

1
00:00:00,680 --> 00:00:07,739
and the right hand was cut off this is

2
00:00:06,359 --> 00:00:11,070
the back of the head of a young girl in

3
00:00:07,740 --> 00:00:13,469
Nigeria from the ebo tribe who remember

4
00:00:11,070 --> 00:00:17,160
the life of a man who had had brain

5
00:00:13,468 --> 00:00:19,230
surgery for intracranial tumor and she

6
00:00:17,160 --> 00:00:20,899
was born with this remarkable scar in

7
00:00:19,230 --> 00:00:23,129
the back of her head

8
00:00:20,899 --> 00:00:25,500
again these birthmarks these birth

9
00:00:23,129 --> 00:00:28,729
defects make no sense in terms of what

10
00:00:25,500 --> 00:00:28,730
we know of embryologically

11
00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:36,049
paul von ward who was not associated

12
00:00:32,700 --> 00:00:38,940
with our group claims to have found

13
00:00:36,049 --> 00:00:41,250
amazing similarities in the facial

14
00:00:38,939 --> 00:00:43,920
geometry of people who remember a past

15
00:00:41,250 --> 00:00:48,030
life and the person they claimed to have

16
00:00:43,920 --> 00:00:50,579
been in a past life and he is matched up

17
00:00:48,030 --> 00:00:53,698
photographs of the present person and

18
00:00:50,579 --> 00:00:56,759
the past life person he's developed six

19
00:00:53,698 --> 00:00:59,238
biometric ratios that he claims are more

20
00:00:56,759 --> 00:01:02,628
similar in these matched pairs than with

21
00:00:59,238 --> 00:01:06,179
control subjects

22
00:01:02,628 --> 00:01:08,158
the difficulty with Von Ward's data is

23
00:01:06,180 --> 00:01:10,979
that these measurements were not done

24
00:01:08,159 --> 00:01:12,990
blindly Vaughn Ward himself made the

25
00:01:10,978 --> 00:01:16,679
measurements on the subjects and on the

26
00:01:12,989 --> 00:01:19,169
photos of the deceased persons so what

27
00:01:16,680 --> 00:01:22,680
we would like to do is try to replicate

28
00:01:19,170 --> 00:01:24,990
his findings in a blind manner that is

29

00:01:22,680 --> 00:01:28,799
have one person make the measurements on

30
00:01:24,989 --> 00:01:30,060
the subject have a different person make

31
00:01:28,799 --> 00:01:33,240
the measurements unfroze with the

32
00:01:30,060 --> 00:01:35,969
deceased person and then a third person

33
00:01:33,239 --> 00:01:37,709
who doesn't know which is which see if

34
00:01:35,969 --> 00:01:40,679
they can match up the correct person

35
00:01:37,709 --> 00:01:42,030
with a deceased one of the problems

36
00:01:40,680 --> 00:01:44,340
we're going to have those we have a very

37
00:01:42,030 --> 00:01:46,920
limited sample of photographs of the

38
00:01:44,340 --> 00:01:49,700
deceased person most of these are in

39
00:01:46,920 --> 00:01:54,990
remote areas in underdeveloped countries

40
00:01:49,700 --> 00:01:58,439
but we do have some the second

41
00:01:54,989 --> 00:02:00,688
hypothesis about survival is that people

42
00:01:58,438 --> 00:02:04,529
who are now deceased are still surviving

43
00:02:00,688 --> 00:02:05,758

in some form and we have lots of

44

00:02:04,530 --> 00:02:08,550
evidence that contributes to this

45

00:02:05,759 --> 00:02:10,649
hypothesis most commonly are interactive

46

00:02:08,550 --> 00:02:13,379
apparitions and these are not talking

47

00:02:10,649 --> 00:02:13,810
about ghosts in haunted houses that just

48

00:02:13,378 --> 00:02:15,299
wander

49

00:02:13,810 --> 00:02:18,370
and don't talk to I'm talking about

50

00:02:15,300 --> 00:02:21,580
visions apparitions that interact and

51

00:02:18,370 --> 00:02:23,950
respond meaningfully with you these

52

00:02:21,580 --> 00:02:26,620
often occur around the time of the death

53

00:02:23,949 --> 00:02:28,359
of the person who's dead and they will

54

00:02:26,620 --> 00:02:33,879
communicate meaningful things to the

55

00:02:28,360 --> 00:02:35,140
person who's having the vision there

56

00:02:33,879 --> 00:02:37,539
have been some attempts in recent years

57

00:02:35,139 --> 00:02:41,049
to try to induce these communications

58
00:02:37,539 --> 00:02:42,159
with interactive visions Raymond Moody

59
00:02:41,050 --> 00:02:43,989
who coined the term near-death

60
00:02:42,159 --> 00:02:47,129
experience developed what he called the

61
00:02:43,989 --> 00:02:50,799
psychomanteum which is essentially a

62
00:02:47,129 --> 00:02:53,709
sensory deprivation room in which after

63
00:02:50,799 --> 00:02:56,769
an elaborate ritual people go into this

64
00:02:53,709 --> 00:02:59,949
room and try to invoke a vision of the

65
00:02:56,769 --> 00:03:02,319
deceased and in some cases with some

66
