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The ZBC was overwhelmed by colors from all over Zimbabwe, describing the unidentified

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flying object.

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So what time did this event occur?

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00:00:24,840 --> 00:00:27,240

A break time.

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00:00:27,240 --> 00:00:30,280

You could just see like little lights flickering.

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00:00:30,280 --> 00:00:36,720

The being would have been this far away where you can see details.

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00:00:36,720 --> 00:00:43,640

And I saw this person and it had big eyes.

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00:00:43,640 --> 00:00:46,120

A man that looked like a regular man or different?

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No, he was all black.

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00:00:47,640 --> 00:00:48,640

All black?

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00:00:48,640 --> 00:00:52,200

Yes, and his eyes were looking funny, they were making funny shapes and all that.

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00:00:52,360 --> 00:00:55,280

What was it that didn't feel like when he was looking at you?

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00:00:55,280 --> 00:00:57,040

Felt scared.

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00:00:57,040 --> 00:00:59,280

It seemed that he was looking at all of us.

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00:00:59,280 --> 00:01:02,720

His eyes looked at me as if I want you to come with me.

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00:01:02,720 --> 00:01:04,120

I want you to come.

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00:01:04,120 --> 00:01:05,520

You think the kids are telling the truth?

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00:01:05,520 --> 00:01:06,720

They just think they're their match?

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00:01:06,720 --> 00:01:10,920

I think that I'd rather not think about it again because now if I think about it tonight

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00:01:10,920 --> 00:01:12,280

I'll have another sleep, isn't it?

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00:01:12,280 --> 00:01:15,280

I'm afraid, I'm shit scared, I'm terrified.

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00:01:15,280 --> 00:01:17,760

I thought that aliens would attack me.

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00:01:17,760 --> 00:01:19,440

Would attack you and do what?

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00:01:19,440 --> 00:01:21,400

What if we're abducted or something?

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00:01:21,440 --> 00:01:23,200

Something happened to these folks.

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00:01:23,200 --> 00:01:28,920

We can't understand it, but something happened and these people are not mentally ill.

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00:01:28,920 --> 00:01:31,280

They're just not mentally ill.

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00:01:31,280 --> 00:01:35,600

There were over 60 kids that saw what I saw.

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00:01:35,600 --> 00:01:37,800

We weren't making things up.

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00:01:42,320 --> 00:01:44,760

The story is about the truth actually coming out.

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You don't know what that's going to be.

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00:01:47,080 --> 00:01:48,840

But eventually the truth comes out.

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00:01:52,160 --> 00:02:01,560

From the beginning of recorded time, men have been seen unexplainable things in the sky.

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Are we alone in the universe?

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00:02:03,840 --> 00:02:07,440

Somewhere in the data will be something worth real inquiry.

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00:02:07,440 --> 00:02:09,320

We have not been hiding anything.

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There are such things as interplanetary.

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00:02:11,320 --> 00:02:14,160

I'm standing with an alien and yet big eyes.

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00:02:14,160 --> 00:02:18,840

There's something profoundly important going on here that is authentic and real.

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00:02:22,040 --> 00:02:26,840

The Times

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00:02:32,880 --> 00:02:34,880

Okay, I'm Ralph Blumenthal.

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I was a reporter for The New York Times for 45 years.

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I now contribute to The Times.

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I write books.

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Well, the biggest risk in this whole field that I've encountered it myself writing about it is
ridicule.

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Now that's not by accident.

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The, our government, unfortunately, in the 50s,

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made a policy decision to ridicule people

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who had sightings of UFOs

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and came forward with these fantastic stories.

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And that stigma has lasted to this day.

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00:03:17,920 --> 00:03:20,920

You never really know, you know, when you write something,

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what the effect is gonna be.

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And the Times ran it on the front page on a Sunday.

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It was an earthquake.

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We accompanied the story with videos,

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Navy videos, which had not been seen until then publicly.

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These were among the most watched videos

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ever put out by the New York Times.

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And, you know, I don't, I'm not saying this.

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Other people are saying this,

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but it sort of made the subject

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more accessible to the mainstream media

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00:03:50,120 --> 00:03:53,120

and people who are more comfortable reporting about it.

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But, you know, we didn't talk about aliens

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and the Pentagon's not talking about aliens.

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So that's an area that we haven't gone into

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with good reason because how do you deal with this?

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00:04:04,120 --> 00:04:06,120

I mean, you come into your editor and say,

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00:04:06,120 --> 00:04:09,120

I got a story about a guy who saw a UFO in his backyard

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00:04:09,120 --> 00:04:11,120

and the editor will laugh and say, okay, you know,

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00:04:11,120 --> 00:04:14,120

give me 500 words on it and, you know, make it funny.

