

# Point of Convergence

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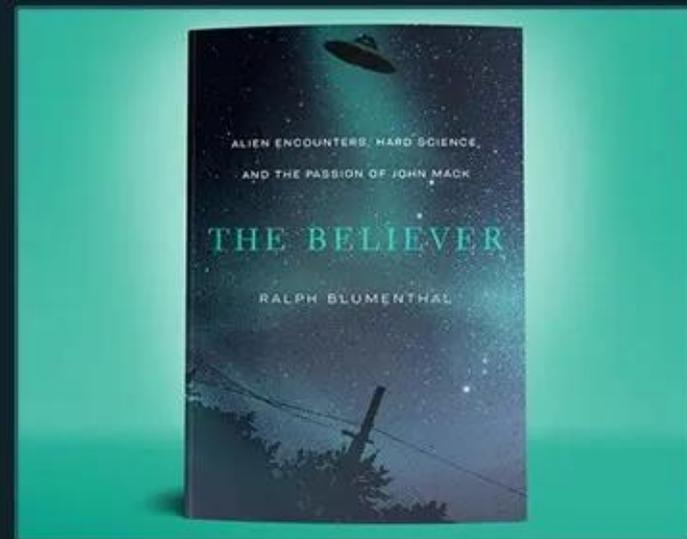


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EPISODE #11

*An Advocate for Visitation:  
Discussing Ralph Blumenthal's  
Biography of Dr. John Mack*



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hello

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and welcome to episode number 11 of the

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point of convergence podcast

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as always i'm your host exo academian

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dr john mack was a one of a kind

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individual

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whose pursuits and interests were as

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varied

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as the kinds of responses he garnered

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from various elements of both the public

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and institutional academia his day jobs

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included that of

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a psychiatrist a writer and a professor

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most famously mac was the head of the

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department of psychiatry at harvard

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as destiny would have it max stumbled

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across one of the greatest secrets

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of our time if not of the entire history

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of humanity

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namely the ufo phenomenon and

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specifically

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the apparent abduction of thousands if

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not millions

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of people across the world evidently

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by a clandestine alien intelligence

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00:01:12,390 --> 00:01:10,640

mac never want to turn down the pursuit

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of an intriguing mystery

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soon began investigating this phenomenon

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first hand

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counseling clients who claim to have had

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these very experiences

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00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:22,159

doing his very best to help them feel

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heard and understood

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00:01:31,590 --> 00:01:28,000

in the process it was these endeavors

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00:01:33,990 --> 00:01:31,600

chronicled in his 1994 book abduction

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human encounters with aliens that would

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eventually run him a foul

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of the overseers at harvard culminating

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in a near

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inquisition-style proceeding that sought

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to undermine his academic freedoms

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00:01:48,389 --> 00:01:46,079

because he had dared to commit the

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00:01:50,630 --> 00:01:48,399

heresy of questioning the dominant

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reductionistic paradigm of scientific

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,360

materialism

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00:01:58,069 --> 00:01:56,000

john mack's investigatory efforts into

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00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:58,079

what he initially termed the abduction

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syndrome

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:00,960

eventually branched out into what he

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00:02:04,230 --> 00:02:03,119  
came to see as undeniably related

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00:02:07,109 --> 00:02:04,240  
categories

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00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:07,119  
including life after death reincarnation

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00:02:11,510 --> 00:02:08,239  
soul identity

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00:02:13,430 --> 00:02:11,520  
and the very nature of ultimate reality

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00:02:15,270 --> 00:02:13,440  
this man's fascinating journey is

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:15,280  
chronicled in ralph blumenthal's

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:17,440  
compelling new biography titled

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00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:20,000  
the believer alien encounters hard

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00:02:28,949 --> 00:02:26,229  
those of us deeply invested in this

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:28,959  
topic owe a great debt of gratitude to

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00:02:34,309 --> 00:02:31,680  
the trailblazer that was john mack

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:34,319

who at great risk to himself sought to

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00:02:38,229 --> 00:02:36,080

bring the topic of ufology

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and specifically contact with non-human

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intelligence

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00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:41,760

into the mainstream as a verifiably

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legitimate arena of study

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even as the academic establishment

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around him did its darndest to crucify

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him

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for the effort the life and legacy of dr

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john e mack chronicled in ralph

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blumenthal's excellent new biography

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00:03:05,040 --> 00:02:59,920

is the topic of this the 11th episode of

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the point of convergence podcast

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now as we begin a quick note about the

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title for this week's episode

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an advocate for visitation for me this

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has a double meaning

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in one sense john mack championed the

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idea that this was an opportunity for us

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as a civilization to be transformed

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that this contact with non-human

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intelligence could be a way of moving us

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forward

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transforming us and resolving so many of

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our conflicts

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of course he was also an advocate for

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those who claimed they were being

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visited by these others

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he was a tireless advocate for these

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people

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lending a listening ear as they shared

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of course as a trained therapist a

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counselor

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john mack was in an ideal position to

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try and make sense of this phenomenon

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he always had a sense of whether people

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were telling the truth whether they were

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00:04:06,789 --> 00:04:05,040  
withholding information or if they were

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00:04:09,509 --> 00:04:06,799  
somehow distorting the information

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00:04:11,030 --> 00:04:09,519  
even perhaps if their subconscious was

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00:04:12,869 --> 00:04:11,040  
distorting the information in ways they

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didn't fully understand

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but as he listened to these people he

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noticed a shared storyline

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00:04:21,909 --> 00:04:19,840  
a common narrative and he identified

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00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:21,919  
this as the abduction syndrome

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00:04:25,749 --> 00:04:24,320  
and it had a common signature and of

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00:04:26,469 --> 00:04:25,759  
course we're very familiar with this

