

Point of Convergence

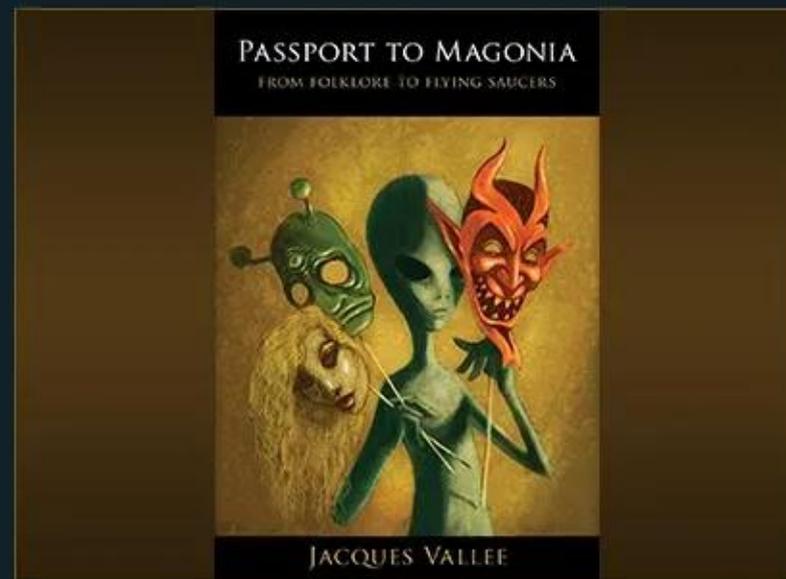
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EPISODE #57

*From Realms Far Beyond:
Discussing Jacques Vallée's
Classic Passport to Magonia*



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hello and welcome to episode number 57

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of the point of convergence podcast as

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always

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near the middle part of the 20th century

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american society became obsessed with a

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newfangled fascination

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this pastime that took the public's

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imagination by storm

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prompted serious and excited discussion

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around interplanetary visitors

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the dawning of this new era in public

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life was fueled by a series of sightings

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of what quickly became known as flying

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saucers

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more generally the term adopted was that

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of ufos unidentified flying objects

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this term described what was commonly

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assumed to be

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sophisticated technological spacecraft

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being piloted by alien others

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martians or venusians or something in

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that line of thinking

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our neighbors from the surrounding

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planets of our solar system

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now while the public's interest was

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peaking the mainstream scientific

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establishment was much more cautious

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all of this hoopla seemed too good to be

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true

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too much like a radio drama depicting an

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hd wells story or something along those

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lines

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for that reason mainstream scientists

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largely steered clear of this topic

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and of course this bias was helped in

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large measure by what we understand now

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to be a dedicated disinformation

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campaign meant to quell public and

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academic interest being perpetuated by

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the federal government

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however that said there were scientists

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who had not forgotten that their role

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was to investigate anything mysterious

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that seemed to be manifesting without

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assuming a priori that such things

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simply couldn't be

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these rare pioneers of inquiry are the

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kinds of people determined to let data

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not pre-existing bias lead the way

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one such pioneer was and is a scientist

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named jacques vallee

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a living legend who has arguably done

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more for the field of ufology than any

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other person in the history of the world

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what's made valet so well-regarded over

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time is that looking back he was always

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willing to go again where the data led

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him

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letting it rather than the common sense

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thinking of the day

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lead to the postulating of new

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hypotheses

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now speaking of that one such

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data-driven shift that happened for

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valet

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came when he recognized that number one

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these supposed encounters with alien

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beings flying sophisticated spacecraft

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seem to regularly include elements of

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high strangeness more akin to what are

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commonly referred to as paranormal

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encounters and number two that when

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examined in close detail these elements

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overlapped considerably with apparently

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religious or fairytale encounters from

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distant human history

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this inspired valet to do a deep dive

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comparing modern day ufo encounters with

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events from distant human lore

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leading eventually to his controversial

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consequential and groundbreaking book

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passport to magonia from folklore to

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flying saucers

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and it is the surprising and provocative

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revelations uncovered in that seminal

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book that are the topic of this the 57th

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episode of the point of convergence

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i would like to begin this week's

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podcast by reminding all of us that the

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hypotheses put forward to make sense of

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data arising in what we call the ufo

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phenomenon

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is always embedded within a context a

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social context which even determines

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what options are on the table and

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because these hypotheses are often

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generated from within a cultural context

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it's always important to be aware of

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confirmation bias the possibility that

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we're merely finding examples that

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support a particular hypothesis because

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that's exactly what we're looking for

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and perhaps without being fully

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conscious of it we are ignoring other

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aspects of the data that might lead us

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to different conclusions

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now jacques valet the author of the book

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we're going to discuss today is a

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shining example of being aware of this

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kind of confirmation bias being on the

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lookout for it

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and to his credit when valai came across

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data that seemed to suggest that perhaps

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the extraterrestrial hypothesis as it's

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often proposed is not the best fit for

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all of the data

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especially once you stretch back beyond

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a certain period of time in human

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history

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again the impetus for this book was not

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some far-out notion that valet chose to

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pursue rather he simply saw something in

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the data that suggested a connection

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bridging two swaths of data that are

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often considered as completely distinct

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and that investigation of the data

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pursuing it wherever it took him

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resulted in this book passport to

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magonia from folklore to flying saucers

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and speaking of that book this is the

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description of the book provided by the

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publisher

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quote it is readily acknowledged that

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our time has surpassed all epochs in

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history for the accumulation of

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technical knowledge physical power over

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our environment and economic might

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it is less often pointed out however

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that our age has generated and continues

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to generate mythical material almost

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unparalleled in quantity and quality in

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the rich records of human imagination

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more precisely people have very

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frequently reported the observation of

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wonderful aerial objects variously

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designated as flying saucers

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unidentified flying objects and so on

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among these narratives descriptions of

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landings made by these craft are

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commonplace

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and that quite a few accounts purport to

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inform us of the physical

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characteristics the psychological

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behavior and the motivation of their

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occupants

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but investigators have neglected to

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recognize one important perspective of

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the phenomenon

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the fact that beliefs identical to those

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held today have recurred throughout

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recorded history and under forms best

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adapted to the believer's country race

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and social regime

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if we take a wide sample of this

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historical material we find that it is

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organized around one central theme

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visitation by an aerial people from one

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or more remote legendary countries

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the names and attributes vary but the

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main idea clearly does not

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magonia heaven hell elfland

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all such places have in common one

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characteristic

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we are unable to reach them alive except

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on very special occasions

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emissaries from these supernatural

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abodes come to earth sometimes under

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human form and sometimes as monsters

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they perform wonders they serve man or