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But to these people who had these encounters,

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it wasn't really funny at all.

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They know what they saw.

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People have seen things that they don't understand

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and just because we don't understand something

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doesn't mean we shouldn't talk about it.

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I'm sorry.

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Ariel was a great place to learn.

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We weren't in the classroom much.

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I'm so privileged to have experienced driving to school

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and seeing a giraffe, you know,

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00:05:16,720 --> 00:05:20,720

having a game park next to your school,

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next to your high school.

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But where are your hats?

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The teachers were very passionate about education.

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We were a community and we definitely could trust

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00:05:37,720 --> 00:05:39,720

all the adults that were around us,

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00:05:39,720 --> 00:05:41,720

whether they were teachers, volunteers,

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they all made us feel safe and feel connected.

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Ariel School was a second family.

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We went to Ariel School,

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which is quite a good school, no private school.

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And for the most part, raised reading the Bible,

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00:06:03,720 --> 00:06:06,720

understanding things from that Christian perspective.

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And my brother was in the same part.

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I know that it did have an impact on what I experienced,

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to see it interviewed in a certain way.

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So why are we here today?

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To hear my side of the story.

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What is your side of the story?

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I guess it's what I saw, right, on that day.

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I guess I'm gonna tell the world.

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Where would you like to start?

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So we were at recess.

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I was in year six,

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and the teachers had gone on a quick staff meeting,

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so Selma and I were kind of roaming on that out of bounds area.

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00:07:03,720 --> 00:07:07,720

And I remember that there was a bright light

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00:07:07,720 --> 00:07:10,720

really close by, just above the grass.

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00:07:10,720 --> 00:07:12,720

And both Selma and I kind of went,

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oh, what's that?

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It was very shiny, it was bright.

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You would see it one moment,

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00:07:16,720 --> 00:07:18,720

you wouldn't see it another moment.

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It was almost like our eyes were playing tricks on us.

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And then my friend, Emma,

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and I were kind of, she had come and was standing next to me.

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I saw...

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a little object hovering.

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It was quite big, actually,

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and then there was little ones all rounded.

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And it looked as if they were changing spaceships.

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They were like ants,

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doing what they needed to do, whatever it was.

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Just here were the ships.

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One, there was a big one,

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from about there to about...

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here.

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And then in diameter.

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00:08:01,720 --> 00:08:06,720

Silver, shiny disc with lights.

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00:08:06,720 --> 00:08:08,720

On the lower half of it there were lights.

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It was like...

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And I saw a black door.

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And then suddenly he was over there.

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And he was right in front of us.

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I blinked, and then I saw the being less than,

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00:08:23,720 --> 00:08:26,720

like, a meter or two away from me.

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The being would have been...

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00:08:38,720 --> 00:08:42,720

no further than this far away, where you can see details.

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And it was a bright sunny day,

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so there was definitely no mistaking what we were looking at.

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The clothing was black,

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00:08:51,720 --> 00:08:55,720

very skin tight, like a scuba diving outfit.

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Like diving suits?

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Did you see diving?

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And it had, like, a very big head,

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oval kind of, like a pointy chin.

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It kind of came down like this.

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It had big eyes.

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00:09:07,720 --> 00:09:09,720

That's all I saw about it, big eyes.

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Where did you see it?

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00:09:10,720 --> 00:09:11,720

A black body.

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00:09:11,720 --> 00:09:15,720

Huge eyes that you just can't not look towards.

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And once we got that eye connection,

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everything else around us just...

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disappeared.

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What scared you?

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00:09:32,720 --> 00:09:33,720

The noise.

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00:09:33,720 --> 00:09:34,720

What noise?

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00:09:34,720 --> 00:09:37,720

The noise that we heard in the air.

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You heard a noise in the air?

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00:09:39,720 --> 00:09:40,720

Yes.

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00:09:40,720 --> 00:09:41,720

What was it like?

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Like a roar or a buzz or a hum or what kind of a noise?

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00:09:44,720 --> 00:09:47,720

It was like someone was blowing a flute.

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00:09:47,720 --> 00:09:51,720

It didn't touch me physically.

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00:09:51,720 --> 00:09:53,720

But it felt like with that stare,

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00:09:53,720 --> 00:09:56,720

it touched every ounce of my body.

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00:09:59,720 --> 00:10:03,720

And that's when I started feeling messages.

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That ideas just came across over into me, into my being.

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It wasn't talking, it was...