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00:04:29,030 --> 00:04:26,479  
signature

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00:04:29,670 --> 00:04:29,040

here on this podcast and i want to quote

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from

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blumenthal's book here quote it usually

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began

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max said with the sighting of a craft

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that could be remembered as a helicopter

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van bus or other vehicle a bright light

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a humming or buzzing sound and the

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terrifying materialization of small

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humanoid figures

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sometimes also appearing as deer owls or

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other animals

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00:04:55,749 --> 00:04:53,520

abductees might feel transported on a

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ramp or beam of light through closed

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doors and windows and onto a ship seeing

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their home recede below

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they said they felt paralyzed numb and

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powerless and intensely afraid

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witnesses on the other hand were

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commonly switched off

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unable to interfere and completely

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oblivious

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but sometimes relatives or friends were

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abducted together and recognized each

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other

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now to his credit despite being trained

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within mainstream

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psychology and academia john mack very

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much

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took sherlock holmes advice to heart in

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other words

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once you have eliminated all other

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possibilities whatever remains

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must be true and when he listened to

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these abductees these supposed abductees

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these people who claimed to have

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memories

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00:05:46,629 --> 00:05:45,360

of having contact with non-human

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00:05:48,550 --> 00:05:46,639  
intelligence

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00:05:50,710 --> 00:05:48,560  
he sensed they were being truthful to

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00:05:52,390 --> 00:05:50,720  
the best of their ability

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00:05:53,990 --> 00:05:52,400  
but he did his homework he also looked

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00:05:55,110 --> 00:05:54,000  
into their backgrounds their medical

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00:05:57,749 --> 00:05:55,120  
backgrounds their

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00:05:59,670 --> 00:05:57,759  
families medical backgrounds and he

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00:06:01,990 --> 00:05:59,680  
found actually there was nothing

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00:06:04,870 --> 00:06:02,000  
abnormal or unusual about them other

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00:06:06,550 --> 00:06:04,880  
than that they shared these experiences

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00:06:08,230 --> 00:06:06,560  
and in that sense she came to the

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00:06:09,830 --> 00:06:08,240  
conclusion that these people were

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00:06:11,749 --> 00:06:09,840

telling the truth to the best of their

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:11,759

ability and that led him

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to the next step of his journey when the

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question became in what sense were these

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experiences

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real because of course people can be

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sincere

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they can be telling you the truth to the

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best of their ability

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and be delusional of course mac knew

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what this was like he experienced it

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quite often in his practice

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and yet when he looked into it when he

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studied these people

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really paid attention to the signs he

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didn't sense any of that

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there was no red flags telling him that

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and in that sense he concluded that this

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was not a psychological phenomenon alone

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and he also felt great sympathy and

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empathy for these experiencers

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because quoting from the book here again

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quote abductees suffered a fourfold

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trauma

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max said number one the experience

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itself

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number two the isolation of knowing no

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one believed them

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number three the shattered sense of

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reality and four

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the terror of knowing it could happen

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again any time

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abductees were powerless to protect even

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their children

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unquote of course when someone with the

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pedigree of dr

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john mack gets involved in this topic

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when the person who is the head of the

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department of psychiatry at harvard

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medical school

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says abductions are in some way real

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phenomenon not just in people's heads

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that's going to garner attention both

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amongst the public

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the mainstream media and to some degree

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academia

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and soon conferences were held and

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people wanted to know what the good

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doctor

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thought about this topic in what way was

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it real and how should it be studied

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questions arose around where and how to

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categorize this phenomenon

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people wondered if it should be treated

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as its own field of study

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or grouped within a larger frame of

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related experiences

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at one such conference questions arose

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and i quote from the book again here

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quote hands shot up for questions

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could the phenomenon be

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neurophysiological internal rather than

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external no max said any theory

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has to account for physical phenomena on

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the ground the cuts

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and that it happens to small children

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etc

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what about near-death experiences

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demonic possession or other spiritual

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phenomena

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that were also challenging the western

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paradigm

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we can only focus on this given limited

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time resources

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and energy max said but the western

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world view is under assault from many

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different directions

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this is one of the ones that is

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particularly challenging to the way we

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look at science

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and at reality unquote

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of course on this podcast we're very

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familiar with this

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challenge to the mainstream dominant

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paradigm of scientific materialism

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we're very aware how the phenomenon

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challenges

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those assumptions and that's true for

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all the contact modalities we've

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discussed actually

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i was particularly struck by what one

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experiencer said to john mack

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00:09:18,550 --> 00:09:16,800  
regarding how she viewed our everyday

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world when she came back from an

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abduction experience

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she wrote quote when they come it is

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like someone shines a bright light

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behind the movie screen and obliterates

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the scene

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what we perceive as the movie screen

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what we call reality

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they burn through proving it's only a

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construct

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a version of reality unquote

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that's a fascinating thought and of

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course when you pair this with the

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notion that we hear from a lot of

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experiencers

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not just those who had contact with

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non-human intelligence

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but also those who've had near-death

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experiences for instance or out-of-body

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experiences

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we hear that often they find that when

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they return to this world to our

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everyday waking world it actually feels

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real than where they just were that's

