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00:00:04,150 --> 00:00:02,470  
and it hits me oh my gosh this is that

2  
00:00:05,349 --> 00:00:04,160  
triangle you know there's explanation

3  
00:00:07,349 --> 00:00:05,359  
for everything that occurred in the

4  
00:00:09,830 --> 00:00:07,359  
rendel champions incident that doesn't

5  
00:00:13,270 --> 00:00:09,840  
involve aliens at all it was completely

6  
00:00:15,990 --> 00:00:13,280  
silent it comes right over our heads he

7  
00:00:17,670 --> 00:00:16,000  
saw a classic flying saucer really

8  
00:00:19,349 --> 00:00:17,680  
standing in the clearing he turned over

9  
00:00:20,710 --> 00:00:19,359  
to my father and held his hand and he

10  
00:00:24,470 --> 00:00:20,720  
looked in his eyes and said we're not

11  
00:00:29,669 --> 00:00:26,870  
hello and welcome to the show the show

12  
00:00:31,429 --> 00:00:29,679  
we call podcast ufo i'm martin willis

13  
00:00:34,150 --> 00:00:31,439

your host and we're coming at you live

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00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:34,160

like every wednesday at 9 00 pm eastern

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00:00:37,830 --> 00:00:36,719

standard time on the dark matter radio

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00:00:39,510 --> 00:00:37,840

network

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00:00:41,910 --> 00:00:39,520

and if you're listening live you can

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:41,920

jump right over to the chat room at

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00:00:47,270 --> 00:00:44,480

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00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:47,280

well i plan on being once again at the

21

00:00:52,549 --> 00:00:49,760

new england ufo conference

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00:00:55,350 --> 00:00:52,559

last year it was a blast and it is being

23

00:00:58,310 --> 00:00:55,360

held in leominster massachusetts

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00:01:01,270 --> 00:00:58,320

it's on the night of october 17th which

25

00:01:03,750 --> 00:01:01,280

is a friday and saturday the 18th and i

26

00:01:06,070 --> 00:01:03,760

will post a link to it on our website in

27

00:01:08,789 --> 00:01:06,080

the show notes stanton friedman will be

28

00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:08,799

there kathy martin peter robbins mark

29

00:01:13,830 --> 00:01:12,159

d'antonio the enos and many more should

30

00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:13,840

be a lot of fun

31

00:01:17,990 --> 00:01:16,240

and remember i know well i'm actually

32

00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:18,000

going to be upstairs

33

00:01:22,230 --> 00:01:19,759

in a room with the enos we're going to

34

00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,240

be sharing that but i'll be out on the

35

00:01:26,950 --> 00:01:24,000

floor a lot and

36

00:01:28,710 --> 00:01:26,960

i'll wear a ufo hat so if you see a guy

37

00:01:31,749 --> 00:01:28,720

i should be the only one there with ufo

38

00:01:34,469 --> 00:01:31,759

hat see a guy with a ufo hat say hi to

39

00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:34,479

me please i would appreciate it well we

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:36,240

have another great show for you tonight

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00:01:39,510 --> 00:01:38,000

alejandro rojas of

42

00:01:42,069 --> 00:01:39,520

openminds is coming right up with the

43

00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:42,079

news after that our guest and well he

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00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:45,200

wants to be referred to as eric the ufo

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00:01:48,789 --> 00:01:46,399

agnostic

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00:01:51,749 --> 00:01:48,799

i heard eric on another show a while

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00:01:53,350 --> 00:01:51,759

back and uh he's really looked into the

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00:01:55,429 --> 00:01:53,360

ufo topic

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00:01:57,350 --> 00:01:55,439

he has a lot of really good points and i

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00:01:59,830 --> 00:01:57,360

assure you he will be a fascinating

51  
00:02:02,389 --> 00:01:59,840  
guest later on so we're ready for the

52  
00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:02,399  
news how are you alejandro

53  
00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:05,119  
hello i'm doing great how are you

54  
00:02:10,070 --> 00:02:07,280  
excellent excellent so what do we have

55  
00:02:12,390 --> 00:02:10,080  
going on this week for news oh there's a

56  
00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:12,400  
lot going on so i guess i'll start with

57  
00:02:15,510 --> 00:02:14,720  
uh the most exciting news going on right

58  
00:02:18,390 --> 00:02:15,520  
now

59  
00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:18,400  
and that is uh some ufo sightings in

60  
00:02:24,710 --> 00:02:22,800  
colorado and utah mostly in colorado at

61  
00:02:27,990 --> 00:02:24,720  
least that's where the most exciting

62  
00:02:30,710 --> 00:02:28,000  
stuff is going on i think but uh this is

63  
00:02:33,350 --> 00:02:30,720

pretty cool so the other day on nine

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00:02:36,150 --> 00:02:33,360

news the nbc affiliate posted a story

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00:02:38,150 --> 00:02:36,160

and some pictures of a ufo that one of

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00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:38,160

their reporters saw

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00:02:42,229 --> 00:02:40,239

multiple people had seen it the police

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00:02:43,589 --> 00:02:42,239

were called the police said they saw it

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00:02:46,070 --> 00:02:43,599

as well

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00:02:49,190 --> 00:02:46,080

and so what's really cool about this is

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00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:49,200

that the reporter matt renau is like

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00:02:53,430 --> 00:02:51,360

standing by what he saw he said so far

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00:02:56,470 --> 00:02:53,440

i've heard nothing that can really

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00:02:59,910 --> 00:02:56,480

explain what i saw he said he saw some

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00:03:02,309 --> 00:02:59,920

shiny white dots that were in the sky he

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00:03:03,750 --> 00:03:02,319

watched them they didn't move and he

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00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:03,760

kind of puts it you know we watched him

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00:03:09,830 --> 00:03:07,040

for five minutes or six and 10 15 and

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00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:09,840

then finally they kind of flashed and

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00:03:13,910 --> 00:03:12,640

then moved off very quickly above the

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00:03:16,229 --> 00:03:13,920

mountain

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00:03:17,990 --> 00:03:16,239

so he's like you know i don't know what

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00:03:19,430 --> 00:03:18,000

would do this this is really strange

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00:03:21,430 --> 00:03:19,440

this is really uh something

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00:03:23,030 --> 00:03:21,440

extraordinary

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00:03:25,430 --> 00:03:23,040

so they talked to the police the police

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00:03:28,470 --> 00:03:25,440

said yeah uh you know we saw them too

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00:03:32,390 --> 00:03:28,480

this is this is some wild stuff and then

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00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,400

they also called norad norad said that

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00:03:38,869 --> 00:03:35,040

we haven't registered any anomalies but

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00:03:40,149 --> 00:03:38,879

we are investigating so uh and the story

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00:03:43,110 --> 00:03:40,159

concluded that the sheriffs were

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00:03:45,589 --> 00:03:43,120

investigating also so really cool

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00:03:47,270 --> 00:03:45,599

however another story came out from the

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00:03:50,070 --> 00:03:47,280

local paper

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00:03:51,830 --> 00:03:50,080

from the summit i think it's a summit

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00:03:53,670 --> 00:03:51,840

county paper the county that

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00:03:55,589 --> 00:03:53,680

breckenridge is in

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00:03:57,429 --> 00:03:55,599

and they said that police said they

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00:03:59,670 --> 00:03:57,439

aren't investigating they also called

101  
00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:59,680  
norad who said they aren't investigating

102  
00:04:03,270 --> 00:04:01,599  
uh they both just said the police said

103  
00:04:05,110 --> 00:04:03,280  
we saw it but you know what are we

104  
00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:05,120  
supposed to do and norad kind of was

105  
00:04:09,350 --> 00:04:07,360  
similar they didn't register anything so

106  
00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:09,360  
that's probably closer to the truth

107  
00:04:13,589 --> 00:04:11,360  
well and what are they supposed to do

108  
00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:13,599  
you know they saw it or you know so it's

109  
00:04:17,590 --> 00:04:15,760  
hard to say this is what's frustrating

110  
00:04:20,789 --> 00:04:17,600  
though and i i ran into this in the very

111  
00:04:22,710 --> 00:04:20,799  
first ufo case that i ever investigated

112  
00:04:24,710 --> 00:04:22,720  
they called the faa and the faa says

113  
00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:24,720

well we're not in the ufo business we're

114

00:04:29,830 --> 00:04:27,680

in the air safety business so call new

115

00:04:33,270 --> 00:04:29,840

fork or or somebody that you know is

116

00:04:36,230 --> 00:04:33,280

monitoring ufos which is absolutely

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:36,240

ridiculous because they're monitoring

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00:04:41,990 --> 00:04:38,400

air safety but they don't want to know

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00:04:44,230 --> 00:04:42,000

about unidentified objects flying around

120

00:04:46,950 --> 00:04:44,240

in the same airspace as commercial

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00:04:49,030 --> 00:04:46,960

aircraft and that makes absolutely no

122

00:04:49,749 --> 00:04:49,040

sense i think that's really frustrating

123

00:04:52,150 --> 00:04:49,759

but

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00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:52,160

that's what they told the summit county

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00:04:56,950 --> 00:04:54,639

newspaper pretty cool stuff a great case

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00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:56,960

and now it's starting to go viral and

127

00:05:00,230 --> 00:04:59,120

it's being reported all over the place

128

00:05:02,070 --> 00:05:00,240

now this

129

00:05:05,270 --> 00:05:02,080

there's no chance that when you say it

130

00:05:07,990 --> 00:05:05,280

moved off in a high rate of speed it

131

00:05:10,070 --> 00:05:08,000

too high rate of speed to be a drone of

132

00:05:13,110 --> 00:05:10,080

any kind because i know the drones can

133

00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:13,120

you know they can hover in one area

134

00:05:18,710 --> 00:05:15,520

that's true a drone can do this these

135

00:05:20,870 --> 00:05:18,720

look pretty high um you know and then it

136

00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:20,880

zipped off at uh

137

00:05:26,230 --> 00:05:23,280

probably i mean it would have to be a

138

00:05:29,110 --> 00:05:26,240

large drone maybe some sort of military

139

00:05:31,110 --> 00:05:29,120

type of thing and plus it was shiny and

140

00:05:33,909 --> 00:05:31,120

visible like a dot i mean these things

141

00:05:36,550 --> 00:05:33,919

look like a dot in colorado in fact i've

142

00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:36,560

seen these things in colorado a couple

143

00:05:42,390 --> 00:05:39,600

two of my ufo sightings have been of

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00:05:44,230 --> 00:05:42,400

very similar things and when i was a

145

00:05:45,670 --> 00:05:44,240

mufon investigator out there we used to

146

00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:45,680

get a lot of this

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00:05:49,110 --> 00:05:47,919

um but

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00:05:52,150 --> 00:05:49,120

so

149

00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:52,160

it's hard to say i mean i guess it could

150

00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:54,800

uh possibly but that's what's hard these

151  
00:05:59,749 --> 00:05:56,560  
days you know and one of the other

152  
00:06:02,309 --> 00:05:59,759  
papers covering uh another story the

153  
00:06:04,550 --> 00:06:02,319  
hong kong one kind of says drones really

154  
00:06:06,070 --> 00:06:04,560  
screw up ufos ufos are screwed now

155  
00:06:08,309 --> 00:06:06,080  
because of drones and i think we've

156  
00:06:10,070 --> 00:06:08,319  
talked about this before

157  
00:06:12,390 --> 00:06:10,080  
because anything can be drones at this

158  
00:06:14,469 --> 00:06:12,400  
point so it's hard to say because drones

159  
00:06:17,590 --> 00:06:14,479  
are very maneuverable

160  
00:06:20,710 --> 00:06:17,600  
and you can can appear as

161  
00:06:22,790 --> 00:06:20,720  
metallic shiny things in the sky so

162  
00:06:24,710 --> 00:06:22,800  
it's really tough to say so what else is

163  
00:06:27,270 --> 00:06:24,720

going on in the news this is another

164

00:06:29,590 --> 00:06:27,280

story that's uh kind of hitting the at

165

00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:29,600

least the ufo world not so much hitting

166

00:06:36,710 --> 00:06:33,120

mainstream as much this is a sighting in

167

00:06:40,469 --> 00:06:36,720

kansas where the witness caught

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00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:40,479

two ufos on a photo supposedly allegedly

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00:06:45,670 --> 00:06:42,960

and it was actually submitted to mufon

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00:06:49,189 --> 00:06:45,680

from a friend of theirs who said this uh

171

00:06:50,070 --> 00:06:49,199

called the picture amazingly clear

172

00:06:53,909 --> 00:06:50,080

the

173

00:06:55,990 --> 00:06:53,919

definitely seems to be because it's

174

00:06:58,309 --> 00:06:56,000

taking a picture of the sun it appears

175

00:06:59,670 --> 00:06:58,319

to me to be a lens flare which happens

176  
00:07:00,710 --> 00:06:59,680  
you know when you're taking a picture of

177  
00:07:02,710 --> 00:07:00,720  
the sun

178  
00:07:05,189 --> 00:07:02,720  
however there's another object that is

179  
00:07:07,830 --> 00:07:05,199  
kind of kite shaped that is more

180  
00:07:09,270 --> 00:07:07,840  
mysterious which is kind of weird in

181  
00:07:11,909 --> 00:07:09,280  
this picture

182  
00:07:13,749 --> 00:07:11,919  
one of the problems pointed out by

183  
00:07:16,309 --> 00:07:13,759  
robert powell who is the mufon director

184  
00:07:18,790 --> 00:07:16,319  
of research when we posted this on

185  
00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:18,800  
facebook he said he noticed well the

