

# Point of Convergence

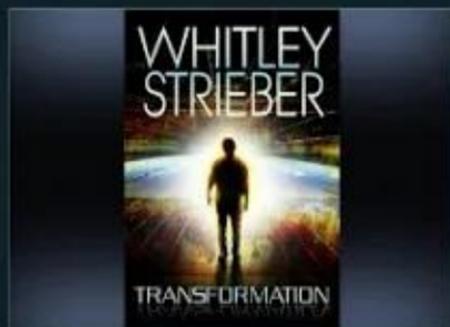
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EPISODE #36

*Transformed by Contact:  
Discussing Whitley Strieber's  
Evolution in Transformation*



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hello and welcome to episode number 36

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of the point of convergence podcast

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as always

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i am your host exo academian

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in the 1980s a book that seemingly came

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out of nowhere a book that the author

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purportedly had a very difficult time

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:28,160

actually finding a publisher for

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took the world by storm the book with

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the provocative title of communion

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:35,520

featured the image of a face of a very

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peculiar creature

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one with an oval head large

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almond-shaped eyes and a decidedly

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:43,040

pointed chin

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00:00:46,709 --> 00:00:44,559

the book was authored by whitley

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strieber a well-known fiction writer of

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the time

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a writer who had numerous well-received

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and best-selling titles under his belt

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by the time communion was published

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the image on the cover of communion of

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course went on to become the

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quintessential face of the alien all

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over the world

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00:01:08,870 --> 00:01:06,080

partly because shockingly that face bore

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strange uncanny and too many

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:11,760

disconcerting familiarity for people all

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while many might at first have assumed

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that communion was a one-off a book

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describing one man's one-time harrowing

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tale of an encounter was supposedly

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alien or at least decidedly non-human

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00:01:32,310 --> 00:01:30,000

intelligent entities

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00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:32,320

nothing could be further from the truth

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00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:34,799

in reality stripper continued to have

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:37,040

ongoing encounters with these seemingly

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00:01:40,870 --> 00:01:38,880

otherworldly entities

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00:01:42,550 --> 00:01:40,880

encounters that were filled to the brim

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00:01:45,910 --> 00:01:42,560

with elements of what has come to be

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00:01:47,670 --> 00:01:45,920

referred to as high strangeness

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,680

furthermore as Strieber sought to

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00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:49,680

grapple with the nature and meaning of

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00:01:54,630 --> 00:01:52,320

these encounters he began to realize

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00:01:57,350 --> 00:01:54,640

there was a peculiar familiarity to

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00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:57,360

these visitors as he came to call them

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00:02:00,310 --> 00:01:59,119

that stretched well back into his

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childhood

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even though he had repressed much of

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00:02:07,190 --> 00:02:05,040  
those memories in his early adult life

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00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:07,200  
now it was all coming flooding back

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00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:09,280  
making the entire matter all the more

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00:02:18,550 --> 00:02:15,430  
streeper followed communion with a

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00:02:20,869 --> 00:02:18,560  
second book titled transformation that

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in my opinion is even more enthralling

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00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:22,480  
than its predecessor

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00:02:26,949 --> 00:02:24,400  
because it involves a degree of

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perspective and clarity that was simply

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00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:29,280  
unavailable to the author at the time he

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00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:30,959  
penned the first book

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in transformation strieber not only

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describes the bizarre and sometimes

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terrifying nature of the encounters he

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had and continued to have

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but he begins to offer a kind of

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response at first somewhat feeble but

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growing in intensity and boldness as the

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months rolled on and the events

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00:02:53,910 --> 00:02:51,760

continued happening

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it is not a stress to describe the kind

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of interaction that strieber began to

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have with the visitors as relationship

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though of a kind that continued to feel

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decidedly one-sided for some time to

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come

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and while the sheer ontological shock

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00:03:13,190 --> 00:03:10,319

and discombobulation involved with these

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encounters continued to elicit a kind of

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primal terror in strieber

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he began slowly but surely to carve out

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a kind of mutuality in the experience

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eventually even discerning that these

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visitors weren't coming to hurt him but

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who were these visitors what was their

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intention why had they chosen him

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and what did this mean not just for his

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future but for the future of the human

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species

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00:03:47,190 --> 00:03:45,040

these are all questions that strieber

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00:03:50,229 --> 00:03:47,200

wrestled with in his engaging and

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00:03:52,390 --> 00:03:50,239

thought provoking book transformation

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00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:52,400

and we'll endeavor to do the same in

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00:03:59,580 --> 00:03:55,200

this the 36th episode of the point of

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now when it comes to strieber's books

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and especially his first three books

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that dealt with the ufo phenomenon

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namely communion transformation the book

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we'll discuss today as well as the third

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book in this series breakthrough i have

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a decided fondness for those three books

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00:04:25,590 --> 00:04:23,520  
and that's because these are the books

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00:04:29,270 --> 00:04:25,600  
that first got me interested in this

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00:04:31,350 --> 00:04:29,280  
topic way back in the late 1990s

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00:04:33,909 --> 00:04:31,360  
it was interesting because at the time i

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00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:33,919  
was enthralled by his tale but also

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:35,840  
being much younger and much less

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sophisticated had a hard time making

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00:04:42,390 --> 00:04:39,759  
sense of the

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00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:42,400  
non-nuts and bolts kind of narrative and

112  
00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:46,880  
how much of it was ethereal in nature

113  
00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:49,600

now clearly whitley strieber is a very

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00:04:54,230 --> 00:04:51,680

central figure when it comes to the ufo

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00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:54,240

phenomenon he is probably the most

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00:04:58,629 --> 00:04:56,639

famous abductee ever

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00:05:01,189 --> 00:04:58,639

and his books the initial three books

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did a lot to establish that

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of course strieber has also paid quite a

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price for coming out as an experiencer

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as a contactee

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abductee

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initially these books were bestsellers

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but over time people began to question

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his sanity or even worse questioned

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whether or not he was being honest and

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sincere or if he was just using his

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imagination to paint the tapestry of

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these books

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clearly he was being honest and he has

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stuck to his story all through history

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since then

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00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:34,080

and i would like to return to streeper's

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00:05:38,950 --> 00:05:36,080

accounts numerous times he's written

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00:05:41,909 --> 00:05:38,960

many books to do with the ufo phenomenon

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and specifically his experiences with it

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and we'll dive into those different

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00:05:48,710 --> 00:05:46,320

books and see how his perspective grows

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00:05:50,390 --> 00:05:48,720

and evolves over time

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but today we're going to discuss the

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second book of the original trilogy the

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book transformation and as i said in at

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the outset

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already we see that strieber is evolving

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now some people actually criticize

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strieber's work because it is so

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colorful and so articulate that makes

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people draw the conclusion especially