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fight him they influence civilizations

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through mystical revelation they seduce

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earth women and the few heroes who dare

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seek their friendship find the girls

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from elfland endowed with desires and

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betray a carnal rather than purely

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aerial nature

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these matters are the subject of

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passport to magonia jacques villa's

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seminal masterwork that changed our

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understanding of the ufo phenomenon

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an instant classic when first published

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in 1969

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the book remains a must-have resource

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for anybody interested in the topic of

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ufos and alien contact as well as those

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fascinated by fairy folklore and other

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paranormal encounters unquote

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so that gives you a sense of what this

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book is about the approach that it's

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taking the historical material it's

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trying to take into account

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but before we get more into the book

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let's discuss jacques villa's history

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what got him to this place to begin with

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remember people like jacques vallee

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along with his associate and colleague j

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ellen heineck were once proponents of

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the eth the extraterrestrial hypothesis

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but you have to also remember that these

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two men probably more than anyone

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were involved with on the ground

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investigations when exciting would

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happen they would fly to the area look

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for soil samples look for clear

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manifestations in the consensus reality

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suggesting that something actually

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happened but they would also interview

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witnesses determine their credibility

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determine their potential history for

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mental illness etc

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and what they found time and time again

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was a high degree of high strangeness

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elements of what we might call

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paranormality

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co-arose with sightings of ufos time and

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time and time again and it was this

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clear indication in the data and

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regularly attested to in the data that

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ultimately led both men valet and hynek

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away from the extraterrestrial

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hypothesis in addition villa is also

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famous for saying that he thinks the

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idea that these are just beings coming

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from other planets is not an interesting

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enough idea he prefers something more

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exotic and it certainly seems to be the

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case that that's exactly what he found

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in the data again in the data not only

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did he find elements of high strangeness

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but he found a striking parallel between

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the kinds of high strangeness depicted

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in modern day ufo encounters and ancient

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fairy lore and it's that overlap that

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led to the investigation that ultimately

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culminated in this book passport to

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magonia

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all right let's jump into some quotes

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from the book

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first of all i want to remind you of

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kenneth arnold this was the man who in

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1947

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spotted saucers flying in formation and

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it was that sighting that brought about

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the notion of flying saucers in american

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culture or so we thought anyway

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because in this book there's a section

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called sorcerers from the clouds that

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talks about this term being used

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previous to this time period

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quoting from the book quote

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it is common belief that the term flying

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saucer was made in america was it not

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coined by an american businessman in

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1947 was not the first official

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investigation of the mystery by military

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authorities started in the united states

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a few weeks later

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well yes

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but a farmer from texas described a dark

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flying object as a large saucer as early

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as january 1878

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and ancient japanese records inform us

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that on october 27 1180

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an unusual luminous object described as

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an earthenware vessel flew from a

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mountain in the ki province beyond the

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00:11:15,190 --> 00:11:12,959

northeast mountain of fukuhara at

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00:11:17,269 --> 00:11:15,200

midnight after a while the object

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00:11:19,350 --> 00:11:17,279

changed its course and was lost to sight

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00:11:20,949 --> 00:11:19,360

at the southern horizon leaving a

284

00:11:22,310 --> 00:11:20,959

luminous trail

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00:11:24,870 --> 00:11:22,320

unquote

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00:11:30,310 --> 00:11:24,880

so here we have accounts from before

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00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:30,320

1947 first the 1878 account in texas and

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00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:33,600

then an account from 1180

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00:11:38,150 --> 00:11:36,240

much more distant history describing an

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00:11:39,430 --> 00:11:38,160

earthenware vessel

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00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:39,440

which when you think about it that's

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00:11:43,670 --> 00:11:41,839

basically describing the same thing so

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00:11:46,790 --> 00:11:43,680

for those who want to believe that

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00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:46,800

flying saucers the notion of ufos is a

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00:11:52,629 --> 00:11:49,519

relatively new phenomenon born in the

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00:11:54,829 --> 00:11:52,639

20th century these kinds of accounts

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00:11:56,949 --> 00:11:54,839

really bring that conclusion into

298

00:11:59,350 --> 00:11:56,959

question and that's what you find in

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00:12:02,150 --> 00:11:59,360

this book time and time again

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00:12:03,750 --> 00:12:02,160

with a great degree of detail every time

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00:12:05,990 --> 00:12:03,760

you want to conclude that a certain

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00:12:08,550 --> 00:12:06,000

phenomena arose in a certain period in

303

00:12:10,310 --> 00:12:08,560

human history you are confronted when

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00:12:11,750 --> 00:12:10,320

you actually pay attention to the

305

00:12:13,750 --> 00:12:11,760

historical data

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00:12:16,949 --> 00:12:13,760

that very similar accounts go back

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00:12:18,790 --> 00:12:16,959

further and further and further in human

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00:12:20,550 --> 00:12:18,800

history and that leads you to the

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00:12:22,870 --> 00:12:20,560

inevitable question

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00:12:25,190 --> 00:12:22,880

what does it mean if these events have

311

00:12:26,870 --> 00:12:25,200

been happening and these seemingly

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00:12:29,350 --> 00:12:26,880

otherworldly beings have been

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00:12:31,269 --> 00:12:29,360

interacting with us for as long as we've

314

00:12:33,269 --> 00:12:31,279

been around basically for as long as

315

00:12:36,150 --> 00:12:33,279

we've been recording events in our

316

00:12:39,030 --> 00:12:36,160

history there seems to be very similar

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00:12:41,190 --> 00:12:39,040

accounts taking place what are we to

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00:12:43,590 --> 00:12:41,200

conclude from that understanding that

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00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:43,600

revelation that's what this book makes

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00:12:46,870 --> 00:12:45,360

us wrestle with

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00:12:50,550 --> 00:12:46,880

and i really do believe that's the right

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00:12:52,310 --> 00:12:50,560

word to use wrestle because valet is not

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00:12:53,750 --> 00:12:52,320

in the business of providing hard

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00:12:56,069 --> 00:12:53,760

conclusions

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00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:56,079

he's jokingly said that he's the only

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00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:58,240

ufologist in the world who doesn't know

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00:13:02,230 --> 00:13:00,560

what's going on of course that's ironic

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00:13:04,550 --> 00:13:02,240

because he has more knowledge of the

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00:13:06,790 --> 00:13:04,560

data than probably anyone else and has

330

00:13:09,030 --> 00:13:06,800

been studying it for as long or longer

331

00:13:11,190 --> 00:13:09,040

than everyone else

332

00:13:14,389 --> 00:13:11,200

but moving beyond that this notion of

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00:13:16,230 --> 00:13:14,399