186  
00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:21,919  
picture is really small it's only 60k

187  
00:07:26,710 --> 00:07:25,759  
so this must be a crop or just a tiny uh

188  
00:07:28,870 --> 00:07:26,720

you know

189

00:07:31,270 --> 00:07:28,880

somebody's manipulated the image to make

190

00:07:33,670 --> 00:07:31,280

it smaller so it's a little bit

191

00:07:35,510 --> 00:07:33,680

suspicious and that the picture has been

192

00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:35,520

manipulated but

193

00:07:40,150 --> 00:07:37,840

it's certainly not the original and he

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00:07:42,070 --> 00:07:40,160

notes that you know we'll really need to

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00:07:44,629 --> 00:07:42,080

take a look at the original to make

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00:07:46,309 --> 00:07:44,639

anything out but uh it's kind of making

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00:07:47,909 --> 00:07:46,319

its rounds out there and it's been uh

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00:07:50,309 --> 00:07:47,919

one of the more popular stories this

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00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:50,319

week as well yeah right i think i saw

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00:07:55,029 --> 00:07:52,800

that picture it looks like almost like a

201  
00:07:57,430 --> 00:07:55,039  
a triangle sometimes something like a

202  
00:07:58,950 --> 00:07:57,440  
triangle okay and what's the last story

203  
00:08:00,710 --> 00:07:58,960  
for this evening

204  
00:08:02,550 --> 00:08:00,720  
the last story is what i want to talk

205  
00:08:04,950 --> 00:08:02,560  
about it is making rounds in the

206  
00:08:07,510 --> 00:08:04,960  
mainstream media but luckily at open

207  
00:08:08,869 --> 00:08:07,520  
minds we have a little bit more insight

208  
00:08:10,869 --> 00:08:08,879  
into this story because we've been

209  
00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:10,879  
covering it and we've had one of the

210  
00:08:15,830 --> 00:08:13,680  
scientists as part of this team

211  
00:08:17,270 --> 00:08:15,840  
at our conference last year and he made

212  
00:08:19,510 --> 00:08:17,280  
some pretty incredible news that

213  
00:08:22,150 --> 00:08:19,520

actually lee spiegel of huffington post

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00:08:23,670 --> 00:08:22,160

wrote up about and it made a lot of news

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00:08:24,950 --> 00:08:23,680

in the mainstream

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00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:24,960

and that is this group of

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:26,560

astrobiologists

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00:08:31,670 --> 00:08:29,520

one of them talked to the daily express

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00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:31,680

in the uk and there is this group of

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00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:33,680

astrobiologists out of the university of

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00:08:38,630 --> 00:08:35,760

sheffield and the university of

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00:08:42,269 --> 00:08:38,640

buckingham center for astrobiology who

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00:08:45,110 --> 00:08:42,279

say they have an abundance of proof that

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00:08:46,790 --> 00:08:45,120

extraterrestrial life exists now they

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00:08:48,710 --> 00:08:46,800

said this a year ago

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00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:48,720

they've written papers here and there to

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00:08:52,710 --> 00:08:50,160

talk about it

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00:08:56,550 --> 00:08:52,720

we had richard hoover who worked with

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00:08:59,269 --> 00:08:56,560

nasa for 46 years and he also started

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00:09:01,350 --> 00:08:59,279

the center for astrobiology at

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00:09:03,269 --> 00:09:01,360

a university at

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00:09:05,269 --> 00:09:03,279

marshall space center

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00:09:07,670 --> 00:09:05,279

for nasa

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00:09:10,150 --> 00:09:07,680

so and he says you know the same thing

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00:09:11,030 --> 00:09:10,160

essentially what they were talking about

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00:09:13,990 --> 00:09:11,040

are

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00:09:17,430 --> 00:09:14,000

meteorites that look like they have you

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00:09:19,590 --> 00:09:17,440

know microorganisms in them and they are

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00:09:22,070 --> 00:09:19,600

convinced that these are microorganisms

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00:09:23,670 --> 00:09:22,080

even the meteorite from mars you know

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00:09:25,829 --> 00:09:23,680

that made a lot of news when bill

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00:09:28,710 --> 00:09:25,839

clinton came out and said we found e.t

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00:09:30,870 --> 00:09:28,720

life uh and now skeptics have said well

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00:09:33,350 --> 00:09:30,880

maybe not so much

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00:09:35,430 --> 00:09:33,360

about a year ago they had made these

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00:09:37,750 --> 00:09:35,440

claims because what they did was send

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00:09:39,590 --> 00:09:37,760

some balloons up into the stratosphere

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00:09:42,230 --> 00:09:39,600

during the perseids

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00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:42,240

meteor shower and these balloons had

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00:09:48,470 --> 00:09:44,640

devices on them that opened up once they

251  
00:09:51,910 --> 00:09:48,480  
got to the stratosphere exposed these

252  
00:09:54,070 --> 00:09:51,920  
slides to the atmosphere

253  
00:09:56,310 --> 00:09:54,080  
then closed up and these things were

254  
00:09:58,710 --> 00:09:56,320  
sealed so it would come back and see

255  
00:10:01,030 --> 00:09:58,720  
what was in the stratosphere

256  
00:10:03,590 --> 00:10:01,040  
at the time they said they found objects

257  
00:10:05,509 --> 00:10:03,600  
which they believed were microorganisms

258  
00:10:07,030 --> 00:10:05,519  
they argued there's no way they could

259  
00:10:09,750 --> 00:10:07,040  
have got up there

260  
00:10:11,509 --> 00:10:09,760  
and commonly believed that nothing can

261  
00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:11,519  
get up into the stratosphere from the

262  
00:10:15,509 --> 00:10:14,160  
earth not even microbes so that was our

263  
00:10:18,389 --> 00:10:15,519

argument

264

00:10:20,069 --> 00:10:18,399

however in this recent interview

265

00:10:22,790 --> 00:10:20,079

with another one of the scientists with

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00:10:24,949 --> 00:10:22,800

the daily express he talks about how now

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00:10:26,949 --> 00:10:24,959

they even have more evidence from the

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00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:26,959

data they collected there they have

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00:10:32,389 --> 00:10:30,000

something called a dragon particle which

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00:10:34,750 --> 00:10:32,399

is a biological

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00:10:37,750 --> 00:10:34,760

entity they say some sort of

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00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:37,760

microorganism that is not here on earth

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00:10:41,829 --> 00:10:39,839

the other arguments they make is that

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00:10:44,230 --> 00:10:41,839

when they expose those slides they

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00:10:46,150 --> 00:10:44,240

didn't get dust or anything else but

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00:10:49,030 --> 00:10:46,160

these microorganisms

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00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:49,040

so in other words if there is something

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00:10:54,550 --> 00:10:52,320

some way volcanoes or wind that took all

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00:10:56,710 --> 00:10:54,560

of this stuff into the stratosphere why

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00:10:58,389 --> 00:10:56,720

did it only take these microorganisms

281

00:11:00,310 --> 00:10:58,399

why aren't they seeing other things how

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00:11:02,949 --> 00:11:00,320

did they get filtered out so that's

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00:11:05,030 --> 00:11:02,959

another i think a great argument that

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00:11:07,670 --> 00:11:05,040

they make that you know supports that

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00:11:09,750 --> 00:11:07,680

this is actual extraterrestrial life one

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00:11:11,990 --> 00:11:09,760

of these guys is the guy who came up

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00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:12,000

with the idea or or helped come up with

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00:11:16,389 --> 00:11:14,800

the idea of panspermia

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00:11:18,310 --> 00:11:16,399

and which they believe and they're

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00:11:19,430 --> 00:11:18,320

essentially saying this is more evident

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00:11:21,750 --> 00:11:19,440

that

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00:11:24,069 --> 00:11:21,760

you know life is abundant out there and

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00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:24,079

it's traveling from planet to planet via

294

00:11:29,509 --> 00:11:26,880

meteorites and asteroids and this

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00:11:31,910 --> 00:11:29,519

demonstrates that it's literally raining

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00:11:34,069 --> 00:11:31,920

down on us and another reason that this

297

00:11:35,990 --> 00:11:34,079

story is timely of course is because

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00:11:39,110 --> 00:11:36,000

russian scientists recently said they

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00:11:41,910 --> 00:11:39,120

found plankton on the iss that's right

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00:11:44,310 --> 00:11:41,920

and he's arguing hey that thing's 200

301  
00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:44,320  
miles away there's no way something from

302  
00:11:48,389 --> 00:11:47,040  
earth blew up there onto it

303  
00:11:50,550 --> 00:11:48,399  
just like our findings in the

304  
00:11:52,470 --> 00:11:50,560  
stratosphere it's very possible these

305  
00:11:53,389 --> 00:11:52,480  
are space-borne

306  
00:11:55,430 --> 00:11:53,399  
you know

307  
00:11:57,509 --> 00:11:55,440  
micro-organisms that had attached

308  
00:12:00,069 --> 00:11:57,519  
themselves to the iss

309  
00:12:02,389 --> 00:12:00,079  
so really really interesting stuff and

310  
00:12:04,949 --> 00:12:02,399  
their evidence is just building and

311  
00:12:07,269 --> 00:12:04,959  
building and building and i think it's

312  
00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:07,279  
really exciting because that you know

313  
00:12:11,190 --> 00:12:09,360

it's kind of like for a while now i

314

00:12:14,069 --> 00:12:11,200

don't know how you feel we've been on

315

00:12:16,150 --> 00:12:14,079

the cusp of an official announcement of

316

00:12:17,949 --> 00:12:16,160

of the discovery of extraterrestrial

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00:12:20,470 --> 00:12:17,959

life right and you have these

318

00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:20,480

astrobiologists including hoover who you

319

00:12:25,430 --> 00:12:22,720

know lee spiegel did a video interview

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00:12:27,750 --> 00:12:25,440

for us that we've posted in the story

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00:12:29,990 --> 00:12:27,760

where he talks about this is hap this is

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00:12:32,310 --> 00:12:30,000

real it's been real for a long time it's

323

00:12:35,269 --> 00:12:32,320

just taking the scientific community a

324

00:12:37,190 --> 00:12:35,279

while to accept it but i think soon they

325

00:12:40,389 --> 00:12:37,200

will and i really think that that's a

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00:12:42,150 --> 00:12:40,399

big deal for our field because once

327

00:12:44,710 --> 00:12:42,160

people realize there's there's life and

328

00:12:47,430 --> 00:12:44,720

it's abundant it's in it's as close as

329

00:12:50,389 --> 00:12:47,440

you know in the space just outside of

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00:12:53,590 --> 00:12:50,399

our own atmosphere that it makes it

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00:12:55,670 --> 00:12:53,600

highly highly highly more likely that

332

00:12:57,350 --> 00:12:55,680

there are advanced civilizations out

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00:13:00,230 --> 00:12:57,360

there as well it could be just floating

334

00:13:02,629 --> 00:13:00,240

around space in general you know exactly

335

00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,639

that's pretty amazing you can go to the

336

00:13:05,750 --> 00:13:04,079

show notes and

337

00:13:07,990 --> 00:13:05,760

find the links to all these stories that

338

00:13:10,069 --> 00:13:08,000

alejandro has just mentioned we'll see

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00:13:13,269 --> 00:13:10,079

you next week alejandro thank you

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00:13:15,269 --> 00:13:13,279

all right thank you talk to you soon

341

00:13:17,509 --> 00:13:15,279

so hang in there we'll be right back

342

00:13:50,150 --> 00:13:17,519

after this short music break with eric

343

00:13:50,160 --> 00:14:12,949

foreign

344

00:14:18,069 --> 00:14:15,670

i should mention that music is like all

345

00:14:19,829 --> 00:14:18,079

our music by carrie lloyd whitehouse

346

00:14:22,629 --> 00:14:19,839

he writes music for the show and thank

347

00:14:24,310 --> 00:14:22,639

you for that carrie and our guest eric

348

00:14:25,829 --> 00:14:24,320

how are you

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00:14:28,150 --> 00:14:25,839

i'm good thank you

350

00:14:31,030 --> 00:14:28,160

thanks for joining us and i mentioned

351  
00:14:34,069 --> 00:14:31,040  
earlier that i heard you on another show

352  
00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:34,079  
and uh really enjoyed listening to you a

353  
00:14:38,470 --> 00:14:36,399  
lot of valid points and

354  
00:14:40,629 --> 00:14:38,480  
um i know you want to remain anonymous

355  
00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:40,639  
but is there any part of your background