00:02:59,949 --> 00:03:05,919
good facilitators people do have these

67
00:03:02,318 --> 00:03:07,869
interactive visions there's a

68
00:03:05,919 --> 00:03:11,369
psychologist in the VA system of Albert

69
00:03:07,870 --> 00:03:14,039
Caen who was using EMDR to treat

70
00:03:11,370 --> 00:03:16,599
veterans with post-traumatic stress and

71
00:03:14,039 --> 00:03:18,608
he found serendipitously that some of

72
00:03:16,598 --> 00:03:22,119
them as he was doing this would have

73
00:03:18,609 --> 00:03:24,609
visions of their fallen comrades that

74
00:03:22,120 --> 00:03:26,469
interacted with them and this turned out

75
00:03:24,609 --> 00:03:29,230
to be so therapeutic for the vets that

76
00:03:26,469 --> 00:03:31,959
he started trying to induce it using

77
00:03:29,229 --> 00:03:33,759
EMDR and suggestion and in fact has

78
00:03:31,959 --> 00:03:35,289
claimed a fair amount of success in

79
00:03:33,759 --> 00:03:37,209
getting the introduced these visions

80
00:03:35,289 --> 00:03:40,048
which are interactive and communicate in

81
00:03:37,209 --> 00:03:40,049
two ways

82
00:03:40,650 --> 00:03:45,310
then we have communication through

83
00:03:43,150 --> 00:03:47,349
mediums and you've heard this excellent

84
00:03:45,310 --> 00:03:50,109
presentation from Julie I won't repeat

85
00:03:47,349 --> 00:03:52,060
what she said I will tell you though

86

00:03:50,109 --> 00:03:55,420
that our lab Emily Kelly and our

87
00:03:52,060 --> 00:03:57,699
division has replicated this work with

88
00:03:55,419 --> 00:04:01,000
slightly different technology and found

89
00:03:57,699 --> 00:04:02,619
equally impressive results this is

90
00:04:01,000 --> 00:04:08,229
madonna's you know by Gary Schwartz is

91
00:04:02,620 --> 00:04:11,650
lab by our lab by a group in Scotland

92
00:04:08,229 --> 00:04:13,238
Archie Roy and Tricia Ritchie so it's

93
00:04:11,650 --> 00:04:17,709
been replicated in several places now in

94
00:04:13,239 --> 00:04:19,840
the last couple of decades Julie told

95
00:04:17,709 --> 00:04:21,459
you about the elaborate controls we try

96
00:04:19,839 --> 00:04:24,369
to put in to make sure that the medium

97
00:04:21,459 --> 00:04:28,800
isn't getting sensory cues from the

98
00:04:24,370 --> 00:04:31,780
sitter or using super sight from the

99
00:04:28,800 --> 00:04:33,939
there's another type of data from

100
00:04:31,779 --> 00:04:36,728

mediumship sittings that eliminates that

101

00:04:33,939 --> 00:04:42,310

possibility and that's what's called a

102

00:04:36,728 --> 00:04:45,399

drop in communicator these are allegedly

103

00:04:42,310 --> 00:04:48,189

deceased people who come to a mediumship

104

00:04:45,399 --> 00:04:50,228

session a seance and no one in the room

105

00:04:48,189 --> 00:04:55,870

knew of the medium nor the sitters knows

106

00:04:50,228 --> 00:04:57,909

this person these are unusual they

107

00:04:55,870 --> 00:05:00,579

provide great evidence because you can't

108

00:04:57,910 --> 00:05:01,710

get the information by normal means but

109

00:05:00,579 --> 00:05:05,408

they're rare

110

00:05:01,709 --> 00:05:08,339

however in Stevenson found more than 66

111

00:05:05,408 --> 00:05:12,339

Oh of these in the published literature

112

00:05:08,339 --> 00:05:15,329

let me give you an example in a small

113

00:05:12,339 --> 00:05:18,818

village of about 5,000 people in Tuscany

114

00:05:15,329 --> 00:05:22,089

there was a day laborer who in his 20s

115
00:05:18,819 --> 00:05:25,000
developed mediumship abilities and he

116
00:05:22,089 --> 00:05:27,279
used to give seances he didn't charge

117
00:05:25,000 --> 00:05:29,199
for them ten local villagers would come

118
00:05:27,279 --> 00:05:31,779
one of them would take VirB verbatim

119
00:05:29,199 --> 00:05:35,340
notes and it would have these seances

120
00:05:31,779 --> 00:05:37,508
periodically and at one point a

121
00:05:35,339 --> 00:05:40,508
communicator appeared at one of these

122
00:05:37,509 --> 00:05:43,240
seances and said his name was Giuseppe

123
00:05:40,509 --> 00:05:48,460
Riccardi and he was a Roman Catholic

124
00:05:43,240 --> 00:05:51,668
priest in Canton Ohio no one the room

125
00:05:48,459 --> 00:05:54,310
knew of this fellow he said that he had

126
00:05:51,668 --> 00:05:58,680
been shot with a revolver by one of his

127
00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:58,680
parishioners after he completed mass

128
00:05:59,788 --> 00:06:05,709
father Riccardi appeared in a couple of

129
00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:08,590
more seances over the pier in the next