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people of a more nuts and bolts variety

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that he's embellishing if not outright

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00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:21,600  
making this up

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00:06:26,070 --> 00:06:23,520  
but clearly he is recounting his

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00:06:28,309 --> 00:06:26,080  
experiences to the best of his ability

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00:06:30,790 --> 00:06:28,319  
what i appreciate and i would suggest we

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00:06:33,590 --> 00:06:30,800  
should all appreciate is that because he

156  
00:06:36,950 --> 00:06:33,600  
is an author and he is articulate that

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00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:36,960  
he can put pen to paper and describe

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00:06:42,070 --> 00:06:39,199  
these experiences in a very realistic

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00:06:44,870 --> 00:06:42,080  
way even though the experiences are so

160  
00:06:46,870 --> 00:06:44,880  
bewildering that is just the nature of

161  
00:06:48,629 --> 00:06:46,880  
these kinds of encounters and we should

162  
00:06:53,830 --> 00:06:48,639  
be thankful that we have someone as

163  
00:06:58,469 --> 00:06:55,589

the other thing i would point out in

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defense of strewber's credibility is

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much of what he wrote back in the 1980s

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was new it was novel people hadn't heard

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of this

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and they assumed again some of his

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critics assumed that he was making it up

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or embellishing it

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but what speaks to his credibility is

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that since then people all around the

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world have recounted very similar

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incidents very similar encounters

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strikingly so

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so clearly that points to a picture of

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this happening on a worldwide basis to

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many many people in fact we'll talk

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about just how many people later on

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00:07:37,909 --> 00:07:35,759

but again the fact that strieber is

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actually not unusual is what's

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interesting here

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he's one of many many people who've had

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these encounters

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all through his lifetime indeed going

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okay and with that preamble done let's

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now jump into the book transformation

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this is what stripper has to say about

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what's been happening to him

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quote

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i have been deep into the dark and found

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extraordinary things there

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the visitors did not go away when i

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finished communion

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00:08:13,749 --> 00:08:11,440

on the contrary they came rushing into

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00:08:15,749 --> 00:08:13,759

my life and would not stop

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00:08:18,150 --> 00:08:15,759

my experience has come to include too

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many witnesses for me to consider that

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it is internal to my mind

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i believe that the vivid and startling

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nature of a number of the witnesses

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experiences and the credibility of the

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witnesses all but proves my contention

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00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:33,360  
that the visitors are a genuine unknown

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00:08:37,430 --> 00:08:35,760  
and not an outcome of hallucination or

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00:08:39,909 --> 00:08:37,440  
mental illness

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even the most skeptical and vociferous

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00:08:44,149 --> 00:08:42,320  
of my critics has publicly admitted that

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00:08:46,550 --> 00:08:44,159  
i am not lying

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00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:46,560  
short of actual physical evidence i

211  
00:08:50,949 --> 00:08:48,000  
think that i have gone as far as

212  
00:08:56,150 --> 00:08:50,959  
possible to demonstrate the reality of

213  
00:08:58,949 --> 00:08:57,750

now just a couple notes about what we

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just read

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number one the visitors didn't stop when

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he finished writing communion clearly

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they continued to come the visitations

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you might call them continued and they

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showed up in very discombobulating ways

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bizarre ways that i think will stretch

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your imagination stretch your ability to

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understand and that's just the nature of

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these experiences they're extremely

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bizarre

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now on top of that what's clear from

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what we just read is that strieber

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remember this is back in the 1980s at

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that time had to go out of his way to

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demonstrate his mental stability and to

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try and demonstrate that he was not

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embellishing or being fraudulent in

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putting this forward as a real story a

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true story that was actually happening

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to him and his family

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and we're reminded that all experiencers

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tend to have to go through this that in

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addition to being

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shocked and in some degree of

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horror over what's happening because

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again initially the ontological shock is

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front and center

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in addition to that which is already so

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much to deal with

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people often find that they're not

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believed people just assume in our

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culture especially in academia or in

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mainstream media

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that these kinds of things just can't

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happen that's finally beginning to

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change now somewhat that's loosened up a

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bit now but we're reminded that strieber

252  
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was dealing with all of this in the

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pioneering times you might call it back

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in the late 1980s when all of this was

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now on plenty of previous episodes of

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this podcast i've discussed the

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ontological shock aspect that's the term

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that john mack originally used to

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describe what people go through

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00:10:51,269 --> 00:10:48,800  
another word to put it simply is terror

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00:10:53,590 --> 00:10:51,279  
these are terrifying encounters

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00:10:55,590 --> 00:10:53,600  
and what we'll find with strieber is

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00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:55,600

that it's not because necessarily they

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are dangerous literally

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but rather that they are just so

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00:11:05,670 --> 00:11:02,959  
different the experience is so different

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00:11:08,069 --> 00:11:05,680  
and they look so terrifying to us with

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00:11:10,310 --> 00:11:08,079  
our kind of monkey brain that responds

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with fight or flight when something

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looks insectoid but whether it's three

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feet tall or seven feet tall that's

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00:11:19,990 --> 00:11:17,600  
going to scare you

273

00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:20,000  
as much as i'm aware of this

274

00:11:24,949 --> 00:11:22,160  
still today if i see a certain kind of

275

00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:24,959  
spider beyond a certain size i do not