magonia in the title passport to magonia

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00:13:18,389 --> 00:13:16,240

what is that about

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00:13:21,350 --> 00:13:18,399

this is what we can say of the magonian

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00:13:24,310 --> 00:13:21,360

myth quote according to the treaties

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00:13:26,470 --> 00:13:24,320

arguing against weather magic magonia is

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00:13:28,790 --> 00:13:26,480

the name of the cloud realm when

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00:13:29,829 --> 00:13:28,800

felonious aerial sailors were said to

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00:13:31,670 --> 00:13:29,839

have come

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00:13:34,470 --> 00:13:31,680

the inhabitants of this realm were said

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00:13:37,110 --> 00:13:34,480

to travel the clouds in ships and worked

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00:13:40,069 --> 00:13:37,120

with frankish tempestarai

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00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:40,079

tempest razors or weather magi to steal

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00:13:44,230 --> 00:13:42,399

grain from the fields during magically

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00:13:46,069 --> 00:13:44,240

raised storms

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00:13:48,949 --> 00:13:46,079

in his writings against these popular

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00:13:51,269 --> 00:13:48,959

superstitions aggo bard denounced the

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00:13:53,509 --> 00:13:51,279

belief in witchcraft and the inscription

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00:13:54,870 --> 00:13:53,519

of tempests to magic

351
00:13:56,870 --> 00:13:54,880
unquote

352
00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:56,880
so as you can see to the bishops of the

353
00:14:01,670 --> 00:13:59,440
day to the church who basically ran

354
00:14:04,150 --> 00:14:01,680
society at that time mongonia was

355
00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:04,160
considered a mythic place a not real

356
00:14:08,790 --> 00:14:06,480
place a superstitious notion that

357
00:14:10,949 --> 00:14:08,800
shouldn't be paid any attention to but

358
00:14:14,230 --> 00:14:10,959
what valet is doing is saying that much

359
00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:14,240
of the mythology is very similar to that

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00:14:19,189 --> 00:14:16,800
which also includes ufos and alien

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00:14:21,509 --> 00:14:19,199
beings because the kinds of things that

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00:14:23,430 --> 00:14:21,519
the alien beings do the kinds of

363
00:14:26,069 --> 00:14:23,440

interactions that even modern people

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00:14:28,629 --> 00:14:26,079

have with these supposed alien others is

365

00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:28,639

very similar to the kinds of accounts

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00:14:34,710 --> 00:14:30,880

reported in these interactions with

367

00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:34,720

these aerial sailors of the distant past

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00:14:38,150 --> 00:14:36,320

now at the beginning of the podcast

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00:14:40,389 --> 00:14:38,160

you'll recall that i said that one of

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00:14:42,470 --> 00:14:40,399

the elements that made the lay as well

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00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:42,480

as people like hanukk questioned the

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00:14:46,790 --> 00:14:44,160

notion of the extraterrestrial

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00:14:49,110 --> 00:14:46,800

hypothesis as being sufficient to

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00:14:50,949 --> 00:14:49,120

explain what was going on was the degree

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00:14:54,230 --> 00:14:50,959

of high strangeness

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00:14:56,069 --> 00:14:54,240

and not to mention seeming absurdity

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00:14:57,269 --> 00:14:56,079

now what kind of high strangeness are we

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00:14:59,350 --> 00:14:57,279

talking about

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00:15:01,269 --> 00:14:59,360

well this is a case in point i'm now

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00:15:03,269 --> 00:15:01,279

quoting from the book regarding the

381

00:15:04,150 --> 00:15:03,279

eagle river case

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00:15:07,030 --> 00:15:04,160

quote

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00:15:11,189 --> 00:15:07,040

the time was approximately 11 a.m on

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00:15:13,910 --> 00:15:11,199

april 18 1961 when joe simonton was

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00:15:17,350 --> 00:15:13,920

attracted outside by a peculiar noise

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00:15:19,189 --> 00:15:17,360

similar to knobbly tires on wet pavement

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00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:19,199

stepping into his yard he faced a

388

00:15:23,269 --> 00:15:21,920

silvery saucer-shaped object brighter

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00:15:24,949 --> 00:15:23,279

than chrome

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00:15:27,670 --> 00:15:24,959

which appeared to be hovering close to

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00:15:29,990 --> 00:15:27,680

the ground without actually touching it

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00:15:32,949 --> 00:15:30,000

the object was about 12 feet high and 30

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00:15:35,269 --> 00:15:32,959

feet in diameter a hatch opened about

394

00:15:37,749 --> 00:15:35,279

five feet from the ground and simmington

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00:15:39,430 --> 00:15:37,759

saw three men inside the machine

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00:15:42,150 --> 00:15:39,440

one of them was dressed in a black

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00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:42,160

two-piece suit the occupants were about

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00:15:45,990 --> 00:15:43,920

five feet in height

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00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:46,000

smooth shaven they appeared to resemble

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00:15:49,350 --> 00:15:47,440

italians

401
00:15:51,430 --> 00:15:49,360
they had dark hair and skin and wore

402
00:15:52,629 --> 00:15:51,440
outfits with turtleneck tops and knit

403
00:15:54,710 --> 00:15:52,639
helmets

404
00:15:57,749 --> 00:15:54,720
one of the men held up a jug apparently

405
00:15:59,910 --> 00:15:57,759
made of the same material as the saucer

406
00:16:01,910 --> 00:15:59,920
his motions to joe simonton seemed to

407
00:16:03,990 --> 00:16:01,920
indicate that he needed water

408
00:16:06,629 --> 00:16:04,000
simmington took the jug went inside the

409
00:16:07,990 --> 00:16:06,639
house and filled it as he returned he

410
00:16:10,870 --> 00:16:08,000
saw that one of the men inside the

411
00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:10,880
saucer was frying food on a flameless

412
00:16:14,949 --> 00:16:12,480
grill of some sort

413
00:16:16,790 --> 00:16:14,959

the interior of the ship was black the

414

00:16:18,389 --> 00:16:16,800

color of wrought iron

415

00:16:20,790 --> 00:16:18,399

siminton who could see several

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00:16:23,189 --> 00:16:20,800

instrument panels heard a slow whining

417

00:16:25,110 --> 00:16:23,199

sound similar to the hum of a generator

418

00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:25,120

when he made a motion indicating he was

419

00:16:29,189 --> 00:16:26,639

interested in the food that was being

420

00:16:31,350 --> 00:16:29,199

prepared one of the men who was dressed

421

00:16:33,670 --> 00:16:31,360

in black but with a narrow red trim

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00:16:36,310 --> 00:16:33,680

along the trousers handed him three

423

00:16:39,030 --> 00:16:36,320

cookies about three inches in diameter

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00:16:40,870 --> 00:16:39,040

and perforated with small holes

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00:16:43,269 --> 00:16:40,880

the whole affair had lasted about five

426
00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:43,279
minutes finally the man closest to the