130
00:06:05,709 --> 00:06:10,538
couple of years and all the times he

131
00:06:08,589 --> 00:06:14,709
appeared no one in the room had ever

132
00:06:10,538 --> 00:06:16,449
heard of father Ricardo at one of these

133
00:06:14,709 --> 00:06:18,939
seances there was an Italian researcher

134
00:06:16,449 --> 00:06:22,449
present who wrote to Ian Stevenson and

135
00:06:18,939 --> 00:06:24,689
said this guy says he lived in Ohio can

136
00:06:22,449 --> 00:06:27,759
you track down whether he really did

137
00:06:24,689 --> 00:06:30,129
well we didn't have a date of death so

138
00:06:27,759 --> 00:06:33,669
it wasn't easy but one of our research

139
00:06:30,129 --> 00:06:36,848
assistants contacted the archdiocese in

140
00:06:33,668 --> 00:06:40,810
Youngstown Ohio and confirmed that there

141
00:06:36,848 --> 00:06:43,389
was a Giuseppe Riccardi who had been the

142
00:06:40,810 --> 00:06:44,889
parish priest in Canton Ohio for four

143

00:06:43,389 --> 00:06:48,598
years before he was shot by a

144
00:06:44,889 --> 00:06:52,050
parishioner he had just finished Mass

145
00:06:48,598 --> 00:06:55,538
everyone left and one woman came in

146
00:06:52,050 --> 00:06:58,689
pointed a gun at him and said a few

147
00:06:55,538 --> 00:07:01,750
words and then shot him he lived long

148
00:06:58,689 --> 00:07:05,139
enough to ask her why don't you do this

149
00:07:01,750 --> 00:07:08,468
and by what he said to the medium she

150
00:07:05,139 --> 00:07:09,968
gave an answer he didn't understand now

151
00:07:08,468 --> 00:07:11,379
that we had the date of death from the

152
00:07:09,968 --> 00:07:13,810
Archdiocese he went to the newspapers

153
00:07:11,379 --> 00:07:16,028
and we found reports in several Ohio

154
00:07:13,810 --> 00:07:18,509
newspapers about this confirming the

155
00:07:16,028 --> 00:07:20,918
details of it

156
00:07:18,509 --> 00:07:23,379
so everything that the medium came up

157
00:07:20,918 --> 00:07:25,240

with an Italy turned out to be true we

158

00:07:23,379 --> 00:07:27,459

then contacted the researcher in Italy

159

00:07:25,240 --> 00:07:29,168

and said now we here's the date which

160

00:07:27,459 --> 00:07:32,769

has happened go back and check the

161

00:07:29,168 --> 00:07:34,810

Italian newspapers no account had

162

00:07:32,769 --> 00:07:36,758

appeared in the newspapers that were

163

00:07:34,810 --> 00:07:40,088

circulating in the small village in

164

00:07:36,759 --> 00:07:43,960

Tuscany they eventually found one report

165

00:07:40,088 --> 00:07:47,158

in newspaper in Rome that did report the

166

00:07:43,959 --> 00:07:49,598

death of father Giuseppe Riccardi and

167

00:07:47,158 --> 00:07:54,579

the newspaper account placed it in

168

00:07:49,598 --> 00:07:56,110

Canton China which is that 20 times the

169

00:07:54,579 --> 00:07:58,778

size of Canton Ohio so it's less of a

170

00:07:56,110 --> 00:08:00,968

mistake so it's unlikely that this

171

00:07:58,778 --> 00:08:06,610

medium had gotten the information by any