276

00:11:30,710 --> 00:11:27,279

have a good response this is very much

277

00:11:33,110 --> 00:11:30,720

ingrained in our evolutionary biology

278

00:11:35,030 --> 00:11:33,120

and that's why people have this initial

279

00:11:37,750 --> 00:11:35,040

ontological shock

280

00:11:38,710 --> 00:11:37,760

now that being the case strieber and his

281

00:11:39,750 --> 00:11:38,720

family

282

00:11:41,110 --> 00:11:39,760

because they were having these

283

00:11:42,389 --> 00:11:41,120

encounters and they knew they weren't

284

00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:42,399

going to go away

285

00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:44,880

decided rather than cowering in fear

286

00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,560

they were going to try and meet these

287

00:11:54,710 --> 00:11:48,720

experiences head on

288

00:11:59,430 --> 00:11:57,030

my wife and i had seriously considered

289

00:12:01,509 --> 00:11:59,440

abandoning the cabin but the more we

290

00:12:03,990 --> 00:12:01,519

became convinced that the experience

291

00:12:07,350 --> 00:12:04,000

might possibly be real the more we

292

00:12:09,509 --> 00:12:07,360

became determined not to run from it

293

00:12:11,829 --> 00:12:09,519

what if they were aliens if they were

294

00:12:13,190 --> 00:12:11,839

real we could not in conscience turn

295

00:12:15,590 --> 00:12:13,200

away from them

296

00:12:20,310 --> 00:12:15,600

they were terrifying but we were very

297

00:12:25,430 --> 00:12:22,629

now again what we hear in what i just

298

00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:25,440

read is that strieber and his wife are

299

00:12:31,350 --> 00:12:28,079

still wrestling with the nature of these

300

00:12:32,310 --> 00:12:31,360

experiences how quote unquote real are

301  
00:12:34,550 --> 00:12:32,320  
they

302  
00:12:36,629 --> 00:12:34,560  
again this is back in the 1980s before

303  
00:12:37,750 --> 00:12:36,639  
there was a really well-established

304  
00:12:40,150 --> 00:12:37,760  
literature

305  
00:12:42,870 --> 00:12:40,160  
behind this phenomenon so they were

306  
00:12:44,629 --> 00:12:42,880  
wrestling in the dark to some degree

307  
00:12:45,910 --> 00:12:44,639  
not having a lot of people to compare

308  
00:12:48,150 --> 00:12:45,920  
notes with

309  
00:12:50,230 --> 00:12:48,160  
imagine how much more discombobulating

310  
00:12:53,030 --> 00:12:50,240  
that must have been to have to question

311  
00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:53,040  
your own sanity on a daily basis and

312  
00:12:56,310 --> 00:12:54,959  
that was the reality for them for some

313  
00:12:58,470 --> 00:12:56,320

period of time

314

00:13:00,870 --> 00:12:58,480

especially for whitley who is having the

315

00:13:02,389 --> 00:13:00,880

majority of the experiences

316

00:13:04,470 --> 00:13:02,399

again just think of that whenever you

317

00:13:07,190 --> 00:13:04,480

think about what experiencers tend to go

318

00:13:09,990 --> 00:13:07,200

through

319

00:13:12,949 --> 00:13:10,000

now i'm sure we would all applaud their

320

00:13:15,670 --> 00:13:12,959

courage whitley and his wife anne in

321

00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:15,680

deciding to meet this head-on to not run

322

00:13:18,949 --> 00:13:17,120

from it

323

00:13:21,910 --> 00:13:18,959

of course it's one thing when you and

324

00:13:24,629 --> 00:13:21,920

your adult spouse are going through this

325

00:13:27,269 --> 00:13:24,639

what becomes very troubling to both of

326

00:13:29,750 --> 00:13:27,279

them is that it becomes clear over time

327

00:13:32,230 --> 00:13:29,760

that their son andrew is also

328

00:13:34,870 --> 00:13:32,240

experiencing the phenomenon

329

00:13:37,030 --> 00:13:34,880

indeed it appears that he himself is

330

00:13:38,550 --> 00:13:37,040

being abducted as well

331

00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:38,560

and of course we're very familiar with

332

00:13:43,829 --> 00:13:41,199

this on this podcast there is a long

333

00:13:46,550 --> 00:13:43,839

history of multi-generational

334

00:13:49,110 --> 00:13:46,560

contact experiences and this indeed

335

00:13:50,629 --> 00:13:49,120

happened with the streeters as well

336

00:13:53,110 --> 00:13:50,639

and now i'd like to quote from a section

337

00:13:58,310 --> 00:13:53,120

of the book where strieber wakes up to

338

00:14:03,189 --> 00:14:00,470

and just to paint a really clear picture

339

00:14:05,990 --> 00:14:03,199

here this is the middle of the night at

340

00:14:08,150 --> 00:14:06,000

the cabin in new york state so their

341

00:14:09,590 --> 00:14:08,160

sons certainly should be in his bed fast

342

00:14:11,750 --> 00:14:09,600

asleep

343

00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:11,760

quoting from the book quote

344

00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:14,000

i seized on a last faint hope and

345

00:14:18,790 --> 00:14:16,800

decided to look outside the previous

346

00:14:21,430 --> 00:14:18,800

summer we bought andrew a tent from

347

00:14:23,750 --> 00:14:21,440

sears it was set up in the woods not far

348

00:14:24,550 --> 00:14:23,760

from the house maybe he had gone out

349

00:14:26,389 --> 00:14:24,560

there

350

00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:26,399

but leaving the house in the dark and

351  
00:14:30,470 --> 00:14:28,560  
going through the woods to the tent was

352  
00:14:31,910 --> 00:14:30,480  
literally the last thing i could imagine

353  
00:14:33,750 --> 00:14:31,920  
him doing

354  
00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:33,760  
even though he'd been told little about

355  
00:14:39,350 --> 00:14:36,480  
the visitors he'd had his own possible

356  
00:14:41,430 --> 00:14:39,360  
encounters and he was very nervous after

357  
00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:41,440  
dark the poor kid

358  
00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:44,160  
i ran out the door so great was my hope

359  
00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:46,320  
of finding him i hadn't grabbed a

