:46,948
so yeah yeah I mean again I don't really

1036
00:51:44,789 --> 00:51:49,499
talk about competition I don't have any

1037
00:51:46,949 --> 00:51:52,650
because yeah four years later it's the

1038
00:51:49,498 --> 00:51:54,808
only study in English so yeah for an

1039
00:51:52,650 --> 00:51:57,179
academic book it's done very well how

1040
00:51:54,809 --> 00:51:59,789
about in Mexico ins and that was

1041
00:51:57,179 --> 00:52:02,519
published in Mexico two years ago also

1042
00:51:59,789 --> 00:52:03,390
also published in Poland last year

1043
00:52:02,518 --> 00:52:08,639
Poland

1044
00:52:03,389 --> 00:52:11,489
yeah estimated how I polled I mean a in

1045
00:52:08,639 --> 00:52:13,828
a cult press that was in Austin yeah I

1046
00:52:11,489 --> 00:52:16,528
was thinking wow Poland is really the

1047
00:52:13,829 --> 00:52:19,759
last bastion yeah house ISM in in Europe

1048
00:52:16,528 --> 00:52:23,608
yet there it is in in Polish as well

1049
00:52:19,759 --> 00:52:26,639
well that's that's wonderful Andrew yeah

1050
00:52:23,608 --> 00:52:28,558
in fact I'll also be also be giving

1051
00:52:26,639 --> 00:52:31,139
three book talks in London and early

1052
00:52:28,559 --> 00:52:34,559
July so I'm looking forward to that as

1053
00:52:31,139 --> 00:52:39,958
well and well what what type of people

1054
00:52:34,559 --> 00:52:45,890
are do you find in the audience well in

1055

00:52:39,958 --> 00:52:50,698
London they'll probably be neo-pagans

1056
00:52:45,889 --> 00:52:53,038
University people people maybe people

1057
00:52:50,699 --> 00:52:55,289
with an interest in Latin America uh-huh

1058
00:52:53,039 --> 00:52:56,969
and then you know and and when I go to

1059
00:52:55,289 --> 00:52:59,609
New York I've spoke it more of an

1060
00:52:56,969 --> 00:53:02,208
anatomy two times already and so you

1061
00:52:59,608 --> 00:53:04,889
know kind of the whole you know Brooklyn

1062
00:53:02,208 --> 00:53:07,588
hipster crowd shows up these types of

1063
00:53:04,889 --> 00:53:10,018
things well I hope to see you there I

1064
00:53:07,588 --> 00:53:14,548
hope so it made it again where y'all day

1065
00:53:10,018 --> 00:53:17,129
ah so we want to thank you very very

1066
00:53:14,548 --> 00:53:19,588
much for joining us here on shattered

1067
00:53:17,130 --> 00:53:21,088
reality especially on my part because I

1068
00:53:19,588 --> 00:53:23,038
had never heard of any of this so it's

1069
00:53:21,088 --> 00:53:24,659

all brand new thank you so much it's

1070

00:53:23,039 --> 00:53:26,760
really been wonderful

1071

00:53:24,659 --> 00:53:28,108
speaking with you and we hope that

1072

00:53:26,760 --> 00:53:30,359
perhaps you'll join us again

1073

00:53:28,108 --> 00:53:32,848
particularly when you come out with your

1074

00:53:30,358 --> 00:53:35,308
second edition oh I'd love to it's been

1075

00:53:32,849 --> 00:53:38,640
a great pleasure and I really thank you

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00:53:35,309 --> 00:53:39,859
for the the wonderful incisive questions

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00:53:38,639 --> 00:53:43,679
as well

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00:53:39,858 --> 00:53:48,029
thank you so we're gonna say goodbye to

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00:53:43,679 --> 00:53:51,509
you and move on to the end part of the

1080

00:53:48,030 --> 00:53:55,700
show where we had a very nice letter

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00:53:51,510 --> 00:53:59,430
we had asked our we had asked our

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00:53:55,699 --> 00:54:03,929
listeners to perhaps give us some

