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EPISODE #68

*Intermentation & Contagion:
The Metaphysical Implications
of the Hitchhiker Effect*



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hello and welcome to episode number 68

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of the point of convergence podcast as

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always i am your host exo academian

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for those who look at the ufo phenomenon

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as primarily a nuts and bolts enterprise

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elements of this enigma that veer into

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the domains of the spiritual and the

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paranormal are often seen as superfluous

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and distracting to the main point of the

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exercise

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from the point of view of traditional

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nuts and bolts ufologists like this the

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central point is that some kind of

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biologically based alien intelligence is

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here in our midst buzzing in and around

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our skies and apparently our most

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supposedly secure airspace for that

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matter with impunity

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from this perspective the focus and the

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fascination lies in the sophisticated

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nature of the technology on display

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and in the earthly presence of

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apparently bipedal alien life forms

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interestingly and i would suggest

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tellingly researchers in a different

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field that of hauntology have a similar

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tunnel vision focus

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for traditional hauntologists the

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assumption is often that deceased human

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beings are responsible for much of the

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paranormal experiences people report

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having

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and when the dead are not responsible

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the aim often turns towards the

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so-called spirit realm where angels and

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demons reside

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for someone with only a cursory

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understanding of the two fields just

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described namely ufology and hauntology

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the assumption is largely that these are

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distinct and unrelated fields

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the first has to do with

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extraterrestrials arriving from zeta

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reticuli or some other location

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and the second has to do with ancestors

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who refuse to fade fully into the domain

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of the afterlife

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and with spiritual entities who are

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meddling in the affairs of human beings

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supposedly with the hopes of determining

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the ultimate destiny of human souls

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again this is how these matters appear

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to someone with only a shallow

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understanding of these two fields with a

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correspondingly shallow understanding of

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the data arising in the literature of

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these two fields

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for those who are intimately familiar

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with the full breadth of the data

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however the overlap between these two

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fields is startling

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so much so in fact that those who are

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really attempting to look at these

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matters with objective eyes

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see that this is all part of some

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overarching category of inquiry

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why do mysterious balls of light often

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referred to as orbs often show up both

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in cases ascribed to ufology and

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hauntology

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why do ufos and aliens sometimes appear

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right alongside deceased human beings

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these overlapping data points seemingly

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demand we step back and look at this

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from a more overarching perspective

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beyond these similarities another

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fascinating and for some disturbing data

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point is shared by both ufology and

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ontology

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here i speak of the so-called hitchhiker

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effect where human beings seem to be

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followed by entities of various forms

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after having had encounters of either

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ghosts and or spirits or aliens

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alongside sightings of ufos

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startlingly not only do these entities

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and phenomena follow people who've had

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such encounters but they are often

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reported to spread almost like a virus

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of some sort into the lives of people

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who simply know the person initially

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afflicted

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in other words just knowing someone

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who's had an anomalous encounter like we

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just discussed is enough to trigger a

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similar experience of the paranormal

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even when the matter was never actually

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discussed at all by either party

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and this hitchhiker phenomena can then

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carry on in the lives of such

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individuals for months even years

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these overlapping data points of course

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raise profound questions

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who then are these entities appearing in

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both ufology and hauntology

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have we mistook them for the wrong types

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merely because our categories are based

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more on folklore and wishful thinking

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than in reality

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and what of us who are we in other words

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what are we really composed of that

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would allow such seemingly energetic

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life forms and phenomena to attach to us

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and ultimately what do these revelations

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suggest in terms of an overarching

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metaphysical understanding of reality

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itself

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these perplexing astonishing and

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mind-bending matters are the focus of

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this the 68th episode of the point of

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to begin this podcast we should make

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note that we touched on these kinds of

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matters before in our two-part episode

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covering the book skinwalkers at the

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pentagon an insider's account of the

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secret government ufo program by james

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lakatsky colm kelleher and george knapp

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today we're going to touch on these

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matters again and we're going to dive

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into a new article that calm kelleher

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has published titled the pentagon secret

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ufo program the hitchhiker effect and

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models of contagion and he wrote this

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for edge science magazine

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now this covers much of the highlights

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of the program that he was involved with

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and it touches on the hitchhiker effect

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in some detail and we will jump off

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right there

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according from this article

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in september 2008 the defense

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intelligence agency initiated a 22

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million two-year contract with bigelow

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aerospace advanced studies bas

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to scientifically study ufos and their

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effects on humans and so began one of

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the most controversial programs in the

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history of the united states government

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the program was named advanced aerospace

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weapon system applications program asap

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and was kept secret from the public

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until the new york times broke the story

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in december 2017

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cooper blumenthal and keane 2017.

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dia senior analyst james t lutkatsky was

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the primary creator of awesapp

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within five months of the osap start

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date in 2008 a team of 50 phd and

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master's level scientists technicians

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engineers analysts military intelligence

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professionals program managers and

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security officers had been recruited

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hired and were being assigned security

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clearances

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during the program's 24 months duration

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plus a three-month no-cost extension

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bass delivered over 100 technical

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reports on different aspects of ufo

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performance as well as reports

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describing medical psychological and

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physiological effects of ufos and

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associated phenomena unquote

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so that's key this was an official

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program even though it didn't break into

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the public until 2017 with the famous

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new york times article but we should

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note here that not only do they study

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ufos but also the medical psychological

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and physiological effects of ufos

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and their associated phenomena so this

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is where the paranormal aspect comes in

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again if this was a more widespread

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program was known by more people likely

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they would have had a lot of flack and

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they would not have been able to extend

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the scope to that degree

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to include an investigation of

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paranormal effects that seemed to

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co-arise with ufos

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but they had already known from previous

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studies with bigelow's group that this

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is what tended to happen and so that was

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the focus here and this was why this was

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such an important study and we have such

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rich data to now refer to

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okay enough of the broad strokes let's

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jump into the hitchhiker effects

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specifically and this first arose when

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they were studying at skinwalker ranch

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quoting again from the article quote

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one area of investigation initiated by

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asap involved in the infamous skinwalker

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ranch where multiple ufo sightings had

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taken place over decades as well as a

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plethora of anomalies that included

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cattle mutilations sightings of orbs of

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different colors

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discarded entities and poltergeist

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activity

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shortly after the assap investigations

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began the dia deployed several military

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personnel on-site visits to skinwalker

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ranch to corroborate and evaluate

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earlier reports of anomalous phenomena

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likatsky himself had experienced a

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profound anomaly on the ranch in 2007.