356  
00:14:45,110 --> 00:14:42,000  
that you can

357  
00:14:47,990 --> 00:14:45,120  
sort of throw out there

358  
00:14:50,790 --> 00:14:48,000  
sure um

359  
00:14:53,189 --> 00:14:50,800  
i have a background in organized

360  
00:14:55,110 --> 00:14:53,199  
skepticism

361  
00:14:56,949 --> 00:14:55,120  
in terms of being one of the co-founders

362  
00:14:59,430 --> 00:14:56,959  
of a skeptic

363  
00:15:01,430 --> 00:14:59,440

organization back in 2000

364

00:15:03,590 --> 00:15:01,440

which is well which was at the time

365

00:15:05,110 --> 00:15:03,600

designed to be a national

366

00:15:07,829 --> 00:15:05,120

um

367

00:15:10,550 --> 00:15:07,839

organization of national scope

368

00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:10,560

whose purpose was to launch as many

369

00:15:13,509 --> 00:15:12,480

skeptic groups on college campuses as

370

00:15:15,030 --> 00:15:13,519

possible

371

00:15:18,389 --> 00:15:15,040

and so at the time there were a few

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00:15:19,269 --> 00:15:18,399

dozen groups like that around the u.s

373

00:15:20,790 --> 00:15:19,279

and

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00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:20,800

last count

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00:15:24,069 --> 00:15:21,600

i'd

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00:15:24,829 --> 00:15:24,079

get between 350 and 400 groups

377

00:15:26,470 --> 00:15:24,839

like

378

00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:26,480

that

379

00:15:31,110 --> 00:15:29,360

so um i've had an interest um i guess

380

00:15:33,269 --> 00:15:31,120

from the skeptic side and a lot of

381

00:15:35,350 --> 00:15:33,279

paranormal things for quite some time

382

00:15:37,590 --> 00:15:35,360

because i find the

383

00:15:41,189 --> 00:15:37,600

um the question about the the border

384

00:15:43,509 --> 00:15:41,199

between science and

385

00:15:44,870 --> 00:15:43,519

i guess you could say anti-science maybe

386

00:15:46,230 --> 00:15:44,880

if that doesn't sort of prejudice the

387

00:15:47,590 --> 00:15:46,240

debate um

388

00:15:49,189 --> 00:15:47,600

in the assumption

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00:15:51,110 --> 00:15:49,199

to be a very interesting kind of

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00:15:52,710 --> 00:15:51,120

discussion so

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00:15:54,310 --> 00:15:52,720

i guess that's

392

00:15:58,629 --> 00:15:54,320

part of my background that's relevant to

393

00:16:01,990 --> 00:15:58,639

this uh-huh and uh you know that

394

00:16:04,310 --> 00:16:02,000

i don't mind a skeptic it's it's when

395

00:16:06,790 --> 00:16:04,320

someone is a skeptic just by

396

00:16:09,430 --> 00:16:06,800

proclamation only and there's

397

00:16:10,790 --> 00:16:09,440

there's more or less you know just uh

398

00:16:17,110 --> 00:16:10,800

debunking

399

00:16:18,629 --> 00:16:17,120

into it and after i listened

400

00:16:19,990 --> 00:16:18,639

to your show

401  
00:16:22,550 --> 00:16:20,000  
you could tell you really looked into

402  
00:16:24,710 --> 00:16:22,560  
the subject and the people will i'm sure

403  
00:16:26,310 --> 00:16:24,720  
feel that way as we talk

404  
00:16:31,350 --> 00:16:26,320  
uh later

405  
00:16:32,629 --> 00:16:31,360  
um more about this so um what is your

406  
00:16:35,990 --> 00:16:32,639  
you more or less

407  
00:16:38,790 --> 00:16:36,000  
think it's it's possible right that um

408  
00:16:41,030 --> 00:16:38,800  
that we could be being visited i mean

409  
00:16:45,189 --> 00:16:41,040  
you're not ruling it out

410  
00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:47,110  
one of my

411  
00:16:52,629 --> 00:16:50,320  
uh main critiques of skepticism with

412  
00:16:55,590 --> 00:16:52,639  
regard to the ufo question

413  
00:16:58,150 --> 00:16:55,600

is that i think you can identify

414

00:16:59,749 --> 00:16:58,160

a kind of

415

00:17:02,710 --> 00:16:59,759

metaphysical

416

00:17:03,990 --> 00:17:02,720

and also psychologically hidden

417

00:17:05,270 --> 00:17:04,000

rejection of the past even the

418

00:17:07,110 --> 00:17:05,280

possibility

419

00:17:08,789 --> 00:17:07,120

that there could be

420

00:17:12,870 --> 00:17:08,799

beings from other

421

00:17:14,470 --> 00:17:12,880

you know parts the the cosmos uh here

422

00:17:16,150 --> 00:17:14,480

um

423

00:17:18,789 --> 00:17:16,160

so yeah i'm

424

00:17:20,870 --> 00:17:18,799

i would consider myself an agnostic but

425

00:17:22,949 --> 00:17:20,880

even leaning towards

426

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

um the possibility if not likelihood

427

00:17:27,590 --> 00:17:25,280

that some of the cases might be

428

00:17:29,510 --> 00:17:27,600

best explained by the extraterrestrial

429

00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:29,520

hypothesis but

430

00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:32,400

you know i don't feel any kind of

431

00:17:35,750 --> 00:17:34,799

inner sense of certainty about that but

432

00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:35,760

it's

433

00:17:40,870 --> 00:17:39,280

began because i began

434

00:17:43,350 --> 00:17:40,880

you know like many

435

00:17:48,150 --> 00:17:43,360

other skeptics reading skeptic magazines

436

00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:50,070

as long as you don't step off that

437

00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:51,520

plantation

438

00:17:54,870 --> 00:17:53,520

and do a bunch of other reading and

439

00:17:56,150 --> 00:17:54,880

talking to people

440

00:17:57,909 --> 00:17:56,160

you're very much apt to get the

441

00:18:00,470 --> 00:17:57,919

impression that

442

00:18:02,710 --> 00:18:00,480

the whole field of ufology

443

00:18:04,870 --> 00:18:02,720

is of the same

444

00:18:06,549 --> 00:18:04,880

credulous

445

00:18:08,150 --> 00:18:06,559

uncritical fabric

446

00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:08,160

as are a lot of other

447

00:18:11,590 --> 00:18:09,840

questionable beliefs

448

00:18:14,710 --> 00:18:11,600

but there are

449

00:18:16,710 --> 00:18:14,720

a few things that i read that really

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00:18:17,909 --> 00:18:16,720

made me rethink that and it's been sort

451

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:17,919

of a

452

00:18:23,669 --> 00:18:21,440

unsettling journey to think that um

453

00:18:26,950 --> 00:18:23,679

i guess the scientific establishment

454

00:18:29,110 --> 00:18:26,960

could possibly be just radically wrong

455

00:18:30,789 --> 00:18:29,120

about this question

456

00:18:33,110 --> 00:18:30,799

um you know the topics come up many

457

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:33,120

times why doesn't science you know take

458

00:18:36,470 --> 00:18:34,080

this

459

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:36,480

seriously and you know a lot it's it's

460

00:18:41,350 --> 00:18:39,440

very fleeting evidence for the most part

461

00:18:43,510 --> 00:18:41,360

there's no money

462

00:18:45,510 --> 00:18:43,520

and uh the best uh the best explanation

463

00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:45,520

i heard of why science doesn't get

464

00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:48,320

involved was from a previous guest

465

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

jeffrey bennett who is an astrophysicist

466

00:18:55,350 --> 00:18:53,840

and he basically said the reason science

467

00:18:58,230 --> 00:18:55,360

doesn't get into it is because it's not

468

00:19:00,390 --> 00:18:58,240

a quick problem solved

469

00:19:02,630 --> 00:19:00,400

most people that get involved in science

470

00:19:04,549 --> 00:19:02,640

and want to get funding they want the

471

00:19:07,909 --> 00:19:04,559

quick problem solved so they can

472

00:19:09,430 --> 00:19:07,919

actually get the funding for it and so i

473

00:19:11,909 --> 00:19:09,440

understand that but

474

00:19:14,470 --> 00:19:11,919

if you if you um

475

00:19:16,549 --> 00:19:14,480

what is your feelings about if there was

476

00:19:18,630 --> 00:19:16,559

actually funding for

477

00:19:20,230 --> 00:19:18,640

research do you think scientists or at

478

00:19:22,070 --> 00:19:20,240

least some of them would

479

00:19:24,230 --> 00:19:22,080

look at the subject a little more

480

00:19:26,789 --> 00:19:24,240

seriously

481

00:19:28,070 --> 00:19:26,799

i suspect yes although i'm just sort of

482

00:19:31,590 --> 00:19:28,080

going on

483

00:19:33,110 --> 00:19:31,600

general background information about how

484

00:19:34,630 --> 00:19:33,120

um

485

00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:34,640

people in general that i've read about

486

00:19:39,190 --> 00:19:36,880

respond to this and

487

00:19:40,870 --> 00:19:39,200

um i guess also in particular i'll add

488

00:19:42,870 --> 00:19:40,880

that

489

00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:42,880

if i could switch this just for a second

490

00:19:47,190 --> 00:19:45,520

to the realm of um

491

00:19:49,590 --> 00:19:47,200

uh you know

492

00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:49,600

psychic power telekinesis and so forth

493

00:19:52,789 --> 00:19:51,360

i'm still fairly skeptical about that

494

00:19:54,549 --> 00:19:52,799

but i have heard people who've been

495

00:19:57,270 --> 00:19:54,559

involved with that that

496

00:19:59,430 --> 00:19:57,280

they will get contacted by mainstream

497

00:20:00,789 --> 00:19:59,440

academics who say you know don't tell

498

00:20:02,549 --> 00:20:00,799

anyone that i'm

499

00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:02,559

contacting you but i'm i'm actually

500

00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:04,480

really interested in this and i'm not so

501  
00:20:08,070 --> 00:20:05,600  
sure that

502  
00:20:09,909 --> 00:20:08,080  
um what you're up to is

503  
00:20:10,870 --> 00:20:09,919  
you know completely mistaken

504  
00:20:11,750 --> 00:20:10,880  
um

505  
00:20:14,549 --> 00:20:11,760  
so

506  
00:20:15,750 --> 00:20:14,559  
i suspect that's the same for

507  
00:20:19,510 --> 00:20:15,760  
um

508  
00:20:20,390 --> 00:20:19,520  
that

509  
00:20:21,830 --> 00:20:20,400  
you know

510  
00:20:23,190 --> 00:20:21,840  
that there would be some percentage of

511  
00:20:25,990 --> 00:20:23,200  
people who would

512  
00:20:28,549 --> 00:20:26,000  
uh be more than happy to accept a grant

513  
00:20:31,190 --> 00:20:28,559

to uh uh take a look at this but that's

514

00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:31,200

that's my read of it anyway

515

00:20:36,310 --> 00:20:34,159

and what do you say to um what do you

516

00:20:39,029 --> 00:20:36,320

say to the skeptical

517

00:20:41,750 --> 00:20:39,039

quote that i hear many times is um

518

00:20:43,669 --> 00:20:41,760

where there's too much distance for any

519

00:20:46,470 --> 00:20:43,679

interstellar travel

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00:20:49,270 --> 00:20:46,480

there's it would take too long

521

00:20:51,270 --> 00:20:49,280

are you open-minded in the

522

00:20:53,510 --> 00:20:51,280

the area of the the fact that they may

523

00:20:56,230 --> 00:20:53,520

know something about physics that we

524

00:20:58,390 --> 00:20:56,240

haven't discovered yet

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00:20:59,350 --> 00:20:58,400

yeah and i think

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00:21:01,270 --> 00:20:59,360

um

527

00:21:02,870 --> 00:21:01,280

strictly speaking

528

00:21:05,110 --> 00:21:02,880

you have to be open-minded about that

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00:21:07,669 --> 00:21:05,120

because

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00:21:12,230 --> 00:21:09,909

if we knew the answer to every

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00:21:14,310 --> 00:21:12,240

scientific question ahead of time

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00:21:16,630 --> 00:21:14,320

then there would be no point

533

00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:16,640

in the scientific process but there's a

534

00:21:21,990 --> 00:21:19,600

great deal that we we don't know

535

00:21:25,590 --> 00:21:23,669

you have to assume that

536

00:21:27,590 --> 00:21:25,600

you know if an intelligent civilization

537

00:21:30,070 --> 00:21:27,600

the civilization

538

00:21:32,549 --> 00:21:30,080

you know had managed to

539

00:21:34,390 --> 00:21:32,559

get past what might be a you know

540

00:21:36,870 --> 00:21:34,400

universe-wide threat of nuclear

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00:21:39,029 --> 00:21:36,880

annihilation and

542

00:21:41,110 --> 00:21:39,039

resource use overshoots and pollution

543

00:21:43,990 --> 00:21:41,120

etc if they were to get past those kinds

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00:21:45,190 --> 00:21:44,000

of bottlenecks in their development

545

00:21:47,430 --> 00:21:45,200

and

546

00:21:49,590 --> 00:21:47,440

assuming a similar technological

547

00:21:51,909 --> 00:21:49,600

trajectory to where we're at

548

00:21:53,510 --> 00:21:51,919

you know 500 years

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00:21:55,510 --> 00:21:53,520

