

1
00:00:00,030 --> 00:00:07,108
the perspective in me says that it would

2
00:00:03,779 --> 00:00:08,759
be irresponsible science to ignore the

3
00:00:07,108 --> 00:00:10,980
evidence for at least some kind of

4
00:00:08,759 --> 00:00:12,629
scientific in the good cases of spirit

5
00:00:10,980 --> 00:00:14,700
mediumship I'm gonna give you one of

6
00:00:12,630 --> 00:00:18,240
many examples of my own experience that

7
00:00:14,699 --> 00:00:19,980
convinced me I actually give messages in

8
00:00:18,239 --> 00:00:22,709
spiritualist churches and sometimes in

9
00:00:19,980 --> 00:00:24,539
public services in Lilydale in New York

10
00:00:22,710 --> 00:00:26,490
that's a spiritualist community near

11
00:00:24,539 --> 00:00:28,410
Buffalo but I'm chicken because I always

12
00:00:26,489 --> 00:00:30,089
doubt that I can do it so I asked my

13
00:00:28,410 --> 00:00:32,850
spirit guide time for you to roll your

14
00:00:30,089 --> 00:00:35,820
eyes I asked my spirit guide to give me

15
00:00:32,850 --> 00:00:38,070
messages before I go and you know like

16
00:00:35,820 --> 00:00:39,869
why not while I'm still in the bathtub

17
00:00:38,070 --> 00:00:42,659
so I'll have something to say when I get

18
00:00:39,869 --> 00:00:44,429
there one time I got two rather detailed

19
00:00:42,659 --> 00:00:47,009
messages and wrote them down before it

20
00:00:44,429 --> 00:00:48,780
went I didn't want to like have my mind

21
00:00:47,009 --> 00:00:50,670
make this up after the fact so I had

22
00:00:48,780 --> 00:00:52,649
them written down before I went one list

23
00:00:50,670 --> 00:00:54,809
for the littlest girl who's not a baby

24
00:00:52,649 --> 00:00:57,629
and told about her skill in music and so

25
00:00:54,808 --> 00:00:59,159
on and the other one was for a guy with

26
00:00:57,628 --> 00:01:01,169
a beard and I could see him standing

27
00:00:59,159 --> 00:01:02,729
there in my mind's eye and told about

28
00:01:01,170 --> 00:01:04,439
how his relatives on the other side were

29

00:01:02,729 --> 00:01:06,118
holding signs and jumping up and down

30
00:01:04,438 --> 00:01:08,759
and telling him he didn't appreciate

31
00:01:06,118 --> 00:01:10,438
himself enough when I got to the outdoor

32
00:01:08,760 --> 00:01:12,299
service I recognized I could recognize

33
00:01:10,438 --> 00:01:13,829
the guy out of the 300 people there and

34
00:01:12,299 --> 00:01:16,350
I could easily figure out who was the

35
00:01:13,829 --> 00:01:17,728
littlest girl who wasn't a baby but then

36
00:01:16,349 --> 00:01:20,158
before I had a chance to give these

37
00:01:17,728 --> 00:01:23,158
messages another spirit medium stood up

38
00:01:20,159 --> 00:01:26,159
and gave the exact message I was going

39
00:01:23,159 --> 00:01:28,049
to give to this guy and then another

40
00:01:26,159 --> 00:01:29,310
medium stood up and gave the message to

41
00:01:28,049 --> 00:01:31,799
the little girl I was going to give

42
00:01:29,310 --> 00:01:34,859
except that she said dance instead of

43
00:01:31,799 --> 00:01:36,210

music I was pretty blown away and I

44

00:01:34,859 --> 00:01:38,280

thought about the odds of picking the

45

00:01:36,209 --> 00:01:40,199

right person out of 300 times doing it a

46

00:01:38,280 --> 00:01:42,150

second time like one in 90 thousand

47

00:01:40,200 --> 00:01:44,460

times getting a detailed message right

48

00:01:42,150 --> 00:01:46,140

one time times getting another detailed

49

00:01:44,459 --> 00:01:48,089

message almost exactly right and

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00:01:46,140 --> 00:01:49,950

remember I had many zinger experiences

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00:01:48,090 --> 00:01:53,670

not just this one okay so what's the

52

00:01:49,950 --> 00:01:55,740

status of this knowledge from the

53

00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:58,590

perspective of normal mainstream science

54

00:01:55,739 --> 00:02:01,468

it's totally worthless I never even gave

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00:01:58,590 --> 00:02:03,060