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this experience in fact was a

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significant instigation for the

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formation of the awsap bass program

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all five dia personnel deployed to the

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ranch experienced profound anomalies

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while on the property and more

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importantly all five brought something

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home with them the leader of these five

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military personnel was a naval

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intelligence officer whom we gave the

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pseudonym jonathan axelrod in our book

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this is the book by lakotsky kelleher

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and knapp skinwalkers at the pentagon

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quoting again from the article axelrod

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was an accomplished engineer who would

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eventually be promoted to the rank of

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two-star admiral within naval

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intelligence and who possessed top

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secret sensitive compartmented

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clearances at the time of his ranch

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visit in july 2009

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axelrod accompanied by jim costigan and

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dave wilson encountered an anomaly on

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the ranch that caused a lot of fear in

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all three men but little did they know

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that this incident was only the

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beginning of his troubles within a month

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of arriving back home in virginia a

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plethora of paranormal phenomena

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suddenly erupted in axelrod's home

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for several years following his july

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2009 and subsequent trips to the ranch

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axelrod's wife and teenage children were

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subjected to nightmarish

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dog men appearing in their backyard to

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blue red yellow and white orbs routinely

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floating through the home and in the

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yard to black shadow people standing

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over their beds when they awoke

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and to a relentless barrage of loud

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unexplained footsteps walking up and

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down the stairs of their house

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unquote

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so a couple of points to make note of

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there number one it was the highly

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ranked military personnel that were sent

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to the ranch to corroborate earlier

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investigations and findings who ended up

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having these encounters and then all

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five took something home with them all

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five experienced the hitchhiker

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phenomenon in other words

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now right away we should point out here

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that these are military personnel and

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some people who really believe that the

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reflective nature of the phenomenon is

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front and center will say that they

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ended up having negative encounters

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frightening encounters because these

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people were military personnel perhaps

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00:11:03,750 --> 00:11:01,519

therefore coming with an aggressive

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00:11:05,509 --> 00:11:03,760

militaristic kind of perspective and

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00:11:08,389 --> 00:11:05,519

this ended up being reflected back to

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00:11:10,389 --> 00:11:08,399

them in what they ended up encountering

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00:11:12,790 --> 00:11:10,399

and interestingly that notion is not

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00:11:14,949 --> 00:11:12,800

just superstitious folklore this was

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00:11:16,630 --> 00:11:14,959

actually a finding that's noted later in

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00:11:19,110 --> 00:11:16,640

this very article

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00:11:21,350 --> 00:11:19,120

so getting back to the article quote the

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00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:21,360

axelrod teenagers endured some very

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00:11:25,990 --> 00:11:23,760

scary episodes in their bedrooms

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00:11:28,069 --> 00:11:26,000

paul the younger teenager claims to have

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00:11:30,470 --> 00:11:28,079

been attacked by blue and red orbs in

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00:11:31,990 --> 00:11:30,480

his bedroom on the night of february 7

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00:11:33,670 --> 00:11:32,000

2011

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00:11:36,470 --> 00:11:33,680

but they kept quiet about their strange

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00:11:38,069 --> 00:11:36,480

experiences so imagine paul's shock when

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00:11:41,190 --> 00:11:38,079

he was approached by one of his high

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00:11:43,269 --> 00:11:41,200

school friends in 2011 who told him that

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00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:43,279

on the previous night he had looked out

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00:11:47,509 --> 00:11:45,200

his bedroom window and had witnessed a

301
00:11:50,310 --> 00:11:47,519
large wolf-like creature standing

302
00:11:52,310 --> 00:11:50,320
outside his bedroom looking in at him

303
00:11:54,310 --> 00:11:52,320
a few weeks later another friend told

304
00:11:56,470 --> 00:11:54,320
paul of seeing strange blue lights

305
00:11:58,389 --> 00:11:56,480
flying around his backyard

306
00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:58,399
these revelations by the two friends

307
00:12:02,949 --> 00:12:00,720
came without prompting from paul

308
00:12:05,829 --> 00:12:02,959
in other words they cannot be dismissed

309
00:12:07,829 --> 00:12:05,839
as me too phenomena the experiences by

310
00:12:10,550 --> 00:12:07,839
paul's school friends suggest the

311
00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:10,560
perception of bizarre creatures and blue

312
00:12:15,670 --> 00:12:13,920
orbs was transferable beyond the axelrod

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00:12:17,829 --> 00:12:15,680

family home and out into the

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00:12:19,829 --> 00:12:17,839

neighborhood it's unlikely that these

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00:12:21,910 --> 00:12:19,839

events could be explained as a series of

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00:12:24,389 --> 00:12:21,920

improbable coincidences

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00:12:26,310 --> 00:12:24,399

likewise since the axelrod children were

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00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:26,320

very reticent in discussing these

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00:12:30,389 --> 00:12:28,079

experiences outside their immediate

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00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:30,399

family the incidents with their school

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00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,880

friends cannot be dismissed as pure

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00:12:36,949 --> 00:12:35,279

mimicry unquote

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00:12:38,790 --> 00:12:36,959

so let's make this point really clear

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00:12:41,509 --> 00:12:38,800

because this is essential

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00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:41,519

these boys did not talk to their friends

326
00:12:45,430 --> 00:12:43,200
about what they were experiencing they

327
00:12:47,350 --> 00:12:45,440
kept it to themselves and yet these

328
00:12:49,030 --> 00:12:47,360
friends came to them and talked about

329
00:12:51,190 --> 00:12:49,040
experiences they were having right

330
00:12:53,990 --> 00:12:51,200
around the same time

331
00:12:56,389 --> 00:12:54,000
so here kelleher wonders if perhaps this

332
00:12:58,310 --> 00:12:56,399
phenomena is able to extend into the

333
00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:58,320
neighborhood so to speak

334
00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:00,560
i wonder if it's not so much a question

335
00:13:05,829 --> 00:13:03,600
of space and moving into the area as it

336
00:13:08,230 --> 00:13:05,839
is a kind of psychic connection between

337
00:13:09,990 --> 00:13:08,240
these boys and their friends that's what

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00:13:11,990 --> 00:13:10,000

i would tend to suggest might be the

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

case and i think there's other evidence

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00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:14,800

that would support that kind of notion

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00:13:19,590 --> 00:13:17,120

getting back to the article again quote

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00:13:21,350 --> 00:13:19,600

the axelrod family also suffered health

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00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:21,360

effects with the wife suffering

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00:13:25,350 --> 00:13:23,680

flare-ups of systemic lupus and

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00:13:27,990 --> 00:13:25,360

raynaud's disease

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00:13:30,230 --> 00:13:28,000

both axelrod teenagers also endured

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00:13:32,949 --> 00:13:30,240

intense flu-like symptoms at different

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00:13:34,870 --> 00:13:32,959

times following anomalies in their home

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00:13:37,269 --> 00:13:34,880

with the most serious medical symptoms

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00:13:39,509 --> 00:13:37,279

occurring in the younger teenager

351
00:13:41,910 --> 00:13:39,519
and axelrod and his family were certain

352
00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:41,920
that the trigger for this transformation