which is pretty modest

550

00:21:56,870 --> 00:21:55,520

but what about a hundred thousand

551  
00:21:58,950 --> 00:21:56,880  
a million

552  
00:22:00,950 --> 00:21:58,960  
ten million

553  
00:22:02,149 --> 00:22:00,960  
um it's entirely possible and even

554  
00:22:04,149 --> 00:22:02,159  
likely

555  
00:22:06,630 --> 00:22:04,159  
that uh their understanding of the

556  
00:22:08,390 --> 00:22:06,640  
cosmos is much further along uh than

557  
00:22:10,310 --> 00:22:08,400  
ours

558  
00:22:11,430 --> 00:22:10,320  
so yeah i

559  
00:22:15,110 --> 00:22:11,440  
it's

560  
00:22:16,149 --> 00:22:15,120  
it strikes me as a kind of um

561  
00:22:18,950 --> 00:22:16,159  
um

562  
00:22:21,669 --> 00:22:18,960  
kind of parochialism to think that

563  
00:22:23,750 --> 00:22:21,679

uh whatever we know right now

564

00:22:25,590 --> 00:22:23,760

um pretty much has to be

565

00:22:29,110 --> 00:22:25,600

determinative about what people a

566

00:22:31,029 --> 00:22:29,120

thousand years you know uh might know um

567

00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:31,039

it's just

568

00:22:35,590 --> 00:22:33,840

we've been demoted too many times um in

569

00:22:37,830 --> 00:22:35,600

our quest to understand ourselves in the

570

00:22:39,830 --> 00:22:37,840

universe and um it's entirely possible

571

00:22:41,830 --> 00:22:39,840

that will happen again so i think it's

572

00:22:43,190 --> 00:22:41,840

best to keep an open mind about that

573

00:22:44,470 --> 00:22:43,200

possibility

574

00:22:46,549 --> 00:22:44,480

now

575

00:22:47,830 --> 00:22:46,559

a lot of people don't really even think

576

00:22:49,029 --> 00:22:47,840

about this

577

00:22:52,070 --> 00:22:49,039

unless

578

00:22:54,149 --> 00:22:52,080

they have had something happen or

579

00:22:57,430 --> 00:22:54,159

it gets put right in front of them um

580

00:22:59,190 --> 00:22:57,440

what made you look into this subject and

581

00:23:00,789 --> 00:22:59,200

when i say that i mean just say the

582

00:23:03,270 --> 00:23:00,799

average person walking the street very

583

00:23:05,190 --> 00:23:03,280

few people even think about

584

00:23:06,870 --> 00:23:05,200

extraterrestrial life

585

00:23:09,590 --> 00:23:06,880

maybe a little more now that it's in the

586

00:23:12,070 --> 00:23:09,600

news a lot you know with the

587

00:23:14,310 --> 00:23:12,080

exploration we're doing but uh what made

588

00:23:17,270 --> 00:23:14,320

you uh actually look into this

589

00:23:19,830 --> 00:23:18,230

um

590

00:23:22,070 --> 00:23:19,840

well like i said before i've always been

591

00:23:23,830 --> 00:23:22,080

interested in the paranormal in general

592

00:23:25,909 --> 00:23:23,840

but specifically with regard to the ufo

593

00:23:27,029 --> 00:23:25,919

topic

594

00:23:29,190 --> 00:23:27,039

i think

595

00:23:32,310 --> 00:23:29,200

this stood out for me because

596

00:23:35,590 --> 00:23:32,320

i didn't have a theoretical

597

00:23:37,750 --> 00:23:35,600

i guess you could say stopping point

598

00:23:39,510 --> 00:23:37,760

there was no theoretical reason why

599

00:23:40,630 --> 00:23:39,520

other than the great distances uh

600

00:23:43,830 --> 00:23:40,640

involved

601  
00:23:46,070 --> 00:23:43,840  
that um some ufo sightings you know

602  
00:23:48,070 --> 00:23:46,080  
couldn't be from some place other than

603  
00:23:51,750 --> 00:23:48,080  
earth

604  
00:23:52,549 --> 00:23:51,760  
and to me this has always differed from

605  
00:23:54,870 --> 00:23:52,559  
other

606  
00:23:57,750 --> 00:23:54,880  
paranormal type questions like

607  
00:23:59,430 --> 00:23:57,760  
ghost let's say or

608  
00:24:02,310 --> 00:23:59,440  
uh bigfoot

609  
00:24:03,269 --> 00:24:02,320  
um psychic phenomena etc

610  
00:24:05,350 --> 00:24:03,279  
um

611  
00:24:07,430 --> 00:24:05,360  
there with these other areas there seem

612  
00:24:08,710 --> 00:24:07,440  
to be too many theoretical reasons to

613  
00:24:11,029 --> 00:24:08,720

think that it's

614

00:24:12,870 --> 00:24:11,039

they probably don't exist um but i

615

00:24:13,669 --> 00:24:12,880

retain an open mind about those uh as

616

00:24:15,830 --> 00:24:13,679

well

617

00:24:19,430 --> 00:24:15,840

but with this one in a way i'm almost

618

00:24:20,310 --> 00:24:19,440

surprised that um you know sometimes

619

00:24:22,470 --> 00:24:20,320

that

620

00:24:25,110 --> 00:24:22,480

you know a giant mothership hasn't

621

00:24:27,350 --> 00:24:25,120

landed on white house lawn um

622

00:24:28,230 --> 00:24:27,360

the the only real theoretical issue here

623

00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:28,240

is

624

00:24:34,870 --> 00:24:33,120

involved it seems to me but um

625

00:24:36,149 --> 00:24:34,880

there were a couple things that that

626  
00:24:37,990 --> 00:24:36,159  
really sort of started turning me in

627  
00:24:39,510 --> 00:24:38,000  
this direction um i think the first

628  
00:24:41,669 --> 00:24:39,520  
thing maybe was

629  
00:24:43,909 --> 00:24:41,679  
there was a book that came out in 1998

630  
00:24:46,549 --> 00:24:43,919  
called dancing naked in the mind field

631  
00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:46,559  
by carrie mullis

632  
00:24:50,149 --> 00:24:47,840  
he's a

633  
00:24:52,310 --> 00:24:50,159  
nobel prize winning

634  
00:24:54,149 --> 00:24:52,320  
chemist

635  
00:24:57,669 --> 00:24:54,159  
quite an interesting fellow

636  
00:25:01,029 --> 00:24:57,679  
sort of idiosyncratic and a free thinker

637  
00:25:03,190 --> 00:25:01,039  
and in one chapter that book he reported

638  
00:25:06,070 --> 00:25:03,200

a missing time episode

639

00:25:08,470 --> 00:25:06,080

he was at his cabin in mendocino uh

640

00:25:09,590 --> 00:25:08,480

california

641

00:25:10,390 --> 00:25:09,600

and

642

00:25:12,390 --> 00:25:10,400

he

643

00:25:14,630 --> 00:25:12,400

was walking on his property

644

00:25:16,070 --> 00:25:14,640

and as crazy as it sounds and it does

645

00:25:18,950 --> 00:25:16,080

sound crazy

646

00:25:20,310 --> 00:25:18,960

uh he said that a raccoon said to him if

647

00:25:22,470 --> 00:25:20,320

i remember correctly

648

00:25:24,070 --> 00:25:22,480

uh good evening doctor

649

00:25:25,590 --> 00:25:24,080

and then he

650

00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:25,600

the next thing he knew

651  
00:25:29,029 --> 00:25:27,600  
um it was a whole bunch of hours later

652  
00:25:30,549 --> 00:25:29,039  
and he was at a different part of his

653  
00:25:32,070 --> 00:25:30,559  
property and he was walking back toward

654  
00:25:33,110 --> 00:25:32,080  
his cabin

655  
00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:33,120  
and

656  
00:25:38,149 --> 00:25:35,200  
he found that a very disturbing

657  
00:25:39,190 --> 00:25:38,159  
experience as anyone would

658  
00:25:41,190 --> 00:25:39,200  
but

659  
00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:41,200  
the thing that struck me about that was

660  
00:25:45,590 --> 00:25:42,960  
if it was just

661  
00:25:47,269 --> 00:25:45,600  
him reporting that i would think okay

662  
00:25:49,590 --> 00:25:47,279  
who knows what happened there could be a

663  
00:25:52,149 --> 00:25:49,600

psychological issue

664

00:25:53,269 --> 00:25:52,159

he talks about having taken lsd in the

665

00:25:54,630 --> 00:25:53,279

past

666

00:25:55,510 --> 00:25:54,640

maybe there was some issue there who

667

00:25:57,029 --> 00:25:55,520

knows

668

00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:57,039

but then a few years later he got a call

669

00:26:00,870 --> 00:25:59,039

from his daughter

670

00:26:01,830 --> 00:26:00,880

and his daughter said

671

00:26:03,830 --> 00:26:01,840

that

672

00:26:07,029 --> 00:26:03,840

she was on the you know at his cabin

673

00:26:11,269 --> 00:26:09,430

and she went missing

674

00:26:12,230 --> 00:26:11,279

and her boyfriend was looking for and

675

00:26:17,269 --> 00:26:12,240

she

676  
00:26:19,269 --> 00:26:17,279  
making her way back to the cabin from a

677  
00:26:22,390 --> 00:26:19,279  
similar location where

678  
00:26:23,190 --> 00:26:22,400  
carrie mullis did when he went missing

679  
00:26:24,470 --> 00:26:23,200  
so

680  
00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:24,480  
uh i didn't know what to think of that

681  
00:26:28,310 --> 00:26:26,640  
and the chapter was

682  
00:26:30,470 --> 00:26:28,320  
uh not meant to be an exhaustive

683  
00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:30,480  
examination of that particular case but

684  
00:26:34,390 --> 00:26:32,480  
it struck me as really weird and i i

685  
00:26:38,549 --> 00:26:34,400  
sort of trusted his

686  
00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:38,559  
um his testimony so i thought huh that's