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00:10:08,870 --> 00:10:06,720

very interesting and it certainly

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00:10:10,389 --> 00:10:08,880

lends credibility to this idea that even

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00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:10,399

our everyday experience

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00:10:16,710 --> 00:10:14,160

may actually be the construct

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00:10:17,829 --> 00:10:16,720

and that in these extraordinary

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00:10:19,269 --> 00:10:17,839

paranormal

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00:10:21,190 --> 00:10:19,279

experiences that involve high

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00:10:21,990 --> 00:10:21,200

strangeness people actually experience

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00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:22,000

something that feels

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00:10:27,590 --> 00:10:24,240

more real something that's closer to the

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00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:27,600

actual base reality

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00:10:31,990 --> 00:10:30,000

now when max sought the opinions of

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00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:32,000

other academians he was encouraged to

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00:10:35,430 --> 00:10:34,320

maintain the null hypothesis for as long

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00:10:37,430 --> 00:10:35,440

as possible

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00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:37,440

in other words don't go in with

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00:10:40,630 --> 00:10:39,200

preconceptions about what's actually

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00:10:43,030 --> 00:10:40,640

going on

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00:10:44,069 --> 00:10:43,040

and to max credit he'd tried to do that

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00:10:46,550 --> 00:10:44,079

as long as he could

301  
00:10:48,790 --> 00:10:46,560  
he really tried to hold off from drawing

302  
00:10:50,870 --> 00:10:48,800  
conclusions prematurely

303  
00:10:53,190 --> 00:10:50,880  
even when this ran him into conflict

304  
00:10:56,069 --> 00:10:53,200  
with other ufologists

305  
00:10:56,389 --> 00:10:56,079  
when bud hopkins was reviewing material

306  
00:10:58,949 --> 00:10:56,399  
that

307  
00:11:00,069 --> 00:10:58,959  
mack had readied for publication he had

308  
00:11:01,750 --> 00:11:00,079  
some concerns

309  
00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:01,760  
and quoting from the book again here

310  
00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:04,560  
quote because he strongly subscribed to

311  
00:11:09,190 --> 00:11:06,720  
the physical reality of abductions

312  
00:11:09,750 --> 00:11:09,200  
hopkins didn't like it when mack wrote

313  
00:11:11,590 --> 00:11:09,760

ginny

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00:11:13,430 --> 00:11:11,600

who has been abducted many times

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00:11:15,750 --> 00:11:13,440

reported that she occasionally feels

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00:11:18,069 --> 00:11:15,760

that her body does not leave her room

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00:11:19,670 --> 00:11:18,079

but that she is mentally being projected

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00:11:21,670 --> 00:11:19,680

into the ship

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00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:21,680

contradicts earlier material re being

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00:11:24,710 --> 00:11:23,760

actually gone hopkins pencilled in the

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00:11:27,509 --> 00:11:24,720

margin

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00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:27,519

but he called terrific the lines were

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00:11:31,110 --> 00:11:29,360

children's narratives of abductions and

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00:11:32,870 --> 00:11:31,120

the graphic descriptions of adult

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00:11:34,949 --> 00:11:32,880

abductee's terror

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00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:34,959

but he did not care for mac's suggestion

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00:11:38,630 --> 00:11:36,959

that abductees gave different accounts

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00:11:39,190 --> 00:11:38,640

of their experiences depending on

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00:11:41,509 --> 00:11:39,200

whether

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00:11:43,110 --> 00:11:41,519

the researcher slash therapist took a

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00:11:44,150 --> 00:11:43,120

benign or sinister view of the

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00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:44,160

abductions

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00:11:48,150 --> 00:11:46,560

a far too subjective description of what

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00:11:51,110 --> 00:11:48,160

were to hopkins

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00:11:52,230 --> 00:11:51,120

fundamentally real events bad he

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00:11:54,710 --> 00:11:52,240

scrawled

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00:11:56,470 --> 00:11:54,720

hopkins suggested cutting the jacobs

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00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:56,480

quote we have been invaded

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00:12:00,269 --> 00:11:58,720

and he didn't like max speculation that

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:12:00,279

the phenomenon might not be

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00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:01,600

extraterrestrial

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00:12:07,030 --> 00:12:04,240

after all but rather interdimensional

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00:12:10,150 --> 00:12:09,350

now i'd like to add a note here while i

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00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:10,160

can understand

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00:12:14,389 --> 00:12:12,000

how someone like bud hopkins must have

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00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:14,399

felt after spending so much time

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00:12:19,030 --> 00:12:17,200

trying to get the mainstream media and

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00:12:20,870 --> 00:12:19,040

the mainstream scientific establishment

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00:12:22,470 --> 00:12:20,880

to take this topic seriously

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00:12:24,069 --> 00:12:22,480

well i can understand how that must have

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00:12:25,829 --> 00:12:24,079

felt when it was actually treated more

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00:12:28,230 --> 00:12:25,839

like a running joke

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00:12:29,430 --> 00:12:28,240

i don't subscribe to this idea he had

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00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:29,440

here which is

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00:12:33,910 --> 00:12:32,880

skew the data in order to portray this

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00:12:35,430 --> 00:12:33,920

in a certain way

357

00:12:37,269 --> 00:12:35,440

i don't actually think that helps us in

358

00:12:37,990 --> 00:12:37,279

the long run and it can actually lead us

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00:12:39,910 --> 00:12:38,000

down the wrong

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00:12:41,430 --> 00:12:39,920

avenues in trying to understand what's

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00:12:44,230 --> 00:12:41,440

really going on

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00:12:45,670 --> 00:12:44,240

we must try and hold the null hypothesis

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00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:45,680

and we must do our best

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00:12:49,990 --> 00:12:48,079

not to exclude data that doesn't fit

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00:12:54,870 --> 00:12:50,000

with our favored hypothesis

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00:12:59,030 --> 00:12:57,190

take for instance this experimenter ginny

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00:12:59,750 --> 00:12:59,040

that was just discussed in the quote i

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00:13:02,069 --> 00:12:59,760

read

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00:13:04,310 --> 00:13:02,079

when she talks about feeling like she is

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00:13:05,110 --> 00:13:04,320

sometimes mentally being projected onto

371

00:13:07,750 --> 00:13:05,120

the ship

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00:13:08,230 --> 00:13:07,760