353
00:13:46,150 --> 00:13:44,800
was his first trip to skinwalker ranch

354
00:13:47,750 --> 00:13:46,160
unquote

355
00:13:49,910 --> 00:13:47,760
so before we carry on with the article

356
00:13:51,990 --> 00:13:49,920
let's stop and make note here that there

357
00:13:54,470 --> 00:13:52,000
were physiological effects and this has

358
00:13:56,230 --> 00:13:54,480
been noted many many times people like

359
00:13:58,230 --> 00:13:56,240
jacques villa and gary nolan have been

360
00:14:00,629 --> 00:13:58,240
studying the physiological effects

361
00:14:03,670 --> 00:14:00,639
specifically on the brain for people who

362
00:14:05,350 --> 00:14:03,680
have encountered anomalous phenomena so

363
00:14:07,189 --> 00:14:05,360

again for those who would suggest that

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00:14:08,949 --> 00:14:07,199

perhaps people are just having some sort

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

of vision beamed into their

366

00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:11,040

consciousness into their perceptual

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00:14:16,069 --> 00:14:13,440

apparatus so to speak that wouldn't make

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00:14:18,069 --> 00:14:16,079

sense of why physiological changes start

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00:14:20,629 --> 00:14:18,079

happening and that people actually come

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00:14:23,269 --> 00:14:20,639

down with physical illness as has been

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00:14:24,629 --> 00:14:23,279

noted and as was just noted in this case

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00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:24,639

here

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00:14:27,910 --> 00:14:26,160

and while we're on this point i'd also

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00:14:30,069 --> 00:14:27,920

like to point out that another person

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00:14:32,870 --> 00:14:30,079

that brought home the hitchhiker effect

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00:14:34,629 --> 00:14:32,880

so to speak from skinwalker ranch ended

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00:14:37,269 --> 00:14:34,639

up having a large and apparently

378

00:14:39,430 --> 00:14:37,279

anomalous creature fly into their car

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00:14:41,590 --> 00:14:39,440

and actually dent the car so there we

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00:14:43,030 --> 00:14:41,600

don't just have a consciousness change

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00:14:45,269 --> 00:14:43,040

in the person and we don't just have

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00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:45,279

physiological effects but we actually

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00:14:49,670 --> 00:14:47,440

have things showing up in manifest

384

00:14:51,430 --> 00:14:49,680

reality 3d reality that you can see the

385

00:14:54,069 --> 00:14:51,440

effects of when you look at for instance

386

00:14:55,430 --> 00:14:54,079

this dented car

387

00:14:57,430 --> 00:14:55,440

and i bring these matters to your

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00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:57,440

attention because these details are

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00:15:00,710 --> 00:14:58,399

essential

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00:15:02,870 --> 00:15:00,720

when we later reflect on them in putting

391

00:15:05,430 --> 00:15:02,880

together some overarching meta

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00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:05,440

perspective on what reality itself is

393

00:15:09,269 --> 00:15:07,360

that would allow these kinds of things

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00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:09,279

to take place

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00:15:12,389 --> 00:15:10,800

all right now let's jump back into the

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00:15:14,389 --> 00:15:12,399

article quote

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00:15:16,350 --> 00:15:14,399

this feeling of bringing something home

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00:15:19,350 --> 00:15:16,360

and the subsequent person-to-person

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00:15:21,750 --> 00:15:19,360

transmissibility of paranormal phenomena

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00:15:24,230 --> 00:15:21,760

some of which can last for years has

401
00:15:27,350 --> 00:15:24,240
been named the hitchhiker effect

402
00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:27,360
in an april 2022 interview skinwalker

403
00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:30,720
ranch research team member dr jim segela

404
00:15:35,189 --> 00:15:32,880
addressed the hitchhiker phenomenon

405
00:15:36,949 --> 00:15:35,199
quote over the past five years it has

406
00:15:39,350 --> 00:15:36,959
been our experience that when people

407
00:15:41,990 --> 00:15:39,360
interact with the phenomena and do not

408
00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:42,000
treat the phenomena with respect

409
00:15:45,749 --> 00:15:43,920
that's when we see a higher rate of the

410
00:15:48,069 --> 00:15:45,759
hitchhiker syndrome

411
00:15:49,829 --> 00:15:48,079
unquote so just want to step away for a

412
00:15:53,110 --> 00:15:49,839
second there and say that this has been

413
00:15:56,230 --> 00:15:53,120

noted multiple times specifically when

414

00:15:58,949 --> 00:15:56,240

people seem to show a disrespect or lack

415

00:16:01,430 --> 00:15:58,959

of consideration that they most often

416

00:16:03,110 --> 00:16:01,440

notice this kind of negative impact

417

00:16:05,110 --> 00:16:03,120

that's what i mentioned earlier this is

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00:16:07,430 --> 00:16:05,120

not just hearsay this is not just

419

00:16:09,829 --> 00:16:07,440

superstition this seems to be reflected

420

00:16:12,150 --> 00:16:09,839

in the data they had gathered all right

421

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:12,160

jumping back into the article quote

422

00:16:16,230 --> 00:16:14,079

symptoms experienced by people range

423

00:16:18,470 --> 00:16:16,240

from acute neurological injuries to

424

00:16:20,150 --> 00:16:18,480

chronic blood disease those who have

425

00:16:23,110 --> 00:16:20,160

told us that they have brought home a

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00:16:25,910 --> 00:16:23,120

souvenir often have some type of illness

427

00:16:27,590 --> 00:16:25,920

as well as family members the data again

428

00:16:29,990 --> 00:16:27,600

comes from years of tracking and

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00:16:32,230 --> 00:16:30,000

collecting data from those who have come

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00:16:34,069 --> 00:16:32,240

forward unquote

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00:16:36,230 --> 00:16:34,079

now in the introduction to today's

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00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:36,240

episode i mentioned that these kinds of

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00:16:41,509 --> 00:16:38,720

phenomena show up both in cases that are

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00:16:43,350 --> 00:16:41,519

being researched by hauntologists as

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00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:43,360

well as cases that are being researched

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00:16:47,829 --> 00:16:46,000

by ufologists in other words regardless

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00:16:51,269 --> 00:16:47,839

of what kind of matter you think it is

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00:16:53,829 --> 00:16:51,279

we find these overlapping phenomena

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00:16:57,189 --> 00:16:53,839

and now kelleher talks about that in a

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00:16:58,550 --> 00:16:57,199

specific book by darren ritzen

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00:17:00,790 --> 00:16:58,560

this book by the way is called

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00:17:03,269 --> 00:17:00,800

poltergeist parallels and contagion it's

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00:17:05,669 --> 00:17:03,279

an excellent book i've read it and it

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00:17:07,669 --> 00:17:05,679