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almost telepathic.

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It was just a feeling of this overwhelming feeling of

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how important the environment is.

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00:10:22,720 --> 00:10:27,720

We need to make sure that the environment is our first priority

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00:10:27,720 --> 00:10:31,720

and that we all make the right choices for the environment.

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00:10:31,720 --> 00:10:34,720

We need clean air, beautiful plants, clean soil

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00:10:34,720 --> 00:10:36,720

to be able to live and thrive.

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00:10:36,720 --> 00:10:39,720

Animals to plant, to grow, to grow.

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00:10:39,720 --> 00:10:41,720

To be able to live and thrive.

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00:10:41,720 --> 00:10:45,720

Animals to plants, to just everything around us.

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00:10:45,720 --> 00:10:51,720

I think they want people to know that we're actually making harm

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00:10:51,720 --> 00:10:55,720

on this world and we mustn't get too technologically.

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00:10:55,720 --> 00:10:58,720

I don't think I could even say the word technology

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00:10:58,720 --> 00:11:00,720

when I was at that age.

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So I remember being interviewed by people

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and I would say things like,

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if you get too technologised or, you know,

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00:11:09,720 --> 00:11:14,720

the message was very clear that technology is not going...

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is only going to develop further

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and it's not going to do any humans any good.

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How did that get communicated to you?

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Through words or...

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My conscience, I think.

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00:11:25,720 --> 00:11:26,720

You what?

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00:11:26,720 --> 00:11:27,720

My conscience.

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00:11:27,720 --> 00:11:29,720

It came through your... your conscience told you.

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00:11:29,720 --> 00:11:31,720

Yeah, it came through my head.

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00:11:31,720 --> 00:11:35,720

I had never felt that sense of...

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00:11:35,720 --> 00:11:37,720

connection.

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Just unfortunate that what happened in the aftermath

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00:11:46,720 --> 00:11:49,720

was not as peaceful and...

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00:11:49,720 --> 00:11:51,720

and nice.

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00:12:01,720 --> 00:12:04,720

The last time I was here was 20 years ago, I think,

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00:12:04,720 --> 00:12:06,720

or a little bit longer than that.

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00:12:06,720 --> 00:12:10,720

It was when I finished at the aerial school

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00:12:10,720 --> 00:12:13,720

and now I remember why my mother wanted me to come here.

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00:12:13,720 --> 00:12:17,720

Being out of nature, it's just so wonderful.

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So did you see the UFO?

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No, I didn't see the UFO.

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00:12:27,720 --> 00:12:30,720

I made up the whole thing.

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00:12:31,720 --> 00:12:35,720

So myself and a friend, we were discussing

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00:12:35,720 --> 00:12:38,720

how we could get off Shona lessons.

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A few of our friends were natives and barbarians

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00:12:41,720 --> 00:12:44,720

and so their mother language would have been Shona

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00:12:44,720 --> 00:12:46,720

and I really wish I had paid more attention to it

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00:12:46,720 --> 00:12:49,720

because my Shona is not great and I really wish it was better

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00:12:49,720 --> 00:12:51,720

and I really wanted to get out of Shona

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00:12:51,720 --> 00:12:54,720

at any opportunity I could.

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And we came up with a crazy idea

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which never, ever should have worked.

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At the time, I can't see it now, but at the time,

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00:13:00,720 --> 00:13:03,720

there was a rock, a very, very shiny rock

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00:13:03,720 --> 00:13:05,720

and it was shining in the sun.

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00:13:05,720 --> 00:13:07,720

And, you know, so I pointed and I'm like,

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00:13:07,720 --> 00:13:09,720

there's a spaceship, there's an alien,

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00:13:09,720 --> 00:13:11,720

and the great ones, great too, so I was like,

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00:13:11,720 --> 00:13:13,720

ah, really? I'm like, yeah, yeah, yeah, aliens.

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00:13:13,720 --> 00:13:16,720

And within half an hour, all the kids were talking about it,

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00:13:16,720 --> 00:13:18,720

all the kids were running around,

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00:13:18,720 --> 00:13:20,720

and the whole school was buzzing.

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00:13:20,720 --> 00:13:22,720

It could have been a millisecond.

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00:13:22,720 --> 00:13:24,720

It could have been 10 minutes.

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All I know is when I was able to eventually let go of Emma's hand,

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the playground was in chaos.

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00:13:36,720 --> 00:13:40,720

There were 60 kids that saw what I saw.

