

INTERVIEWS OF THE UFO EXPERIENCE

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00:00:21,670 --> 00:00:19,590
all right i'm on skype with dr david

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00:00:23,670 --> 00:00:21,680
jacobs how you doing david

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00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:23,680
fine thank you martin and thanks for

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00:00:27,830 --> 00:00:24,720
joining us and

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00:00:30,870 --> 00:00:27,840
you are a retired professor of history

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00:00:32,549 --> 00:00:30,880
at temple university and um are you

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00:00:35,350 --> 00:00:32,559
still keeping active

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00:00:36,150 --> 00:00:35,360
well yeah so i am i'm working on my

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00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:36,160
books uh

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00:00:40,150 --> 00:00:38,480
i've been claiming to do this for for a

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00:00:42,709 --> 00:00:40,160
number of years now

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00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:42,719
and uh it's very slow going but i'm

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00:00:46,950 --> 00:00:44,960

actually making a pretty good headway

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00:00:48,310 --> 00:00:46,960

with with what three books that i'm

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00:00:51,189 --> 00:00:48,320

doing well

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:51,199

um i have listened to interviews with

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00:00:54,549 --> 00:00:51,520

you

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00:00:57,590 --> 00:00:54,559

in the past and i i really appreciate

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:57,600

the work you've done i also appreciate

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00:01:02,790 --> 00:01:00,719

your stance and because i felt although

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,800

you felt this way many many years ago

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00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:04,640

when i started getting into this whole

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00:01:09,830 --> 00:01:06,720

phenomenon i also

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:09,840

was rather skeptic of abduction

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00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:12,799

abductees and all that and but i always

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00:01:15,350 --> 00:01:13,680

believed in

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:15,360

betty and barney hill i lived in the

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00:01:19,270 --> 00:01:17,360

portsmouth new hampshire area and i

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00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:19,280

always thought travis walton's story was

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00:01:22,789 --> 00:01:20,479

really solid

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:22,799

so you know i started becoming a little

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00:01:26,070 --> 00:01:24,560

bit more open-minded

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:26,080

and that's kind of can you kind of

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:28,000

explain your beginnings

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00:01:34,630 --> 00:01:31,520

in ufos and how you eventually got

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00:01:36,310 --> 00:01:34,640

involved in the abduction aspect well i

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00:01:39,590 --> 00:01:36,320

i got interested in the

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00:01:42,310 --> 00:01:39,600

um ufo phenomenon when i was uh

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00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:42,320

an undergraduate at the ucla this was

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:42,720

back

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00:01:50,630 --> 00:01:46,479

in the 19 teens and

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00:01:52,710 --> 00:01:50,640

i uh for some reason or another i just

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00:01:54,469 --> 00:01:52,720

got interested in it i have no

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00:01:56,230 --> 00:01:54,479

no explanation for it i never saw

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00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:56,240

anything

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00:02:00,950 --> 00:01:58,880

did you say the 19 teens well let's just

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00:02:03,910 --> 00:02:00,960

say the 19 mid 1960s

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00:02:07,510 --> 00:02:03,920

it's all the same to me now okay all

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00:02:11,750 --> 00:02:11,190

then i uh uh i i you know once i started

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00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:11,760

reading

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00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:14,800

in it uh in 65 and 66 i i

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00:02:18,550 --> 00:02:16,319

it really kind of captured my

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00:02:20,790 --> 00:02:18,560

imagination even more

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:20,800

by the time my wife and i went to

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00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:22,000

graduate school at the university of

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00:02:25,910 --> 00:02:22,800

wisconsin

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00:02:28,150 --> 00:02:25,920

in 1966. i was already pretty much

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00:02:31,270 --> 00:02:28,160

obsessed with the subject

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00:02:33,830 --> 00:02:31,280

and unfortunately i

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:33,840

inflicted that obsession on my friends

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00:02:37,030 --> 00:02:34,720

in wisconsin

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00:02:38,470 --> 00:02:37,040

who i'm sure grew really tired very

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00:02:41,990 --> 00:02:38,480

quickly in hearing me

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00:02:44,710 --> 00:02:42,000

expound about ufos um

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00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:44,720

i remember thinking that that that the

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00:02:48,790 --> 00:02:46,400

ufo phenomenon was

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00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:48,800

um that was was gonna about to present

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00:02:52,869 --> 00:02:50,000