360  
00:14:51,030 --> 00:14:48,800  
flashlight and it was very dark i went

361  
00:14:52,870 --> 00:14:51,040  
to the end of the porch thinking to walk

362  
00:14:56,629 --> 00:14:52,880  
near the road where the trees were

363  
00:15:00,790 --> 00:14:58,710

that way i could see and i'd get to the

364

00:15:02,790 --> 00:15:00,800

tent without risking a fall

365

00:15:04,790 --> 00:15:02,800

i jumped down off the end of the porch

366

00:15:06,310 --> 00:15:04,800

and started toward the road

367

00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:06,320

above me there was quite a broad

368

00:15:10,949 --> 00:15:09,040

expansive sky and as i heard along i

369

00:15:13,189 --> 00:15:10,959

noticed something moving there

370

00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:13,199

i stopped and looked up confused by the

371

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:15,040

suggestion of motion where there

372

00:15:19,350 --> 00:15:16,480

shouldn't be any

373

00:15:21,350 --> 00:15:19,360

what i saw was absolutely stunning a

374

00:15:23,829 --> 00:15:21,360

cold shock went through my body and my

375

00:15:25,670 --> 00:15:23,839

heart started running in my chest

376

00:15:27,750 --> 00:15:25,680

in that instant i was swept from the

377

00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:27,760

real world and back into the fearsome

378

00:15:33,189 --> 00:15:30,800

strangeness that had been assaulting us

379

00:15:35,350 --> 00:15:33,199

what i saw in the sky apparently no more

380

00:15:40,230 --> 00:15:35,360

than a few hundred feet above treetop

381

00:15:41,990 --> 00:15:40,240

level was a gigantic blackness

382

00:15:44,790 --> 00:15:42,000

it covered easily a third of the

383

00:15:47,749 --> 00:15:44,800

firmament blotting out the stars it was

384

00:15:50,150 --> 00:15:47,759

simply immense a featureless void it

385

00:15:52,389 --> 00:15:50,160

showed no lights it didn't glow it was a

386

00:15:54,629 --> 00:15:52,399

black place in the sky

387

00:15:57,110 --> 00:15:54,639

it could as easily have been a hole in

388

00:15:58,389 --> 00:15:57,120

the real as a disk hanging silently in

389

00:16:00,310 --> 00:15:58,399

the air

390

00:16:03,110 --> 00:16:00,320

the movement i had detected was the

391

00:16:05,269 --> 00:16:03,120

prick of stars winking in and out as the

392

00:16:07,749 --> 00:16:05,279

border of the thing moved

393

00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:07,759

i thought it was a cloud its wide

394

00:16:13,189 --> 00:16:10,720

curving edge was very sheer but surely

395

00:16:14,550 --> 00:16:13,199

that could be accounted for by some wind

396

00:16:17,350 --> 00:16:14,560

phenomenon

397

00:16:19,829 --> 00:16:17,360

the cloud moved as i moved so exactly in

398

00:16:22,550 --> 00:16:19,839

synchronization with me that it seemed

399

00:16:25,269 --> 00:16:22,560

oddly connected to me it was as if this

400

00:16:26,790 --> 00:16:25,279

entire huge object were linked to my

401  
00:16:28,550 --> 00:16:26,800  
motions

402  
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:28,560  
of course the moon will do that behind

403  
00:16:31,990 --> 00:16:29,920  
the trees

404  
00:16:33,749 --> 00:16:32,000  
but i was seeing the object not against

405  
00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:33,759  
nearer trees but against the more

406  
00:16:37,829 --> 00:16:35,360  
distant stars

407  
00:16:41,990 --> 00:16:37,839  
thus the movement either was actual or

408  
00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:42,000  
was violating a law of perspective

409  
00:16:46,389 --> 00:16:44,240  
i didn't much care which it was i was

410  
00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:46,399  
going to turn and walk away from it then

411  
00:16:50,870 --> 00:16:48,720  
into the woods toward the tent

412  
00:16:53,430 --> 00:16:50,880  
suddenly i heard a voice clear in the

413  
00:16:56,470 --> 00:16:53,440

silence can you go back upstairs by

414

00:16:58,629 --> 00:16:56,480

yourself or do you want us to help you

415

00:16:59,749 --> 00:16:58,639

it wasn't overly loud but it shattered

416

00:17:02,230 --> 00:16:59,759

the quiet

417

00:17:03,590 --> 00:17:02,240

i stopped frightened not sure where it

418

00:17:05,990 --> 00:17:03,600

had come from

419

00:17:08,710 --> 00:17:06,000

on the far side of the road i saw three

420

00:17:10,870 --> 00:17:08,720

black shapes hanging above the brush

421

00:17:13,270 --> 00:17:10,880

they were blocky and small

422

00:17:14,390 --> 00:17:13,280

as if covered by black or dark blue

423

00:17:16,870 --> 00:17:14,400

sheets

424

00:17:18,870 --> 00:17:16,880

that voice had been so final so

425

00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:18,880

absolutely authoritative and so

426  
00:17:23,029 --> 00:17:20,480  
implacable

427  
00:17:25,990 --> 00:17:23,039  
suddenly i realized what was happening

428  
00:17:29,270 --> 00:17:26,000  
that was a gigantic unknown object up

429  
00:17:31,750 --> 00:17:29,280  
there and my son must be in it i had

430  
00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:31,760  
interrupted the visitors in the middle

431  
00:17:38,230 --> 00:17:34,960  
of one of their abductions

432  
00:17:40,470 --> 00:17:38,240  
unquote now clearly we can all relate to

433  
00:17:42,070 --> 00:17:40,480  
how this must have felt you would feel

434  
00:17:45,270 --> 00:17:42,080  
so powerless

435  
00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:45,280  
as a parent to know that your child

436  
00:17:49,669 --> 00:17:47,120  
may well be in the middle of an

437  
00:17:52,070 --> 00:17:49,679  
abduction experience it's one thing to

438  
00:17:53,830 --> 00:17:52,080

wake up the next day and have suspicion

439

00:17:55,029 --> 00:17:53,840

because of some things that don't line

440

00:17:56,950 --> 00:17:55,039

up quite right

441

00:17:59,750 --> 00:17:56,960

but here strieber wakes up in the middle

442

00:18:03,029 --> 00:17:59,760

of the night finds his child gone

443

00:18:05,110 --> 00:18:03,039

goes outside sees objects ufos

444

00:18:07,669 --> 00:18:05,120

apparently in the sky silhouetted

445

00:18:11,110 --> 00:18:07,679

against the blanket of stars

446

00:18:13,830 --> 00:18:11,120

and realizes his son is likely in one of

447

00:18:16,230 --> 00:18:13,840

those craft right now just like he had

448

00:18:18,390 --> 00:18:16,240

been many many times

449

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:18,400

and on top of that you have a voice

450

00:18:23,990 --> 00:18:21,440

telepathically that speaks to him

451  
00:18:26,390 --> 00:18:24,000  
really an astounding experience

452  
00:18:27,669 --> 00:18:26,400  
what's even more interesting is what he

453  
00:18:29,590 --> 00:18:27,679  
then does

454  
00:18:31,350 --> 00:18:29,600  
and it's a combination of feeling

455  
00:18:32,470 --> 00:18:31,360  
powerless that clearly they are the ones

456  
00:18:34,950 --> 00:18:32,480  
in control

457  
00:18:37,590 --> 00:18:34,960  
but also we see hints here that they can

458  
00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:37,600  
control his behavior which we've talked

459  
00:18:44,789 --> 00:18:43,830  
quoting from later in that same section

460  
00:18:46,470 --> 00:18:44,799  
quote

461  
00:18:49,510 --> 00:18:46,480  
remembering what they had wanted me to

462  
00:18:51,909 --> 00:18:49,520  
do i marched upstairs like a soldier

463  
00:18:54,710 --> 00:18:51,919

i was perishing inside i went over to

464

00:18:56,470 --> 00:18:54,720

the bed and sat down on it i sensed that

465

00:18:58,710 --> 00:18:56,480

they were in the bedroom with me but

466

00:19:00,630 --> 00:18:58,720

that didn't seem to matter i might as

467

00:19:02,950 --> 00:19:00,640

well have been paralyzed for all the

468

00:19:05,430 --> 00:19:02,960

control i had over myself

469

00:19:08,310 --> 00:19:05,440

this was a subtle thing though on the

470

00:19:11,270 --> 00:19:08,320

surface i felt normal it was just that i

471

00:19:13,270 --> 00:19:11,280

was walking across a room going to bed

472

00:19:15,990 --> 00:19:13,280

when alarms were screaming in my mind

473

00:19:17,669 --> 00:19:16,000

that something had happened to my child

474

00:19:19,430 --> 00:19:17,679

it was as if somebody else were

475

00:19:21,590 --> 00:19:19,440

controlling my body

476  
00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:21,600  
and yet i did not feel as though i was