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00:13:40,720 --> 00:13:41,720

Short, long arms,

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00:13:41,720 --> 00:13:44,720

crazed, greenish, oval-shaped head,

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00:13:44,720 --> 00:13:46,720

some pretty big eyes,

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and I'm shit scared, I'm terrified.

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00:13:52,720 --> 00:13:54,720

Maybe it was the shimmering of the rock or, you know,

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00:13:54,720 --> 00:13:57,720

I don't know, but there was definitely no aliens running around.

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00:13:57,720 --> 00:13:59,720

What if a laser being cut off your head,

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00:13:59,720 --> 00:14:01,720

you know, all kinds of things, you know,

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00:14:01,720 --> 00:14:03,720

but I was just in panic.

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00:14:03,720 --> 00:14:05,720

Why would aliens come to a school, run around,

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00:14:05,720 --> 00:14:07,720

not make actual contact with anybody?

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00:14:07,720 --> 00:14:09,720

You know, so they've traveled from galaxies.

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You're not going to risk that chance

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00:14:11,720 --> 00:14:14,720

of coming thousands of miles away to talk to children.

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00:14:14,720 --> 00:14:16,720

And I wasn't trying to find out, like,

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00:14:16,720 --> 00:14:19,720

okay, what's going to happen next, or why they're here.

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00:14:19,720 --> 00:14:23,720

I don't remember looking back because I was terrified.

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00:14:24,720 --> 00:14:26,720

I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

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00:14:26,720 --> 00:14:28,720

You know, you're seeing all these people, literally,

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00:14:28,720 --> 00:14:30,720

pointing at a rock and saying it's a UFO,

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00:14:30,720 --> 00:14:32,720

but you know, that's the thing with children,

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00:14:32,720 --> 00:14:34,720

is that they do play these imaginary games,

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and before you know it, they really truly believe it.

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00:14:38,720 --> 00:14:40,720

So it definitely was not a rock.

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I know what a rock looks like.

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And, I mean, anyone could say,

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what else could it have been?

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Could it have been this? Could it have been that?

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I don't know. I didn't go up and touch it.

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But what it was not was a rock.

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Yeah.

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If it had happened,

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I don't think I would have just stood there

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and looked at the rock and pointed.

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I would have actually moved towards the alien.

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I would have gone up to the spaceship

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because we're not so you're going to get an opportunity like that

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to actually physically go up to the alien.

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You know, a lot of people obviously argue with me,

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tell me I'm a liar, tell me all sorts of things,

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but you know, I have to be honest with myself, first of all.

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And my truth is there weren't any aliens.

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My truth is that it was a rumor that started,

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and you guys believe that you saw something.

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I do apologize for calling you guys out on your bullshit,

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but sorry, I have to be honest.

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I did not have any doubt about what I saw that day.

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I have never doubted what I saw.

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At least be honest, you know, children lie.

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You know, they're not as innocent as we would like to believe they are.

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That means you're saying that 60 people lied.

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Yeah, 60 people lied.

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It's 1994, and I just finished litigating the first large

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sex abuse case against the Catholic Church,

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and I was sitting in my office, and I got a telephone call

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from this very prominent lawyer who's in the western part of the country.

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And he said to me, Eric, I have a case for you.

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And he told me it was about a Harvard professor who believed in aliens.

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And he was the chief of psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital.

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He'd won the Pulitzer Prize, you know,

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like created the first outpatient mental hospital in the country,

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who's done great work, is now claiming

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that there's a phenomenon out there involving aliens that we don't understand.

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I said, well, he probably needs some serious mental health assistance.

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But I was told that he was a tenured professor,

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and there was a secret proceeding that was about to take place

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with a committee at Harvard to remove his tenure,

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which I was told was the first time that it ever happened

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in the 350-year history of Harvard University.

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So that piqued my interest.

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This is a guy to take seriously.

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He's won the Pulitzer Prize.

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He built from scratch the psychiatry department at Cambridge Hospital,

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now a trophy on the Harvard showcase of teaching hospitals.

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You know, traditionally in psychiatry,

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if a patient were to come to you and report that they'd had contact with alien creatures,

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it would be almost automatically assumed, I think,

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that this person is likely to be psychotic.

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That was my initial reaction when I first heard about this type of case.

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John had conducted over 150 interviews with people who claimed

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to have been abducted by aliens, about seven of which I spoke to.

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And they were tortured by the fact that no one would listen to them.

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People would dismiss them as psychotic.

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And as John looked at it, they weren't mentally ill, but they were traumatized.

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As far as I could tell, and this has become clearly established,

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having now worked with 90 such people,

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there was no apparent psychiatric illness that could account for this.