indeed catalogs a lot of the same kind

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00:17:10,390 --> 00:17:07,679

of phenomena we find in what we thought

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00:17:12,870 --> 00:17:10,400

was the ufo phenomenon but again darren

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00:17:15,350 --> 00:17:12,880

ritzen and his colleagues look into

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00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:15,360

paranormal kinds of encounters

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00:17:19,510 --> 00:17:17,760

getting back to the book again quote

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00:17:21,590 --> 00:17:19,520

darren w ritzen's recent

451
00:17:24,549 --> 00:17:21,600
thought-provoking book on poltergeist

452
00:17:26,309 --> 00:17:24,559
and contagion depicts evidence for a

453
00:17:28,309 --> 00:17:26,319
transmissibility phenomenon that

454
00:17:31,750 --> 00:17:28,319
occurred with the infamous south shields

455
00:17:33,029 --> 00:17:31,760
uk poltergeist case of 2006 and

456
00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:33,039
aftermath

457
00:17:37,510 --> 00:17:34,960
the book described in great detail the

458
00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:37,520
disturbing effects of a poltergeist that

459
00:17:43,190 --> 00:17:40,080
infested a home in south shields a small

460
00:17:44,950 --> 00:17:43,200
village in northeast england during 2006

461
00:17:46,310 --> 00:17:44,960
and 2007.

462
00:17:48,789 --> 00:17:46,320
richton and his colleague

463
00:17:50,789 --> 00:17:48,799

co-investigator michael hollowell

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00:17:52,630 --> 00:17:50,799

recounted many anomalous events the

465

00:17:54,710 --> 00:17:52,640

majority of which overlapped with

466

00:17:58,390 --> 00:17:54,720

phenomena that has been reported on

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00:18:00,150 --> 00:17:58,400

skinwalker ranch including quote windows

468

00:18:02,710 --> 00:18:00,160

opening and shutting repeatedly

469

00:18:05,190 --> 00:18:02,720

appearances of anomalous black shapes

470

00:18:07,430 --> 00:18:05,200

sounds of footsteps in the loft banging

471

00:18:09,029 --> 00:18:07,440

and thumping noises in the bedrooms

472

00:18:12,230 --> 00:18:09,039

people being pushed violently from

473

00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:12,240

behind discarnate voices objects being

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00:18:16,870 --> 00:18:14,640

moved around unquote

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00:18:19,110 --> 00:18:16,880

again back to the article quote ritson

476
00:18:21,270 --> 00:18:19,120
goes on to describe a process whereby

477
00:18:22,950 --> 00:18:21,280
the bizarre antics of the poltergeist

478
00:18:25,510 --> 00:18:22,960
spread outwards from the home of the

479
00:18:27,830 --> 00:18:25,520
principal witnesses and start to affect

480
00:18:29,830 --> 00:18:27,840
others around them extended family

481
00:18:32,710 --> 00:18:29,840
members friends colleagues and

482
00:18:35,590 --> 00:18:32,720
investigators who chose or accidentally

483
00:18:36,789 --> 00:18:35,600
wander into the arena of metaphysical

484
00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:36,799
conflict

485
00:18:40,789 --> 00:18:38,640
like a communicable disease the

486
00:18:43,909 --> 00:18:40,799
poltergeist phenomenon can attach itself

487
00:18:46,230 --> 00:18:43,919
to others richin's words echo the

488
00:18:48,870 --> 00:18:46,240

experiences of the osap investigators on

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00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:48,880

the skinwalker ranch in detail

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00:18:53,830 --> 00:18:51,360

through delineating multiple

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00:18:55,510 --> 00:18:53,840

additional cases darren ritzen provides

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00:18:58,950 --> 00:18:55,520

further evidence that poltergeist

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00:19:01,750 --> 00:18:58,960

contagion is quite possibly common and

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00:19:02,789 --> 00:19:01,760

under-reported unquote

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00:19:04,950 --> 00:19:02,799

so again

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00:19:07,990 --> 00:19:04,960

there we have a case of a paranormal

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00:19:09,750 --> 00:19:08,000

researcher not interested in ufos who is

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00:19:12,230 --> 00:19:09,760

finding much of this same kind of

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00:19:14,549 --> 00:19:12,240

phenomena this kind of hitchhiker effect

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00:19:17,110 --> 00:19:14,559

where it can broadcast and spread into

501
00:19:19,510 --> 00:19:17,120
people who know the initial people who

502
00:19:22,390 --> 00:19:19,520
encountered certain phenomena

503
00:19:24,070 --> 00:19:22,400
very very interesting

504
00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:24,080
now we're going to jump to a case one of

505
00:19:27,350 --> 00:19:25,840
my favorites in fact i know about this

506
00:19:29,029 --> 00:19:27,360
case and i've mentioned it before in a

507
00:19:31,270 --> 00:19:29,039
different podcast so i'm glad that

508
00:19:32,150 --> 00:19:31,280
kelleher brought it up here because once

509
00:19:33,669 --> 00:19:32,160
again

510
00:19:35,110 --> 00:19:33,679
what i want to draw your attention to

511
00:19:37,510 --> 00:19:35,120
here is how

512
00:19:40,150 --> 00:19:37,520
different kinds of situations different

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00:19:43,510 --> 00:19:40,160

kinds of events that can promote or

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00:19:45,669 --> 00:19:43,520

provoke this kind of hitchhiker effect

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00:19:47,909 --> 00:19:45,679

so what really is the underlying

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00:19:49,270 --> 00:19:47,919

overlapping theme that allows for this

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00:19:51,669 --> 00:19:49,280

to happen

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00:19:52,630 --> 00:19:51,679

this specific incident involved uri

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00:19:54,710 --> 00:19:52,640

geller

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00:19:57,990 --> 00:19:54,720

quoting again from the article

521

00:20:00,549 --> 00:19:58,000

in 1973 when noted illusionist and

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00:20:02,549 --> 00:20:00,559

psychokinetic practitioner uri geller

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00:20:04,870 --> 00:20:02,559

was undergoing a series of tests of his

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00:20:06,390 --> 00:20:04,880

psychic abilities at the prestigious

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00:20:09,190 --> 00:20:06,400

lawrence livermore

526
00:20:11,669 --> 00:20:09,200
national laboratory a series of bizarre

527
00:20:13,590 --> 00:20:11,679
events began to unfold both in the lab

528
00:20:15,190 --> 00:20:13,600
itself and at the homes of the

529
00:20:16,230 --> 00:20:15,200
scientists who were conducting the

530
00:20:18,710 --> 00:20:16,240
studies

531
00:20:20,549 --> 00:20:18,720
as with skinwalker ranch visitors many

532
00:20:22,870 --> 00:20:20,559
of the researchers involved had the

533
00:20:25,110 --> 00:20:22,880
highest level of security clearances

534
00:20:27,909 --> 00:20:25,120
including special access program

535
00:20:30,549 --> 00:20:27,919
clearances that necessitated polygraph

536
00:20:33,270 --> 00:20:30,559
testing as well as frequent personality

537
00:20:35,350 --> 00:20:33,280
evaluations unquote and by the way that

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00:20:37,350 --> 00:20:35,360