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00:53:59,429 --> 00:54:05,098
accounts of events with pets psychic

1084
00:54:03,929 --> 00:54:08,009
events with pets

1085
00:54:05,099 --> 00:54:10,109
I don't think experiences with pets and

1086
00:54:08,010 --> 00:54:12,569
so I don't know

1087
00:54:10,108 --> 00:54:14,608
since this letter was really written by

1088
00:54:12,568 --> 00:54:17,818
somebody who was a particular fan of

1089
00:54:14,608 --> 00:54:20,489
yours Kate and formerly the Kate

1090
00:54:17,818 --> 00:54:23,460
Valentine UFO show perhaps you would

1091
00:54:20,489 --> 00:54:27,808
like to read what our listeners

1092
00:54:23,460 --> 00:54:30,179
certainly ferocious okay so it's the

1093
00:54:27,809 --> 00:54:32,730
listener rode in I've never left a

1094
00:54:30,179 --> 00:54:34,649
comment before but I love the show you

1095
00:54:32,730 --> 00:54:36,679
both have a wonderful way with guests

1096
00:54:34,650 --> 00:54:39,660
and with the making the subject matter

1097
00:54:36,679 --> 00:54:41,699
understandable I feel a very strong bond

1098
00:54:39,659 --> 00:54:44,879
with animals and nature for various

1099
00:54:41,699 --> 00:54:47,969
reasons and have had a number of unusual

1100
00:54:44,880 --> 00:54:50,700
and quotes experiences wonder stands out

1101
00:54:47,969 --> 00:54:54,419
involved my dog Wiley who Kate may

1102
00:54:50,699 --> 00:54:56,519
remember and yes I do he used to lay at

1103
00:54:54,420 --> 00:54:58,710
the top of my basement stairs while I

1104
00:54:56,519 --> 00:55:01,739
cleaned the cat litter boxes and watch

1105
00:54:58,710 --> 00:55:04,769
me one week after I had to put him down

1106
00:55:01,739 --> 00:55:06,838
due to cancer I was and that was sad I

1107
00:55:04,769 --> 00:55:09,269
did anyway I was in the basement and

1108
00:55:06,838 --> 00:55:11,460
happened to glance at the stairs there

1109
00:55:09,269 --> 00:55:14,278
was Wiley hanging his head over the top

1110
00:55:11,460 --> 00:55:16,409
stair watching me as usual I turned away

1111
00:55:14,278 --> 00:55:19,949
thinking nothing of it and then realized

1112

00:55:16,409 --> 00:55:22,710
oh wait that can't be when I looked

1113
00:55:19,949 --> 00:55:24,929
again there was nothing there I guess it

1114
00:55:22,710 --> 00:55:28,829
can be explained away as simply a type

1115
00:55:24,929 --> 00:55:30,750
of photographic memory and yet I know it

1116
00:55:28,829 --> 00:55:32,670
was more than that I think he was

1117
00:55:30,750 --> 00:55:37,108
checking to make sure I kept my promise

1118
00:55:32,670 --> 00:55:37,920
to him to rescue another dog lol which I

1119
00:55:37,108 --> 00:55:39,929
did

1120
00:55:37,920 --> 00:55:42,568
and that involves another whole series

1121
00:55:39,929 --> 00:55:44,838
of coincidences thanks again for the

1122
00:55:42,568 --> 00:55:47,519
great show and keep up the good work

1123
00:55:44,838 --> 00:55:50,130
well thank you so much for such a lovely

1124
00:55:47,519 --> 00:55:53,670
letter yes it was very nice to receive

1125
00:55:50,130 --> 00:55:56,640
that account of psychic pet experience

1126
00:55:53,670 --> 00:55:58,440

and you know just recently there was a

1127

00:55:56,639 --> 00:56:00,868

talk-show host that was talking about

1128

00:55:58,440 --> 00:56:03,780

the relationship between humans and dogs

1129

00:56:00,869 --> 00:56:06,059

and how you know obviously it's it's a

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00:56:03,780 --> 00:56:08,579

close bond and we do have other pets but

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00:56:06,059 --> 00:56:11,040

there's something a little bit closer a

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00:56:08,579 --> 00:56:13,318

little bit more attuned to humans with

1133

00:56:11,039 --> 00:56:16,469

dogs and with any other species I think

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00:56:13,318 --> 00:56:18,420