427
00:16:47,350 --> 00:16:45,120
witness attached a kind of belt to a

428
00:16:49,670 --> 00:16:47,360
hook in his clothing and closed the

429
00:16:51,990 --> 00:16:49,680
hatch in such a way that simonton could

430
00:16:53,990 --> 00:16:52,000
scarcely detect its outline

431
00:16:56,069 --> 00:16:54,000
then the object rose about 20 feet from

432
00:16:58,310 --> 00:16:56,079
the ground before taking off

433
00:17:01,030 --> 00:16:58,320
straight south causing a blast of air

434
00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:01,040
that bowed some nearby pine trees

435
00:17:04,309 --> 00:17:02,560
unquote

436
00:17:06,549 --> 00:17:04,319
now reflecting on that account i'm sure

437
00:17:09,270 --> 00:17:06,559
you'll acknowledge that the notion of

438
00:17:11,669 --> 00:17:09,280

alien beings arriving in a flying saucer

439

00:17:13,029 --> 00:17:11,679

but then cooking pancakes certainly

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00:17:15,270 --> 00:17:13,039

flies in the face of what we would

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00:17:17,189 --> 00:17:15,280

expect from such visitors

442

00:17:19,909 --> 00:17:17,199

this is what valet has to say about the

443

00:17:21,750 --> 00:17:19,919

way human beings tend to draw too quick

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00:17:22,949 --> 00:17:21,760

a conclusion regarding these kinds of

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00:17:25,270 --> 00:17:22,959

events

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00:17:27,510 --> 00:17:25,280

quote the eagle river case has never

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00:17:30,470 --> 00:17:27,520

been solved the air force believes that

448

00:17:32,549 --> 00:17:30,480

joe simmons who lived alone had a sudden

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00:17:35,190 --> 00:17:32,559

dream while he was awake and inserted

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00:17:38,150 --> 00:17:35,200

his dream into the continuum of events

451
00:17:40,230 --> 00:17:38,160
around him of which he was conscious

452
00:17:42,710 --> 00:17:40,240
i understand several psychologists in

453
00:17:45,830 --> 00:17:42,720
dayton ohio are quite satisfied with

454
00:17:49,590 --> 00:17:45,840
this explanation and so are most serious

455
00:17:51,909 --> 00:17:49,600
amateur ufologists alas ufology like

456
00:17:54,470 --> 00:17:51,919
psychology has become such a narrow

457
00:17:57,270 --> 00:17:54,480
field of specialization that the experts

458
00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:57,280
have no time left for general culture

459
00:18:00,950 --> 00:17:59,039
they are so busy rationalizing the

460
00:18:03,350 --> 00:18:00,960
dreams of other people that they

461
00:18:06,390 --> 00:18:03,360
themselves do not dream anymore nor do

462
00:18:08,310 --> 00:18:06,400
they read fairy tales if they did they

463
00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:08,320

would perhaps take a much closer look at

464

00:18:12,870 --> 00:18:10,880

joe simmons and his pancakes

465

00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:12,880

they would know about the gentry and the

466

00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:14,559

food from fairyland

467

00:18:18,310 --> 00:18:16,160

unquote

468

00:18:21,270 --> 00:18:18,320

now as it turns out this case became

469

00:18:23,909 --> 00:18:21,280

even more bizarre and interesting

470

00:18:26,630 --> 00:18:23,919

once the authorities actually had these

471

00:18:28,549 --> 00:18:26,640

pancakes examined

472

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

this is what the book says about that

473

00:18:31,190 --> 00:18:29,440

quote

474

00:18:33,190 --> 00:18:31,200

it was an unusual day for the food and

475

00:18:35,909 --> 00:18:33,200

drug laboratory of the u.s department of

476

00:18:38,390 --> 00:18:35,919

health education and welfare when the

477

00:18:40,710 --> 00:18:38,400

air force requested an analysis of a

478

00:18:42,870 --> 00:18:40,720

piece of wheat cake that had been cooked

479

00:18:44,470 --> 00:18:42,880

a board a flying saucer

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00:18:46,950 --> 00:18:44,480

the human being who had obtained the

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00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:46,960

cake was joe simonton a 60 year old

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00:18:50,789 --> 00:18:48,960

chicken farmer who lived alone in a

483

00:18:52,549 --> 00:18:50,799

small house in the vicinity of eagle

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00:18:55,270 --> 00:18:52,559

river wisconsin

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00:18:57,590 --> 00:18:55,280

he was given three cakes ate one of them

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00:19:00,230 --> 00:18:57,600

and thought it tasted like cardboard the

487

00:19:02,710 --> 00:19:00,240

air force put it more scientifically the

488

00:19:05,510 --> 00:19:02,720

cake was composed of hydrogenated fat

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00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:05,520

starch and buckwheat hulls soya bean

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00:19:09,350 --> 00:19:07,440

holes wheat bran

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00:19:11,830 --> 00:19:09,360

bacteria and radiation readings were

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00:19:13,750 --> 00:19:11,840

normal for this material chemical

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00:19:15,590 --> 00:19:13,760

infrared and other destructive type

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00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:15,600

tests were run on the material

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00:19:19,190 --> 00:19:17,520

the food and drug laboratory of the us

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00:19:21,350 --> 00:19:19,200

department of health education and

497

00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:21,360

welfare concluded that the material was

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00:19:25,669 --> 00:19:24,000

an ordinary piece of pancake of

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00:19:27,350 --> 00:19:25,679

terrestrial origin

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00:19:29,590 --> 00:19:27,360

unquote

501
00:19:31,270 --> 00:19:29,600
now from valet's perspective it is very

502
00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:31,280
interesting that there was this exchange

503
00:19:34,310 --> 00:19:32,320
of food

504
00:19:36,390 --> 00:19:34,320
a request for water and an exchange

505
00:19:38,470 --> 00:19:36,400
something provided in return

506
00:19:40,310 --> 00:19:38,480
of course this is quite common in

507
00:19:43,190 --> 00:19:40,320
descriptions of interactions with the

508
00:19:45,669 --> 00:19:43,200
fairy folk also called the gentry

509
00:19:47,270 --> 00:19:45,679
this is what valet has to say

510
00:19:49,750 --> 00:19:47,280
quote it is interesting that the

511
00:19:51,750 --> 00:19:49,760
analysis performed for the air force did

512
00:19:53,830 --> 00:19:51,760
not mention the presence of salt in the

513
00:19:56,150 --> 00:19:53,840

pancakes given to simmington

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00:19:58,230 --> 00:19:56,160

indeed wence was told by an irishman who

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00:20:00,950 --> 00:19:58,240

was quite familiar with the gentry that

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00:20:03,350 --> 00:20:00,960

quote they never taste anything salt but

517

00:20:04,549 --> 00:20:03,360

eat fresh meat and drink pure water

518

00:20:06,549 --> 00:20:04,559

unquote

519

00:20:09,510 --> 00:20:06,559

of course pure water is what the saucer

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00:20:11,110 --> 00:20:09,520

men took from simonton unquote

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00:20:13,510 --> 00:20:11,120

now it's in this section of the book

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that valet also discusses the biases