last point is key because while kelleher

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00:20:39,029 --> 00:20:37,360

doesn't mention it here this is how we

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00:20:40,630 --> 00:20:39,039

later learn about what happened to some

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00:20:41,830 --> 00:20:40,640

of these people who were there just to

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00:20:43,510 --> 00:20:41,840

document

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00:20:45,510 --> 00:20:43,520

uri geller's work so they were just

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00:20:47,909 --> 00:20:45,520

scientists not interested in ire geller

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00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:47,919

or psy phenomena or anything like that

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00:20:51,750 --> 00:20:50,000

they were just straight-laced scientists

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00:20:53,909 --> 00:20:51,760

there to conduct studies make sure

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00:20:55,909 --> 00:20:53,919

everything was above board and they

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00:20:58,149 --> 00:20:55,919

later ended up having hitchhiker

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00:21:00,390 --> 00:20:58,159

phenomenon effects and they had to

551
00:21:02,630 --> 00:21:00,400
report this as part of their reporting

552
00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,640
because of their special access program

553
00:21:06,789 --> 00:21:04,080
clearances

554
00:21:08,870 --> 00:21:06,799
okay jumping back into the article quote

555
00:21:11,029 --> 00:21:08,880
author jim schnabel in his engaging

556
00:21:13,270 --> 00:21:11,039
history of american psychic spies

557
00:21:15,590 --> 00:21:13,280
recounts the bizarre series of events

558
00:21:18,549 --> 00:21:15,600
that unfolded at the lab when scientists

559
00:21:20,149 --> 00:21:18,559
began to measure uri geller's alleged

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00:21:22,710 --> 00:21:20,159
psychic abilities

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00:21:24,149 --> 00:21:22,720
wright schnabel peter crane and some of

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00:21:25,990 --> 00:21:24,159
the others in the livermore group

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00:21:28,470 --> 00:21:26,000

quickly found themselves involved in

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00:21:30,789 --> 00:21:28,480

more strangeness than they could handle

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00:21:32,070 --> 00:21:30,799

in the days and weeks that followed they

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00:21:34,149 --> 00:21:32,080

began to feel that they were

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00:21:36,950 --> 00:21:34,159

collectively possessed by some kind of

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00:21:39,190 --> 00:21:36,960

tormenting teasing hallucination

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00:21:40,630 --> 00:21:39,200

inducing spirit

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00:21:43,110 --> 00:21:40,640

they all would be in a laboratory

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00:21:44,710 --> 00:21:43,120

together setting up some equipment or

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00:21:46,630 --> 00:21:44,720

one of the fellows and his wife and

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00:21:48,870 --> 00:21:46,640

children would be at home just sitting

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00:21:51,270 --> 00:21:48,880

around when suddenly there in the middle

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00:21:54,070 --> 00:21:51,280

of the room would be a weird hovering

576
00:21:56,149 --> 00:21:54,080
almost comically stereotypical image of

577
00:21:58,390 --> 00:21:56,159
a flying saucer

578
00:22:00,149 --> 00:21:58,400
on the other hand the flying saucer

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00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:00,159
wasn't the only form the livermore

580
00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:02,400
visions took there were sometimes

581
00:22:06,789 --> 00:22:04,480
animals fantastic animals from the

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00:22:08,789 --> 00:22:06,799
ecstatic lore of shamans

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00:22:10,789 --> 00:22:08,799
such as the large raven-like birds that

584
00:22:12,950 --> 00:22:10,799
were seen traipsing through the yards of

585
00:22:14,470 --> 00:22:12,960
several members of the group

586
00:22:17,029 --> 00:22:14,480
one of them appeared briefly to a

587
00:22:19,510 --> 00:22:17,039
physicist named mike russo and his

588
00:22:21,110 --> 00:22:19,520

terrified wife the two were lying around

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00:22:23,350 --> 00:22:21,120

one morning when suddenly there was a

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00:22:24,470 --> 00:22:23,360

giant bird staring at them from the foot

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00:22:26,549 --> 00:22:24,480

of their bed

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00:22:28,950 --> 00:22:26,559

after a few weeks of this russo and some

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00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:28,960

of the others began seriously to wonder

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00:22:32,950 --> 00:22:31,120

if they were losing their sanity

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00:22:35,669 --> 00:22:32,960

other scientists and their families saw

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00:22:38,149 --> 00:22:35,679

orbs and black shadowy forms in their

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00:22:40,470 --> 00:22:38,159

homes unquote

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00:22:42,310 --> 00:22:40,480

so again fascinating just to draw your

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00:22:44,310 --> 00:22:42,320

attention to what was going on here

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00:22:47,350 --> 00:22:44,320

these were straight-laced scientists who

601
00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:47,360
were hired because of their expertise

602
00:22:51,029 --> 00:22:49,200
to document what uri geller was

603
00:22:54,070 --> 00:22:51,039
attempting to do in terms of

604
00:22:56,230 --> 00:22:54,080
demonstrating psi capacity that's it

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00:22:59,190 --> 00:22:56,240
that was their only connection

606
00:23:02,230 --> 00:22:59,200
but just by the fact that uri geller was

607
00:23:05,190 --> 00:23:02,240
engaging in psi phenomena using these

608
00:23:07,190 --> 00:23:05,200
capacities seemed to open up something

609
00:23:09,110 --> 00:23:07,200
that caused the same kind of hitchhiker

610
00:23:11,270 --> 00:23:09,120
effect and then these straight-laced

611
00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,280
scientists began to experience very