172
00:08:00,968 --> 00:08:09,550
normal means one other way you might be

173
00:08:06,610 --> 00:08:12,819
able to differentiate supersized um

174
00:08:09,550 --> 00:08:15,278
survival is by evidence of strong

175
00:08:12,819 --> 00:08:18,088
motivation on the part of the deceased

176
00:08:15,278 --> 00:08:20,019
the discarnate to communicate and

177
00:08:18,088 --> 00:08:23,528
there's another remarkable

178
00:08:20,019 --> 00:08:26,258
drop in communicator that Ian and

179
00:08:23,528 --> 00:08:29,129
Erlander Hamilton from Iceland studied

180
00:08:26,259 --> 00:08:32,139
they were doing studies of the

181
00:08:29,129 --> 00:08:35,559
professional Icelandic medium hoffstein

182
00:08:32,139 --> 00:08:39,908
bjornsen and at one of your instance

183
00:08:35,559 --> 00:08:42,848
meet seances a character appeared and

184
00:08:39,908 --> 00:08:44,409
said that he had been buried without his

185
00:08:42,849 --> 00:08:46,620
leg that had been dismembered shortly

186
00:08:44,409 --> 00:08:49,789
before death and he wanted the lake

187
00:08:46,620 --> 00:08:51,259
buried with the body

188
00:08:49,789 --> 00:08:52,879
no one in the room knew what he was

189
00:08:51,259 --> 00:08:56,990
talking about no one recognized the

190
00:08:52,879 --> 00:09:00,250
story this discarnate this alleged

191
00:08:56,990 --> 00:09:03,409
discarnate reappeared many times in

192
00:09:00,250 --> 00:09:05,870
different hafsteinn bjornsen seances

193
00:09:03,409 --> 00:09:08,629
with different sitters present and none

194
00:09:05,870 --> 00:09:10,820
of them ever recognized the story but

195
00:09:08,629 --> 00:09:14,600
eventually he gave enough detail that

196
00:09:10,820 --> 00:09:17,480
they're able to find the leg and bury it

197
00:09:14,600 --> 00:09:19,940
in the anonymous graveyard in the church

198
00:09:17,480 --> 00:09:23,990
that he claimed was his after that

199
00:09:19,940 --> 00:09:26,390
happened he never appeared again that

200

00:09:23,990 --> 00:09:30,789
suggests some motivation on the part of

201
00:09:26,389 --> 00:09:30,789
some entity that's no longer with us

202
00:09:32,379 --> 00:09:37,250
okay we also have evidence from

203
00:09:35,509 --> 00:09:38,450
instrumental transcommunication what

204
00:09:37,250 --> 00:09:40,610
used to be called electronic voice

205
00:09:38,450 --> 00:09:43,160
phenomena these are situations in which

206
00:09:40,610 --> 00:09:44,750
an alleged discarnates seems to be

207
00:09:43,159 --> 00:09:47,029
communicating through some mechanical

208
00:09:44,750 --> 00:09:49,070
device now if you lived electromagnetic

209
00:09:47,029 --> 00:09:51,980
like a telephone or television or a

210
00:09:49,070 --> 00:09:53,660
radio or a computer one of the

211
00:09:51,980 --> 00:09:56,300
difficulties with this research is that

212
00:09:53,659 --> 00:09:58,990
the signals usually come through on top

213
00:09:56,299 --> 00:10:01,990
of white noise and there are some

214
00:09:58,990 --> 00:10:01,990

subjective