rather than having her actual body moved

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00:13:10,150 --> 00:13:08,240

now

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00:13:11,990 --> 00:13:10,160

some will look at that and say see

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00:13:14,790 --> 00:13:12,000

that's clearly evidence it's not

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00:13:16,710 --> 00:13:14,800

quote unquote really happening but

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00:13:18,470 --> 00:13:16,720

that's the wrong way to look at that

378

00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:18,480

and when we think back to the data that

379

00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:21,200

was delivered in the free study

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00:13:25,590 --> 00:13:23,760

that was published in beyond ufos we

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00:13:26,389 --> 00:13:25,600

find this this experience is quite

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00:13:28,389 --> 00:13:26,399

common

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00:13:30,310 --> 00:13:28,399

people often experienced in fact they

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00:13:32,230 --> 00:13:30,320

experienced this more often than not it

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00:13:34,069 --> 00:13:32,240

was the majority of cases

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00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:34,079

that somehow their consciousness was

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00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:36,240

being moved and not their bodies

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00:13:40,629 --> 00:13:38,720

and again it's our fundamental flaw of

389

00:13:41,670 --> 00:13:40,639

understanding reality understanding

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00:13:43,430 --> 00:13:41,680

consciousness

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00:13:45,509 --> 00:13:43,440

that makes us jump to these conclusions

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00:13:49,910 --> 00:13:45,519

where we think one event is real

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00:13:54,550 --> 00:13:53,030

again to max credit while he initially

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00:13:55,430 --> 00:13:54,560

bought into the idea that these were

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00:13:57,750 --> 00:13:55,440

negative events

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00:13:59,350 --> 00:13:57,760

negative experiences and that was

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00:14:01,509 --> 00:13:59,360

certainly shared by people like bud

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00:14:02,389 --> 00:14:01,519

hopkins and certainly by david jacobs

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00:14:05,829 --> 00:14:02,399

who

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00:14:07,829 --> 00:14:05,839

was associated with john mack earlier on

401  
00:14:08,949 --> 00:14:07,839  
over time he developed a more nuanced

402  
00:14:11,030 --> 00:14:08,959  
perspective

403  
00:14:12,550 --> 00:14:11,040  
this was also helped by other people who

404  
00:14:14,550 --> 00:14:12,560  
shared their own

405  
00:14:15,990 --> 00:14:14,560  
work with experiencers and i want to

406  
00:14:19,110 --> 00:14:16,000  
quote from the book again here

407  
00:14:21,430 --> 00:14:19,120  
quote david a gottlieb a physician

408  
00:14:22,790 --> 00:14:21,440  
psychotherapist in toronto who also

409  
00:14:24,389 --> 00:14:22,800  
worked with abductees

410  
00:14:26,629 --> 00:14:24,399  
and had been publishing the monthly

411  
00:14:29,350 --> 00:14:26,639  
bulletin of anomalous experience

412  
00:14:31,509 --> 00:14:29,360  
likewise found flaws in the article

413  
00:14:33,829 --> 00:14:31,519

about one third of experiencers he said

414

00:14:35,670 --> 00:14:33,839

did not undergo the classic encounter of

415

00:14:37,990 --> 00:14:35,680

disturbing physical exams

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00:14:38,949 --> 00:14:38,000

genital exploitation and mysterious

417

00:14:41,509 --> 00:14:38,959

pregnancies

418

00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:41,519

the so-called core abduction experience

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00:14:44,470 --> 00:14:42,320

but rather

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00:14:45,750 --> 00:14:44,480

found their experiences positive and

421

00:14:49,350 --> 00:14:45,760

transformative

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00:14:51,110 --> 00:14:49,360

unquote and of course when we think

423

00:14:53,269 --> 00:14:51,120

about the free study which was the

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00:14:56,550 --> 00:14:53,279

largest study of its kind ever

425

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,560

to conduct a survey of experiencers

426  
00:15:00,550 --> 00:14:58,399  
and their interpretations of their

427  
00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:00,560  
experiences we actually find

428  
00:15:04,150 --> 00:15:02,959  
this number of positive experiences is

429  
00:15:06,150 --> 00:15:04,160  
even higher

430  
00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:06,160  
and this is especially the case when

431  
00:15:09,509 --> 00:15:08,000  
people have enough time and perspective

432  
00:15:11,030 --> 00:15:09,519  
to look at the experience in a more

433  
00:15:12,870 --> 00:15:11,040  
holistic manner

434  
00:15:14,310 --> 00:15:12,880  
again this is actually the majority of

435  
00:15:18,310 --> 00:15:14,320  
people according to the free

436  
00:15:18,949 --> 00:15:18,320  
study data and this is definitely the

437  
00:15:21,350 --> 00:15:18,959  
way that

438  
00:15:23,189 --> 00:15:21,360

max thinking went as well over time the

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00:15:23,990 --> 00:15:23,199

trajectory moved more towards this

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00:15:26,550 --> 00:15:24,000

nuanced

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00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:26,560

and overall positive transformative

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00:15:35,189 --> 00:15:32,949

but admittedly this topic of hypnotic

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00:15:36,949 --> 00:15:35,199

regression is a complex one

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00:15:38,710 --> 00:15:36,959

why do some people remember positive

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00:15:40,389 --> 00:15:38,720

experiences while others remember

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00:15:42,629 --> 00:15:40,399

negative ones

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00:15:44,870 --> 00:15:42,639

well dolores cannon who was someone who

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00:15:45,590 --> 00:15:44,880

conducted many hypnotic regressions of

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00:15:48,389 --> 00:15:45,600

clients

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00:15:48,870 --> 00:15:48,399

had an interesting take on this she said

451  
00:15:51,189 --> 00:15:48,880  
that

452  
00:15:53,350 --> 00:15:51,199  
the surface layers sometimes didn't get

453  
00:15:55,509 --> 00:15:53,360  
beyond the sheer ontological shock

454  
00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:55,519  
the fight-or-flight response in other