612
00:23:15,669 --> 00:23:13,440
strange things including almost

613
00:23:18,070 --> 00:23:15,679

comically like as mentioned here a

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00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:18,080

stereotypical flying saucer even though

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00:23:23,270 --> 00:23:20,799

this had nothing to do with ufos per se

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00:23:25,909 --> 00:23:23,280

in the first place and then also things

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00:23:28,630 --> 00:23:25,919

like ecstatic animals from shamanic lore

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00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:28,640

like raven-like birds huge birds

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00:23:33,430 --> 00:23:31,600

very very interesting again think back

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00:23:36,070 --> 00:23:33,440

to all of the details we've discussed

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00:23:38,149 --> 00:23:36,080

and ask yourself what kind of reality

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00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:38,159

would be such that these kind of things

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00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:40,480

could take place

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00:23:45,029 --> 00:23:42,720

now when one steps back and asks the

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00:23:47,110 --> 00:23:45,039

question how is it possible that this

626
00:23:49,510 --> 00:23:47,120
phenomena these kinds of experiences

627
00:23:52,789 --> 00:23:49,520
spread from person to person even when

628
00:23:55,029 --> 00:23:52,799
no actual physical contact happens the

629
00:23:57,830 --> 00:23:55,039
question arises how does this happen

630
00:23:59,990 --> 00:23:57,840
what is the means of this kind of spread

631
00:24:03,110 --> 00:24:00,000
and here kell here brings up the issue

632
00:24:05,430 --> 00:24:03,120
of an infectious agent model

633
00:24:08,230 --> 00:24:05,440
quoting again from the article quote

634
00:24:10,230 --> 00:24:08,240
during 2020 and 2021 everyone in the

635
00:24:13,430 --> 00:24:10,240
world became familiar with the jargon of

636
00:24:15,669 --> 00:24:13,440
coronavirus infectious disease modeling

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00:24:18,230 --> 00:24:15,679
after thousands of newspaper tv and

638
00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:18,240

digital media reports detailed the first

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00:24:24,470 --> 00:24:21,520

covet 19 index cases in washington state

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00:24:26,549 --> 00:24:24,480

wuhan california and new york the

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00:24:28,789 --> 00:24:26,559

concept of an index case for an

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00:24:29,909 --> 00:24:28,799

infectious disease became familiar to

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00:24:32,470 --> 00:24:29,919

everyone

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00:24:34,710 --> 00:24:32,480

just as the wuhan institute of virology

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00:24:37,510 --> 00:24:34,720

or the wet markets in china may have

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00:24:39,430 --> 00:24:37,520

been the source of the covet 19 outbreak

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00:24:42,230 --> 00:24:39,440

could skinwalker ranch be the source of

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00:24:44,310 --> 00:24:42,240

an infectious agent of some kind

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00:24:46,310 --> 00:24:44,320

the experiences of axelrod and others

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00:24:48,950 --> 00:24:46,320

have led me to consider an infectious

651
00:24:51,350 --> 00:24:48,960
disease model to try to shed some light

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00:24:53,430 --> 00:24:51,360
on the phenomena as they bore striking

653
00:24:57,029 --> 00:24:53,440
resemblance to the transmission of an

654
00:24:59,909 --> 00:24:57,039
infectious agent between individuals

655
00:25:02,310 --> 00:24:59,919
the symptoms of the infection comprise

656
00:25:04,390 --> 00:25:02,320
the eruption of poltergeist and other

657
00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:04,400
paranormal events in the immediate

658
00:25:07,669 --> 00:25:06,400
environment of the newly infected

659
00:25:10,070 --> 00:25:07,679
individual

660
00:25:12,950 --> 00:25:10,080
utilizing this terminology axelrod was

661
00:25:14,950 --> 00:25:12,960
the index case who was first infected on

662
00:25:17,830 --> 00:25:14,960
skinwalker ranch and carried the

663
00:25:20,390 --> 00:25:17,840

infectious agent 2 000 miles home to

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00:25:22,870 --> 00:25:20,400

virginia with him within a few days or

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00:25:25,830 --> 00:25:22,880

weeks the agent had spread from axelrod

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00:25:27,669 --> 00:25:25,840

to his wife and both his teenage sons

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00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:27,679

and all three began experiencing a

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00:25:32,710 --> 00:25:30,320

bewildering diversity of anomalies in

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00:25:34,470 --> 00:25:32,720

their home within a few more weeks the

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00:25:36,789 --> 00:25:34,480

infectious agent had spread to the

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00:25:37,669 --> 00:25:36,799

neighborhood and infected two teenage

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00:25:39,909 --> 00:25:37,679

friends

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00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:39,919

probably at school who lived within a

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00:25:44,630 --> 00:25:42,960

couple of miles of the axle rod home it

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00:25:46,870 --> 00:25:44,640

should be noted that the symptoms of

676
00:25:49,430 --> 00:25:46,880
infection from skin walker ranch are not

677
00:25:52,710 --> 00:25:49,440
respiratory distress or death as with

678
00:25:54,950 --> 00:25:52,720
cobot 19 but rather profoundly altered

679
00:25:56,870 --> 00:25:54,960
perceptual environments

680
00:25:59,350 --> 00:25:56,880
unquote

681
00:26:01,510 --> 00:25:59,360
now before we move on to a section where

682
00:26:03,590 --> 00:26:01,520
kelleher outlines possibilities for

683
00:26:05,830 --> 00:26:03,600
future research we should note again

684
00:26:08,549 --> 00:26:05,840
that this more recent description of a

685
00:26:10,549 --> 00:26:08,559
kind of contagion model still tends to

686
00:26:11,350 --> 00:26:10,559
follow a kind of physicalist paradigm

687
00:26:13,029 --> 00:26:11,360
that

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00:26:14,950 --> 00:26:13,039

basically this is being physically

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00:26:16,950 --> 00:26:14,960

transmitted when people are in the

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00:26:18,630 --> 00:26:16,960

vicinity of someone who's been infected

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00:26:21,350 --> 00:26:18,640

by this the same way that would happen

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00:26:22,710 --> 00:26:21,360

with a virus like covid 19.

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00:26:24,950 --> 00:26:22,720

again i don't think that's actually the

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00:26:27,029 --> 00:26:24,960

best analogy for what's going on here

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00:26:29,590 --> 00:26:27,039

and even kelleher gets to that when he

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00:26:31,830 --> 00:26:29,600

talks about the fundamental nature of

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00:26:33,909 --> 00:26:31,840

consciousness as perhaps being an

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00:26:35,430 --> 00:26:33,919

explanatory mechanism for what we see

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00:26:37,510 --> 00:26:35,440

going on here

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00:26:39,590 --> 00:26:37,520

but before we get to that let's first

701
00:26:42,470 --> 00:26:39,600
discuss something he talks about in a

702
00:26:43,350 --> 00:26:42,480
section called future research

703
00:26:45,750 --> 00:26:43,360
quote

704
00:26:47,269 --> 00:26:45,760
following the june 25th 2021

705
00:26:49,269 --> 00:26:47,279
announcement by the office of the

706
00:26:51,830 --> 00:26:49,279
director of national intelligence that

707
00:26:53,750 --> 00:26:51,840
ufos are real and may constitute an air

708
00:26:55,269 --> 00:26:53,760
safety threat and even a national

709
00:26:57,269 --> 00:26:55,279
security problem

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00:26:59,430 --> 00:26:57,279
much public interest has been focused on