itself i i

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00:02:53,589 --> 00:02:52,879

fell prey to these uh and now i realize

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00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:53,599

uh

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00:02:57,430 --> 00:02:55,920

wrong-headed ideas that that they were

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00:02:59,110 --> 00:02:57,440

gonna land on the white house lawn there

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00:03:02,550 --> 00:02:59,120

was gonna be a you know

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00:03:04,470 --> 00:03:02,560

a big sort of disclosure by the aliens

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00:03:07,830 --> 00:03:04,480

themselves of their presence

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:07,840

and i remember thinking yeah it's 1970

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00:03:10,229 --> 00:03:08,319

now

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00:03:12,670 --> 00:03:10,239

it's 19 this is the year it's going to

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:12,680

happen the first year of the decade in

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00:03:17,830 --> 00:03:14,400

1970

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00:03:18,710 --> 00:03:17,840

and uh pretty soon obviously uh

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00:03:21,750 --> 00:03:18,720

predicting

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00:03:23,350 --> 00:03:21,760

behavior of these objects and and uh

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00:03:25,190 --> 00:03:23,360

and what you know what they're gonna do

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00:03:28,630 --> 00:03:25,200

uh is an inex

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00:03:32,070 --> 00:03:28,640

science to say the least and so

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00:03:34,070 --> 00:03:32,080

um i uh but i i you know i was

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00:03:36,789 --> 00:03:34,080

very very much into into the whole world

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00:03:39,830 --> 00:03:36,799

by by 68

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00:03:41,030 --> 00:03:39,840

um i had become a field investigator

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00:03:43,509 --> 00:03:41,040

quote-unquote for the

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00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:43,519

aerial phenomena research organization

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00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:45,440

and i was actually knocking on doors and

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00:03:50,149 --> 00:03:47,760

doing footwork and following up on cases

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00:03:52,869 --> 00:03:50,159

in the in the madison wisconsin area

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00:03:53,429 --> 00:03:52,879

and all and uh and i just sort of kept

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00:03:56,789 --> 00:03:53,439

with it and

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00:03:59,509 --> 00:03:56,799

eventually around the uh when i was

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00:04:00,630 --> 00:03:59,519

starting to write my dissertation in in

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00:04:03,509 --> 00:04:00,640

history

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00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:03,519
i i was very much interested in social

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00:04:06,630 --> 00:04:05,040
cultural history

103
00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:06,640
and i spent six months doing a

104
00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:08,400
dissertation uh

105
00:04:12,229 --> 00:04:10,560
doing research for a dissertation about

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00:04:17,110 --> 00:04:12,239
the image of women

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00:04:20,229 --> 00:04:17,120
in a very early film history pre-1915

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00:04:25,110 --> 00:04:20,239
and uh and i did six months of that

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00:04:28,150 --> 00:04:25,120
all the while obsessing on ufos

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00:04:31,430 --> 00:04:28,160
and so uh i eventually um

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00:04:33,350 --> 00:04:31,440
went to uh uh a uh

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00:04:35,030 --> 00:04:33,360
another professor to work with and i

113
00:04:38,310 --> 00:04:35,040

changed my dissertation

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00:04:40,150 --> 00:04:38,320

to uh the controversy over unidentified

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00:04:43,270 --> 00:04:40,160

flying objects

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00:04:46,150 --> 00:04:43,280

and uh wound up getting my phd uh

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00:04:46,629 --> 00:04:46,160

in that only the second phd ever awarded

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00:04:49,189 --> 00:04:46,639

uh

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00:04:50,230 --> 00:04:49,199

with an area of ufo studies in it in

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00:04:54,150 --> 00:04:50,240

some way although

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00:04:56,390 --> 00:04:54,160

wow that was in 1973 but but the subject

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00:04:58,629 --> 00:04:56,400

wasn't about ufos itself it was about

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00:04:59,749 --> 00:04:58,639

how the society and segments of the

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00:05:01,990 --> 00:04:59,759

society

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00:05:05,110 --> 00:05:02,000

treated the subject over the years to

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00:05:06,790 --> 00:05:05,120

get to the point that by 1973

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00:05:08,230 --> 00:05:06,800

we didn't know anything at all about

128

00:05:10,790 --> 00:05:08,240

ufos

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00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:10,800

and why why was that why did that come

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00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:11,440