687  
00:26:42,070 --> 00:26:40,400  
really weird and i just i don't want to

688  
00:26:44,710 --> 00:26:42,080

pre-judge it i'll just sort of

689

00:26:45,990 --> 00:26:44,720

put that into uh you know who knows

690

00:26:47,909 --> 00:26:46,000

category

691

00:26:49,750 --> 00:26:47,919

a couple years after that

692

00:26:52,870 --> 00:26:49,760

well a few years after that i read

693

00:26:54,310 --> 00:26:52,880

stephen greer's disclosure

694

00:26:59,029 --> 00:26:54,320

now i don't have

695

00:27:02,789 --> 00:27:01,110

stephen greer's

696

00:27:05,269 --> 00:27:02,799

methodologies

697

00:27:07,830 --> 00:27:05,279

but i found that book

698

00:27:09,430 --> 00:27:07,840

unsettling i guess you could say

699

00:27:11,190 --> 00:27:09,440

um

700

00:27:18,230 --> 00:27:11,200

i

701  
00:27:20,149 --> 00:27:18,240  
an adequate

702  
00:27:21,990 --> 00:27:20,159  
examination of a lot of the witnesses

703  
00:27:23,110 --> 00:27:22,000  
there's just too many questions that

704  
00:27:24,789 --> 00:27:23,120  
seem to be lying on the table that

705  
00:27:26,070 --> 00:27:24,799  
weren't asked but

706  
00:27:27,590 --> 00:27:26,080  
um

707  
00:27:30,549 --> 00:27:27,600  
you read a book like that and you think

708  
00:27:32,710 --> 00:27:30,559  
okay what's what's going on here

709  
00:27:35,029 --> 00:27:32,720  
a is it the case that everyone is

710  
00:27:37,269 --> 00:27:35,039  
mistaken they're just

711  
00:27:39,029 --> 00:27:37,279  
in some cases just wildly mistaken about

712  
00:27:41,510 --> 00:27:39,039  
uh things they've seen

713  
00:27:43,510 --> 00:27:41,520

it's possible i suppose

714

00:27:44,950 --> 00:27:43,520

um another possibility is that maybe

715

00:27:45,830 --> 00:27:44,960

they're all hoaxing

716

00:27:47,669 --> 00:27:45,840

um

717

00:27:49,990 --> 00:27:47,679

all of those people hoaxing would be

718

00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:50,000

highly unlikely it seems to me

719

00:27:54,710 --> 00:27:52,480

um and the last possibility would be

720

00:27:56,549 --> 00:27:54,720

well maybe they did see something that's

721

00:27:58,630 --> 00:27:56,559

unexplained and maybe some of those

722

00:27:59,990 --> 00:27:58,640

things are unexplained didn't come from

723

00:28:03,350 --> 00:28:00,000

earth

724

00:28:05,029 --> 00:28:03,360

so i i couldn't i couldn't fit that book

725

00:28:06,470 --> 00:28:05,039

into uh

726

00:28:09,430 --> 00:28:06,480

um

727

00:28:10,549 --> 00:28:09,440

uh a closed skeptic box

728

00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:10,559

that would

729

00:28:14,950 --> 00:28:13,200

it sort of allow me to put a bow and tie

730

00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:14,960

on

731

00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:17,200

my view of the universe and say okay

732

00:28:22,310 --> 00:28:19,440

explained you know next

733

00:28:24,389 --> 00:28:22,320

that that really sort of stayed with me

734

00:28:27,190 --> 00:28:24,399

what i thought was also very interesting

735

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

was i gave this book to a friend of mine

736

00:28:31,510 --> 00:28:28,640

um who's also played a role in

737

00:28:33,750 --> 00:28:31,520

skepticism he's a very very smart guy

738

00:28:36,389 --> 00:28:33,760

one of the smartest people i know

739

00:28:38,870 --> 00:28:36,399

and encouraged him to read it

740

00:28:41,029 --> 00:28:38,880

we got together a few weeks later and he

741

00:28:43,110 --> 00:28:41,039

had basically come to the same place

742

00:28:45,029 --> 00:28:43,120

that i did i think which was

743

00:28:46,870 --> 00:28:45,039

from a place of skepticism to a kind of

744

00:28:48,070 --> 00:28:46,880

well i just don't know it could be

745

00:28:49,269 --> 00:28:48,080

possible

746

00:28:50,230 --> 00:28:49,279

so

747

00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:50,240

um

748

00:28:54,230 --> 00:28:52,000

those are two things

749

00:28:56,549 --> 00:28:54,240

and i'm not sure if

750

00:29:00,149 --> 00:28:56,559

we should go into this or not but i

751

00:29:01,830 --> 00:29:00,159

i had a um experience when i was about

752

00:29:04,470 --> 00:29:01,840

uh nine years old

753

00:29:06,310 --> 00:29:04,480

that um i sort of tucked away and it

754

00:29:08,310 --> 00:29:06,320

didn't pull out again until i was you

755

00:29:09,830 --> 00:29:08,320

know probably back in college and that

756

00:29:11,269 --> 00:29:09,840

uh

757

00:29:12,789 --> 00:29:11,279

that's that's been a real puzzler to me

758

00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:12,799

ever since

759

00:29:19,029 --> 00:29:15,279

can you describe that encounter

760

00:29:23,909 --> 00:29:21,750

late 70s

761

00:29:25,110 --> 00:29:23,919

southern wisconsin

762

00:29:27,269 --> 00:29:25,120

i was

763

00:29:28,870 --> 00:29:27,279

visiting my grandparents farm with my

764

00:29:31,029 --> 00:29:28,880

family we'd go down there a few times

765

00:29:32,950 --> 00:29:31,039

during the summer

766

00:29:35,110 --> 00:29:32,960

i think saturday morning my brother and

767

00:29:37,029 --> 00:29:35,120

i who was two years younger

768

00:29:38,470 --> 00:29:37,039

we left the

769

00:29:40,470 --> 00:29:38,480

farmhouse

770

00:29:41,830 --> 00:29:40,480

and this is this is um

771

00:29:43,190 --> 00:29:41,840

pretty flat

772

00:29:46,310 --> 00:29:43,200

farm country

773

00:29:47,750 --> 00:29:46,320

um you can see for great distances

774

00:29:50,549 --> 00:29:47,760

and we were walking out to the farm

775

00:29:51,750 --> 00:29:50,559

field as we typically did probably

776

00:29:52,870 --> 00:29:51,760

you know intending to get in trouble

777

00:29:54,630 --> 00:29:52,880

that day

778

00:29:57,269 --> 00:29:54,640

and happened to look up

779

00:29:58,950 --> 00:29:57,279

and i saw

780

00:30:00,149 --> 00:29:58,960

what looked to be something the size of

781

00:30:01,909 --> 00:30:00,159

the moon

782

00:30:03,669 --> 00:30:01,919

um but it wasn't

783

00:30:05,590 --> 00:30:03,679

it wasn't the moon

784

00:30:08,389 --> 00:30:05,600

um

785

00:30:09,830 --> 00:30:08,399

and it was moving very noticeably down

786

00:30:13,110 --> 00:30:09,840

so it's maybe about

787

00:30:15,669 --> 00:30:13,120

60 degrees up

788

00:30:18,789 --> 00:30:15,679

and it would be moving down for a few

789

00:30:20,830 --> 00:30:18,799

seconds and then completely disappear

790

00:30:24,470 --> 00:30:20,840

and then reappear again a little bit

791

00:30:27,990 --> 00:30:24,480

lower and it was a disc it had a uniform

792

00:30:31,510 --> 00:30:29,990

a white with maybe a little bluish tinge

793

00:30:32,950 --> 00:30:31,520

to it

794

00:30:36,149 --> 00:30:32,960

and so it was

795

00:30:38,389 --> 00:30:36,159

doing this for about 10 12 seconds and

796

00:30:39,909 --> 00:30:38,399

we both stood there transfixed

797

00:30:41,909 --> 00:30:39,919

um i don't think either one of us could

798

00:30:43,430 --> 00:30:41,919

by any stretch of the imagination

799

00:30:46,149 --> 00:30:43,440

be said to

800

00:30:48,230 --> 00:30:46,159

you know have had any expertise in like

801  
00:30:50,710 --> 00:30:48,240  
you know aircraft identification or

802  
00:30:52,950 --> 00:30:50,720  
anything like that but i did have

803  
00:30:55,750 --> 00:30:52,960  
um an interest in airplanes at the time

804  
00:30:58,070 --> 00:30:55,760  
and i have a pilot's license right now

805  
00:31:00,630 --> 00:30:58,080  
so i was the kind of kid who would look

806  
00:31:02,230 --> 00:31:00,640  
up and see things but this just it

807  
00:31:03,269 --> 00:31:02,240  
didn't fit in any kind of category that

808  
00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:03,279  
i

809  
00:31:17,350 --> 00:31:12,000  
um

810  
00:31:19,909 --> 00:31:17,360  
finale to it where it

811  
00:31:23,430 --> 00:31:19,919  
got maybe about 10 15 degrees above the

812  
00:31:26,149 --> 00:31:23,440  
horizon and it appeared to rotate

813  
00:31:27,669 --> 00:31:26,159

like if you had a plate like the paper

814

00:31:30,389 --> 00:31:27,679

plate in front of you

815

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

and then you start to rotate it

816

00:31:33,750 --> 00:31:32,559

and so it goes from a circle to being an

817

00:31:36,230 --> 00:31:33,760

oval

818

00:31:38,549 --> 00:31:36,240

and right when it got on its edge

819

00:31:39,669 --> 00:31:38,559

it disappeared for about a second

820

00:31:41,430 --> 00:31:39,679

and then

821

00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:41,440

something sort of looked like it fell

822

00:31:45,909 --> 00:31:44,080

from it that was sort of a deltoid

823

00:31:48,630 --> 00:31:45,919

kind of shape and it went piece of

824

00:31:51,909 --> 00:31:50,389

and of course my grandma

825

00:31:53,990 --> 00:31:51,919

you know came out after

826

00:31:55,909 --> 00:31:54,000

that whole thing happened

827

00:31:57,669 --> 00:31:55,919

um and i've

828

00:32:00,310 --> 00:31:57,679

there's a couple of things i told myself

829

00:32:03,430 --> 00:32:00,320

after that one is that i could have um

830

00:32:05,190 --> 00:32:03,440

just memory is fallible i could have

831

00:32:07,029 --> 00:32:05,200

you know

832

00:32:08,710 --> 00:32:07,039

misremembered over time i could have

833

00:32:09,830 --> 00:32:08,720

added details

834

00:32:10,870 --> 00:32:09,840

um

835

00:32:13,190 --> 00:32:10,880

and i thought well maybe it was a

836

00:32:15,350 --> 00:32:13,200

weather balloon but i

837

00:32:16,470 --> 00:32:15,360

i can't seem to make that exactly fit so

838

00:32:18,389 --> 00:32:16,480

it's uh

839

00:32:20,870 --> 00:32:18,399

an unknown i guess to me

840

00:32:22,230 --> 00:32:20,880

when um just to just change the subject

841

00:32:23,269 --> 00:32:22,240

just for a second we'll jump back to

842

00:32:25,430 --> 00:32:23,279

that but

843

00:32:27,669 --> 00:32:25,440

as a skeptic since you were involved in

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00:32:28,549 --> 00:32:27,679

the skeptic society

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00:32:30,389 --> 00:32:28,559

what

846

00:32:33,029 --> 00:32:30,399

um

847

00:32:36,389 --> 00:32:33,039

why would you think that

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00:32:38,710 --> 00:32:36,399

so many people just plain debunk and

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00:32:39,430 --> 00:32:38,720

i've listened to a couple skeptic shows

850

00:32:45,350 --> 00:32:39,440

and

851

00:32:46,630 --> 00:32:45,360

that type of thing instead of like um

852

00:32:48,470 --> 00:32:46,640

the way

853

00:32:51,190 --> 00:32:48,480

the skepticism is supposed to work is

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00:32:53,590 --> 00:32:51,200

critical thinking and am i right by that

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00:32:54,549 --> 00:32:53,600

and um can you describe you know to the

856

00:32:57,269 --> 00:32:54,559

listener

857

00:32:59,430 --> 00:32:57,279

what a skeptic really should be compared

858

00:33:01,190 --> 00:32:59,440

to what a lot of them seem to be and by

859

00:33:03,190 --> 00:33:01,200

the way if you're listening live you can

860

00:33:06,389 --> 00:33:03,200

jump in the chat room ask our guests a

861

00:33:07,909 --> 00:33:06,399

question at [podcastufo.com](http://podcastufo.com) so go ahead

862

00:33:11,029 --> 00:33:07,919

if you would describe what a true

863

00:33:13,190 --> 00:33:11,039

skeptic is supposed to be

864

00:33:14,710 --> 00:33:13,200

well um i should say that i i wouldn't

865

00:33:16,389 --> 00:33:14,720

want to paint the entire

866

00:33:17,590 --> 00:33:16,399

skeptic movement with the same brush i

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00:33:19,750 --> 00:33:17,600

think there are plenty of open-minded

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00:33:21,430 --> 00:33:19,760

people in it but one of the problems is

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00:33:23,909 --> 00:33:21,440

that

870

00:33:25,990 --> 00:33:23,919

many of the elites within

871

00:33:27,029 --> 00:33:26,000

that movement

872

00:33:29,430 --> 00:33:27,039

they

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00:33:31,350 --> 00:33:29,440

tend to be

874

00:33:32,789 --> 00:33:31,360

i think sort of dogmatic on this

875

00:33:37,190 --> 00:33:32,799

question

876  
00:33:42,310 --> 00:33:39,190  
follows the evidence

877  
00:33:43,909 --> 00:33:42,320  
uh a true skeptic is aware of one of the

878  
00:33:46,549 --> 00:33:43,919  
greatest

879  
00:33:48,310 --> 00:33:46,559  
uh distortions in human psychology when

880  
00:33:50,070 --> 00:33:48,320  
it comes to epistemology and trying to

881  
00:33:52,470 --> 00:33:50,080  
determine the truth of something which

882  
00:33:54,630 --> 00:33:52,480  
is confirmation bias

883  
00:33:56,710 --> 00:33:54,640  
ironically

884  
00:33:58,630 --> 00:33:56,720  
as much as that particular term might

885  
00:34:00,549 --> 00:33:58,640  
come up in skeptic literature

886  
00:34:03,830 --> 00:34:00,559  
it's still possible to identify skeptics

887  
00:34:05,110 --> 00:34:03,840  
who run roughshod over

888  
00:34:07,669 --> 00:34:05,120

the

889

00:34:09,430 --> 00:34:07,679

caution that that human tendency

890

00:34:10,230 --> 00:34:09,440

um gives us

891

00:34:11,990 --> 00:34:10,240

you know

892

00:34:14,550 --> 00:34:12,000

when we're trying to

893

00:34:16,950 --> 00:34:14,560

uh engage in you know some kind of uh

894

00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:16,960

contentious issue

895

00:34:21,349 --> 00:34:18,960

so um

896

00:34:22,550 --> 00:34:21,359

you know as a skeptic is not

897

00:34:27,750 --> 00:34:22,560

um

898

00:34:30,790 --> 00:34:27,760

an a priori uh debunker

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00:34:31,669 --> 00:34:30,800

uh a skeptic is someone who

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00:34:33,990 --> 00:34:31,679

um

901  
00:34:36,470 --> 00:34:34,000  
keeps an open mind and

902  
00:34:38,470 --> 00:34:36,480  
engages in a process of self-criticism

903  
00:34:42,550 --> 00:34:38,480  
in addition to you know the necessary

904  
00:34:44,869 --> 00:34:42,560  
criticism of you know claims to truth

905  
00:34:46,310 --> 00:34:44,879  
okay that's good um a question came up

906  
00:34:50,869 --> 00:34:46,320  
on the message board

907  
00:34:52,790 --> 00:34:50,879  
and um the person wants you to explain

908  
00:34:59,670 --> 00:34:52,800  
where you think the hardcore skeptics

909  
00:35:04,550 --> 00:35:01,829  
the first thing i'd say about that would

910  
00:35:06,310 --> 00:35:04,560  
be that i think that um

911  
00:35:07,589 --> 00:35:06,320  
they have a kind of

912  
00:35:10,310 --> 00:35:07,599  
um

913  
00:35:11,750 --> 00:35:10,320

i would put it as a metaphysical

914

00:35:14,150 --> 00:35:11,760

commitment

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00:35:19,109 --> 00:35:14,160

to the idea that

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00:35:19,910 --> 00:35:19,119

we can't be uh being visited by ets

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00:35:21,030 --> 00:35:19,920

now

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00:35:21,990 --> 00:35:21,040

seeing that

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00:35:27,750 --> 00:35:22,000

um

920

00:35:30,230 --> 00:35:27,760

would i justify that how would that work

921

00:35:31,589 --> 00:35:30,240

um i don't have a complete theory uh

922

00:35:32,950 --> 00:35:31,599

about that

923

00:35:34,230 --> 00:35:32,960

but

924

00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:34,240

um

925

00:35:38,150 --> 00:35:36,560

it seems to me that despite

926  
00:35:40,950 --> 00:35:38,160  
you know the ready admission of many

927  
00:35:41,829 --> 00:35:40,960  
skeptics that sure it's a huge universe

928  
00:35:44,470 --> 00:35:41,839  
and

929  
00:35:45,910 --> 00:35:44,480  
you know evolution is a natural process

930  
00:35:48,150 --> 00:35:45,920  
and

931  
00:35:49,910 --> 00:35:48,160  
as was discussed earlier in your program

932  
00:35:51,589 --> 00:35:49,920  
you know it's very likely that life is

933  
00:35:53,829 --> 00:35:51,599  
seated everywhere and there's

934  
00:35:57,589 --> 00:35:53,839  
intelligent life quite possibly a lot of

935  
00:35:59,430 --> 00:35:57,599  
it even in our own galaxy despite that

936  
00:36:00,710 --> 00:35:59,440  
the possibility that there might be some

937  
00:36:03,030 --> 00:36:00,720  
kind of

938  
00:36:04,150 --> 00:36:03,040

other civilization that is very far

939

00:36:05,910 --> 00:36:04,160  
ahead of us

940

00:36:06,790 --> 00:36:05,920  
i can't help but wonder

941

00:36:09,430 --> 00:36:06,800  
if

942

00:36:11,510 --> 00:36:09,440  
that is just a real threat on multiple

943

00:36:13,030 --> 00:36:11,520  
levels so i guess maybe that's what i'm

944

00:36:14,069 --> 00:36:13,040  
getting at is that this is a kind of

945

00:36:19,750 --> 00:36:14,079  
threat

946

00:36:20,710 --> 00:36:19,760  
identity

947

00:36:24,870 --> 00:36:20,720  
um

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00:36:26,950 --> 00:36:24,880  
i mean if