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If they're describing something that's very similar to what others are describing,

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and we're discounting it as saying, well, this didn't happen,

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what did happen? What did occur?

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That's what John was saying.

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Did you approach it as a wanting to believe or as a huge skeptic?

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I approached it as a huge skeptic.

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I mean, to me, it could not be. This is not something that is possible.

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There can't be that kind of intelligence working in our universe.

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There must be something different to explain this thing.

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So let's find out what it's about. Let's do careful studies of every aspect of this.

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That's what I would like to see.

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John was starting to become a celebrity.

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And he was on all the talk shows with his rumbled suit and states on his tie.

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In the last four years, Dr. Mack has studied about 100 patients who claim they have been abducted by aliens.

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Dr. Mack is a respected professor who teaches at Harvard University.

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A Harvard psychiatrist.

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A Harvard psychiatrist.

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And he was outspoken, and Harvard, what they couldn't tolerate,

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was the fact that John was out there on television,

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and Harvard was being associated with something that was highly controversial.

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There's a pattern here that as a psychiatrist, I can't explain.

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Okay, when we come back, Sharon shares with us the terror she feels when she's had an encounter with an alien.

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Harvard's position was that John had committed malpractice,

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that John should not have accepted these patients without treating them with either medication or intensive psychotherapy,

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that these patients were psychotic, and that by listening to them and not discounting what they claimed to have experienced,

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John was harming them.

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Hundreds of thousands of people all over the country from various polls,

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we know maybe even millions of people have had very similar experiences.

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They don't know each other, the details that they're describing were not in the media.

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They have nothing to gain by it.

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They feel ashamed about it.

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That's number one.

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When I also heard that this was occurring in children as young as two or three years old,

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that ruled out personality explanations,

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and as said before, the people when examined are not psychologically disturbed.

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So the only thing that behaves like that is real experience.

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At stake was his entire professional career, his license to practice medicine,

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and John said, okay, I'm not going to roll over here.

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I'm going to stand up to them.

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Something we can't explain is going on here that needs to be looked at realistically and not sort of ridiculed.

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So John went to Ruaz and Bobway to prove that there was something significant that happened to these individuals,

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and we need to keep our minds open and not be just narrowly focused on the material world.

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Okay, how many of them actually say that they, what happened?

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So I was working on my John Mack book.

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Actually, it took me 17 years from beginning to end, and that's what intrigued me,

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that John Mack would put his career on the line to investigate this, what I call a disreputable subject.

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And you could say, well, you know, there's no scientific proof.

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Well, there isn't.

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But Mack dealt in an area where there really isn't scientific proof.

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I'm not here to be liked.

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It's not my job.

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It's not a popularity poll.

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I'm here to run a good school with a good reputation, and that's what I do.

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Someone else's wife been here 33 years.

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Maybe it's because I'm lazy.

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I don't know.

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Get up, dress up, show up.

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That's what I do.

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And if you don't want to, every day, whether I want to be there or not,

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I am there because that is my duty.

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I'm here to run a Christian school, but I'm of a faith that's my own.

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I don't go to church.

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I don't need to go to church to find God.

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I know he's there.

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He knows where my problems are.

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I'm not here to run a Christian school.

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I'm not here to run a Christian school.

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He knows where my problems are.

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There's some things you just don't need to question in life.

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You just accept.

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And that's what I allow it to be.

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Oh, is this being recorded?

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Yeah, I feel like a little kid again.

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Yeah.

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Breaking school rules.

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Miss Bates finds out she's going to kill me.

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You know, you try and live a normal life.

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You try and move on.

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But it's always this experience that just opens up walls again.

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I could hear the kids, the other kids screaming, crying.

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But it was just like I was being drawn in by this being.

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And I remember seeing big black eyes.

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And I don't know if it was telepathic.

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I don't know.

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But the message I was receiving and the message I remember was

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that we were harming the planet.

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But growing up those days, we didn't really...

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discuss those kind of things.

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We just like...

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We just blocked it out when we just moved on.

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It was just really traumatising.

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I think the next time we spoke about it was when John Mack

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asked me to describe what we saw.

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And I just felt safe that I could talk to him.

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I felt safe that he believed what we had seen.

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So Professor Mack, you've been in Zimbabwe now for about 10 days.

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What's your opinion having spoken to this children at Ariel School?

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I approached these two days trying to keep an open mind about

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whether these kids were stirred by, say, the imagination of one of them

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and then told a story or something like that.

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And we interviewed about a dozen children individually.

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He had been one of the last reporters to come to the school.

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News crews from everywhere came to talk to us

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and I wasn't taken seriously.