477  
00:19:26,150 --> 00:19:24,000  
struggling i threw off my robe and

478  
00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:26,160  
slippers laid down in bed and felt the

479  
00:19:29,990 --> 00:19:28,240  
most wonderful sensation of warmth

480  
00:19:32,230 --> 00:19:30,000  
spread over my body

481  
00:19:37,430 --> 00:19:32,240  
helplessly i was swept off into a

482  
00:19:42,470 --> 00:19:39,590  
now you can imagine striper's relief

483  
00:19:43,830 --> 00:19:42,480  
when the next morning he finds his son

484  
00:19:46,390 --> 00:19:43,840  
back in bed

485  
00:19:48,390 --> 00:19:46,400  
and he seems no worse for the wear when

486  
00:19:51,270 --> 00:19:48,400  
he wakes up he's full of energy he's

487  
00:19:54,470 --> 00:19:51,280  
very chipper his usual self so this was

488  
00:19:56,390 --> 00:19:54,480

of course very relieving to strieber

489

00:19:58,549 --> 00:19:56,400

they have an interesting

490

00:19:59,750 --> 00:19:58,559

conversation though later on he and his

491

00:20:01,909 --> 00:19:59,760

son

492

00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:01,919

and stripper talks about that and again

493

00:20:07,350 --> 00:20:04,480

here we see how people wrestle with the

494

00:20:09,750 --> 00:20:07,360

nature of these experiences in what

495

00:20:13,510 --> 00:20:09,760

state of mind do they actually happen to

496

00:20:16,149 --> 00:20:13,520

what degree are they actually real

497

00:20:18,870 --> 00:20:16,159

quoting from the book quote we were out

498

00:20:21,029 --> 00:20:18,880

on the deck together just after sunset

499

00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:21,039

andrew looked toward the woods

500

00:20:25,110 --> 00:20:23,200

you know i had a funny dream last night

501  
00:20:27,830 --> 00:20:25,120  
i dreamed i was floating in the woods

502  
00:20:30,149 --> 00:20:27,840  
and this huge eye was looking down at me

503  
00:20:31,750 --> 00:20:30,159  
it was funny it was like it was real but

504  
00:20:33,590 --> 00:20:31,760  
it was a dream

505  
00:20:36,630 --> 00:20:33,600  
he looked at the shadows some of them

506  
00:20:38,870 --> 00:20:36,640  
already deep wasn't it a dream dad

507  
00:20:40,950 --> 00:20:38,880  
what do you want to think

508  
00:20:43,110 --> 00:20:40,960  
i want to think a dream

509  
00:20:45,510 --> 00:20:43,120  
that sounds good to me then

510  
00:20:47,590 --> 00:20:45,520  
like so many of us he had chosen to

511  
00:20:51,029 --> 00:20:47,600  
protect himself from the reality of the

512  
00:20:55,270 --> 00:20:51,039  
visitors by calling them a dream

513  
00:20:58,789 --> 00:20:56,710

and by the way that's a further

514

00:21:01,110 --> 00:20:58,799

distinction that we should make here

515

00:21:03,510 --> 00:21:01,120

in addition to it being difficult to

516

00:21:05,029 --> 00:21:03,520

determine the nature of the reality of

517

00:21:07,510 --> 00:21:05,039

these experiences

518

00:21:10,470 --> 00:21:07,520

of course people don't want to eagerly

519

00:21:13,430 --> 00:21:10,480

assume that these are real because it

520

00:21:15,909 --> 00:21:13,440

throws off your entire understanding of

521

00:21:17,830 --> 00:21:15,919

reality of what's supposed to happen in

522

00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:17,840

our normal waking state

523

00:21:22,470 --> 00:21:20,240

so some people many people in fact

524

00:21:23,750 --> 00:21:22,480

assume it's a dream for a long period of

525

00:21:27,110 --> 00:21:23,760

time indeed

526

00:21:29,750 --> 00:21:27,120

it's usually only when certain

527

00:21:32,310 --> 00:21:29,760

factors show up that you really cannot

528

00:21:35,110 --> 00:21:32,320

dismiss that demonstrate that something

529

00:21:37,909 --> 00:21:35,120

is happening in manifest reality

530

00:21:40,230 --> 00:21:37,919

it's only then when no other option

531

00:21:43,270 --> 00:21:40,240

seems to be on the table anymore that

532

00:21:45,750 --> 00:21:43,280

experiencers often face the fact

533

00:21:50,950 --> 00:21:45,760

finally that these things are really

534

00:21:55,990 --> 00:21:53,669

that said as i pointed out before

535

00:21:58,710 --> 00:21:56,000

we should not dismiss encounters that

536

00:22:01,190 --> 00:21:58,720

seem to happen in a kind of dream state

537

00:22:03,110 --> 00:22:01,200

or in an altered state of consciousness

538

00:22:04,789 --> 00:22:03,120

in fact there's plenty of evidence as

539

00:22:07,750 --> 00:22:04,799

i've discussed before

540

00:22:10,630 --> 00:22:07,760

that the others many of them anyway

541

00:22:12,149 --> 00:22:10,640

may most often dwell in these other

542

00:22:14,310 --> 00:22:12,159

realms these other states of

543

00:22:16,870 --> 00:22:14,320

consciousness it may be in some

544

00:22:20,230 --> 00:22:16,880

in-between kind of state or place or

545

00:22:22,310 --> 00:22:20,240

realm that we encounter them so again we

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00:22:24,710 --> 00:22:22,320

need to learn to not dismiss these

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00:22:29,669 --> 00:22:24,720

accounts even if they do seem to happen

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00:22:35,830 --> 00:22:32,710

now as i said earlier what's so

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00:22:37,270 --> 00:22:35,840

interesting and fascinating and telling

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00:22:39,270 --> 00:22:37,280

about

551  
00:22:41,909 --> 00:22:39,280  
streeper's account in this book and

552  
00:22:45,029 --> 00:22:41,919  
others is that this is actually quite

553  
00:22:46,310 --> 00:22:45,039  
typical for contactees abductees

554  
00:22:48,230 --> 00:22:46,320  
experiencers

555  
00:22:49,510 --> 00:22:48,240  
they have to wrestle with these matters

556  
00:22:52,070 --> 00:22:49,520  
all of them

557  
00:22:54,710 --> 00:22:52,080  
and of course how other people respond

558  
00:22:56,630 --> 00:22:54,720  
is a big part of the challenge people

559  
00:22:59,750 --> 00:22:56,640  
don't want their

560  
00:23:01,190 --> 00:22:59,760  
safe familiar understanding of reality

561  
00:23:03,430 --> 00:23:01,200  
questioned

562  
00:23:05,430 --> 00:23:03,440  
and stripper talks about running into

563  
00:23:07,510 --> 00:23:05,440

this quite often

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00:23:08,630 --> 00:23:07,520