455  
00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:57,360  
words when you conduct a hypnotic

456  
00:16:01,910 --> 00:15:59,360  
regression if you don't get far enough

457  
00:16:04,389 --> 00:16:01,920  
down you're going to only uncover this

458  
00:16:06,069 --> 00:16:04,399  
sheer ontological shock

459  
00:16:08,470 --> 00:16:06,079  
but when deeper levels could be gotten

460  
00:16:10,310 --> 00:16:08,480  
to she said the experience was cast in a

461  
00:16:12,150 --> 00:16:10,320  
very different light

462  
00:16:13,829 --> 00:16:12,160  
i find it interesting and again this

463  
00:16:15,189 --> 00:16:13,839

shows we need to continue to try and

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00:16:19,670 --> 00:16:15,199

gain more information

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00:16:23,189 --> 00:16:21,350

and of course beyond the challenge of

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00:16:25,749 --> 00:16:23,199

understanding our own subconscious

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00:16:27,910 --> 00:16:25,759

both as individuals and as a collective

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00:16:28,949 --> 00:16:27,920

the phenomenon itself is incredibly

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00:16:32,710 --> 00:16:28,959

complex

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00:16:34,790 --> 00:16:32,720

and defies our usual notions of reality

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00:16:35,829 --> 00:16:34,800

and dualistic notions don't do well at

472

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:35,839

all when it comes to

473

00:16:39,269 --> 00:16:38,720

applying them to the phenomenon and this

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00:16:41,430 --> 00:16:39,279

is something

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00:16:43,509 --> 00:16:41,440

mac noted over time and yet he

476  
00:16:45,829 --> 00:16:43,519  
frequently ran into people especially in

477  
00:16:47,430 --> 00:16:45,839  
academia who wanted to try and put it in

478  
00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:47,440  
a straight jacket

479  
00:16:52,710 --> 00:16:50,320  
and he wrote quote i object to the

480  
00:16:55,430 --> 00:16:52,720  
either ornis of this he said

481  
00:16:56,790 --> 00:16:55,440  
why couldn't aliens be real and not real

482  
00:16:59,910 --> 00:16:56,800  
at the same time

483  
00:17:02,230 --> 00:16:59,920  
inhabiting some liminal zone modern

484  
00:17:05,189 --> 00:17:02,240  
physics was replete with contradictions

485  
00:17:06,470 --> 00:17:05,199  
as in quantum superposition where chunks

486  
00:17:08,949 --> 00:17:06,480  
of matter could occupy

487  
00:17:10,150 --> 00:17:08,959  
two different places at the same time in

488  
00:17:12,630 --> 00:17:10,160

any case he said

489

00:17:13,990 --> 00:17:12,640

the phenomenon could not be explained

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00:17:15,990 --> 00:17:14,000

psychiatrically

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00:17:17,270 --> 00:17:16,000

the people with whom i have been working

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00:17:21,510 --> 00:17:17,280

as far as i can tell

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00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:23,270

as a quick aside i'd like to point out

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00:17:27,350 --> 00:17:25,520

that in addition to doing a great job of

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00:17:29,350 --> 00:17:27,360

painting the life and legacy of john

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00:17:32,150 --> 00:17:29,360

mack in a compelling way

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00:17:33,909 --> 00:17:32,160

blumenthal's book also does a fantastic

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00:17:35,990 --> 00:17:33,919

job of touching on the highlights of

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00:17:38,789 --> 00:17:36,000

ufology events in our culture

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00:17:40,470 --> 00:17:38,799

over the last 100 years or so and in

501  
00:17:41,590 --> 00:17:40,480  
that discussion comes the figure of

502  
00:17:43,029 --> 00:17:41,600  
jacques valet

503  
00:17:45,430 --> 00:17:43,039  
of course someone we've discussed

504  
00:17:47,029 --> 00:17:45,440  
several times already on this podcast

505  
00:17:48,870 --> 00:17:47,039  
and i want to quote from the book here

506  
00:17:51,110 --> 00:17:48,880  
regarding ballet quote

507  
00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:51,120  
he liked to call himself the only expert

508  
00:17:55,510 --> 00:17:53,520  
who didn't know what ufos were

509  
00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:55,520  
too many others being all too certain

510  
00:18:00,310 --> 00:17:58,080  
they were spacecraft from another planet

511  
00:18:01,110 --> 00:18:00,320  
valet acknowledged he was not easy to

512  
00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:01,120  
categorize

513  
00:18:06,310 --> 00:18:03,760

as he himself summed it up one moment

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00:18:08,390 --> 00:18:06,320

you talk about ufos as if they were real

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00:18:10,470 --> 00:18:08,400

physical material objects in the next

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00:18:11,110 --> 00:18:10,480

sentence you talk about them as psychic

517

00:18:13,190 --> 00:18:11,120

effects

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00:18:14,789 --> 00:18:13,200

producing paranormal phenomena in and

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00:18:17,270 --> 00:18:14,799

around witnesses

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00:18:19,590 --> 00:18:17,280

this was a fair criticism vale said i

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00:18:22,470 --> 00:18:19,600

can only answer that this ambiguity

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00:18:24,789 --> 00:18:22,480

is genuine and that it lies in the data

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00:18:26,789 --> 00:18:24,799

unquote

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00:18:28,549 --> 00:18:26,799

and of course we shouldn't be surprised

525

00:18:29,430 --> 00:18:28,559

that we are frequently confounded when

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00:18:31,510 --> 00:18:29,440