those messages but a researcher using a

56

00:02:01,468 --> 00:02:05,699

phenomenological approach could

57

00:02:03,060 --> 00:02:07,740

interview me and compare my subjective

58
00:02:05,700 --> 00:02:09,360
experiences to those of other mediums

59
00:02:07,739 --> 00:02:13,389
which of course is what we did in our

60
00:02:09,360 --> 00:02:15,130
book in conclusion

61
00:02:13,389 --> 00:02:17,379
I'm arguing for the usefulness of

62
00:02:15,129 --> 00:02:20,500
phenomenological methods but I also see

63
00:02:17,379 --> 00:02:22,419
that be it's great to combine objective

64
00:02:20,500 --> 00:02:24,580
and phenomenological actually Gary

65
00:02:22,419 --> 00:02:26,769
Schwartz does this to some extent you

66
00:02:24,580 --> 00:02:28,750
can see it in his book or he where he

67
00:02:26,770 --> 00:02:31,719
talks about his mediums own feelings in

68
00:02:28,750 --> 00:02:34,360
the afterlife experience experiments and

69
00:02:31,719 --> 00:02:36,849
I this might be a synchronicity the day

70
00:02:34,360 --> 00:02:40,450
after I prepared this talk what do you

71
00:02:36,849 --> 00:02:41,620
know I got the latest issue of JSC and

72
00:02:40,449 --> 00:02:43,750
what do you know there's a

73
00:02:41,620 --> 00:02:48,150
phenomenological study of eight mediums

74
00:02:43,750 --> 00:02:50,889
by rock by shell and Gary Schwartz I

75
00:02:48,150 --> 00:02:53,379
also think we should keep after the

76
00:02:50,889 --> 00:02:54,839
search for physical mechanisms looking

77
00:02:53,379 --> 00:02:57,099
at the brain maybe as a quantum computer

78
00:02:54,840 --> 00:02:58,750
setting up non-local connections between

79
00:02:57,099 --> 00:03:02,139
brain and mind we need multiple

80
00:02:58,750 --> 00:03:04,050
methodologies for the mysterious and if

81
00:03:02,139 --> 00:03:05,919
you'd like to be part of my new

82
00:03:04,050 --> 00:03:08,800
sociology of science study of

83
00:03:05,919 --> 00:03:11,500
consciousness and survival please see my

84
00:03:08,800 --> 00:03:13,840
half page ad in the program we could at

85
00:03:11,500 --> 00:03:15,069
least do a short email interview or

86

00:03:13,840 --> 00:03:16,479
maybe I'll see you next year this is

87
00:03:15,069 --> 00:03:18,639
going to take me years I'm doing a

88
00:03:16,479 --> 00:03:30,548
documentary and a book I love doing long

89
00:03:18,639 --> 00:03:34,949
projects thank you okay we have a bit of

90
00:03:30,549 --> 00:03:34,950
time for questions and

91
00:03:40,759 --> 00:03:47,449
diksha this is great because it seems to

92
00:03:44,689 --> 00:03:51,348
me that so much of what is usually

93
00:03:47,449 --> 00:03:54,829
called consciousness can be explained as

94
00:03:51,348 --> 00:03:56,810
epiphenomena of the brain and I think

95
00:03:54,830 --> 00:03:58,250
that that the the term gets bandied

96
00:03:56,810 --> 00:04:00,469
about way way too much

97
00:03:58,250 --> 00:04:02,300
but this literally lands on things that

98
00:04:00,469 --> 00:04:05,949
I'm interested in in particular the

99
00:04:02,300 --> 00:04:09,709
evidence for reincarnation mediumship

100
00:04:05,949 --> 00:04:11,899

several other things that just strongly

101

00:04:09,709 --> 00:04:13,879

suggest there's either survival or

102

00:04:11,900 --> 00:04:17,829

there's imprinting into the environment

103

00:04:13,879 --> 00:04:20,988

of someone's consciousness or living

104

00:04:17,829 --> 00:04:25,129

death activities something like that and

105

00:04:20,988 --> 00:04:29,269

I think rather than explore more

106

00:04:25,129 --> 00:04:32,240

evidence with mediums how much of your

107

00:04:29,269 --> 00:04:35,209

activities are trying to figure out what

108

00:04:32,240 --> 00:04:36,860

the mechanism might be or to parse the

109

00:04:35,209 --> 00:04:42,439

kinds of information that you're getting

110

00:04:36,860 --> 00:04:44,180

back as opposed to validating just

111

00:04:42,439 --> 00:04:45,649

validating the phenomenon itself and

112

00:04:44,180 --> 00:04:48,769

proving that there's something real I

113

00:04:45,649 --> 00:04:50,569

live vicariously I'm a sociologist so

114

00:04:48,769 --> 00:04:53,029

when I did my study of UFOs it was

115
00:04:50,569 --> 00:04:55,490
actually a study of UFO researchers 91

116
00:04:53,029 --> 00:04:58,099
UFO researchers and that's what I'm

117
00:04:55,490 --> 00:04:59,960
doing now in my recent study is I want

118
00:04:58,100 --> 00:05:02,450
to study the sociology of science how

119
00:04:59,959 --> 00:05:04,279
people create this knowledge about

120
00:05:02,449 --> 00:05:05,990
consciousness so I'm fascinated with

121
00:05:04,279 --> 00:05:08,388
everything I mean everything from the

122
00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:09,769
tubercles in them in the neurons or