about and

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00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:13,840

why why don't we you know and uh and

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00:05:19,189 --> 00:05:15,840

that book was eventually published by

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00:05:22,310 --> 00:05:19,199

um uh um the universe

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00:05:25,909 --> 00:05:22,320

university of indiana press uh in

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00:05:30,310 --> 00:05:28,390

so since then i i just got uh i kept

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00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:30,320

doing it doing it doing doing it

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00:05:33,909 --> 00:05:32,639

uh bonnie betty hill interesting case uh

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00:05:36,790 --> 00:05:33,919

came about abducted

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00:05:38,390 --> 00:05:36,800

uh who knows with ufo researchers you're

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00:05:40,710 --> 00:05:38,400

looking for patterns

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00:05:42,150 --> 00:05:40,720

and if you don't see patterns you're not

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00:05:43,189 --> 00:05:42,160

you're not seeing anything

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00:05:45,350 --> 00:05:43,199

you know what i mean you're seeing

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00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:45,360

something that is not

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00:05:50,550 --> 00:05:48,800

really unusual so ufos had to

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00:05:52,870 --> 00:05:50,560

fit into a pattern and they did fit into

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00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:52,880

a pattern same thing with abductions

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00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:54,639

with abductions if you don't find a

149

00:05:58,550 --> 00:05:55,199

pattern

150

00:06:01,430 --> 00:05:58,560

uh um there's nothing to it

151
00:06:02,309 --> 00:06:01,440
one case does not a pattern make stop

152
00:06:04,629 --> 00:06:02,319
anybody hill

153
00:06:07,510 --> 00:06:04,639
we're not contactees the charlatans from

154
00:06:09,909 --> 00:06:07,520
the 1950s who claimed to take rights to

155
00:06:10,629 --> 00:06:09,919
uh to the moon into venus into uranus

156
00:06:13,270 --> 00:06:10,639
and then get

157
00:06:15,590 --> 00:06:13,280
the secrets of the uh of the universe

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00:06:16,469 --> 00:06:15,600
and also the secrets of their propulsion

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00:06:20,230 --> 00:06:16,479
system this was

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00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:20,240
really really big in the 1950s uh

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00:06:25,909 --> 00:06:23,919
particularly uh well amongst uh

162
00:06:27,110 --> 00:06:25,919
charlatans but also amongst serious ufo

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00:06:28,950 --> 00:06:27,120

researchers too they

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00:06:30,710 --> 00:06:28,960

for some reason or another it still

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00:06:34,150 --> 00:06:30,720

escapes me they were fixated

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00:06:35,590 --> 00:06:34,160

on propulsion but um speaking of

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00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:35,600

propulsion what's that in the background

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00:06:39,029 --> 00:06:36,400

i hear

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00:06:39,830 --> 00:06:39,039

oh somebody's mowing their lawn oh okay

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00:06:42,550 --> 00:06:39,840

all right

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00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:42,560

but it was a mother ship perhaps if you

172

00:06:48,230 --> 00:06:44,080

want to wait a second i can

173

00:06:49,029 --> 00:06:48,240

close a second window sure okay here we

174

00:06:52,390 --> 00:06:49,039

go

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00:06:55,749 --> 00:06:52,400

uh walking to the window

176

00:06:59,510 --> 00:06:55,759

i'm about to close it

177

00:07:03,909 --> 00:07:01,909

um so where were we going just so so the

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00:07:05,510 --> 00:07:03,919

point is is that i i was not a great

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00:07:07,189 --> 00:07:05,520

believer in abductions i mean it was

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00:07:09,589 --> 00:07:07,199

ufos were the end-all

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:09,599

and the be-all this is where the air

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00:07:12,309 --> 00:07:11,520

force entered in this is where the cia

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00:07:14,790 --> 00:07:12,319

entered in

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00:07:16,309 --> 00:07:14,800

this is where where presidents had this

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00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:16,319

you know statements about them from time

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00:07:20,309 --> 00:07:16,960

to time

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00:07:22,230 --> 00:07:20,319

this is where scientists look at nobody

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00:07:23,830 --> 00:07:22,240

looked at abductions nobody nobody

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00:07:24,870 --> 00:07:23,840

nobody nobody and i certainly wasn't

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00:07:28,790 --> 00:07:24,880

going to because

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00:07:30,629 --> 00:07:28,800