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00:20:17,430 --> 00:20:16,000

that exist within ufology

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00:20:19,669 --> 00:20:17,440

and of course because it's not a

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00:20:22,950 --> 00:20:19,679

peer-reviewed kind of practice these

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00:20:25,029 --> 00:20:22,960

kinds of biases often go unchecked

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00:20:27,510 --> 00:20:25,039

what valet found was that

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not only did ufologists not really try

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00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:29,760

to wrestle with these kinds of cases but

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00:20:35,029 --> 00:20:31,840

they would actively suppress them or

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00:20:36,630 --> 00:20:35,039

ignore them focusing rather on nuts and

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00:20:39,510 --> 00:20:36,640

bolts cases that looked like clear

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00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:39,520

examples of technological devices up in

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00:20:44,310 --> 00:20:41,760

the sky because they wanted to bolster

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00:20:46,630 --> 00:20:44,320

their case with a scientific mainstream

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00:20:49,350 --> 00:20:46,640

they wanted to be taken seriously

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00:20:51,909 --> 00:20:49,360

but in the midst of that goal they would

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00:20:54,149 --> 00:20:51,919

actually suppress ignore and dismiss

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00:20:56,470 --> 00:20:54,159

data that didn't fit with the prevailing

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00:20:59,350 --> 00:20:56,480

paradigm and from valet's point of view

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00:21:01,350 --> 00:20:59,360

this is to skew the data entirely and to

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00:21:03,270 --> 00:21:01,360

perhaps miss the entire point of the

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00:21:04,390 --> 00:21:03,280

data even when it's staring you in the

544

00:21:06,630 --> 00:21:04,400

face

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00:21:09,430 --> 00:21:06,640

so clearly we have examples in modern

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00:21:12,310 --> 00:21:09,440

day where preferred opinions preferred

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00:21:14,789 --> 00:21:12,320

hypotheses bring about circumstances

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00:21:17,430 --> 00:21:14,799

where real data hard data that is part

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00:21:19,510 --> 00:21:17,440

of the historical record is suppressed

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00:21:21,830 --> 00:21:19,520

ignored and when it can't be ignored

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00:21:23,830 --> 00:21:21,840

it's often reinterpreted

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00:21:25,510 --> 00:21:23,840

interestingly we have cases of that in

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00:21:27,110 --> 00:21:25,520

history as well

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00:21:28,870 --> 00:21:27,120

and case in point i want to read from

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00:21:32,390 --> 00:21:28,880

another section of the book

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00:21:34,950 --> 00:21:32,400

quote one day among other instances it

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00:21:36,950 --> 00:21:34,960

chanced at leons that three men and a

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00:21:39,590 --> 00:21:36,960

woman were seen descending from these

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aerial ships the entire city gathered

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00:21:44,149 --> 00:21:41,440

about them crying out they were

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00:21:47,190 --> 00:21:44,159

magicians and were sent by grimaldis

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00:21:49,510 --> 00:21:47,200

duke of beneventum charlemagne's enemy

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00:21:51,350 --> 00:21:49,520

to destroy the french harvest

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00:21:53,110 --> 00:21:51,360

in vain the four innocents sought to

565

00:21:55,190 --> 00:21:53,120

vindicate themselves by saying that they

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00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:55,200

were their own country folk and have

567

00:21:59,590 --> 00:21:57,840

been carried away a short time since by

568

00:22:01,830 --> 00:21:59,600

miraculous men who had shown them

569

00:22:03,430 --> 00:22:01,840

unheard of marbles and had desired to

570

00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:03,440

give them an account of what they had

571

00:22:06,630 --> 00:22:04,480

seen

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00:22:08,710 --> 00:22:06,640

the frenzied populace paid no heed to

573

00:22:10,870 --> 00:22:08,720

their defense and were on the point of

574

00:22:13,909 --> 00:22:10,880

casting them into the fire when the

575

00:22:15,830 --> 00:22:13,919

worthy ago bart bishop of leons who

576

00:22:17,990 --> 00:22:15,840

having been a monk in that city had

577

00:22:20,149 --> 00:22:18,000

acquired considerable authority there

578

00:22:22,230 --> 00:22:20,159

came running at the noise and having

579

00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:22,240

heard the accusations of the people and

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00:22:26,310 --> 00:22:24,480

the defense of the accused gravely

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00:22:28,470 --> 00:22:26,320

pronounced that both one and the other

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00:22:30,630 --> 00:22:28,480

were false that it was not true that

583

00:22:32,710 --> 00:22:30,640

these men had fallen from the sky and

584

00:22:35,350 --> 00:22:32,720

that what they said they had seen there

585

00:22:37,510 --> 00:22:35,360

was impossible that people believed what

586

00:22:39,270 --> 00:22:37,520

their good father egobard said rather

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00:22:41,990 --> 00:22:39,280

than their own eyes

588

00:22:44,950 --> 00:22:42,000

were pacified sit at liberty the four

589

00:22:47,350 --> 00:22:44,960

ambassadors of the selfs and received

590

00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:47,360

with wonder the book which aggabald

591

00:22:50,549 --> 00:22:49,200

wrote to confirm the judgment which had

592

00:22:52,149 --> 00:22:50,559

been pronounced

593

00:22:54,710 --> 00:22:52,159

thus the testimony of these four

594

00:22:56,149 --> 00:22:54,720

witnesses was rendered vain

595

00:22:58,630 --> 00:22:56,159

unquote

596

00:23:00,149 --> 00:22:58,640

so this is the same man echo bard that

597

00:23:02,070 --> 00:23:00,159

was talking before

598

00:23:04,230 --> 00:23:02,080

about magonia

599

00:23:06,710 --> 00:23:04,240

now what's interesting here is not only

600

00:23:08,390 --> 00:23:06,720

do the four witnesses who descend from a

601
00:23:10,789 --> 00:23:08,400
ship in the sky

602
00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:10,799
end up being freed even though the town