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00:36:28,630 --> 00:36:26,960  
if you assume that uh let's say some

950

00:36:30,710 --> 00:36:28,640  
extraterrestrial civil civilization is

951  
00:36:34,230 --> 00:36:30,720  
ten thousand years ahead of us

952  
00:36:35,349 --> 00:36:34,240  
they may may very well have powers of

953  
00:36:37,190 --> 00:36:35,359  
um

954  
00:36:38,630 --> 00:36:37,200  
minneapolis excuse me manipulation over

955  
00:36:40,230 --> 00:36:38,640  
matter

956  
00:36:42,230 --> 00:36:40,240  
manipulation of their bodies and their

957  
00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:42,240  
minds and technology

958  
00:36:45,510 --> 00:36:43,200  
um

959  
00:36:48,230 --> 00:36:45,520  
such that it would really

960  
00:36:51,190 --> 00:36:48,240  
pose a kind of ontological crisis if you

961  
00:36:53,270 --> 00:36:51,200  
will a identity crisis for humanity to

962  
00:36:55,109 --> 00:36:53,280  
know that that could very well be in our

963  
00:36:57,109 --> 00:36:55,119

future and that almost everything we

964

00:36:58,390 --> 00:36:57,119

assume about ourselves we have to toss

965

00:37:01,670 --> 00:36:58,400

out

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00:37:05,030 --> 00:37:01,680

um so i think that's one aspect of it

967

00:37:10,150 --> 00:37:05,040

um another is a kind of um

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00:37:15,510 --> 00:37:12,710

academia within science within

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00:37:19,030 --> 00:37:15,520

sort of official culture

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00:37:25,270 --> 00:37:21,349

ufos of an ep origin

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00:37:27,109 --> 00:37:25,280

are just you know the product of

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00:37:29,589 --> 00:37:27,119

people who are sort of naive who don't

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00:37:33,510 --> 00:37:29,599

know what's going on people who

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

things that we just can't take uh

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

seriously

976  
00:37:41,109 --> 00:37:39,440  
and

977  
00:37:42,950 --> 00:37:41,119  
as a consequence

978  
00:37:45,270 --> 00:37:42,960  
um

979  
00:37:46,790 --> 00:37:45,280  
you know if that's sort of a given truth

980  
00:37:48,870 --> 00:37:46,800  
then

981  
00:37:52,550 --> 00:37:48,880  
um it's not really a matter of

982  
00:37:54,790 --> 00:37:52,560  
um evidence so much as it is

983  
00:37:55,910 --> 00:37:54,800  
it's a kind of uh psychological block it

984  
00:37:57,990 --> 00:37:55,920  
seems to me

985  
00:38:00,790 --> 00:37:58,000  
i mean one example of this

986  
00:38:03,510 --> 00:38:00,800  
um there is um

987  
00:38:04,710 --> 00:38:03,520  
uh article in the daily mail

988  
00:38:06,069 --> 00:38:04,720

from a couple weeks ago maybe some of

989

00:38:09,910 --> 00:38:06,079

you saw that

990

00:38:11,750 --> 00:38:09,920

and it looked like a lenticular cloud

991

00:38:14,550 --> 00:38:11,760

but the people who took the picture of

992

00:38:17,270 --> 00:38:14,560

it said no that's not the case it's it

993

00:38:20,950 --> 00:38:17,280

was moving way too fast

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00:38:23,349 --> 00:38:20,960

and ordered um an academic

995

00:38:25,750 --> 00:38:23,359

who looked at it and said well

996

00:38:28,150 --> 00:38:25,760

it can't be from elsewhere because those

997

00:38:29,829 --> 00:38:28,160

distances are too great

998

00:38:31,990 --> 00:38:29,839

and once you say that then that

999

00:38:34,710 --> 00:38:32,000

presumably just shuts down the arguments

1000

00:38:36,870 --> 00:38:34,720

well distance distances are too great um

1001  
00:38:39,430 --> 00:38:36,880  
and discussion

1002  
00:38:41,430 --> 00:38:39,440  
so um

1003  
00:38:43,510 --> 00:38:41,440  
yeah i

1004  
00:38:47,270 --> 00:38:43,520  
i think that uh

1005  
00:38:49,910 --> 00:38:47,280  
we can't look to uh evidence for the

1006  
00:38:51,829 --> 00:38:49,920  
reason why there's a kind of

1007  
00:38:53,430 --> 00:38:51,839  
dogmatism among

1008  
00:38:55,349 --> 00:38:53,440  
official

1009  
00:38:58,069 --> 00:38:55,359  
intellectual culture

1010  
00:39:01,349 --> 00:38:58,079  
it's really sort of a psychological

1011  
00:39:02,870 --> 00:39:01,359  
thing and i think i think if you were to

1012  
00:39:04,870 --> 00:39:02,880  
sort of comb through

1013  
00:39:05,990 --> 00:39:04,880

enough statements by uh skeptics you

1014

00:39:07,829 --> 00:39:06,000

would see that

1015

00:39:08,710 --> 00:39:07,839

and i we could have a big discussion

1016

00:39:12,829 --> 00:39:08,720

about

1017

00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:15,829

um one of the things um

1018

00:39:19,349 --> 00:39:17,680

you think about the

1019

00:39:20,950 --> 00:39:19,359

human you know

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00:39:25,190 --> 00:39:20,960

we're fallible

1021

00:39:27,270 --> 00:39:25,200

um and

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00:39:29,430 --> 00:39:27,280

it's kind of amazing when i listen to

1023

00:39:31,349 --> 00:39:29,440

your sighting because it was

1024

00:39:33,510 --> 00:39:31,359

actually very similar to mine which

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00:39:36,710 --> 00:39:33,520

actually changed my life and

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00:39:39,349 --> 00:39:36,720

the reason this show is going

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00:39:41,750 --> 00:39:39,359

right down to the bluish tint

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00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:41,760

the hue that it had that's and you know

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00:39:53,030 --> 00:39:49,589

as far as witnesses go and as far as um

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00:39:54,550 --> 00:39:53,040

eyewitnesses go you know um i had a

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00:39:56,950 --> 00:39:54,560

a debate

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00:39:59,190 --> 00:39:56,960

with uh seth showstack from seti a while

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00:40:02,390 --> 00:39:59,200

back and he said that the human

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00:40:04,950 --> 00:40:02,400

witnesses eyewitnesses mean nothing

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00:40:10,069 --> 00:40:04,960

and what is your your stand on on

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00:40:12,390 --> 00:40:10,950

well

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00:40:15,349 --> 00:40:12,400

um

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00:40:17,829 --> 00:40:15,359

first i'll say that i'm

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00:40:21,349 --> 00:40:17,839

uh very appreciative of

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00:40:22,790 --> 00:40:21,359

the research that's been done on

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00:40:26,069 --> 00:40:22,800

problems with

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00:40:30,309 --> 00:40:28,470

estimation judgment memory

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00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:30,319

these are very real things they can they

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00:40:36,829 --> 00:40:33,990

distort

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00:40:38,630 --> 00:40:36,839

what people see

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00:40:41,030 --> 00:40:38,640

however

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00:40:42,790 --> 00:40:41,040

there's a kind of implicit artificial

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00:40:44,230 --> 00:40:42,800

distinction

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00:40:46,309 --> 00:40:44,240

that's made by skeptics and this is

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00:40:48,950 --> 00:40:46,319

another reason why you might find a lot

1051  
00:40:50,829 --> 00:40:48,960  
of dogmatism

1052  
00:40:54,790 --> 00:40:50,839  
and that is

1053  
00:40:57,670 --> 00:40:54,800  
uh on one hand there's testimony of

1054  
00:41:01,030 --> 00:40:57,680  
extraordinary ufo claims

1055  
00:41:03,589 --> 00:41:01,040  
and there's the kind of testimony that

1056  
00:41:05,990 --> 00:41:03,599  
is part of the rest of life

1057  
00:41:07,910 --> 00:41:06,000  
and the testimony that

1058  
00:41:09,670 --> 00:41:07,920  
references ufo claims

1059  
00:41:13,270 --> 00:41:09,680  
is given

1060  
00:41:16,390 --> 00:41:13,280  
extra and asymmetrical scrutiny

1061  
00:41:17,910 --> 00:41:16,400  
whereas the testimony which pervades

1062  
00:41:19,670 --> 00:41:17,920  
the rest of

1063  
00:41:21,510 --> 00:41:19,680

human experience

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00:41:23,829 --> 00:41:21,520

doesn't get quite that

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00:41:27,910 --> 00:41:23,839

attention

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00:41:30,150 --> 00:41:27,920

another point about testimony is that

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00:41:31,990 --> 00:41:30,160

science depends on testimony

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00:41:33,750 --> 00:41:32,000

every single

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00:41:36,390 --> 00:41:33,760

observation that's made by a scientist

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00:41:38,069 --> 00:41:36,400

doesn't magically um extricate itself

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00:41:39,270 --> 00:41:38,079

from the possibility of

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00:41:42,150 --> 00:41:39,280

failure or

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00:41:43,910 --> 00:41:42,160

misperception that's also an observation

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00:41:47,349 --> 00:41:43,920

and when that scientist then records the

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00:41:49,670 --> 00:41:47,359

results that's a form of testimony

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00:41:51,589 --> 00:41:49,680

scientific journal articles

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00:41:53,670 --> 00:41:51,599

that's a form of testimony there are

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00:41:55,349 --> 00:41:53,680

many points along uh the route to get

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00:41:57,349 --> 00:41:55,359

now published where there could be

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00:41:59,510 --> 00:41:57,359

mistakes and of course

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00:42:00,790 --> 00:41:59,520

um no one assumes that you know just

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00:42:03,510 --> 00:42:00,800

because something shows up in the

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00:42:04,230 --> 00:42:03,520

scientific journal that it's infallible

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00:42:06,230 --> 00:42:04,240

um

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00:42:09,589 --> 00:42:06,240

so i think it's really a failure to

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00:42:12,390 --> 00:42:09,599

appreciate just how dependent we are

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00:42:14,390 --> 00:42:12,400

on um testimony in all aspects of our

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00:42:17,430 --> 00:42:14,400

lives including science

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00:42:18,390 --> 00:42:17,440

science is really no different but the

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00:42:24,150 --> 00:42:18,400

the

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00:42:27,109 --> 00:42:24,160

um recognizes that and says well okay we

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00:42:29,670 --> 00:42:27,119

could be wrong so here's my experiment

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00:42:30,950 --> 00:42:29,680

i'll write about this now someone else

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00:42:33,750 --> 00:42:30,960

do this too and see if you get the same

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00:42:38,950 --> 00:42:36,870

so um i think it's an unequal

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00:42:42,550 --> 00:42:38,960

treatment of

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00:42:44,150 --> 00:42:42,560

the role of testimony in human life

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00:42:45,430 --> 00:42:44,160

now i don't know how much you've looked

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00:42:47,910 --> 00:42:45,440

into this at all or if you've ever

1100

00:42:50,069 --> 00:42:47,920

looked in it into it but um

1101

00:42:52,710 --> 00:42:50,079

what's your opinion on

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00:42:55,109 --> 00:42:52,720

at least at some points here and there

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00:42:57,109 --> 00:42:55,119

the government covering up

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00:43:01,910 --> 00:42:57,119

say things um

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00:43:06,470 --> 00:43:04,069

you know i'm

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00:43:08,710 --> 00:43:06,480

i go back and forth on that one

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00:43:13,030 --> 00:43:08,720

um after having read

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00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:15,030

two book

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00:43:18,470 --> 00:43:16,800

series on the national security state

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00:43:19,829 --> 00:43:18,480

and ufos

1111

00:43:21,030 --> 00:43:19,839

you're left with the overwhelming

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00:43:23,270 --> 00:43:21,040

impression

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00:43:24,790 --> 00:43:23,280

that

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00:43:27,270 --> 00:43:24,800

there are people

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00:43:28,309 --> 00:43:27,280

who have to know something

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00:43:30,150 --> 00:43:28,319