we try and make

527

00:18:32,870 --> 00:18:31,520

complete sense of the phenomenon when we

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00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:32,880

try and put it in a box

529

00:18:36,789 --> 00:18:36,160

it refuses to be put there and as valet

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00:18:38,870 --> 00:18:36,799

said

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00:18:40,310 --> 00:18:38,880

the way they manipulate space time tells

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00:18:41,909 --> 00:18:40,320

us we don't really understand

533

00:18:43,909 --> 00:18:41,919

space time in other words we don't

534

00:18:44,950 --> 00:18:43,919

really understand the nature the fabric

535

00:18:46,310 --> 00:18:44,960

of reality

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00:18:49,350 --> 00:18:46,320

so how could we understand the

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00:18:51,270 --> 00:18:49,360

phenomenon likewise the abduction

538

00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:51,280

syndrome or phenomenon whatever you want

539

00:18:54,710 --> 00:18:53,440

to call it where sometimes people's

540

00:18:56,710 --> 00:18:54,720

bodies seem to be moved

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00:18:58,310 --> 00:18:56,720

other times just their consciousness is

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00:18:58,870 --> 00:18:58,320

moved tells us we don't really

543

00:19:01,590 --> 00:18:58,880

understand

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00:19:03,270 --> 00:19:01,600

consciousness either this is why this is

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00:19:06,310 --> 00:19:03,280

so difficult to understand

546

00:19:08,470 --> 00:19:06,320

because we lack the requisite knowledge

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00:19:09,430 --> 00:19:08,480

but we should keep looking keep

548

00:19:11,350 --> 00:19:09,440

investigating

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00:19:13,750 --> 00:19:11,360

because what is more fascinating than

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00:19:15,510 --> 00:19:13,760

this topic

551  
00:19:17,830 --> 00:19:15,520  
and of course you can add to that

552  
00:19:19,110 --> 00:19:17,840  
confusion the fact that the phenomenon

553  
00:19:20,070 --> 00:19:19,120  
or the intelligence behind the

554  
00:19:23,750 --> 00:19:20,080  
phenomenon

555  
00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:23,760  
is often clandestine and mac noted this

556  
00:19:28,630 --> 00:19:24,000  
as

557  
00:19:31,909 --> 00:19:28,640  
want to quote from the book again here

558  
00:19:35,110 --> 00:19:31,919  
quote she asked about proof the most

559  
00:19:37,190 --> 00:19:35,120  
robust stuff are the cuts max said but

560  
00:19:38,630 --> 00:19:37,200  
trying to rely on physical proof is a

561  
00:19:41,909 --> 00:19:38,640  
dead end the plan

562  
00:19:42,549 --> 00:19:41,919  
is subtle didn't that bother him no he

563  
00:19:44,549 --> 00:19:42,559

said

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00:19:46,630 --> 00:19:44,559

in fact you could say the phenomenon by

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00:19:48,630 --> 00:19:46,640

its very nature is trying to get us

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00:19:49,669 --> 00:19:48,640

off this pure reliance on physical

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00:19:51,590 --> 00:19:49,679

artifacts and

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00:19:54,230 --> 00:19:51,600

evidence for experiencing something as

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00:19:56,310 --> 00:19:54,240

true it's about that

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00:19:57,830 --> 00:19:56,320

when he first heard about the implants

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00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:57,840

he got very excited

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00:20:01,270 --> 00:20:00,240

but the pathology test found no foreign

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00:20:03,190 --> 00:20:01,280

substances

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00:20:04,870 --> 00:20:03,200

she could talk to dave prichard which

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00:20:06,870 --> 00:20:04,880

makes sense max said

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00:20:08,630 --> 00:20:06,880

if you have this technology that they

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00:20:09,430 --> 00:20:08,640

could do all these things to track

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00:20:11,110 --> 00:20:09,440

people

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00:20:13,110 --> 00:20:11,120

there's no reason why they couldn't

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00:20:13,669 --> 00:20:13,120

accommodate with some subtle energy

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00:20:15,990 --> 00:20:13,679

thing

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00:20:18,830 --> 00:20:16,000

using tissues not that distinct from the

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00:20:20,710 --> 00:20:18,840

body's tissues

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00:20:23,029 --> 00:20:20,720

unquote

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00:20:23,990 --> 00:20:23,039

now just like you and i john mack

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00:20:26,310 --> 00:20:24,000

clearly became

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00:20:27,669 --> 00:20:26,320

bitten by the phenomenon bug he

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00:20:30,549 --> 00:20:27,679

understood why this was such a

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00:20:32,789 --> 00:20:30,559

compelling topic of inquiry

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00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:32,799

at first he was perplexed by why a story

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00:20:35,750 --> 00:20:34,000

as important and

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00:20:37,510 --> 00:20:35,760

paradigm shattering as this one didn't

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00:20:39,430 --> 00:20:37,520

receive more attention

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00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:39,440

after all as i've said before it's not

595

00:20:43,110 --> 00:20:41,280

only the most important and fascinating

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00:20:46,390 --> 00:20:43,120

topic of inquiry of our time

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00:20:48,470 --> 00:20:46,400

but of all time but over time mac began

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00:20:50,630 --> 00:20:48,480

to see a conglomeration of forces

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00:20:52,549 --> 00:20:50,640

rising up to resist the effort of even

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00:20:55,110 --> 00:20:52,559

letting these questions be asked

601  
00:20:57,190 --> 00:20:55,120  
openly and honestly and i want to quote

602  
00:20:59,350 --> 00:20:57,200  
from the book again here quote

603  
00:21:01,430 --> 00:20:59,360  
why would it not capture anybody as the

604  
00:21:02,710 --> 00:21:01,440  
most interesting story going on the

605  
00:21:05,029 --> 00:21:02,720  
planet right now

606  
00:21:06,230 --> 00:21:05,039  
he said the resistance came from the

607  
00:21:08,710 --> 00:21:06,240  
elite culture

608  
00:21:10,390 --> 00:21:08,720  
the vast majority of the population the

609  
00:21:13,510 --> 00:21:10,400  
grassroots had no problem

610  
00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:13,520  
accepting ufos polls showed why did the