I think anyway that's well I've had a

1135

00:56:16,469 --> 00:56:20,909

couple of dogs and I felt very very

1136

00:56:18,420 --> 00:56:24,690

close to them three dogs in all in my

1137

00:56:20,909 --> 00:56:27,088

life but as you know I'm a cat owner and

1138

00:56:24,690 --> 00:56:30,630

I feel very very close to some of my

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00:56:27,088 --> 00:56:33,719

cats some of my cats that I've had over

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00:56:30,630 --> 00:56:36,660

the course of time and they I am as much

1141
00:56:33,719 --> 00:56:38,608
their servant as vice versa certainly

1142
00:56:36,659 --> 00:56:42,389
towards five owners cats have staff

1143
00:56:38,608 --> 00:56:46,078
that's right I'm the cat staff and but

1144
00:56:42,389 --> 00:56:48,629
some of them seem to be more involved

1145
00:56:46,079 --> 00:56:50,910
with human interaction than others yeah

1146
00:56:48,630 --> 00:56:53,670
but you know cats don't hunt with you

1147
00:56:50,909 --> 00:56:57,269
dogs do you know cats don't really watch

1148
00:56:53,670 --> 00:56:58,920
the front door dogs do you know cats may

1149
00:56:57,269 --> 00:57:01,409
sleep at the pillow but that's only

1150
00:56:58,920 --> 00:57:03,480
because they allow you there yeah where

1151
00:57:01,409 --> 00:57:05,368
is the dog sort of sort of hangs out and

1152
00:57:03,480 --> 00:57:07,858
looks around I don't know I just feel

1153
00:57:05,369 --> 00:57:09,869
that there's more of a human dog

1154
00:57:07,858 --> 00:57:11,460
interaction than human cat there do

1155
00:57:09,869 --> 00:57:13,950
obviously there's a human cat

1156
00:57:11,460 --> 00:57:16,349
interaction as well but it's a different

1157
00:57:13,949 --> 00:57:19,318
type well you've had both at the same

1158
00:57:16,349 --> 00:57:21,990
time more often than myself so I will I

1159
00:57:19,318 --> 00:57:24,239
will defer to your I know there was the

1160
00:57:21,989 --> 00:57:26,068
bird too which is another whole thing

1161
00:57:24,239 --> 00:57:28,019
well birds are amazing the way they can

1162
00:57:26,068 --> 00:57:31,529
pick out colors and they're so smart and

1163
00:57:28,019 --> 00:57:34,818
rows and so forth but yes listeners

1164
00:57:31,530 --> 00:57:37,650
listeners yes please send us your

1165
00:57:34,818 --> 00:57:40,289
experiences and maybe if you'd like to

1166
00:57:37,650 --> 00:57:44,010
be on at the end of the show recounting

1167
00:57:40,289 --> 00:57:47,849
your experience yourself well that can

1168
00:57:44,010 --> 00:57:51,849
be arranged and so I just like to take

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00:57:47,849 --> 00:57:55,900
this moment to thank mr. bill

1170
00:57:51,849 --> 00:58:00,130
our wonderful sound engineer and just a

1171
00:57:55,900 --> 00:58:02,798
nod to Nate Duffy who recorded our intro

1172
00:58:00,130 --> 00:58:06,160
which we still use and very much

1173
00:58:02,798 --> 00:58:10,478
appreciate so thanks to both of those

1174
00:58:06,159 --> 00:58:13,149
guys and I guess is this a rep it's a

1175
00:58:10,478 --> 00:58:17,489
wrap I think so shall we say goodbye

1176
00:58:13,150 --> 00:58:21,690
Kate okay goodbye through from shattered

1177
00:58:17,489 --> 00:58:21,690
reality podcast

1178
00:58:39,559 --> 00:58:41,619
you