quoting from a later section of the book

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00:23:11,270 --> 00:23:08,640

quote

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00:23:13,350 --> 00:23:11,280

author mark cramer who is a very careful

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00:23:16,149 --> 00:23:13,360

and rigorous intellectual and a true

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00:23:18,070 --> 00:23:16,159

gentleman listened with interest

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00:23:20,710 --> 00:23:18,080

when he began to perceive that what i

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00:23:22,789 --> 00:23:20,720

was telling him suggested that revision

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00:23:25,270 --> 00:23:22,799

of our fundamental understanding of the

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00:23:27,990 --> 00:23:25,280

world would be in order were the

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00:23:30,070 --> 00:23:28,000

visitors found to be external to us he

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00:23:33,430 --> 00:23:30,080

began to feel strongly that my

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00:23:35,990 --> 00:23:33,440

perceptions had to be seated in my mind

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00:23:37,270 --> 00:23:36,000

he remained concerned and friendly

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00:23:39,350 --> 00:23:37,280

although there were people at the

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00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:39,360

conference who were more comfortable

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00:23:45,269 --> 00:23:42,480

with the problems my story presented

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00:23:49,669 --> 00:23:47,029

so this is an important point that we

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00:23:52,310 --> 00:23:49,679

really should be cognizant of

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00:23:54,310 --> 00:23:52,320

it's not just that non-experiencers

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00:23:56,710 --> 00:23:54,320

sometimes assume that these kinds of

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00:23:59,190 --> 00:23:56,720

things can't happen to people

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00:24:01,830 --> 00:23:59,200

but the truth is they don't want them to

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00:24:04,950 --> 00:24:01,840

be possible and they will dismiss them

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00:24:07,990 --> 00:24:04,960

because if they don't it begins to tear

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00:24:10,710 --> 00:24:08,000

apart the fabric of our understanding of

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00:24:13,830 --> 00:24:10,720

the real world of what we can trust as

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00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:13,840

being the nature of reality itself

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00:24:21,110 --> 00:24:16,080

that's where you end up inevitably when

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00:24:27,190 --> 00:24:23,909

now again as i said in the introduction

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00:24:29,830 --> 00:24:27,200

i first read these three books communion

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00:24:32,710 --> 00:24:29,840

transformation and breakthrough back in

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00:24:34,310 --> 00:24:32,720

the late 90s and of course it was all

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00:24:36,870 --> 00:24:34,320

new to me then

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00:24:39,830 --> 00:24:36,880

of course now with the

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00:24:42,789 --> 00:24:39,840

hindsight i have i can see that really

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00:24:44,870 --> 00:24:42,799

what street is describing is very common

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00:24:48,549 --> 00:24:44,880

very typical for people who have

601  
00:24:50,390 --> 00:24:48,559  
experiences with the ufo phenomenon

602  
00:24:52,549 --> 00:24:50,400  
interestingly what people often

603  
00:24:55,269 --> 00:24:52,559  
experience is that while they have

604  
00:24:57,590 --> 00:24:55,279  
profound experiences ultimately they're

605  
00:25:00,070 --> 00:24:57,600  
also terrifying this is part of the

606  
00:25:01,750 --> 00:25:00,080  
strangeness the paradox of these kinds

607  
00:25:04,070 --> 00:25:01,760  
of encounters

608  
00:25:06,230 --> 00:25:04,080  
you want them when they're gone but when

609  
00:25:08,710 --> 00:25:06,240  
they show up it's terrifying

610  
00:25:10,549 --> 00:25:08,720  
ontologically shocking this is something

611  
00:25:12,070 --> 00:25:10,559  
that almost every experiencer is

612  
00:25:14,470 --> 00:25:12,080  
familiar with

613  
00:25:16,870 --> 00:25:14,480

and strieber talks about this

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00:25:19,269 --> 00:25:16,880

quoting from the book again quote

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00:25:21,750 --> 00:25:19,279

my responses to the visitors were always

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00:25:24,789 --> 00:25:21,760

visceral i would wake up and glare into

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00:25:27,990 --> 00:25:24,799

the night like an uneasy animal i would

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00:25:30,630 --> 00:25:28,000

vacillate between dread and longing

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00:25:33,029 --> 00:25:30,640

usually longing for them during the day

620

00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:33,039

and dreading them at night

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00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:38,630

now something else that we've touched on

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00:25:41,830 --> 00:25:40,320

with the point of convergence podcast

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00:25:45,430 --> 00:25:41,840

many times

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00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:45,440

is the strange fact that people who have

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00:25:50,149 --> 00:25:47,840

these experiences with the others in

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00:25:52,390 --> 00:25:50,159

that realm that seems to somehow be

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00:25:54,870 --> 00:25:52,400

different than normal reality almost

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00:25:57,269 --> 00:25:54,880

like a matrix like reality

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00:26:00,070 --> 00:25:57,279

they find these experiences somehow feel

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00:26:01,510 --> 00:26:00,080

more real than here

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00:26:03,669 --> 00:26:01,520

that when they wake up into their

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00:26:05,669 --> 00:26:03,679

everyday waking experience that the rest

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00:26:07,909 --> 00:26:05,679

of us are in all the time

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00:26:10,310 --> 00:26:07,919

this somehow feels less real less

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00:26:11,909 --> 00:26:10,320

substantial than what they just had

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00:26:13,110 --> 00:26:11,919

experienced that often is the case

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00:26:15,350 --> 00:26:13,120

anyway

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00:26:16,230 --> 00:26:15,360

and stripper talks about this

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00:26:18,390 --> 00:26:16,240

quote

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00:26:21,669 --> 00:26:18,400

i was aware that what i was observing

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00:26:25,350 --> 00:26:21,679

had a very unusual texture it was not as

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00:26:28,549 --> 00:26:25,360

steady as life but seemed more real

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00:26:30,549 --> 00:26:28,559

colors sounds all were heightened it is

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00:26:32,710 --> 00:26:30,559

hard to describe the effect

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00:26:34,870 --> 00:26:32,720

except to say that by comparison my

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00:26:39,269 --> 00:26:34,880

ordinary waking perception

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00:26:42,149 --> 00:26:39,279

seemed like clouded water unquote

648

00:26:45,590 --> 00:26:42,159

now if you've read stripers books you'll

649

00:26:48,870 --> 00:26:45,600

also find a very strange phenomena shows

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00:26:52,070 --> 00:26:48,880

up along with the others often anyway

651  
00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:52,080  
and that is the dead deceased people