611  
00:21:17,830 --> 00:21:14,080  
elite

612  
00:21:20,549 --> 00:21:17,840  
resist so much vested interest said mack

613  
00:21:22,149 --> 00:21:20,559

huge investments in weapons mass culture

614

00:21:23,270 --> 00:21:22,159

advertising and the scientific

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00:21:25,350 --> 00:21:23,280

establishment

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00:21:27,510 --> 00:21:25,360

universities would be jeopardized as

617

00:21:29,909 --> 00:21:27,520

trivial if extraterrestrial life

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00:21:30,950 --> 00:21:29,919

started showing up that changes the

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00:21:33,350 --> 00:21:30,960

research base

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00:21:34,549 --> 00:21:33,360

it's very threatening i run into that a

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00:21:37,830 --> 00:21:34,559

lot at harvard

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00:21:39,830 --> 00:21:37,840

unquote and mac

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00:21:41,909 --> 00:21:39,840

went further in clarifying his

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00:21:44,070 --> 00:21:41,919

perspective quoting from the book again

625

00:21:46,390 --> 00:21:44,080

quote i don't think we should abandon

626  
00:21:48,070 --> 00:21:46,400  
the scientific paradigm max said

627  
00:21:50,470 --> 00:21:48,080  
he was only questioning whether the

628  
00:21:51,270 --> 00:21:50,480  
subject object materialist duelist

629  
00:21:53,350 --> 00:21:51,280  
structure

630  
00:21:55,590 --> 00:21:53,360  
was the best way to understand matters

631  
00:21:58,149 --> 00:21:55,600  
that didn't seem to fit the physical

632  
00:21:59,110 --> 00:21:58,159  
four-dimensional newtonian einsteinian

633  
00:22:01,110 --> 00:21:59,120  
universe

634  
00:22:02,470 --> 00:22:01,120  
he had invested hundreds and hundreds of

635  
00:22:05,110 --> 00:22:02,480  
hours mack told her

636  
00:22:06,470 --> 00:22:05,120  
before i finally said you know the truth

637  
00:22:07,990 --> 00:22:06,480  
is that i think there's some other

638  
00:22:13,590 --> 00:22:08,000

intelligence at work here

639

00:22:16,149 --> 00:22:13,600

and i'm going to own that unquote

640

00:22:17,350 --> 00:22:16,159

now in his overall good-natured

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00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:17,360

well-meaningness

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00:22:21,350 --> 00:22:19,280

john mack may have been initially a

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00:22:22,310 --> 00:22:21,360

little naive about the intentions of

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00:22:24,870 --> 00:22:22,320

this hearing

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00:22:26,070 --> 00:22:24,880

but others recognized it was meant to

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00:22:28,549 --> 00:22:26,080

ultimately undermine

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00:22:31,669 --> 00:22:28,559

him and perhaps change his status at

648

00:22:34,230 --> 00:22:31,679

harvard altogether perhaps get him fired

649

00:22:36,230 --> 00:22:34,240

and people began to gather around him to

650

00:22:39,350 --> 00:22:36,240

push back against the inquisition style

651  
00:22:40,950 --> 00:22:39,360  
hearing he was being subjected to

652  
00:22:42,390 --> 00:22:40,960  
i want to quote from the book again here

653  
00:22:44,230 --> 00:22:42,400  
where someone said

654  
00:22:46,470 --> 00:22:44,240  
the single most important potential

655  
00:22:48,950 --> 00:22:46,480  
event in the history of the human family

656  
00:22:51,029 --> 00:22:48,960  
in effectuating a transformation of the

657  
00:22:52,870 --> 00:22:51,039  
consciousness of the human family

658  
00:22:55,590 --> 00:22:52,880  
from the present state of our evolution

659  
00:22:57,909 --> 00:22:55,600  
of consciousness to the next

660  
00:22:59,669 --> 00:22:57,919  
he compared max revelations to those of

661  
00:23:01,669 --> 00:22:59,679  
galileo and darwin

662  
00:23:03,510 --> 00:23:01,679  
hailing his challenge of the entire

663  
00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:03,520

newtonian cartesian

664

00:23:07,909 --> 00:23:06,000

scientific materialist paradigm upon

665

00:23:08,789 --> 00:23:07,919

which your critic's very status and

666

00:23:11,270 --> 00:23:08,799

stature

667

00:23:12,230 --> 00:23:11,280

as professionals directly depends

668

00:23:14,149 --> 00:23:12,240

moreover

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00:23:15,990 --> 00:23:14,159

mack was dashing headlong into the

670

00:23:18,230 --> 00:23:16,000

spiritual world of reincarnation

671

00:23:19,270 --> 00:23:18,240

and life after death not to mention

672

00:23:23,029 --> 00:23:19,280

alien human

673

00:23:25,830 --> 00:23:23,039

interbreeding unquote

674

00:23:27,830 --> 00:23:25,840

now because mac now had a robust defense

675

00:23:29,510 --> 00:23:27,840

and many people who came to his aid when

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00:23:31,270 --> 00:23:29,520

they recognized the kind of

677

00:23:33,750 --> 00:23:31,280

inquisition style hearing he was being

678

00:23:36,149 --> 00:23:33,760

subjected to it all came to naught he

679

00:23:36,870 --> 00:23:36,159

basically was given a two-page warning

680

00:23:39,590 --> 00:23:36,880

and that's about

681

00:23:41,110 --> 00:23:39,600

it but even then he was warned about

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00:23:42,630 --> 00:23:41,120