the ufos was where i was centered

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00:07:32,550 --> 00:07:30,639

although the barney betty hill case was

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00:07:36,070 --> 00:07:32,560

interesting no doubt about it

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00:07:39,350 --> 00:07:36,080

it wasn't until 1982 uh

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00:07:41,350 --> 00:07:39,360

when i when i i met bud hopkins

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00:07:43,430 --> 00:07:41,360

uh that i became interested in the

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00:07:47,110 --> 00:07:43,440

abduction phenomenon he

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00:07:49,909 --> 00:07:47,120

sucked me into his lair and uh

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00:07:50,790 --> 00:07:49,919

and i remained there ever since and um

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00:07:53,909 --> 00:07:50,800

and bud and i

201
00:07:57,350 --> 00:07:53,919
became very very very close friends for

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00:08:00,629 --> 00:07:57,360
for for the rest of his life actually so

203
00:08:03,270 --> 00:08:00,639
uh so bud and i kind of worked in tandem

204
00:08:05,110 --> 00:08:03,280
uh we we we did not we shared the same

205
00:08:06,629 --> 00:08:05,120
abductees from time to time especially

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00:08:07,990 --> 00:08:06,639
if they moved to philadelphia or moved

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00:08:11,110 --> 00:08:08,000
up to new york

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00:08:11,430 --> 00:08:11,120
um uh but we shared information mainly

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00:08:15,029 --> 00:08:11,440
that

210
00:08:17,189 --> 00:08:15,039
out trying to to figure out

211
00:08:18,150 --> 00:08:17,199
what is going on here how can we address

212
00:08:20,070 --> 00:08:18,160
this and

213
00:08:22,790 --> 00:08:20,080

uh you know what kind of state what kind

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00:08:26,710 --> 00:08:22,800

of assumptions can be made and all that

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00:08:28,790 --> 00:08:26,720

however historians work but not not

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00:08:30,950 --> 00:08:28,800

they work alone the history is is a

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00:08:31,909 --> 00:08:30,960

lonely field you work alone primarily in

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00:08:34,310 --> 00:08:31,919

history

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00:08:36,149 --> 00:08:34,320

every once in a while there'll be two

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historians to write a book but 99

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00:08:41,190 --> 00:08:38,240

percent of the time is

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00:08:42,070 --> 00:08:41,200

a singly authored study and so that's

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00:08:44,630 --> 00:08:42,080

basically

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00:08:45,990 --> 00:08:44,640

what i did i worked alone in this field

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00:08:48,470 --> 00:08:46,000

for a long long time

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00:08:50,230 --> 00:08:48,480

and uh and still working in it from time

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00:08:53,269 --> 00:08:50,240

to time although in recent

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00:08:53,990 --> 00:08:53,279

months uh in the last year things have

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00:08:56,470 --> 00:08:54,000

slacked off

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00:08:58,550 --> 00:08:56,480

considerably for me i think mainly

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00:08:59,910 --> 00:08:58,560

because i'm retired now i need to do

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00:09:03,750 --> 00:08:59,920

these books i don't

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00:09:05,430 --> 00:09:03,760

uh follow up on people who write to me

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00:09:07,590 --> 00:09:05,440

unfortunately i'm sorry for everybody

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00:09:10,630 --> 00:09:07,600

out there who might be a victim of me

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00:09:14,790 --> 00:09:10,640

and um uh and and so i

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00:09:17,430 --> 00:09:14,800

i i'm i'm elderly now

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00:09:19,350 --> 00:09:17,440

i'm an old man now and i know i gotta

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00:09:20,630 --> 00:09:19,360

get these books out of my system and

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00:09:23,030 --> 00:09:20,640

once that's done

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00:09:24,550 --> 00:09:23,040

i'm to hang up my brains and i'm just

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00:09:27,030 --> 00:09:24,560

going to watch television and i'm going

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00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:27,040

to be happy

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00:09:30,870 --> 00:09:29,040

well that's good at least uh at least

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00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:30,880

we'll know what happened to you

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00:09:34,949 --> 00:09:32,560

right that's good i want to know what

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00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:34,959

what kind of issues has

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00:09:39,750 --> 00:09:38,080

doing what you've done caused you

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00:09:41,509 --> 00:09:39,760

in your academic profession has it

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00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:41,519

caused you any trouble

251
00:09:50,790 --> 00:09:49,110
okay this is not a subject that you want

252
00:09:54,070 --> 00:09:50,800
to deal with in academics

253
00:09:56,150 --> 00:09:54,080
academics can be fairly close-minded

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00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:56,160
especially when it comes to being