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What was the effect to be looking at these eyes

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or have these eyes looking at you?

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How did that affect you?

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It was scary.

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Now maybe they'll understand my story

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and they'll listen to me and they'll help me make sense

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of what's going on for me.

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Mum comes, tucks me in sometimes.

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And she tucks you in and then do you go right to sleep

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or do you kind of stay awake thinking for a while?

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I get awake and I get scared with every single noise I hear.

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You still get afraid at night?

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Yes.

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You do.

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And what do you worry about now at night?

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Worry that the man still looking at me and is going to kill me.

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Does your mum know you're worried?

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Did you tell her how worried you were?

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No.

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I was probably sure she won't believe me.

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What would convince you that you're safe?

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I don't know.

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What could make you feel less worried?

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The man, he's just was in my mind.

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He's just won't go out of your mind?

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Yes.

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And how, what would make you less worried?

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Is this something the man could do?

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So there was a guy who came.

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I remember him being very tall and you know, slow and deliberate.

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He was really kind of listening.

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If you could just tell him, you know, like what happened that day.

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Like you're, you were outside, I guess, at the break, right?

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Yes.

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And then what was the first, the first thing that you, that you noticed?

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We went down to the bottom of the playground.

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Hey, tell me what did you see?

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How did you feel?

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You know, did you get a sense that they were communicating with you?

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I remember these questions.

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And then they gave us some pieces of paper, some colours and they said draw what you saw.

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Right?

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And I drew.

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I'm drawing a ship.

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And a couple of lights.

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Arms, what did you say they were long or short compared to our arms?

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Kind of long.

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Kind of long?

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Mm-hmm.

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Okay, but you do see hair?

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Yes.

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The hair was a bit like Michael Jackson and they had a black suit like this.

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These big eyes, okay.

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Now you've made pupils.

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Do they actually have pupils or are they just out of the box?

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Eyes that are bigger than ours.

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What happened then?

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It was at the end of break time and then when we went back into the class, we told our teacher

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that the teachers believed us.

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They wouldn't believe you really?

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Yes.

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But you all told the same story.

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The teachers didn't believe us at all.

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They thought maybe we just saw something but they didn't believe it was beings and you

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know, rocked this oval thing that we saw.

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We actually tried to fog it off at first and we just carried on as normal.

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I don't even recall speaking to the children about it all because we were dealing with

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something we had never dealt with before.

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So you stick to what you know in your classroom.

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I live here at the school so I try not to think about it at all because the fact that

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you have sleepless nights.

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I do.

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I've had a lot of sleepless nights since it happened so I try to put it out of my mind.

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One of the first things that we were told was there was a gardener down there that was

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gardening and I don't want you to be talking about this any further.

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I'm still very skeptical about children because I think they can convince themselves of what

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they see and get excited amongst themselves.

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How do they know what we've seen and that was not a gardener?

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They didn't see anything.

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I think somebody created this make-believe story that they actually created.

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That's my feeling.

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When you've been working with children as long as I have you have to be very cautious as

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to how you interpret what they actually tell you.

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They're their own individuals.

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They have to choose what they want to believe.

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Maybe they truly believe that they'd seen it.

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But I'm sorry to tell you that it never happened and they're lying to themselves.

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I might have lied once or twice but the rest of the people, they continued the story for me.

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Sixty children lie.

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Lying about what they saw or being put up to it by their friends.

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That's a pretty big group.

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If I can get five 16-year-olds testifying that one particular teacher or priest was a predator,

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that's really powerful evidence and I win the case.

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Okay, so all 60 people describing the same experience, why should we discount that?

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This is the kind of evidence that is very powerful in legal circles.

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In court we credit eyewitness testimony.

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People are convicted of murder on eyewitness testimony.

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They're sentenced to death and executed on eyewitness testimony.

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And Mack said, look, this is what I do.

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I'm a psychiatrist.

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I talk to people all the time.

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I kind of judge when they're telling me the truth and when they're not making up a story.

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So when the people told Mack these stories, recounted them, it was what he called suitable affect.

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In other words, they displayed the terror that they felt at the time and he felt certain

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that this was not something people can easily make up.

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I have a hard time with this.

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Because I don't want to believe it.

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I really don't.

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These people were expressing such intense feelings, something that was so meaningful and powerful for them

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with great fear.

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As a psychiatrist, there's nothing but real experience that is like that.

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I wish that they talked to us more.

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They'd really asked us questions or make us feel like we're not so crazy.

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I couldn't talk about it in my house because my dad didn't want to know what was going on.

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He didn't want to have the stigma behind him.