123
00:05:08,389 --> 00:05:12,139
whatever it is but I can't do that

124
00:05:09,769 --> 00:05:14,359
myself but I'm I'm gonna talk about it

125
00:05:12,139 --> 00:05:18,069
I'm gonna be like John Horgan and and

126
00:05:14,360 --> 00:05:20,300
you know kind of a journalist of science

127
00:05:18,069 --> 00:05:21,969
by bringing all these perspectives

128
00:05:20,300 --> 00:05:23,569
together it's really amazing if

129
00:05:21,970 --> 00:05:26,570
fascinating and see what these different

130
00:05:23,569 --> 00:05:28,930
people are saying about consciousness so

131
00:05:26,569 --> 00:05:33,139
yes but I can't do it myself yes

132
00:05:28,930 --> 00:05:34,939
rosemarie Pilkington here yeah I'm so

133
00:05:33,139 --> 00:05:36,740
glad to see more people getting into

134
00:05:34,939 --> 00:05:40,129
this field which most people here know

135
00:05:36,740 --> 00:05:43,340
is my favorite field to be in right now

136
00:05:40,129 --> 00:05:44,860
I'm more interested in physical it's the

137
00:05:43,339 --> 00:05:50,538
same thing

138
00:05:44,860 --> 00:05:51,889
asking mediums who of course they're

139
00:05:50,538 --> 00:05:53,990
going to think that what they're getting

140
00:05:51,889 --> 00:05:54,669
is from spirit but there's really no

141
00:05:53,990 --> 00:05:58,120
proof of

142
00:05:54,670 --> 00:05:59,710
that and right I don't like the term

143

00:05:58,120 --> 00:06:04,209
super side okay

144
00:05:59,709 --> 00:06:11,229
no being right my sai abilities yeah if

145
00:06:04,209 --> 00:06:15,699
yeah if all the things this conference

146
00:06:11,230 --> 00:06:18,250
are true there's no limit as to time or

147
00:06:15,699 --> 00:06:20,639
place or whatever so what you are

148
00:06:18,250 --> 00:06:23,379
getting for instance when you picked up

149
00:06:20,639 --> 00:06:28,349
these pre cognitions I think they are

150
00:06:23,379 --> 00:06:33,639
could easily be understand that yeah

151
00:06:28,350 --> 00:06:35,740
right yeah it reminded me something you

152
00:06:33,639 --> 00:06:37,689
said of Eileen Garrett when she was

153
00:06:35,740 --> 00:06:39,310
asked because she would go into trance

154
00:06:37,689 --> 00:06:42,519
and produce he's fantastic

155
00:06:39,310 --> 00:06:44,730
right thing she would take on the

156
00:06:42,519 --> 00:06:48,099
personalities of people produce a

157
00:06:44,730 --> 00:06:49,600

channel people whatever right and they

158

00:06:48,100 --> 00:06:51,070

said do you believe that there is an

159

00:06:49,600 --> 00:06:53,470

afterlife and that you're really in

160

00:06:51,069 --> 00:06:55,719

communication and she said on Monday

161

00:06:53,470 --> 00:06:58,720

Wednesday and Friday I believe yep on

162

00:06:55,720 --> 00:07:01,390

Tuesday Thursday Saturday I don't

163

00:06:58,720 --> 00:07:02,830

believe in on Sunday exactly she's one

164

00:07:01,389 --> 00:07:05,349

of the hundred and twenty two mediums in

165

00:07:02,829 --> 00:07:08,169

my database yes right yeah thank you

166

00:07:05,350 --> 00:07:10,240

uh yeah I'm actually I'm as interested

167

00:07:08,170 --> 00:07:13,660

in why people think certain things is

168

00:07:10,240 --> 00:07:15,460

evidence for survival as I am in the

169

00:07:13,660 --> 00:07:18,150

question of survival I mean I'm

170

00:07:15,459 --> 00:07:20,079

interested in everything including that

171

00:07:18,149 --> 00:07:26,579

Dave lighter here

172
00:07:20,079 --> 00:07:30,609
do you use meditation as part of your

173
00:07:26,579 --> 00:07:33,009
psychic ability me my my little poor

174