um

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00:43:31,589 --> 00:43:30,160

what they know is of course the question

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00:43:33,510 --> 00:43:31,599

and i wouldn't even

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00:43:36,470 --> 00:43:33,520

really dare to speculate on that

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00:43:38,309 --> 00:43:36,480

but it seems uh to me that

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00:43:41,030 --> 00:43:38,319

someone somewhere maybe some people

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00:43:42,470 --> 00:43:41,040

maybe there's some files um

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00:43:44,790 --> 00:43:42,480

you know touching this topic and may

1124

00:43:48,069 --> 00:43:44,800

have some extra information that um

1125

00:43:49,589 --> 00:43:48,079

we haven't been able to get otherwise

1126  
00:43:51,589 --> 00:43:49,599  
but i wouldn't want to say much more

1127  
00:43:53,270 --> 00:43:51,599  
beyond that because i find

1128  
00:43:54,630 --> 00:43:53,280  
i find that whole question sort of

1129  
00:43:56,710 --> 00:43:54,640  
impenetrable

1130  
00:44:00,069 --> 00:43:56,720  
i think a lot of people do who have

1131  
00:44:03,349 --> 00:44:02,390  
we have a message up on

1132  
00:44:06,390 --> 00:44:03,359  
the

1133  
00:44:09,829 --> 00:44:08,069  
and i i'm not sure what you're going to

1134  
00:44:12,150 --> 00:44:09,839  
think about but is it possible the

1135  
00:44:13,910 --> 00:44:12,160  
modern day skeptical community has its

1136  
00:44:15,510 --> 00:44:13,920  
roots roots

1137  
00:44:16,950 --> 00:44:15,520  
in the attempt to cover up the truth

1138  
00:44:18,309 --> 00:44:16,960

about ufos

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00:44:19,430 --> 00:44:18,319

known by certain people in the

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00:44:23,589 --> 00:44:19,440

government

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00:44:23,599 --> 00:44:27,829

um

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00:44:34,950 --> 00:44:31,510

let's see howard menzel was uh

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00:44:37,430 --> 00:44:34,960

you know a notorious skeptic

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00:44:40,950 --> 00:44:37,440

um

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00:44:46,309 --> 00:44:43,910

carl sagan was a skeptic

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00:44:50,710 --> 00:44:48,790

you know i i guess my my take on that

1147

00:44:53,589 --> 00:44:50,720

would be that

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00:44:55,910 --> 00:44:53,599

um it's sort of a common saying in the

1149

00:44:56,790 --> 00:44:55,920

sort of skeptic free thought community

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00:44:59,109 --> 00:44:56,800

that

1151  
00:45:01,030 --> 00:44:59,119  
trying to organize uh skeptics is like

1152  
00:45:02,470 --> 00:45:01,040  
trying to organize uh

1153  
00:45:04,470 --> 00:45:02,480  
you know cats

1154  
00:45:05,829 --> 00:45:04,480  
you know there are so many

1155  
00:45:08,710 --> 00:45:05,839  
um

1156  
00:45:09,589 --> 00:45:08,720  
you know opinionated free thinking

1157  
00:45:11,349 --> 00:45:09,599  
um

1158  
00:45:12,710 --> 00:45:11,359  
very critical people

1159  
00:45:14,710 --> 00:45:12,720  
who

1160  
00:45:16,710 --> 00:45:14,720  
you know if you look at

1161  
00:45:17,910 --> 00:45:16,720  
um some of the popular free thought

1162  
00:45:19,589 --> 00:45:17,920  
skeptic

1163  
00:45:21,030 --> 00:45:19,599

even atheist

1164

00:45:23,109 --> 00:45:21,040

blogs

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00:45:24,710 --> 00:45:23,119

the discussion there can be very

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00:45:25,910 --> 00:45:24,720

rancorous

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00:45:28,790 --> 00:45:25,920

so

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00:45:30,870 --> 00:45:28,800

the idea that there's maybe a kind of

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00:45:32,950 --> 00:45:30,880

governing authority of skepticism that

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00:45:36,069 --> 00:45:32,960

sort of keeps the lid on things

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00:45:37,990 --> 00:45:36,079

i would uh completely reject uh because

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00:45:41,270 --> 00:45:38,000

there are too many people who just flat

1173

00:45:43,510 --> 00:45:41,280

out our anti-authority within skepticism

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00:45:47,030 --> 00:45:43,520

um if they smell a wrath they're gonna

1175

00:45:49,109 --> 00:45:47,040

go after it um they're

1176  
00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:49,119  
they're they're definitely not a in many

1177  
00:45:57,270 --> 00:45:51,200  
instances they're not a lock lock and

1178  
00:46:01,750 --> 00:45:59,589  
you think of

1179  
00:46:04,870 --> 00:46:01,760  
the person that comes to mind as far as

1180  
00:46:06,790 --> 00:46:04,880  
these skeptics go is uh phillip gloss

1181  
00:46:07,990 --> 00:46:06,800  
are you familiar with him

1182  
00:46:09,510 --> 00:46:08,000  
somewhat

1183  
00:46:10,790 --> 00:46:09,520  
you know a lot of people

1184  
00:46:12,390 --> 00:46:10,800  
kind of thought there was something a

1185  
00:46:15,990 --> 00:46:12,400  
little more

1186  
00:46:18,230 --> 00:46:16,000  
than just his opinion going on there

1187  
00:46:20,150 --> 00:46:18,240  
he raised a lot of eyebrows in a lot of

1188  
00:46:21,910 --> 00:46:20,160

different communities not just the ufo

1189

00:46:24,150 --> 00:46:21,920

community of course

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00:46:28,550 --> 00:46:24,160

if you were

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00:46:30,309 --> 00:46:28,560

the ufo topic

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00:46:32,309 --> 00:46:30,319

to other so you know you mentioned

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00:46:35,670 --> 00:46:32,319

paranormal early on

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00:46:37,430 --> 00:46:35,680

um do you think it's one of the more

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00:46:39,430 --> 00:46:37,440

believable topics i don't know if that's

1196

00:46:40,829 --> 00:46:39,440

the right word i want to use or one of

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00:46:45,109 --> 00:46:40,839

the more

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00:46:47,349 --> 00:46:45,119

uh credible topics for a skeptic to

1199

00:46:49,510 --> 00:46:47,359

actually take note of

1200

00:46:51,349 --> 00:46:49,520

i i think it is

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00:46:54,230 --> 00:46:51,359

um and i think for two reasons one is

1202

00:46:56,950 --> 00:46:54,240

just the theoretical reason which is

1203

00:46:59,430 --> 00:46:56,960

um despite the great lengths

1204

00:47:00,790 --> 00:46:59,440

uh of distance involved

1205

00:47:02,470 --> 00:47:00,800

um

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00:47:03,589 --> 00:47:02,480

you know everything else sort of points

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00:47:05,510 --> 00:47:03,599

to the likelihood of there being

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00:47:07,589 --> 00:47:05,520

intelligence and

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00:47:08,630 --> 00:47:07,599

those lengths also have a flip side

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00:47:11,670 --> 00:47:08,640

which is

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00:47:15,750 --> 00:47:11,680

huge amounts of time for probes and

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00:47:20,390 --> 00:47:18,230

spacecraft that maybe contain embryos

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00:47:21,510 --> 00:47:20,400

that could be grown in a artificial womb

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00:47:24,630 --> 00:47:21,520

etc

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00:47:26,710 --> 00:47:24,640

once they arrived on target

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00:47:29,589 --> 00:47:26,720

so theoretically i don't think it poses

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00:47:31,589 --> 00:47:29,599

a huge problem at all for skeptics it

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00:47:34,790 --> 00:47:31,599

shouldn't

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00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:36,549

you know i think i forgot my second

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00:47:40,549 --> 00:47:38,960

point but that's that's probably the

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00:47:43,430 --> 00:47:40,559

main thing for me is i don't i don't

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00:47:45,349 --> 00:47:43,440

think there's any huge um theoretical uh

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00:47:47,109 --> 00:47:45,359

problem for skeptics to

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00:47:49,190 --> 00:47:47,119

uh pay attention to this oh the second

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00:47:51,270 --> 00:47:49,200

point was that

1226  
00:47:53,030 --> 00:47:51,280  
you know once you look into enough of

1227  
00:47:55,109 --> 00:47:53,040  
these cases

1228  
00:47:56,069 --> 00:47:55,119  
it becomes really difficult to accept

1229  
00:47:57,510 --> 00:47:56,079  
that

1230  
00:47:59,270 --> 00:47:57,520  
you know everything

1231  
00:48:00,150 --> 00:47:59,280  
is a misperception or everything is a

1232  
00:48:01,990 --> 00:48:00,160  
hoax

1233  
00:48:04,950 --> 00:48:02,000  
i mean i still sort of hold out that

1234  
00:48:07,109 --> 00:48:04,960  
maybe that's the case but i'm

1235  
00:48:09,349 --> 00:48:07,119  
increasingly last uh confident that

1236  
00:48:11,109 --> 00:48:09,359  
those are you know the sort of

1237  
00:48:13,270 --> 00:48:11,119  
uh conclusions that can be drawn when

1238  
00:48:15,030 --> 00:48:13,280

you when you uh look at things

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00:48:16,790 --> 00:48:15,040

um there's just a lot of weird things

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00:48:19,109 --> 00:48:16,800

that have happened um that just sort of

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00:48:21,190 --> 00:48:19,119

defy explanation um

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00:48:23,510 --> 00:48:21,200

and i wish more skeptics would

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00:48:25,750 --> 00:48:23,520

uh take the time to dive into

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00:48:28,230 --> 00:48:25,760

uh the available resources

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00:48:30,069 --> 00:48:28,240

now do you know any skeptics personally

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00:48:31,910 --> 00:48:30,079

that actually

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00:48:36,470 --> 00:48:31,920

kind of share your your thoughts and

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00:48:41,030 --> 00:48:38,069

aside from the friend

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00:48:43,589 --> 00:48:41,040

to whom i handed the um greer book

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00:48:44,950 --> 00:48:43,599

disclosure

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00:48:46,230 --> 00:48:44,960

i don't know of any

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00:48:49,109 --> 00:48:46,240

other skeptics

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00:48:50,230 --> 00:48:49,119

who share my exact uh point of view i

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00:48:51,910 --> 00:48:50,240

have to assume that they're out there

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00:48:53,190 --> 00:48:51,920

because i've met plenty of skeptics who

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00:48:55,190 --> 00:48:53,200

are just

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00:48:57,109 --> 00:48:55,200

they're so down to earth and so

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00:48:59,190 --> 00:48:57,119

reasonable about so many things it would

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00:49:01,109 --> 00:48:59,200

surprise me if others weren't

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00:49:03,270 --> 00:49:01,119

uh weren't like that

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00:49:04,870 --> 00:49:03,280

but as i think we all know

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00:49:07,349 --> 00:49:04,880

you know they're typically not the ones

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00:49:08,790 --> 00:49:07,359

who are you know the publishers of the

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00:49:11,030 --> 00:49:08,800

the magazines and the ones who are

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00:49:14,069 --> 00:49:11,040

invited to speak at conferences

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00:49:17,990 --> 00:49:14,079

ah yes i understand that and

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00:49:21,750 --> 00:49:18,000

and speaking of um of conferences and

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00:49:22,790 --> 00:49:21,760

alike um the ufo community now there's

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00:49:26,870 --> 00:49:22,800

some

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00:49:29,670 --> 00:49:26,880

people that are way way out there

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00:49:33,030 --> 00:49:29,680

and understandably attacked by the

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00:49:35,349 --> 00:49:33,040

skeptical community and greer is

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00:49:38,470 --> 00:49:35,359

actually someone that i've attacked on

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00:49:40,549 --> 00:49:38,480

this show a few times but

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00:49:42,549 --> 00:49:40,559

in general

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00:49:45,349 --> 00:49:42,559

when you're out there and you're talking

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00:49:46,390 --> 00:49:45,359

skeptics are talking about the ufo

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00:49:48,230 --> 00:49:46,400

subject

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00:49:50,069 --> 00:49:48,240

does that come up a lot of these the

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00:49:51,430 --> 00:49:50,079

people that are just plain whacked out

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00:49:53,910 --> 00:49:51,440

there that are

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00:49:56,230 --> 00:49:54,630

yeah

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00:50:00,069 --> 00:49:56,240

in fact i sort of have a sense that

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00:50:02,069 --> 00:50:00,079

they're the ones who are the

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00:50:03,829 --> 00:50:02,079

poster children for the whole rest of

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00:50:05,430 --> 00:50:03,839

the movement

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00:50:08,470 --> 00:50:05,440

um

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00:50:11,829 --> 00:50:08,480

i mean we all have to admit that the the

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00:50:13,030 --> 00:50:11,839

really far out uh

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00:50:14,549 --> 00:50:13,040

um

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00:50:16,630 --> 00:50:14,559

you know sort of make us shake our heads

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00:50:18,470 --> 00:50:16,640

and think well how could they possibly

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00:50:20,790 --> 00:50:18,480

believe that um

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00:50:23,190 --> 00:50:20,800

there might also be an element of humor

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00:50:25,030 --> 00:50:23,200

involved with um

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00:50:28,150 --> 00:50:25,040

sort of critiquing you know their

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00:50:30,069 --> 00:50:28,160

particular beliefs

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00:50:32,870 --> 00:50:30,079

but a lot of that tends to get

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00:50:34,710 --> 00:50:32,880

foregrounded and tends to represent the

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00:50:36,790 --> 00:50:34,720

the whole

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00:50:39,349 --> 00:50:36,800  
field