255
00:10:00,630 --> 00:09:57,440
abducted by

256
00:10:01,030 --> 00:10:00,640
little beings from outer space that that

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00:10:03,750 --> 00:10:01,040
just

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00:10:05,269 --> 00:10:03,760
doesn't make it into the academic world

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00:10:07,030 --> 00:10:05,279
uh

260
00:10:08,790 --> 00:10:07,040
it doesn't make it in intact so let's

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00:10:11,190 --> 00:10:08,800
put it that way

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00:10:12,310 --> 00:10:11,200
the problem is is that most academics

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00:10:15,430 --> 00:10:12,320

understand

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00:10:19,430 --> 00:10:15,440

instantly or faster than

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00:10:22,630 --> 00:10:19,440

instantly a whole range

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00:10:25,910 --> 00:10:22,640

of psychological issues that could

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00:10:29,030 --> 00:10:25,920

allow people to present with

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00:10:32,310 --> 00:10:29,040

abductions i've been abducted they know

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00:10:34,630 --> 00:10:32,320

about hypnosis they know about uh

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00:10:36,150 --> 00:10:34,640

psychological problems they know about

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00:10:37,910 --> 00:10:36,160

all sorts of things that

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00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:37,920

that can account for this picking things

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00:10:42,310 --> 00:10:39,839

up in popular culture

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00:10:44,230 --> 00:10:42,320

they get it right away they understand

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00:10:45,750 --> 00:10:44,240

the whole spectrum

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00:10:47,829 --> 00:10:45,760

therefore to say you're an abduction

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00:10:50,790 --> 00:10:47,839

researcher means automatically

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00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:50,800

that you're an idiot because you're not

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00:10:54,310 --> 00:10:52,480

researching anything that is actually

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00:10:56,230 --> 00:10:54,320

real you're you're researching

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00:10:57,910 --> 00:10:56,240

a combination of different fields of

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00:11:00,310 --> 00:10:57,920

things you know for a sociologist a

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00:11:03,269 --> 00:11:00,320

massive intimidation or whatever it is

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00:11:04,949 --> 00:11:03,279

and and and and therefore your judgment

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00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:04,959

is called into question

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00:11:11,030 --> 00:11:08,640

and and uh really not a legitimate

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00:11:12,870 --> 00:11:11,040

academic basically you know there's

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00:11:15,269 --> 00:11:12,880

something wrong with you

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00:11:17,190 --> 00:11:15,279

you know and that's the way uh people

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00:11:19,269 --> 00:11:17,200

who do this kind of work in academics

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00:11:20,389 --> 00:11:19,279

are treated now when i say that

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there aren't a whole lot of people in

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academics to do this kind of work that's

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right

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00:11:28,949 --> 00:11:26,800

in fact there are none who do uh uh um

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00:11:29,829 --> 00:11:28,959

hypnosis with abductees there used to be

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00:11:32,870 --> 00:11:29,839

some

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00:11:34,069 --> 00:11:32,880

uh uh but unfortunately they got old

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00:11:37,750 --> 00:11:34,079

they retired or

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00:11:40,710 --> 00:11:37,760

uh uh in in a couple of cases they

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00:11:42,550 --> 00:11:40,720
they died uh heart disease and cancer

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00:11:45,590 --> 00:11:42,560
and things like that and and now

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00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:45,600
i i was left as the only one i think and

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00:11:49,509 --> 00:11:47,360
i'm not sure maybe some people are doing

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00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:49,519
it on the slide that i don't know about

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00:11:56,550 --> 00:11:53,279
but i think i was the only one left

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00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:56,560
as a result um

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00:11:59,990 --> 00:11:58,240
rather than i mean my first book was

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00:12:02,389 --> 00:12:00,000
straight history the ufo controversy in

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00:12:05,590 --> 00:12:02,399
america but when i published secret life

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00:12:08,310 --> 00:12:05,600
and then the threat uh

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00:12:10,310 --> 00:12:08,320
which which was simply considered not