00:07:30,610 --> 00:07:34,509
little me spirit medium yes I do okay

175
00:07:33,009 --> 00:07:37,719
yes I do

176
00:07:34,509 --> 00:07:40,629
have you ever interrupted meditation and

177
00:07:37,720 --> 00:07:42,280
seen what the effect is it doesn't seem

178
00:07:40,629 --> 00:07:45,069
to matter very much because I can go in

179
00:07:42,279 --> 00:07:47,109
just like that now now my wife who's

180
00:07:45,069 --> 00:07:48,730
really a spirit medium I mean really I

181
00:07:47,110 --> 00:07:51,550
mean if I can do it anybody can do it

182
00:07:48,730 --> 00:07:53,110
really but she is very serious about

183
00:07:51,550 --> 00:07:54,939
meditating a half hour ahead of time

184
00:07:53,110 --> 00:07:57,100
before she does her a professional

185
00:07:54,939 --> 00:07:58,629
mediumship but you know one of the nice

186
00:07:57,100 --> 00:08:00,790
things about her book is we've got like

187
00:07:58,629 --> 00:08:02,740
what percentage of people meditate what

188
00:08:00,790 --> 00:08:04,660
per sentence what percentage had spirit

189
00:08:02,740 --> 00:08:06,579
guides who were male versus female in

190
00:08:04,660 --> 00:08:08,300
the 19th century compared to the 20th

191
00:08:06,579 --> 00:08:10,279
century nobody's got a data

192
00:08:08,300 --> 00:08:11,629
like that but you can look for stuff

193
00:08:10,279 --> 00:08:16,388
like that and find out what people think

194
00:08:11,629 --> 00:08:18,919
about those modalities thank you the

195
00:08:16,389 --> 00:08:23,000
evidence which is often considered most

196
00:08:18,918 --> 00:08:25,038
convincing for the actual existence of

197
00:08:23,000 --> 00:08:28,069
these people after death sorry

198
00:08:25,038 --> 00:08:32,689
Iman sputters right here right after

199
00:08:28,069 --> 00:08:34,969
death is that the mediums will behave

200

00:08:32,690 --> 00:08:37,190
like their personalities yes take on

201
00:08:34,969 --> 00:08:38,719
some of the characters my wife does okay

202
00:08:37,190 --> 00:08:41,149
I was gonna ask you that especially in

203
00:08:38,719 --> 00:08:42,800
China especially in China they're much

204
00:08:41,149 --> 00:08:44,720
more likely to go into deeper trance in

205
00:08:42,799 --> 00:08:46,849
China the mediums don't like to do that

206
00:08:44,720 --> 00:08:49,730
these days mostly in the United States

207
00:08:46,850 --> 00:08:51,560
but yeah oh yeah and my wife would look

208
00:08:49,730 --> 00:08:53,300
at her arms to look at this rash I'm

209
00:08:51,559 --> 00:08:56,509
getting and the guy says that's the rash

210
00:08:53,299 --> 00:08:58,129
my grandfather had you got it you know

211
00:08:56,509 --> 00:09:00,708
and then but she doesn't talk like

212
00:08:58,129 --> 00:09:03,559
people or imitate other things but

213
00:09:00,708 --> 00:09:08,179
she'll get feelings yeah that that's

214
00:09:03,559 --> 00:09:11,000

quite fascinating to me um I know that

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00:09:08,179 --> 00:09:13,399

Raymond Moody had people gazing in black

216

00:09:11,000 --> 00:09:14,929

mirrors to see their departed ones I

217

00:09:13,399 --> 00:09:16,909

wondered if you had done any work like

218

00:09:14,929 --> 00:09:18,169

we've been trying people we've tried

219

00:09:16,909 --> 00:09:19,458

that in Lilydale there are a number of

220

00:09:18,169 --> 00:09:20,778

people who've done their own little

221

00:09:19,458 --> 00:09:23,958

psycho man themes and we haven't got

222

00:09:20,778 --> 00:09:26,679

much but that I'm interested that too

223

00:09:23,958 --> 00:09:26,679

thank you