652  
00:26:55,669 --> 00:26:54,080  
human beings

653  
00:26:57,990 --> 00:26:55,679  
we've talked about that on previous

654  
00:26:59,830 --> 00:26:58,000  
podcasts in fact we did one entire

655  
00:27:03,110 --> 00:26:59,840  
episode dedicated to that topic

656  
00:27:04,070 --> 00:27:03,120  
specifically the others and the dead

657  
00:27:06,070 --> 00:27:04,080  
now

658  
00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:06,080  
what we also have found that the

659  
00:27:11,029 --> 00:27:08,480  
evidence points to the data points to is

660  
00:27:13,110 --> 00:27:11,039  
that there seems to be some connection

661  
00:27:15,669 --> 00:27:13,120  
some common ground between

662  
00:27:17,590 --> 00:27:15,679  
experiences with the others and also

663  
00:27:19,510 --> 00:27:17,600

things like near-death experiences

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00:27:20,389 --> 00:27:19,520

out-of-body experiences that kind of

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00:27:22,310 --> 00:27:20,399

thing

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00:27:23,590 --> 00:27:22,320

we talked about that many times on this

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00:27:26,470 --> 00:27:23,600

podcast

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00:27:28,950 --> 00:27:26,480

and streeper notes this as well

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00:27:31,909 --> 00:27:28,960

and often in near-death experiences

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00:27:35,029 --> 00:27:31,919

people often also describe it feeling

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00:27:36,710 --> 00:27:35,039

more real than here that while those of

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00:27:38,230 --> 00:27:36,720

us who have not had those experiences

673

00:27:40,630 --> 00:27:38,240

might think a near-death experience

674

00:27:42,310 --> 00:27:40,640

would feel ethereal and kind of not

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00:27:44,789 --> 00:27:42,320

fully substantial

676  
00:27:46,950 --> 00:27:44,799  
that's not what people report at all

677  
00:27:50,149 --> 00:27:46,960  
it's when they come back here that this

678  
00:27:51,909 --> 00:27:50,159  
feels wispy and insubstantial in

679  
00:27:54,389 --> 00:27:51,919  
comparison

680  
00:27:55,350 --> 00:27:54,399  
now another tie-in or connection point

681  
00:27:57,029 --> 00:27:55,360  
between

682  
00:27:59,350 --> 00:27:57,039  
things like near-death experiences

683  
00:28:00,710 --> 00:27:59,360  
out-of-body experiences and encounters

684  
00:28:03,269 --> 00:28:00,720  
with the others

685  
00:28:05,510 --> 00:28:03,279  
is that people often return with an

686  
00:28:06,870 --> 00:28:05,520  
increased capacity along the side

687  
00:28:09,029 --> 00:28:06,880  
spectrum

688  
00:28:11,909 --> 00:28:09,039

and indeed streeper has noticed this as

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00:28:15,669 --> 00:28:11,919

well and experiences some of this and he

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00:28:21,110 --> 00:28:18,230

quoting from the book again quote

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00:28:23,430 --> 00:28:21,120

precognition apparent telepathy out of

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00:28:26,310 --> 00:28:23,440

the body perceptions and even physical

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00:28:28,789 --> 00:28:26,320

levitation are commonplace side effects

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00:28:31,750 --> 00:28:28,799

of contact with the visitors

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00:28:33,430 --> 00:28:31,760

i find this absolutely astonishing but i

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00:28:35,430 --> 00:28:33,440

cannot deny it

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00:28:37,190 --> 00:28:35,440

thousands of letters and personal

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00:28:39,350 --> 00:28:37,200

interviews with people who have

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00:28:41,909 --> 00:28:39,360

encountered them with many of them

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00:28:44,870 --> 00:28:41,919

reporting one or more of these effects

701  
00:28:46,310 --> 00:28:44,880  
convince me that they are a real outcome

702  
00:28:50,789 --> 00:28:46,320  
of contact

703  
00:28:56,710 --> 00:28:53,990  
now as i often say when we talk about

704  
00:28:58,630 --> 00:28:56,720  
material from books on this podcast

705  
00:29:01,269 --> 00:28:58,640  
i highly recommend you go and read this

706  
00:29:02,950 --> 00:29:01,279  
book in fact read the entire trilogy

707  
00:29:05,590 --> 00:29:02,960  
communion transformation and

708  
00:29:08,310 --> 00:29:05,600  
breakthrough because many

709  
00:29:10,710 --> 00:29:08,320  
accounts are talked about that i can't

710  
00:29:13,110 --> 00:29:10,720  
possibly get to in the

711  
00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:13,120  
time we have allotted for one or two or

712  
00:29:17,029 --> 00:29:15,279  
three podcasts there's so much rich

713  
00:29:18,230 --> 00:29:17,039

material that i really do recommend you

714

00:29:19,590 --> 00:29:18,240

read the books

715

00:29:22,950 --> 00:29:19,600

in many ways i'm just trying to whet

716

00:29:25,510 --> 00:29:22,960

your appetite and also make connections

717

00:29:28,149 --> 00:29:25,520

that we see elsewhere as we try and

718

00:29:30,389 --> 00:29:28,159

learn and make progress in understanding

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00:29:32,710 --> 00:29:30,399

what may be going on here not only in

720

00:29:35,190 --> 00:29:32,720

terms of the ufo phenomenon but in terms

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00:29:36,549 --> 00:29:35,200

of ultimate reality

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00:29:38,789 --> 00:29:36,559

now

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00:29:41,269 --> 00:29:38,799

interestingly in the book there are

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00:29:43,669 --> 00:29:41,279

specific situations where strieber has

725

00:29:45,110 --> 00:29:43,679

evidence that these others the visitors

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00:29:47,669 --> 00:29:45,120

as he calls them

727

00:29:50,149 --> 00:29:47,679

seem to be trying to help him

728

00:29:53,350 --> 00:29:50,159

believe it or not they begin to express

729

00:29:56,470 --> 00:29:53,360

concern about his diet specifically his

730

00:29:58,710 --> 00:29:56,480

sugar-rich diet that diabetes and

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00:30:01,430 --> 00:29:58,720

perhaps early death awaits him if he

732

00:30:03,750 --> 00:30:01,440

doesn't change his behavior

733

00:30:06,549 --> 00:30:03,760

this sounds strange but this is indeed

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00:30:08,870 --> 00:30:06,559

what he encounters in fact he sometimes

735

00:30:10,149 --> 00:30:08,880

hears voices suddenly speak out loud to

736

00:30:15,669 --> 00:30:10,159

him

737

00:30:18,149 --> 00:30:15,679

eating these sweets as he calls them

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00:30:19,990 --> 00:30:18,159

and over time he begins to realize more

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00:30:22,070 --> 00:30:20,000

and more that while they seem

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00:30:25,029 --> 00:30:22,080