1302  
00:50:42,790 --> 00:50:39,359  
and that's why i think that if

1303  
00:50:44,950 --> 00:50:42,800  
if ufology is to really

1304  
00:50:48,470 --> 00:50:44,960  
um sort of pull itself up

1305  
00:50:50,069 --> 00:50:48,480  
and establish a more serious face to the

1306  
00:50:52,069 --> 00:50:50,079  
the rest of the culture

1307  
00:50:54,069 --> 00:50:52,079  
um the people who are

1308  
00:50:55,270 --> 00:50:54,079  
you know open-minded but appropriately

1309  
00:50:56,870 --> 00:50:55,280  
skeptical

1310  
00:50:57,670 --> 00:50:56,880  
really have to

1311  
00:51:02,069 --> 00:50:57,680  
um

1312  
00:51:03,829 --> 00:51:02,079  
things and how they're done

1313  
00:51:04,950 --> 00:51:03,839

and one of those things is

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00:51:06,829 --> 00:51:04,960

is really

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00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:06,839

highlighting and drawing a more

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00:51:10,870 --> 00:51:09,119

critical bit of attention to the people

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00:51:11,910 --> 00:51:10,880

who are

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00:51:13,510 --> 00:51:11,920

i guess you might call the true

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00:51:15,109 --> 00:51:13,520

believers

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00:51:17,030 --> 00:51:15,119

um i think there's a bunch of other

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00:51:19,030 --> 00:51:17,040

things too that ufology should do along

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00:51:21,030 --> 00:51:19,040

those lines um

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00:51:23,270 --> 00:51:21,040

i mean for instance uh i think there's a

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00:51:25,750 --> 00:51:23,280

desperate need for

1325

00:51:29,190 --> 00:51:25,760

some kind of um really well developed

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00:51:31,670 --> 00:51:29,200

attractive easy to use database online

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00:51:34,630 --> 00:51:31,680

um that's maybe called something like uh

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00:51:36,950 --> 00:51:34,640

what ufos are not dot com you know it's

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00:51:40,309 --> 00:51:36,960

funny you mentioned that um a former

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00:51:43,589 --> 00:51:40,319

guest ryan molly he posted up on a

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00:51:45,349 --> 00:51:43,599

facebook page about ufos that we needed

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00:51:46,710 --> 00:51:45,359

to start something like this this was

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00:51:48,549 --> 00:51:46,720

just last week

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00:51:50,950 --> 00:51:48,559

and boy i'll tell you the comments came

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00:51:52,470 --> 00:51:50,960

flooding in from everywhere it was uh it

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00:51:53,670 --> 00:51:52,480

was quite interesting to read all the

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00:51:56,870 --> 00:51:53,680

comments

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00:51:58,470 --> 00:51:56,880

and there's it's kind of like i i agree

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00:52:01,670 --> 00:51:58,480

with you there and i agree with his

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00:52:03,510 --> 00:52:01,680

thoughts but also the debate on who is

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00:52:05,990 --> 00:52:03,520

the person to oversee this and who's the

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00:52:07,750 --> 00:52:06,000

one to cull the uh

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00:52:10,630 --> 00:52:07,760

you know the wheat from the chaff and

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00:52:12,870 --> 00:52:10,640

and and all that and um you know you can

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00:52:16,150 --> 00:52:12,880

go on youtube right now and find

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00:52:19,270 --> 00:52:16,160

50 hoaxes for every one very interesting

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00:52:21,589 --> 00:52:19,280

yeah you know video so i guess

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00:52:23,589 --> 00:52:21,599

i do agree with that but there's a lot

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00:52:25,510 --> 00:52:23,599

there's a lot of gray areas and who

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00:52:27,990 --> 00:52:25,520

would who would be admitting something

1351  
00:52:29,510 --> 00:52:28,000  
like that you know that's the tough part

1352  
00:52:30,470 --> 00:52:29,520  
yeah i think that you've hit it right in

1353  
00:52:34,710 --> 00:52:30,480  
the head that would be a really

1354  
00:52:38,790 --> 00:52:36,870  
we have let's see we have

1355  
00:52:41,190 --> 00:52:38,800  
just about four

1356  
00:52:43,109 --> 00:52:41,200  
uh yeah four minutes left or so

1357  
00:52:45,030 --> 00:52:43,119  
so um i'm going to ask you have you read

1358  
00:52:46,790 --> 00:52:45,040  
any other books besides the one you

1359  
00:52:49,270 --> 00:52:46,800  
mentioned did you happen to read leslie

1360  
00:52:53,030 --> 00:52:49,280  
keane's book are you familiar with her

1361  
00:52:55,109 --> 00:52:53,040  
yeah i did i read that uh ufos um what's

1362  
00:52:57,270 --> 00:52:55,119  
the subtitle to that pilot's general the

1363  
00:52:58,790 --> 00:52:57,280

teacher go on the record

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00:53:02,390 --> 00:52:58,800

um

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00:53:03,990 --> 00:53:02,400

appreciate the fact that she wrote it

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00:53:06,630 --> 00:53:04,000

but

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00:53:09,510 --> 00:53:06,640

my my main criticism of it

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00:53:11,670 --> 00:53:09,520

was that it wasn't nearly as

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00:53:14,549 --> 00:53:11,680

critical as it needed to be

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00:53:17,190 --> 00:53:14,559

um any ufo book that comes out that

1371

00:53:19,109 --> 00:53:17,200

doesn't sort of anticipate the

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00:53:20,470 --> 00:53:19,119

um

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00:53:21,990 --> 00:53:20,480

analytical

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00:53:23,990 --> 00:53:22,000

uh demands

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00:53:25,109 --> 00:53:24,000

of a proper investigation

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00:53:27,430 --> 00:53:25,119

is going to be

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00:53:30,710 --> 00:53:27,440

easily setting itself up for you know

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00:53:33,990 --> 00:53:32,309

so

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00:53:36,309 --> 00:53:34,000

my i guess my general critique of that

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00:53:38,069 --> 00:53:36,319

book and and a number of other ufo books

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00:53:40,870 --> 00:53:38,079

i've read

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00:53:42,870 --> 00:53:40,880

um and podcasts i've heard and

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00:53:45,670 --> 00:53:42,880

things i read online

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00:53:49,510 --> 00:53:47,670

there needs to be a

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00:53:51,589 --> 00:53:49,520

really rigorous

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00:53:54,870 --> 00:53:51,599

uh

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00:53:58,470 --> 00:53:54,880

method of asking questions

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00:54:01,030 --> 00:53:58,480

and applying doubt not not

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00:54:03,270 --> 00:54:01,040

debunking dogmatic doubt but

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00:54:05,349 --> 00:54:03,280

you know trying to really find out

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00:54:07,510 --> 00:54:05,359

um the integrity of a person then the

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00:54:09,910 --> 00:54:07,520

integrity of um you know their

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00:54:11,670 --> 00:54:09,920

perceptions uh their judgment and so

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00:54:13,430 --> 00:54:11,680

forth just

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00:54:15,109 --> 00:54:13,440

an approach that's

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00:54:18,230 --> 00:54:15,119

more probing

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00:54:20,950 --> 00:54:18,240

critical doubtful rigorous i think is in

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desperate demand at all times

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00:54:25,030 --> 00:54:22,160

so that's my

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00:54:27,430 --> 00:54:25,040

that was my general read on that book um

1401

00:54:28,870 --> 00:54:27,440

i appreciated that she wrote it and

1402

00:54:30,950 --> 00:54:28,880

um there were a few things in there that

1403

00:54:32,309 --> 00:54:30,960

i hadn't read about before and i i

1404

00:54:35,670 --> 00:54:32,319

thought wow that's really interesting

1405

00:54:37,430 --> 00:54:35,680

didn't know about that and you know um

1406

00:54:38,870 --> 00:54:37,440

but i haven't had time to you know

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00:54:40,870 --> 00:54:38,880

pursue a lot of that

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00:54:41,990 --> 00:54:40,880

so it's one of those things you read and

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00:54:47,910 --> 00:54:42,000

you

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00:54:50,150 --> 00:54:47,920

yeah i i personally think that's one of

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00:54:52,230 --> 00:54:50,160

the better books out there is there any

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00:54:54,230 --> 00:54:52,240

other ones that you have read we have

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00:54:55,430 --> 00:54:54,240

just like a minute a minute and a few

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00:54:57,430 --> 00:54:55,440

seconds left

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00:54:59,910 --> 00:54:57,440

many other books that you can think of

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00:55:01,990 --> 00:54:59,920

that you read that were

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00:55:04,950 --> 00:55:02,000

what you would call a really good ufo

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00:55:09,990 --> 00:55:06,390

um

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00:55:11,349 --> 00:55:10,000

i'm scratching my memory to

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00:55:13,510 --> 00:55:11,359

think of the title that it was one of

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00:55:16,470 --> 00:55:13,520

jack vale's books i was

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00:55:18,390 --> 00:55:16,480

i was fairly impressed with

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00:55:20,390 --> 00:55:18,400

yeah um

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00:55:21,750 --> 00:55:20,400

i'm not sure what you think about valet

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00:55:25,030 --> 00:55:21,760

but i i was

1426  
00:55:26,549 --> 00:55:25,040  
he was a pleasant surprise yeah he's uh

1427  
00:55:28,150 --> 00:55:26,559  
he's one of the solid ones out there in

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00:55:30,470 --> 00:55:28,160  
my opinion you know i don't know what

1429  
00:55:32,309 --> 00:55:30,480  
the general ufology

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00:55:33,990 --> 00:55:32,319  
thinks to him but i think it's um it's

1431  
00:55:34,950 --> 00:55:34,000  
pretty good there's there's only

1432  
00:55:37,270 --> 00:55:34,960  
something

1433  
00:55:39,589 --> 00:55:37,280  
one time odd that i heard him say other

1434  
00:55:42,549 --> 00:55:39,599  
than that he's been pretty pretty good

1435  
00:55:44,950 --> 00:55:42,559  
um well we're we're coming down to about

1436  
00:55:47,589 --> 00:55:44,960  
30 seconds left so i want to thank you

1437  
00:55:48,390 --> 00:55:47,599  
very much for being on the show

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00:55:50,549 --> 00:55:48,400

and

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00:55:54,390 --> 00:55:50,559

i usually ask people to give out their

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00:55:59,589 --> 00:55:57,670

so uh anyway a real pleasure and uh are

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00:56:01,589 --> 00:55:59,599

you um you you mentioned just a second

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00:56:03,829 --> 00:56:01,599

ago that you listened to podcasts have

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00:56:05,990 --> 00:56:03,839

do you listen to other ufo podcasts out

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00:56:08,549 --> 00:56:06,000

there or have you

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00:56:10,549 --> 00:56:08,559

i the one i listen to most often

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00:56:12,230 --> 00:56:10,559

uh is probably the paracast

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00:56:14,390 --> 00:56:12,240

right yeah there's a lot of good guests

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00:56:15,589 --> 00:56:14,400

on there and they do a nice job i like

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00:56:16,870 --> 00:56:15,599

the paracast too except for the

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00:56:18,230 --> 00:56:16,880

commercials

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00:56:21,349 --> 00:56:18,240

yeah anyway

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00:56:23,349 --> 00:56:21,359

thank you very much and um i'll talk to

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00:56:25,109 --> 00:56:23,359

you later so that's it for the show

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00:56:27,270 --> 00:56:25,119

today if you missed any part of the show

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00:56:28,950 --> 00:56:27,280

you can catch it as a podcast and a

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whole bunch of other free podcasts on

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our website which is [podcastufo.com](http://podcastufo.com)

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00:56:35,829 --> 00:56:35,119

our guest next week is undetermined it's

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00:56:38,069 --> 00:56:35,839

uh

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00:56:40,549 --> 00:56:38,079

we have a couple people that are rolling

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00:56:42,390 --> 00:56:40,559

around we will come up with someone and

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00:56:43,829 --> 00:56:42,400

we'll be back next week i want to thank

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00:56:46,309 --> 00:56:43,839

everyone for helping out with the show

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00:56:48,150 --> 00:56:46,319

today our guest of course eric

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00:56:51,430 --> 00:56:48,160

keith roland producer for the dark

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00:56:54,150 --> 00:56:51,440

matter radio network alejandro rojas the

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00:56:56,950 --> 00:56:54,160

latest ufo news carrie lloyd whitehouse

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00:56:59,349 --> 00:56:56,960

for our music petty peggy shunning for

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00:57:02,230 --> 00:56:59,359

managing our facebook page and remember

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00:57:04,150 --> 00:57:02,240

for all all the latest ufo news

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00:57:06,710 --> 00:57:04,160

astronomical news you can like us on

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00:57:08,470 --> 00:57:06,720

facebook you can check us out live right

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00:57:10,549 --> 00:57:08,480

here next week on the dark matter radio

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00:57:12,549 --> 00:57:10,559

network and every wednesday at 9 pm

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00:57:14,589 --> 00:57:12,559

eastern standard time and don't forget

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00:57:16,870 --> 00:57:14,599

to jump in the chatroom at

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00:57:19,190 --> 00:57:16,880

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