603
00:23:13,750 --> 00:23:12,720
folk want to basically burn them at the

604
00:23:16,390 --> 00:23:13,760
stake

605
00:23:19,029 --> 00:23:16,400
but this ago barred figure has such

606
00:23:20,870 --> 00:23:19,039
authority in that area at that time that

607
00:23:22,230 --> 00:23:20,880
when he tells them they're both wrong

608
00:23:23,669 --> 00:23:22,240
that this couldn't possibly have

609
00:23:25,669 --> 00:23:23,679
happened at all

610
00:23:27,830 --> 00:23:25,679
they believe him this is what's so

611
00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:27,840
bizarre about prevailing paradigms and

612
00:23:31,909 --> 00:23:29,760
how they shape belief

613
00:23:34,630 --> 00:23:31,919

and valeta's point is we should be just

614

00:23:36,870 --> 00:23:34,640

as wary of that today as we are in

615

00:23:38,630 --> 00:23:36,880

examples like this from the depth of

616

00:23:40,789 --> 00:23:38,640

human history

617

00:23:43,350 --> 00:23:40,799

so so far we've included a few cases

618

00:23:44,230 --> 00:23:43,360

from fairy lore and how they overlap

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00:23:46,950 --> 00:23:44,240

with

620

00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:46,960

modern day ufo phenomenon cases how much

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00:23:50,870 --> 00:23:49,120