711
00:27:02,710 --> 00:26:59,440
what a future program investigating both

712
00:27:04,789 --> 00:27:02,720
ufo performance and ufo effects on human

713
00:27:06,549 --> 00:27:04,799

beings might look like

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00:27:08,710 --> 00:27:06,559

during such a study if additional

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00:27:10,950 --> 00:27:08,720

examples of a hitchhiker effect were

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00:27:13,110 --> 00:27:10,960

discovered several paths for future

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00:27:14,789 --> 00:27:13,120

research could be explored

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00:27:16,070 --> 00:27:14,799

and now jumping ahead just a little bit

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00:27:18,549 --> 00:27:16,080

in that section

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00:27:21,029 --> 00:27:18,559

quote future research could also allow

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00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:21,039

us to test various hypotheses on the

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00:27:25,750 --> 00:27:23,360

mechanism involved in the hitchhiker

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00:27:27,430 --> 00:27:25,760

effect the common denominator with

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00:27:29,430 --> 00:27:27,440

people who experience the effects of

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00:27:31,990 --> 00:27:29,440

bringing something home is not

726
00:27:34,470 --> 00:27:32,000
respiratory distress hemorrhagic fever

727
00:27:36,630 --> 00:27:34,480
or other symptoms of viral infection

728
00:27:38,389 --> 00:27:36,640
alterations in a person's perceptual

729
00:27:40,310 --> 00:27:38,399
environment appears to be the most

730
00:27:42,389 --> 00:27:40,320
common manifestation

731
00:27:44,149 --> 00:27:42,399
symptoms include waking up with black

732
00:27:46,549 --> 00:27:44,159
shadow humanoids standing over their

733
00:27:48,789 --> 00:27:46,559
beds various types of poltergeist

734
00:27:51,350 --> 00:27:48,799
activity colored orbs flying through

735
00:27:53,909 --> 00:27:51,360
people's bedrooms and homes at night

736
00:27:56,230 --> 00:27:53,919
apparitions of dead children or adults

737
00:27:59,190 --> 00:27:56,240
unexplained loud noises around the house

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00:28:00,630 --> 00:27:59,200

and much more unquote

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00:28:02,630 --> 00:28:00,640

and again before we move on to the

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00:28:04,789 --> 00:28:02,640

section where he discusses consciousness

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00:28:06,310 --> 00:28:04,799

and the role it may play let me just

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00:28:08,230 --> 00:28:06,320

point out again that while he talks

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00:28:10,630 --> 00:28:08,240

about the perceptual environment is

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00:28:12,950 --> 00:28:10,640

what's changed for people who suffer

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00:28:14,549 --> 00:28:12,960

from this kind of hitchhiker effect we

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00:28:16,389 --> 00:28:14,559

shouldn't assume this means that they're

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00:28:18,549 --> 00:28:16,399

just seeing something like something's

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00:28:19,830 --> 00:28:18,559

being projected over top of actual

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00:28:21,510 --> 00:28:19,840

reality and they're seeing something

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00:28:23,510 --> 00:28:21,520

like hallucinations

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00:28:26,870 --> 00:28:23,520
no what we see here is actually people

752
00:28:28,870 --> 00:28:26,880
having their reality changed that's what

753
00:28:31,510 --> 00:28:28,880
seems to be actually going on here that

754
00:28:33,990 --> 00:28:31,520
reality itself is somehow changed once

755
00:28:36,549 --> 00:28:34,000
you've been infected by this so-called

756
00:28:38,870 --> 00:28:36,559
hitchhiker phenomenon so again that

757
00:28:41,909 --> 00:28:38,880
raises the question what therefore does

758
00:28:45,269 --> 00:28:41,919
that say about reality itself the very

759
00:28:47,830 --> 00:28:45,279
fabric of what is and he gets to that in

760
00:28:50,149 --> 00:28:47,840
a very teasing way in this discussion of

761
00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:50,159
consciousness in the very next section

762
00:28:54,549 --> 00:28:52,000
moving now to that final section of the

763
00:28:55,750 --> 00:28:54,559

article titled the role of consciousness

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00:28:57,909 --> 00:28:55,760

quote

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00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:57,919

alterations in human perception as a

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00:29:01,990 --> 00:29:00,320

result of being infected suggest that

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00:29:04,470 --> 00:29:02,000

some of the new models of human

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00:29:06,950 --> 00:29:04,480

consciousness proposed by such

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00:29:09,750 --> 00:29:06,960

luminaries as philosopher computer

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00:29:11,909 --> 00:29:09,760

scientist bernardo castro university of

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00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:11,919

california irvine professor donald

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00:29:14,950 --> 00:29:12,960

hoffman

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00:29:14,950 --> 00:29:15,909

rice university professor jeffrey

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00:29:20,789 --> 00:29:18,710

microchip inventor federico fagan

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00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:20,799

university of virginia professor edward

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00:29:27,029 --> 00:29:23,520

kelly and stem cell biologist robert

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00:29:29,590 --> 00:29:27,039

lanza may be relevant the proposal that

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00:29:32,310 --> 00:29:29,600

consciousness is prime and actually

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00:29:34,870 --> 00:29:32,320

undergirds physical reality and is not

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00:29:37,669 --> 00:29:34,880

emergent from neurochemical trafficking

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00:29:38,950 --> 00:29:37,679

in the brain is fundamental to this new

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00:29:40,870 --> 00:29:38,960

viewpoint

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00:29:43,269 --> 00:29:40,880

one implication of the new perspective

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00:29:45,830 --> 00:29:43,279

on human consciousness is that the brain

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00:29:48,470 --> 00:29:45,840

may act as a filter of consciousness as

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00:29:50,630 --> 00:29:48,480

proposed by aldous huxley

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00:29:53,269 --> 00:29:50,640

bernardo castro emphasizes that

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00:29:55,669 --> 00:29:53,279

psychedelics decrease brain activity

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00:29:58,230 --> 00:29:55,679

while the individual paradoxically

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00:30:01,669 --> 00:29:58,240

undergoes extremely intense perceptual

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00:30:03,510 --> 00:30:01,679

activity he writes quote in all cases

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00:30:06,389 --> 00:30:03,520

the physiological effect of the

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00:30:08,710 --> 00:30:06,399

psychedelic is to reduce brain activity

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00:30:11,110 --> 00:30:08,720

particularly in the so-called default

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00:30:14,149 --> 00:30:11,120

mode network which is correlated with

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00:30:16,310 --> 00:30:14,159

our ego or sense of individual identity

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00:30:18,310 --> 00:30:16,320

the phenomenological effect on the other

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00:30:20,710 --> 00:30:18,320

hand is one of the richest and most

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00:30:23,190 --> 00:30:20,720

intense experiences a human being can

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00:30:25,190 --> 00:30:23,200

possibly have if one's brain is

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00:30:26,389 --> 00:30:25,200
effectively going to sleep during those