frightening they are not actually

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00:30:27,350 --> 00:30:25,039

dangerous not literally and in fact

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00:30:30,389 --> 00:30:27,360

maybe trying to help him even trying to

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00:30:32,710 --> 00:30:30,399

help him transcend his normal experience

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00:30:35,269 --> 00:30:32,720

of being a human being

745

00:30:37,190 --> 00:30:35,279

quoting from the book again quote

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00:30:39,590 --> 00:30:37,200

instead of harming me the visitors

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00:30:40,870 --> 00:30:39,600

seemed to be daring me to transcend my

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00:30:43,430 --> 00:30:40,880

weaknesses

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00:30:45,269 --> 00:30:43,440

i began to see an elegant and objective

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00:30:48,149 --> 00:30:45,279

ethic behind their frightening

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00:30:50,070 --> 00:30:48,159

manifestations and weird demands

752

00:30:52,870 --> 00:30:50,080

if i could bear their presence in my

753

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:52,880

life if i could surmount my fears and my

754

00:31:00,230 --> 00:30:55,600

weaknesses i was going to learn some

755

00:31:06,230 --> 00:31:02,789

now as time goes on stripper begins to

756

00:31:07,669 --> 00:31:06,240

see more and more purpose behind the

757

00:31:09,990 --> 00:31:07,679

activities

758

00:31:12,630 --> 00:31:10,000

of the others he begins to see a

759

00:31:13,830 --> 00:31:12,640

benevolent purpose behind it all even

760

00:31:16,070 --> 00:31:13,840

though it is

761

00:31:18,789 --> 00:31:16,080

life shattering in many ways certainly

762

00:31:20,870 --> 00:31:18,799

paradigm shattering quoting from later

763

00:31:22,630 --> 00:31:20,880

in the book again quote

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00:31:25,590 --> 00:31:22,640

as our relationship developed the

765

00:31:28,470 --> 00:31:25,600

visitors began to tune it very carefully

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00:31:29,909 --> 00:31:28,480

leading me step by step through my fears

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00:31:32,470 --> 00:31:29,919

they always seemed ready with the

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00:31:34,549 --> 00:31:32,480

hardest challenge i could manage

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00:31:36,710 --> 00:31:34,559

they never sought to destroy me with an

770

00:31:39,509 --> 00:31:36,720

assault beyond my strength

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00:31:41,430 --> 00:31:39,519

thus they can hardly be called evil

772

00:31:43,590 --> 00:31:41,440

based on the actual outcome of what they

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00:31:45,830 --> 00:31:43,600

did to me they must be counted the

774

00:31:47,830 --> 00:31:45,840

allies of our growth

775

00:31:50,389 --> 00:31:47,840

i have emerged from my experience a

776  
00:31:52,070 --> 00:31:50,399  
thousand times stronger than i had ever

777  
00:31:55,269 --> 00:31:52,080  
been before it

778  
00:31:57,110 --> 00:31:55,279  
i am not at all afraid not even of death

779  
00:31:59,990 --> 00:31:57,120  
rather it has become another rich

780  
00:32:01,830 --> 00:32:00,000  
potential in my life a challenge to be

781  
00:32:03,509 --> 00:32:01,840  
met with a peaceful heart and an

782  
00:32:05,990 --> 00:32:03,519  
interested mind

783  
00:32:08,710 --> 00:32:06,000  
i have been in my soul separate from my

784  
00:32:11,190 --> 00:32:08,720  
body my own experience thus tells me

785  
00:32:13,269 --> 00:32:11,200  
that the soul has a separate life

786  
00:32:15,269 --> 00:32:13,279  
and the work of people like dr ian

787  
00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:15,279  
stevenson suggest that it persists

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00:32:21,669 --> 00:32:17,760

beyond death and that reincarnation is

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00:32:25,269 --> 00:32:21,679

apparently a very real possibility

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00:32:28,950 --> 00:32:25,279

the visitors have said we recycle souls

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00:32:31,269 --> 00:32:28,960

and of the earth that this is a school

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00:32:33,269 --> 00:32:31,279

it may be exactly that

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00:32:36,070 --> 00:32:33,279

a place where souls are growing and

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00:32:38,710 --> 00:32:36,080

evolving towards some form that we can

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00:32:41,269 --> 00:32:38,720

scarcely begin to imagine

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00:32:43,190 --> 00:32:41,279

i can conceive that the fate of souls

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00:32:44,310 --> 00:32:43,200

may be one of the great universal

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00:32:46,470 --> 00:32:44,320

questions

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00:32:50,070 --> 00:32:46,480

it may be that we have emerged as a

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00:32:51,430 --> 00:32:50,080

means of at once creating and answering

801  
00:32:54,389 --> 00:32:51,440  
this question

802  
00:32:59,750 --> 00:32:56,870  
now on other podcast episodes i've

803  
00:33:02,710 --> 00:32:59,760  
quoted strieber when he talks about the

804  
00:33:05,190 --> 00:33:02,720  
transformational potential behind these

805  
00:33:07,190 --> 00:33:05,200  
experiences with the others

806  
00:33:08,710 --> 00:33:07,200  
and from his point of view the

807  
00:33:11,190 --> 00:33:08,720  
discombobulation

808  
00:33:12,470 --> 00:33:11,200  
the paradigm shattering nature of these

809  
00:33:14,230 --> 00:33:12,480  
experiences

810  
00:33:15,590 --> 00:33:14,240  
may be perhaps

811  
00:33:21,029 --> 00:33:15,600  
necessary

812  
00:33:22,470 --> 00:33:21,039  
overcome and transcend our current

813  
00:33:24,870 --> 00:33:22,480

perspective

814

00:33:27,269 --> 00:33:24,880

and street goes on to talk about how

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00:33:28,230 --> 00:33:27,279

overcoming fear and not being afraid of

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00:33:30,789 --> 00:33:28,240

fear

817

00:33:31,909 --> 00:33:30,799

is part of the process may indeed be

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00:33:33,590 --> 00:33:31,919

anyway

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00:33:34,549 --> 00:33:33,600

quoting from the book again

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00:33:36,630 --> 00:33:34,559

quote

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00:33:39,190 --> 00:33:36,640

throughout our history we have rejected

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00:33:41,430 --> 00:33:39,200

the negative and sought the positive

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00:33:44,230 --> 00:33:41,440

there is another way i feel that

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involves balancing between the two it is

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up to us to forge in the deepest heart

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of mankind the place of reconciliation

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we must learn to walk the razor's edge

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between fear and ecstasy

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in other words to begin finally to seek

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the full flowering and potential

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of our humanity

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unquote

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and on that note we've come to the close

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of another edition of the point of

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convergence podcast

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as always let's keep this conversation

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going and growing

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but until next time friends from deep

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within the blue ridge mountains of north