what he did wrong

683

00:23:44,310 --> 00:23:42,640

and i want to quote from the book again

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00:23:47,029 --> 00:23:44,320

here quote as

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00:23:49,029 --> 00:23:47,039

mack walked out in a fog adelstein said

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00:23:51,190 --> 00:23:49,039

that he would not be in this situation

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00:23:52,630 --> 00:23:51,200

if instead of challenging accepted

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00:23:55,029 --> 00:23:52,640

concepts of reality

689

00:23:56,390 --> 00:23:55,039

he had just said he had found a new

690

00:24:01,909 --> 00:23:56,400

psychiatric syndrome

691

00:24:05,430 --> 00:24:04,149

now while that advice slash warning may

692

00:24:08,630 --> 00:24:05,440

very well have been true

693

00:24:10,230 --> 00:24:08,640

that is the real politic of academia

694

00:24:11,909 --> 00:24:10,240

that's the way things roll in those

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00:24:14,070 --> 00:24:11,919

circles it of course

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00:24:16,310 --> 00:24:14,080

flies in the face of the spirit of

697

00:24:16,710 --> 00:24:16,320

science and that's why it's completely

698

00:24:19,430 --> 00:24:16,720

apt

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00:24:22,950 --> 00:24:19,440

that people compared max ordeal to that

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00:24:25,269 --> 00:24:22,960

of darwin and galileo

701  
00:24:26,070 --> 00:24:25,279  
now as time went on mack began to

702  
00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:26,080  
recognize

703  
00:24:29,350 --> 00:24:28,000  
that the abduction phenomenon and the

704  
00:24:31,269 --> 00:24:29,360  
ufo phenomenon

705  
00:24:32,390 --> 00:24:31,279  
the contact with non-human intelligence

706  
00:24:34,789 --> 00:24:32,400  
in general

707  
00:24:37,190 --> 00:24:34,799  
was actually one spoke in a larger hub

708  
00:24:39,430 --> 00:24:37,200  
to do with consciousness itself

709  
00:24:41,750 --> 00:24:39,440  
and his latter years were taken up

710  
00:24:42,710 --> 00:24:41,760  
largely in the study of the continuity

711  
00:24:45,750 --> 00:24:42,720  
of consciousness

712  
00:24:47,269 --> 00:24:45,760  
even life after death and interestingly

713  
00:24:49,350 --> 00:24:47,279

even when mack was killed

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00:24:50,950 --> 00:24:49,360

in a car accident when he was struck by

715

00:24:54,549 --> 00:24:50,960

a car while crossing a road in

716

00:24:57,350 --> 00:24:54,559

england afterwards a seance was arranged

717

00:24:58,470 --> 00:24:57,360

and apparently mack reached out from the

718

00:25:00,789 --> 00:24:58,480

other side

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00:25:02,870 --> 00:25:00,799

and quoting from the book again here

720

00:25:05,350 --> 00:25:02,880

quote two days after mack's death

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00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:05,360

keane said she arranged to seance with

722

00:25:10,230 --> 00:25:07,760

danny's arrival she offered to cancel it

723

00:25:12,950 --> 00:25:10,240

but danny said she should go ahead

724

00:25:14,390 --> 00:25:12,960

john came through he described his death

725

00:25:16,390 --> 00:25:14,400

keane litter reported

726

00:25:17,669 --> 00:25:16,400

in answer to her question max said

727

00:25:19,510 --> 00:25:17,679

according to keane

728

00:25:21,510 --> 00:25:19,520

it was as if i was touched with a

729

00:25:23,669 --> 00:25:21,520

feather i did not feel a thing

730

00:25:24,789 --> 00:25:23,679

i was given a choice should i go or

731

00:25:26,630 --> 00:25:24,799

should i stay

732

00:25:29,110 --> 00:25:26,640

i looked down at my broken body and

733

00:25:32,950 --> 00:25:29,120

decided to go and there was monty

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00:25:36,070 --> 00:25:34,630

and i'd like to make a couple final

735

00:25:37,830 --> 00:25:36,080

points number one

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00:25:39,990 --> 00:25:37,840

you should read this book it is

737

00:25:42,070 --> 00:25:40,000

excellent while john mack

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00:25:43,830 --> 00:25:42,080

is a interesting figure that you'd want

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00:25:45,750 --> 00:25:43,840

to read about anywhere

740

00:25:48,070 --> 00:25:45,760

this book does a particularly good job

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00:25:48,950 --> 00:25:48,080

of describing his life and legacy in a

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00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:48,960

compelling way

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00:25:52,230 --> 00:25:50,640

it's a great read and i could hardly put

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00:25:55,510 --> 00:25:52,240

it down

745

00:25:58,149 --> 00:25:55,520

lastly mack was a trailblazer he had to

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00:26:00,230 --> 00:25:58,159

go where his curiosity led him

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00:26:01,350 --> 00:26:00,240

yet he was also humble enough to be

748

00:26:04,870 --> 00:26:01,360

teachable

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00:26:07,269 --> 00:26:04,880

may that be true for all of us

750

00:26:08,390 --> 00:26:07,279

and on that note we've come to the close

751

00:26:10,870 --> 00:26:08,400

of another edition

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00:26:12,870 --> 00:26:10,880

of the point of convergence podcast

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00:26:16,070 --> 00:26:12,880

let's keep the conversation going

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00:26:17,830 --> 00:26:16,080

and growing but until next time from

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00:26:19,110 --> 00:26:17,840

deep within the blue ridge mountains of