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00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:10,320

history now i had tenure

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00:12:14,470 --> 00:12:12,160

and the tenure system which is now under

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00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:14,480

serious attack throughout the country

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00:12:19,509 --> 00:12:17,600

unfortunately uh without tenure i would

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00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:19,519

not have been able to do this within an

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00:12:24,629 --> 00:12:21,360

academic setting

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00:12:27,990 --> 00:12:24,639

a tenure protected me from being

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00:12:31,190 --> 00:12:28,000

fired outright wow

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00:12:32,470 --> 00:12:31,200

so uh so if people say well tenure is no

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00:12:34,310 --> 00:12:32,480

good it's gotta go they don't know what

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00:12:36,230 --> 00:12:34,320

they're talking about it protects

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00:12:39,269 --> 00:12:36,240

academic freedom that's what it was set

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00:12:42,790 --> 00:12:39,279

up for and that's what it does do

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00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:42,800

so uh but in fact let's stop my career

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00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:46,000

basically in its tracks and uh

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00:12:50,150 --> 00:12:48,079

the way the way the academic world works

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00:12:52,069 --> 00:12:50,160

is if you're an assistant professor that

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00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:52,079

means your professor without

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00:12:57,430 --> 00:12:55,040

tenure you have not received tenure yet

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00:12:59,670 --> 00:12:57,440

if you're an associate professor

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00:13:01,350 --> 00:12:59,680

that means you have tenure you were

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00:13:04,629 --> 00:13:01,360

granted tenure

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00:13:05,829 --> 00:13:04,639

by the board of trustees of of temple

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00:13:08,790 --> 00:13:05,839

university

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00:13:09,269 --> 00:13:08,800

already recommended by the chair the

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00:13:15,190 --> 00:13:09,279

dean

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00:13:16,870 --> 00:13:15,200

the president and then the board of

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00:13:18,710 --> 00:13:16,880

trustees

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00:13:21,269 --> 00:13:18,720

the ones who grant tenure and that is

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00:13:23,910 --> 00:13:21,279

what happened in 1981 for me

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00:13:25,030 --> 00:13:23,920

uh and then i i you know then i

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00:13:27,990 --> 00:13:25,040

published uh

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00:13:29,509 --> 00:13:28,000

um the threat i mean uh the secret life

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00:13:32,389 --> 00:13:29,519

and the threat

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and the next step up is full professor

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that means

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00:13:37,509 --> 00:13:36,160

that you uh have national recognition in

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00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:37,519

your fields

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00:13:41,269 --> 00:13:40,000

a full professor is like is the end step

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00:13:43,350 --> 00:13:41,279

it's wonderful it's great everybody

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00:13:45,269 --> 00:13:43,360

wants it of course i wanted it

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00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:45,279

that's that would never have never

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00:13:49,189 --> 00:13:46,639

happened

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00:13:51,350 --> 00:13:49,199

and when you retire at temple university

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00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:51,360

you have a way of retiring with emeritus

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00:13:54,629 --> 00:13:53,279

status that is the same meritorious

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00:13:57,670 --> 00:13:54,639

service

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00:13:58,150 --> 00:13:57,680

and technically you're still on faculty

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00:14:01,189 --> 00:13:58,160

then

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00:14:02,069 --> 00:14:01,199

see means you have all sorts of

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privileges

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00:14:06,310 --> 00:14:04,959

that you can you can use the the faculty

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00:14:07,030 --> 00:14:06,320

dining room you can do this you can do

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00:14:08,470 --> 00:14:07,040

that you can

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00:14:10,470 --> 00:14:08,480

there's all sorts of privileges you got

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00:14:14,389 --> 00:14:10,480

as you're still on faculty

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00:14:16,470 --> 00:14:14,399

but i was not granted that either uh

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00:14:18,069 --> 00:14:16,480

and uh that that was the sort of the

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00:14:19,590 --> 00:14:18,079

final cut

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00:14:21,269 --> 00:14:19,600

and you know it left me with a certain

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00:14:23,990 --> 00:14:21,279

amount of bitterness

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00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,000

but at the same time i you know i walked

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00:14:27,509 --> 00:14:25,920

into it eyes open i knew that this was

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00:14:30,470 --> 00:14:27,519

going to have a deleterious

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00:14:31,670 --> 00:14:30,480

uh effect on my on my career i i knew

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00:14:34,949 --> 00:14:31,680

that this was

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00:14:36,870 --> 00:14:34,959