overlap of elements there are both in

622

00:23:53,510 --> 00:23:50,880

terms of the high strangeness and the

623

00:23:55,510 --> 00:23:53,520

sheer absurdity that seems prevalent in

624

00:23:57,990 --> 00:23:55,520

these kinds of cases

625

00:23:59,909 --> 00:23:58,000

beyond the fairy lore there's also cases

626

00:24:01,990 --> 00:23:59,919

in religious history that bear

627

00:24:04,390 --> 00:24:02,000

remarkable resemblance with

628

00:24:06,470 --> 00:24:04,400

data coming from the ufo phenomenon

629

00:24:08,549 --> 00:24:06,480

and in fact these cases are so similar

630

00:24:10,390 --> 00:24:08,559

from jacques villa's point of view that

631

00:24:11,510 --> 00:24:10,400

it really comes down to the interpretive

632

00:24:13,430 --> 00:24:11,520

grid

633

00:24:16,470 --> 00:24:13,440

of course we know about fatima what

634

00:24:19,269 --> 00:24:16,480

happened in portugal in 1917 we

635

00:24:21,990 --> 00:24:19,279

discussed that on a podcast in the past

636

00:24:25,190 --> 00:24:22,000

now in that case you had clear evidence

637

00:24:27,350 --> 00:24:25,200

of standard ufos being cited in the sky

638

00:24:29,350 --> 00:24:27,360

beforehand and then eventually the

639

00:24:32,549 --> 00:24:29,360

appearance of a humanoid

640

00:24:35,190 --> 00:24:32,559

female figure which the locals being of

641

00:24:37,110 --> 00:24:35,200

a catholic worldview for the most part

642

00:24:38,870 --> 00:24:37,120

along with the catholic church

643

00:24:41,110 --> 00:24:38,880

officially decided that this was

644

00:24:43,269 --> 00:24:41,120

actually a manifestation of the virgin

645

00:24:45,909 --> 00:24:43,279

mary now again valet and other

646

00:24:48,070 --> 00:24:45,919

ufologists really question this because

647

00:24:50,710 --> 00:24:48,080

again not only were there sightings of

648

00:24:52,390 --> 00:24:50,720

ufos leading up to this account but all

649

00:24:55,029 --> 00:24:52,400

of the high strangeness all of the

650

00:24:56,630 --> 00:24:55,039

paranormality all of the absurdity was

651
00:24:58,390 --> 00:24:56,640
also on display

652
00:25:00,549 --> 00:24:58,400
and so really when you think about it

653
00:25:02,870 --> 00:25:00,559
the main reason the catholic church had

654
00:25:05,029 --> 00:25:02,880
reason to declare this a religious event

655
00:25:05,830 --> 00:25:05,039
was that the people interpreted it that

656
00:25:07,669 --> 00:25:05,840
way

657
00:25:10,470 --> 00:25:07,679
which of course is the very definition

658
00:25:13,350 --> 00:25:10,480
of confirmation bias now interestingly

659
00:25:15,669 --> 00:25:13,360
fatima is not the only case like that

660
00:25:18,070 --> 00:25:15,679
and in this book valet also draws

661
00:25:19,669 --> 00:25:18,080
attention to other religious events or

662
00:25:21,830 --> 00:25:19,679
events that were interpreted as

663
00:25:22,870 --> 00:25:21,840

religious quoting from the book again

664

00:25:27,029 --> 00:25:22,880

quote

665

00:25:28,950 --> 00:25:27,039

on noon in september 1702 the sun took

666

00:25:31,990 --> 00:25:28,960

on a bloody color several days in

667

00:25:34,230 --> 00:25:32,000

succession and cotton-like threads fell

668

00:25:38,070 --> 00:25:34,240

down apparently falling from the sun

669

00:25:41,830 --> 00:25:38,080

itself phenomena reminiscent of the 1917

670

00:25:44,230 --> 00:25:41,840

observations in fatima portugal unquote

671

00:25:46,950 --> 00:25:44,240

and in a separate case now quote

672

00:25:48,110 --> 00:25:46,960

chaos spread all over japan on january

673

00:25:51,909 --> 00:25:48,120

2nd

674

00:25:52,789 --> 00:25:51,919

1749 when three round objects like the

675

00:25:55,510 --> 00:25:52,799

moon

676
00:25:57,990 --> 00:25:55,520
appeared and were seen for four days

677
00:25:59,669 --> 00:25:58,000
such a state of social unrest developed

678
00:26:02,390 --> 00:25:59,679
and seemed so clearly linked with the

679
00:26:04,390 --> 00:26:02,400
mysterious celestial objects that the

680
00:26:06,789 --> 00:26:04,400
government decided to act

681
00:26:09,190 --> 00:26:06,799
riot participants were executed but

682
00:26:11,990 --> 00:26:09,200
confusion became total when people

683
00:26:16,310 --> 00:26:12,000
observed three moons aligned in the sky

684
00:26:18,470 --> 00:26:16,320
and several days later two suns unquote

685
00:26:21,110 --> 00:26:18,480
so that's two different cases when we

686
00:26:23,750 --> 00:26:21,120
think about portugal fatima that was

687
00:26:24,950 --> 00:26:23,760
interpreted as a catholic event in japan

688
00:26:27,190 --> 00:26:24,960

because they have a different

689

00:26:28,789 --> 00:26:27,200

sociological history it was interpreted

690

00:26:31,110 --> 00:26:28,799

differently but it still seemed to be a

691

00:26:32,630 --> 00:26:31,120

sign from the heavens declaring that

692

00:26:35,029 --> 00:26:32,640

what they were doing on the ground in

693

00:26:37,110 --> 00:26:35,039

their society was wrong again when you

694

00:26:39,590 --> 00:26:37,120

step back and take more of the 30 000

695

00:26:42,230 --> 00:26:39,600

foot view what you realize is that we

696

00:26:44,470 --> 00:26:42,240

have phenomena manifesting that are

697

00:26:46,630 --> 00:26:44,480

highly strange that sometimes involve

698

00:26:49,350 --> 00:26:46,640

what looks like meteorological effects

699

00:26:51,830 --> 00:26:49,360

in the sky atmospheric effects as well

700

00:26:54,230 --> 00:26:51,840

as classical ufos and the strange

701
00:26:56,630 --> 00:26:54,240
manifestations of beings and of course

702
00:26:58,870 --> 00:26:56,640
often absurdity is in the mix as well

703
00:27:01,590 --> 00:26:58,880
but how these events are interpreted

704
00:27:02,390 --> 00:27:01,600
depends on the cultural context of the

705
00:27:04,549 --> 00:27:02,400
time

706
00:27:06,789 --> 00:27:04,559
and of the place

707
00:27:09,350 --> 00:27:06,799
now as you're perhaps beginning to see

708
00:27:11,830 --> 00:27:09,360
in this book ballet gives case after

709
00:27:14,310 --> 00:27:11,840
case after case stretching across the

710
00:27:16,950 --> 00:27:14,320
entire span of human history or at least

711
00:27:19,430 --> 00:27:16,960
recorded human history showing how often

712
00:27:21,510 --> 00:27:19,440
these kinds of cases have happened

713
00:27:23,669 --> 00:27:21,520

and even within american history prior

714

00:27:26,149 --> 00:27:23,679

to the 20th century we still have

715

00:27:28,950 --> 00:27:26,159

shocking events that have been recorded

716

00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:28,960

and now i want to recount one involving

717

00:27:34,389 --> 00:27:31,600

alexander hamilton believe it or not

718

00:27:37,110 --> 00:27:34,399

this is what the book has to say quote

719

00:27:39,750 --> 00:27:37,120

in an affidavit quoted in several recent

720

00:27:41,909 --> 00:27:39,760

ufo books and journals hamilton states

721

00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:41,919

that he was awakened by a noise among

722

00:27:46,950 --> 00:27:44,080

the cattle and went out with two other

723

00:27:48,470 --> 00:27:46,960

men he then saw an airship descend

724

00:27:50,950 --> 00:27:48,480

gently toward the ground

725

00:27:53,190 --> 00:27:50,960

and hover within 50 yards of it it

726
00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:53,200
consisted of a great cigar shaped

727
00:27:57,909 --> 00:27:56,240
portion possibly 300 feet long with a

728
00:27:59,909 --> 00:27:57,919
carriage underneath

729
00:28:02,389 --> 00:27:59,919
the carriage was made of glass or some

730
00:28:05,029 --> 00:28:02,399
other transparent substance alternating

731
00:28:07,510 --> 00:28:05,039
with a narrow strip of some material it

732
00:28:09,750 --> 00:28:07,520
was brilliantly lighted within

733
00:28:11,909 --> 00:28:09,760
and everything was plainly visible it

734
00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:11,919
was occupied by six of the strangest