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My parents would just like straight up, no, you didn't see that.

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He was scared of getting smacked.

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It's not a matter of what we believe.

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It's what their experience is and how they find the adults around them being receptive to that experience.

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And I think that that's probably one of the rock bottom educational principles that whatever your personal point of view,

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politics, prejudice may be, is that you give an opportunity for ideas and expression of feelings and thoughts

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to be openly communicated.

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I lost friends because of it.

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I was the crazy person who just wouldn't drop the fact that it wasn't a gardener.

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Because I was the person that said that this had happened.

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So there was a lot of stigma at that stage.

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Ordinarily, we would not even put people on television who make such bizarre claims.

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To be honest, their stories do sound really crazy.

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In a lot of ways, the experience itself was less traumatic than the aftermath.

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The aftermath was a lot.

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So it really impacted some people.

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And then you're going to ask a question.

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You know, these individuals, did they have psychological issues before?

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Or has, did that day, that experience of people lying, did that create psychological issues for those individuals?

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In the four years that we've been on the air, we've never done a show about aliens.

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Quite frankly, the reason is because a lot of us are skeptical.

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At the beginning, I'm searching, I'm seeking and I'm asking people up until a point where at a certain point,

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you started getting hostile.

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The most hostile was this youth pastor who basically went red in the face.

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He's saying like, nah, aliens don't exist.

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He was really trying to get me to not ask those questions.

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And I started feeling a lot more like, I'm the crazy one.

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Why do we treat people like they're crazy and humiliate them if they are experiencing some other entity,

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some other intelligence that's coming across?

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Why is everybody thought crazy if they have, if some intelligence is coming to them and they're honestly experiencing that this is the case?

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In a time where you are growing up and you're not being believed about a really important thing,

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that meant that when I had other important things happen to me or, or just life happen,

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I found it very difficult to then open up to anybody else and tell them about anything that happened.

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People have said to me that I should go and see a counselor or I should go and talk to someone about these things.

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But I don't because will they believe me?

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Or will I have to go through that fight again of this is what happened?

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People who have these experiences are being truthful.

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We don't know what the source of the experiences is,

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but it's important to accept that they are speaking truthfully about something very powerful that has happened to them.

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And yet, why should this be so remarkable when we claim to believe in God and all kinds of spirits?

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And yet, there's something about this one which takes a form that is particularly alien to us.

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As I understand it, there are people now, including the headmistress of the school, who have that same recollection.

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I couldn't tell you when I had my experience, but it was after what the children saw and before Professor Matt came.

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But I haven't spoken about it.

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It was nighttime in my bedroom.

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And then I was taken on the craft on a narrow bed, which I found funny because I'm quite fat.

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It was like, God, I don't want to fall off this. It was very narrow.

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And these little people are around you, people, aliens.

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And they said, don't look up. And of course I looked up because that's who I am.

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They inserted something in my belly button. It could have been a microchip.

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And then there was the flash and they left.

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It sounds like a movie, doesn't it? But it wasn't. It was my experience. Nobody else's business.

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Just deal with it quietly on my own, which didn't help because I then ended up on Prozac.

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And I wasn't happy at the school. And I just was like, yeah, well, maybe I shouldn't be around any longer.

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To the point of suicide, maybe? I don't know.

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But there would have been no way I would have spoken about it with Professor Mack or anyone who came in.

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I kept very much in the background.

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Then they came back again and I said, did I want to go with them? Because I was so unhappy.

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And I like, no. Then they came back the third and final time and said, right, we're leaving.

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This is your last chance. Do you want to go with us? And I said, no, I've got to do what I've been trained to do

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and that you don't leave a project. You see it through.

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It was nice of them to ask, but no, I wasn't going to go.

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It was better for the children. So they left.

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I'm going to go with them.

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I'm going to go with them.

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I'm going to go with them.

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By not putting them on tranquilizing medication for their psychoses, you are committing malpractice.

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These patients do have psychological problems and those problems are being masked by this idea that the explanation is this crazy one.

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I'm going to go with them.

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When I got into high school, probably my second and third year of high school got very religious.

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And I'm asking my pastor that time, youth pastor, right?

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Like, okay, I get it. Jesus came to earth and died for our sins and everything, but where did he come from?

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And I remember asking him, could it be possible that he was an alien?

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And I was like, I've witnessed this. I've seen this. And he kind of struck the door for me.

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He's just like, no, you didn't. You didn't see it.

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Literally, I had people saying, no, you did not see that.

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I remember this one white pastor actually saying to me, you know, your experiences that you had as a child,

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they don't matter. Who you are as an African is irrelevant.