802
00:30:29,430 --> 00:30:26,399
experiences

803
00:30:31,669 --> 00:30:29,440
from

804
00:30:34,310 --> 00:30:31,679
castrop's question is a good one and

805
00:30:36,950 --> 00:30:34,320
measurable brain alterations including

806
00:30:38,710 --> 00:30:36,960
quiescence may be one investigative

807
00:30:41,190 --> 00:30:38,720
readout for looking at hitchhiker

808
00:30:43,590 --> 00:30:41,200
effects on the human brain as part of a

809
00:30:45,510 --> 00:30:43,600
future ufo program

810
00:30:47,110 --> 00:30:45,520
unquote

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00:30:49,350 --> 00:30:47,120
now i'd like to stop for a moment there

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00:30:51,110 --> 00:30:49,360
and highlight what bernardo castro is

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00:30:53,110 --> 00:30:51,120

saying there because i've experienced

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00:30:55,190 --> 00:30:53,120

this personally and i mentioned this in

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00:30:57,509 --> 00:30:55,200

an episode of liminal frames but i'd

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00:30:59,029 --> 00:30:57,519

like to mention it again here in case

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00:31:01,350 --> 00:30:59,039

that point has not been heard by

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00:31:03,110 --> 00:31:01,360

everyone in the audience here

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00:31:05,269 --> 00:31:03,120

what castrop is pointing out is that

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00:31:08,230 --> 00:31:05,279

according to the physicalist model the

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00:31:10,310 --> 00:31:08,240

brain manufactures our consciousness

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00:31:13,430 --> 00:31:10,320

everything we experience is an epi

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00:31:15,909 --> 00:31:13,440

phenomenon of brain activity so

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00:31:18,070 --> 00:31:15,919

therefore castrop asks if that's the

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00:31:20,310 --> 00:31:18,080

case then why is it that when we take

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00:31:22,630 --> 00:31:20,320

psychedelics and the metabolic rate of

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00:31:24,789 --> 00:31:22,640

the brain decreases greatly so it looks

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00:31:26,870 --> 00:31:24,799

like basically nothing's going on

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00:31:28,950 --> 00:31:26,880

neurochemically in the brain

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00:31:31,190 --> 00:31:28,960

why is it that correspondingly that's

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00:31:34,470 --> 00:31:31,200

exactly when human beings have their

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00:31:37,909 --> 00:31:34,480

most mind-blowing expansive

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00:31:39,750 --> 00:31:37,919

rich experiences in consciousness

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00:31:41,830 --> 00:31:39,760

this should not happen according to a

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00:31:43,430 --> 00:31:41,840

physicalist model let's make that very

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00:31:45,509 --> 00:31:43,440

very clear

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00:31:48,470 --> 00:31:45,519

and the casualties for the physicalist

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00:31:50,870 --> 00:31:48,480

model are mounting over time this is

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00:31:53,669 --> 00:31:50,880

just one of many data points that are

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00:31:56,310 --> 00:31:53,679

strikes against the physicalist model so

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therefore the question should be posed

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this being the case what model of

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reality can make sense of these kinds of

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data points that are coming out of the

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neuroscience of consciousness quantum

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00:32:11,350 --> 00:32:08,480

mechanics the ufo phenomenon and general

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paranormality etc

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to offer what i think is actually the

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most compelling possibility i would like

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to turn to a couple quotes by the man we

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just discussed or that was just

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referenced by kelleher and that is

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bernardo castro who's a philosopher and

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computer scientist from the netherlands

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first off we should point out that

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castrup began as a hardcore materialist

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a physicalist to the nth degree

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and for the record he began his career

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working on the large hadron collider at

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and castro believed that all

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00:32:46,149 --> 00:32:43,279

consciousness really was was an

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epiphenomenon of the physical brain and

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that when his brain died he assumed he

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was kaput as well he would have no

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00:32:53,830 --> 00:32:51,919

awareness beyond that

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since then he's done remarkable work

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looking into this both philosophically

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and in terms of our understanding of

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physics and consciousness and whatnot

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00:33:05,269 --> 00:33:02,880

and he's come to conclude that idealism

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00:33:07,830 --> 00:33:05,279

this idea that mind stuff is what

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reality is actually ultimately composed

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00:33:13,430 --> 00:33:10,880

of is the best most explanatory powerful

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00:33:15,509 --> 00:33:13,440

model we can come up with

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and i'd like to offer a couple of quotes

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from castro as we draw this episode to a

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close

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the first goes as follows quote the

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brain isn't the cause of experience for

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the same reason that lightning isn't the

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cause of atmospheric electric discharge

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or that flames aren't the cause of

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combustion

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just as flames are but the image of the

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process of combustion the body brain

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system is but the image of localized

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experience in the stream of universal

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consciousness

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00:33:47,830 --> 00:33:46,240

unquote

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and then one final quote that will

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harken back to the episode i did on

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donald hoffman's work quote

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evolution has provided each of us with a

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dashboard of dials but we don't have a

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window to look directly at what is out

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00:34:05,669 --> 00:34:03,279

there all we have are the dials

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the error we make is in mistaking the

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dials for the external environment

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itself unquote

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00:34:16,310 --> 00:34:13,440
and so the main takeaway here is that if

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00:34:18,629 --> 00:34:16,320
consciousness is actually primary if

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00:34:21,750 --> 00:34:18,639
consciousness is the fundamental bedrock

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00:34:24,470 --> 00:34:21,760
of reality from which notions like

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00:34:26,310 --> 00:34:24,480
matter and energy arise

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00:34:28,149 --> 00:34:26,320
then we should not be surprised that

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00:34:30,470 --> 00:34:28,159
people can experience something like the

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00:34:33,430 --> 00:34:30,480
hitchhiker effect and then have their

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00:34:35,270 --> 00:34:33,440
actual physical reality change

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00:34:38,629 --> 00:34:35,280
because what it suggests is that these

911
00:34:41,270 --> 00:34:38,639
entities whatever they are are actually

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00:34:43,909 --> 00:34:41,280
employing their methods at that level of

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00:34:46,069 --> 00:34:43,919

consciousness at the bedrock level and

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00:34:49,190 --> 00:34:46,079

this effectively rewrites what we

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00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:49,200

perceive as physical reality which is an

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00:34:55,589 --> 00:34:52,560

epiphenomenon of consciousness and not

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00:34:58,230 --> 00:34:55,599

the other way around

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00:35:00,069 --> 00:34:58,240

and on that note we've come to the close

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00:35:02,390 --> 00:35:00,079

of another edition of the point of

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convergence podcast if you'd like to

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support this podcast you can do so by

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going to patreon.com

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00:35:11,430 --> 00:35:09,200

exo academian

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00:35:13,349 --> 00:35:11,440

but until next time friends from deep

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within the blue ridge mountains of north