735
00:28:15,750 --> 00:28:13,760
beings i ever saw

736
00:28:18,389 --> 00:28:15,760
they were jabbering together but we

737
00:28:20,470 --> 00:28:18,399
could not understand a word they said

738
00:28:22,789 --> 00:28:20,480

upon seeing the witnesses the pilots of

739

00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:22,799

the strange ship turned on some unknown

740

00:28:26,549 --> 00:28:25,440

power and the ship rose about 300 feet

741

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

above them

742

00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:28,559

it seemed to pause and hover directly

743

00:28:33,269 --> 00:28:30,720

over two-year-old heifer which was

744

00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:33,279

bawling and jumping apparently fast in

745

00:28:36,549 --> 00:28:34,559

the fence

746

00:28:38,549 --> 00:28:36,559

going to her we found a cable about a

747

00:28:41,269 --> 00:28:38,559

half inch in thickness made of some red

748

00:28:42,389 --> 00:28:41,279

material fastened in a slip knot around

749

00:28:45,110 --> 00:28:42,399

her neck

750

00:28:48,070 --> 00:28:45,120

one end passing up to the vessel and the

751
00:28:50,310 --> 00:28:48,080
hefer tangled in the wire fence we tried

752
00:28:52,549 --> 00:28:50,320
to get it off but could not so we cut

753
00:28:56,149 --> 00:28:52,559
the wire loose and stood in amazement to

754
00:28:58,710 --> 00:28:56,159
see the ship hefer and all rise slowly

755
00:29:00,789 --> 00:28:58,720
disappearing in the northwest hamilton

756
00:29:01,830 --> 00:29:00,799
was so frightened he could not sleep

757
00:29:04,870 --> 00:29:01,840
that night

758
00:29:07,110 --> 00:29:04,880
rising early tuesday i started out by

759
00:29:09,990 --> 00:29:07,120
horse hoping to find some trace of my

760
00:29:11,830 --> 00:29:10,000
cow he said this i failed to do but

761
00:29:13,990 --> 00:29:11,840
coming back in the evening found the

762
00:29:17,029 --> 00:29:14,000
link thomas about three or four miles

763
00:29:19,909 --> 00:29:17,039

west of leroy had found the hide legs

764

00:29:21,590 --> 00:29:19,919

and head in his field that day

765

00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:21,600

he thinking someone had butchered a

766

00:29:26,070 --> 00:29:23,600

stolen beast had brought the hide to

767

00:29:28,630 --> 00:29:26,080

town for identification but was greatly

768

00:29:30,789 --> 00:29:28,640

mystified in not being able to find any

769

00:29:33,269 --> 00:29:30,799

tracks in the soft ground

770

00:29:35,830 --> 00:29:33,279

after identifying the hive by my brand i

771

00:29:37,909 --> 00:29:35,840

went home but every time i would drop to

772

00:29:40,470 --> 00:29:37,919

sleep i would see the cursed thing with

773

00:29:42,310 --> 00:29:40,480

its big lights and hideous people i

774

00:29:45,269 --> 00:29:42,320

don't know whether they were devils or

775

00:29:47,590 --> 00:29:45,279

angels or what but we all saw them and

776

00:29:49,669 --> 00:29:47,600

my whole family saw the ship and i don't

777

00:29:51,350 --> 00:29:49,679

want any more to do with them

778

00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:51,360

unquote

779

00:29:55,909 --> 00:29:53,440

now not only is this a case of the ufo

780

00:29:58,070 --> 00:29:55,919

phenomenon going back well before the

781

00:30:00,310 --> 00:29:58,080

20th century but of course very

782

00:30:03,110 --> 00:30:00,320

interestingly and somewhat disturbingly

783

00:30:05,110 --> 00:30:03,120

this is also very similar to cases of

784

00:30:08,470 --> 00:30:05,120

cattle mutilation that are so well

785

00:30:11,110 --> 00:30:08,480

attested in the 20th and 21st century

786

00:30:13,990 --> 00:30:11,120

and again speaking of the 20th and 21st

787

00:30:17,510 --> 00:30:14,000

century valley is quick to point out his

788

00:30:20,870 --> 00:30:17,520

frustration with ufologists who want to

789

00:30:23,029 --> 00:30:20,880

ignore cases reject cases consider not

790

00:30:24,950 --> 00:30:23,039

relevant cases that happen before a

791

00:30:27,269 --> 00:30:24,960

certain time period merely for the

792

00:30:29,190 --> 00:30:27,279

arbitrary reason that they believe that

793

00:30:31,750 --> 00:30:29,200

wouldn't be indicative of an alien

794

00:30:33,430 --> 00:30:31,760

invasion which they think should be the

795

00:30:35,430 --> 00:30:33,440

prevailing narrative

796

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:35,440

quoting from the book again vale says

797

00:30:39,750 --> 00:30:37,760

quote today there are still students of

798

00:30:42,230 --> 00:30:39,760

the phenomenon who reject the notion

799

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:42,240

that the ufo phenomenon was reported

800

00:30:48,310 --> 00:30:45,840

before 1947 unquote and elsewhere he

801
00:30:51,029 --> 00:30:48,320
says quote one prominent writer would

802
00:30:54,070 --> 00:30:51,039
allow old cases dating back some 200

803
00:30:56,149 --> 00:30:54,080
years but not before because a long-term

804
00:30:58,950 --> 00:30:56,159
alien presence would negate the newest

805
00:31:01,669 --> 00:30:58,960
belief in an imminent extraterrestrial

806
00:31:05,190 --> 00:31:01,679
invasion manifested through abductions

807
00:31:07,029 --> 00:31:05,200
aboard flying craft unquote

808
00:31:08,710 --> 00:31:07,039
so again with all of this in mind

809
00:31:10,870 --> 00:31:08,720
considering all of these historical

810
00:31:13,350 --> 00:31:10,880
cases stretching over the course of

811
00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:13,360
recorded human history what are we to

812
00:31:17,669 --> 00:31:16,000
make of this entire phenomenon

813
00:31:20,310 --> 00:31:17,679

we really consider these separate

814

00:31:23,029 --> 00:31:20,320

phenomena distinct and connected to

815

00:31:26,070 --> 00:31:23,039

different kinds of origins or are these

816

00:31:28,070 --> 00:31:26,080

examples of the same phenomena over time

817

00:31:30,389 --> 00:31:28,080

and if that's the case what does that do

818

00:31:32,549 --> 00:31:30,399

for our convenient explanation that

819

00:31:33,590 --> 00:31:32,559

these are sophisticated technological

820

00:31:37,269 --> 00:31:33,600

vehicles

821

00:31:38,710 --> 00:31:37,279

being flown by aliens from exoplanets

822

00:31:40,630 --> 00:31:38,720

and such

823

00:31:43,509 --> 00:31:40,640

again when you consider the full breadth

824

00:31:46,149 --> 00:31:43,519

of the historical data you could argue

825

00:31:48,470 --> 00:31:46,159

as does valet that perhaps the et

826

00:31:51,590 --> 00:31:48,480

hypothesis the notion that these are

827

00:31:54,630 --> 00:31:51,600

aliens piloting spacecraft from some

828

00:31:56,710 --> 00:31:54,640

exoplanet here to perhaps invade is

829

00:31:59,269 --> 00:31:56,720

merely the latest sociological

830

00:32:01,190 --> 00:31:59,279

interpretation of the same event that

831

00:32:03,509 --> 00:32:01,200

led one group of human beings to

832

00:32:05,269 --> 00:32:03,519

determine this was a religious event

833

00:32:07,029 --> 00:32:05,279

another to interpret this as a fairy

834

00:32:09,350 --> 00:32:07,039

event etc

835

00:32:11,909 --> 00:32:09,360

that perhaps once we separate the

836

00:32:14,310 --> 00:32:11,919

phenomena the actual observations of

837

00:32:16,710 --> 00:32:14,320

what happened from the interpretations

838

00:32:19,269 --> 00:32:16,720

of what that meant what we may be seeing

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is some kind of intelligence manifesting

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phenomena in our consensus reality over

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the entire course of human history at

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least that's a possibility we need to

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consider

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this is what valet has to say in

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reflection

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let us come to the point now it would be

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nice to hold on to the common belief

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that the ufos are craft from a superior

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space civilization

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because this is a hypothesis science

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fiction has made widely acceptable and

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because we are not altogether unprepared

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scientifically and even perhaps

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militarily to deal with such visitors

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unfortunately however the theory that

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flying saucers are material objects from

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outer space manned by a race originating

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on some other planet is not a complete

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answer

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however strong the current belief in

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saucers from space it cannot be stronger

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than the celtic faith in the elves and

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the fairies or the medieval belief in

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lutens or the fear throughout the

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christian lands in the first centuries

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of our era of demons and satires and

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fawns certainly it cannot be stronger

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than the faith that inspired the writers

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of the bible a faith rooted in daily

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experiences with angelic visitation

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unquote

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now as we come to a close of this week's

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podcast i'd just like to point out that

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this book this excellent book this

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groundbreaking book by jacques vallee

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passport to magonia takes us in a new

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direction considering this phenomena

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beyond the confines of space aliens and

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sophisticated technology

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now this is an aspect of the ufo

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phenomenon data that i want to pursue

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more and it's related to discussions

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i've had recently on twitter dropping

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breadcrumbs if you will hinting at some

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greater understanding that is slowly

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elements of the ufo phenomenon data

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we'll continue to pursue that over the

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next few weeks so i hope you'll tune in

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next time as we continue this new aspect

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of the discussion

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before we sign off i'd also like to

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point out that come monday there will be

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nathan also known as a wave soul on

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so i hope you'll also tune in for that

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again for those of you interested if

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