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He actually used the word irrelevant. I can't bring my own individuality and as big as the world is with so many different people,

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kinds of people in languages. You want to erase all of that and say it doesn't matter.

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You know, so that led me on a journey of searching and asking questions.

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You know, if they've been lying to themselves for so many years, maybe they actually need somebody to say to them,

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it never happened. Wake up. And so they can start healing from the lie that they've been telling themselves for so many years

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and eventually believe the lie that they're telling themselves.

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About 20 years, I tried to keep that hidden. I tried to keep that down.

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And as a result, I lost a lot of my childhood and I lost a lot of my memories of my childhood because I couldn't open that wound.

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I couldn't open that trauma.

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And when you hear a noise, what do you imagine it is?

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I think it's people coming into my house wanting to steal me and steal all my toys and everything.

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And then I wasn't able to really talk about it to my husband.

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He's a very traditional Catholic and he questioned me and said,

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what is this documentary really about?

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And I said, well, for a very long time I was scared that if I did tell you that you would think that I was crazy,

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so you wouldn't want to be with me.

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And initially he was like, yeah, no.

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This can't be happening. I can't be married to someone that's seen aliens.

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I walked into this courtroom that they'd assembled at Harvard.

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And there was a big kind of semi-circular dais where these three doctors were sitting.

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It looked kind of like a tribunal.

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And we collected affidavit and statements and gave testimony from people who say that John saved their lives

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and that they might have committed suicide in some cases, or it not for John.

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I wasn't heard by the adults that I trusted.

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Whereas with John Mack, we didn't have to try to make him believe what we had seen.

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And I know that he copped a lot of flak for it too.

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He didn't walk away from this experience peacefully at all.

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And he had to fight for us.

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This went on for 14 months.

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And we're having all these hearings.

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And of course by then word of the star chamber had leaked out.

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People were outraged that John was going through this.

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And I think the fact that it leaked out was one of the reasons why Harvard decided to retreat.

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I'm pretty thick-skinned about it and I certainly expected, you know, if you're rattling a cage of a worldview

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with something that's just not supposed to be, you know, the empire will strike back when you've got to expect that.

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The people at the highest levels of the university realized that this was nothing more than a witch hunt.

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Put an end to it.

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That was empowering. That was so healing.

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We came away convinced that an extraordinary event occurred here.

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Quite unique in UFO history.

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And if there's anything that could convince a closed-minded public that some kind of intelligence that is not,

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as the headmaster said, of this world, then this event should persuade people.

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He was a rare individual who had enough confidence to tackle this very, very strange area.

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And it remains the colossal mystery of our time.

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I mean, there is no answer to these experiences.

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What these UFOs are and whether there are beings, you know, associated with them,

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are questions among the most confounding questions of our time,

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questions like, what happens after we die?

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Where did the universe come from?

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What happened before the Big Bang?

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I mean, what was there before that?

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Where did that come from?

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So in Shona we have a word, jujinoyera.

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When the church got ahold of it, it was converted into something that means holy.

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But its original meaning, before it was hijacked by the church, means something of great mystery.

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Something that is inexplicable, but it exists.

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It's there because you're interacting with it.

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Seeing an alien brought me to a place where I did find my African-ness.

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My own African belief systems and culture and spirituality.

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I believe in it because I did see it.

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This is a story that we're sharing. This is a story that we're proud of.

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This is a story that if you want to talk about it, talk about it.

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If you don't want to talk about it, don't talk about it, but it's your story as well.

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This is a very important story to tell, but not so much because of the incident itself.

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It's an important human story to tell, to simply say humans have experienced this.

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That's empathy. That's like I can see things from your perspective.

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You can go in different directions after that, but that's what makes us human.

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Some people chose to dig deeper. Some people chose to just shut it down and not think about it.

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Some people may have found answers that make sense to them.

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Some people, it may still be a puzzle piece that doesn't fit anywhere.

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There are people who are there that day that are like, that really didn't happen.

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And that's okay too. That's a choice too.

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There's so much more to explore and so much more to know about what is around us.

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And I didn't realize that I could have an impact to the environment in a negative way.

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So having that message definitely took me to a different understanding of my place in the world.

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It was just so eye-opening and it made me realize what a narrow mindset I had

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and that I was unwilling to accept the possibility that there's something in this material world that I don't understand.

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Most people would say the question is like, are we alone?

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I don't think that's it. I think the question is who are we?

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And maybe we begin to understand that someone else could be looking back at us.

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It's like, who did they see?

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I think that's it.

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Thank you.