this was not good and the situation is

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00:14:38,550 --> 00:14:36,880

as follows people would call me up

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00:14:40,389 --> 00:14:38,560

graduate students

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00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:40,399

in history and in other areas other

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00:14:45,990 --> 00:14:43,760

areas sociology psychology and so forth

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00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:46,000

who want to do a dissertation involving

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00:14:50,550 --> 00:14:47,920

ufos or abductions or

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00:14:51,430 --> 00:14:50,560

and i just tell them to stay the hell

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00:14:53,829 --> 00:14:51,440

away from it

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00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:53,839

yeah well let me ask you this if you

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00:14:58,230 --> 00:14:55,760

could start all over again

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00:14:59,829 --> 00:14:58,240

turn back the clock would you take the

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00:15:02,629 --> 00:14:59,839

same path

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00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:02,639

uh yes i would you know one does not get

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00:15:05,430 --> 00:15:02,959

the

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00:15:07,110 --> 00:15:05,440

opportunity to make a contribution in

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00:15:10,470 --> 00:15:07,120

something that is potentially of

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00:15:12,389 --> 00:15:10,480

overwhelming importance and

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00:15:13,829 --> 00:15:12,399

uh the work i i would have done in

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00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:13,839

history would have been important for

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00:15:16,629 --> 00:15:14,880

historians

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00:15:19,269 --> 00:15:16,639

and maybe even changed the way we look

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00:15:22,550 --> 00:15:19,279

at the past a little tiny bit

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00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:22,560

but um nothing approaches uh

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00:15:26,230 --> 00:15:24,560

the importance of the abduction

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00:15:28,310 --> 00:15:26,240

phenomenon especially

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uh the we and the ufonam which in my

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00:15:33,430 --> 00:15:30,160

opinion are one of the same thing

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00:15:34,310 --> 00:15:33,440

and uh and to have to be an academic

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working in this

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really was uh something that that that

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was

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uh not unique but but there were very

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few people who did that

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00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:45,440

and uh so i had this opportunity

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00:15:51,910 --> 00:15:48,639

and i took it i mean you know i i i

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00:15:53,590 --> 00:15:51,920

my priorities uh in terms of of

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00:15:55,269 --> 00:15:53,600

of making a contribution i think were

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00:15:56,550 --> 00:15:55,279

greater than my priorities for my own

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00:15:58,710 --> 00:15:56,560

particular life

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00:15:59,990 --> 00:15:58,720

wow now just to follow up on this last

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00:16:02,470 --> 00:16:00,000

thing that i was saying

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00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:02,480

when graduate students call me up i tell

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00:16:04,470 --> 00:16:03,920

them to stay the hell away from it

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00:16:07,350 --> 00:16:04,480

because

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00:16:08,629 --> 00:16:07,360

the following things happen if they work

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00:16:11,430 --> 00:16:08,639

in a subject

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00:16:13,509 --> 00:16:11,440

other than ufo cults ufo religions or

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00:16:14,790 --> 00:16:13,519

the psychology of people who see ufos

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00:16:16,629 --> 00:16:14,800

which everybody does

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00:16:18,629 --> 00:16:16,639

if you look at academic press books

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they're all related in some way or

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another or most of them are anyways to

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um

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00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:24,000

ufo religions ufo cults popular culture

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00:16:27,829 --> 00:16:25,440

and ufos you know but not

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00:16:28,550 --> 00:16:27,839

addressing the ufo or abduction for some

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00:16:35,590 --> 00:16:28,560

uh

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00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:35,600

one book by um susan clancy that does it

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00:16:40,069 --> 00:16:38,720

it is the world's worst book i was going

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00:16:42,230 --> 00:16:40,079

to talk to you about that and what your

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opinion was of her work

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00:16:47,829 --> 00:16:45,279

it's it's factually incorrect

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00:16:49,030 --> 00:16:47,839

on the one hand and just stupidly done

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00:16:51,350 --> 00:16:49,040

in my opinion

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00:16:52,870 --> 00:16:51,360

and uh i i certainly don't want to upset

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00:16:53,829 --> 00:16:52,880

her by saying things like that but just

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

my opinion

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uh i have i've already upset her and i'm

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on

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00:17:03,269 --> 00:17:00,720

a number of other ways um but uh

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it's just not a very good book it was

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the problem is the book was not

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