

**GREG EGHIGIAN**



1  
00:00:04,340 --> 00:00:03,590  
and it hits me oh my gosh this is that

2  
00:00:05,450 --> 00:00:04,350  
triangle

3  
00:00:06,590 --> 00:00:05,460  
you know there's explanation for

4  
00:00:07,909 --> 00:00:06,600  
everything that occurred in the

5  
00:00:10,370 --> 00:00:07,919  
Rendlesham forest incident

6  
00:00:13,249 --> 00:00:10,380  
it doesn't involve aliens at all it was

7  
00:00:16,580 --> 00:00:13,259  
completely silent it comes right over

8  
00:00:18,410 --> 00:00:16,590  
our head it's so classic flying-saucer

9  
00:00:20,029 --> 00:00:18,420  
really standing in the clearing he

10  
00:00:21,650 --> 00:00:20,039  
turned over to my father and held his

11  
00:00:28,339 --> 00:00:21,660  
hand and he looked in his eyes and said

12  
00:00:31,189 --> 00:00:28,349  
we're not alone welcome to podcast UFO

13  
00:00:33,020 --> 00:00:31,199

for our live show during the show feel

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00:00:35,630 --> 00:00:33,030

free to participate live in our chat

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00:00:38,540 --> 00:00:35,640

room and don't forget to like us on our

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00:00:40,220 --> 00:00:38,550

very active Facebook page hello and

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00:00:42,170 --> 00:00:40,230

welcome to the show I'm Martin Willis

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00:00:44,360 --> 00:00:42,180

your host I'm really excited about

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00:00:48,139 --> 00:00:44,370

tonight's show we have a professor of

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00:00:50,299 --> 00:00:48,149

history Penn State professor Greg Agee

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00:00:54,529 --> 00:00:50,309

Guillen hopefully I pronounced that

22

00:00:55,939 --> 00:00:54,539

close and he is has been doing some

23

00:00:58,279 --> 00:00:55,949

excellent work we're going to be talking

24

00:01:00,560 --> 00:00:58,289

about that basically on the history of

25

00:01:04,850 --> 00:01:00,570

UFOs and you know the whole phenomena in

26

00:01:08,300 --> 00:01:04,860

general and just a couple of things this

27

00:01:12,230 --> 00:01:08,310

is for people on YouTube this Saturday

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00:01:14,990 --> 00:01:12,240

at 2:00 p.m. we have a David O'Leary

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00:01:17,630 --> 00:01:15,000

from a project Bluebook is going to be

30

00:01:19,550 --> 00:01:17,640

on and after that David Marlar so the

31

00:01:22,670 --> 00:01:19,560

two David's they'll be on this Saturday

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:22,680

at 2 p.m. and that's Eastern Standard

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00:01:28,010 --> 00:01:25,680

Time it's not going to be a podcast

34

00:01:29,870 --> 00:01:28,020

until a Christmas Day so if you're

35

00:01:31,969 --> 00:01:29,880

listening live you'll get to be able to

36

00:01:35,740 --> 00:01:31,979

check that out this coming Saturday the

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00:01:38,780 --> 00:01:35,750

15th and let's see what else next week

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00:01:40,609 --> 00:01:38,790

Mack Maloney and I'll be in studio with

39

00:01:41,870 --> 00:01:40,619

Mack Maloney once again some people

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00:01:43,639 --> 00:01:41,880

didn't really care that much work

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00:01:44,929 --> 00:01:43,649

because it was kind of a four or five

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00:01:48,770 --> 00:01:44,939

people and we're all kind of chatting

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00:01:50,600 --> 00:01:48,780

and having I was having a lot of fun but

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00:01:54,109 --> 00:01:50,610

I guarantee you we are going to talk

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00:01:56,420 --> 00:01:54,119

about the UFO topic so that's next week

46

00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:56,430

we'll be in studio and Exeter New

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00:02:01,580 --> 00:01:59,520

Hampshire with Mack Maloney and team and

48

00:02:03,530 --> 00:02:01,590

also he's going to give away I think he

49

00:02:06,170 --> 00:02:03,540

said seven his publisher is giving away

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00:02:08,859 --> 00:02:06,180

seven books so we're gonna have Collins

51  
00:02:13,250 --> 00:02:08,869  
and people can win a free book that way

52  
00:02:14,020 --> 00:02:13,260  
just in time for Christmas and let's see

53  
00:02:15,610 --> 00:02:14,030  
I want to thank

54  
00:02:17,199 --> 00:02:15,620  
one that helps out with the show I

55  
00:02:19,780 --> 00:02:17,209  
really do appreciate that we absolutely

56  
00:02:22,510 --> 00:02:19,790  
could not do it without you the show is

57  
00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:22,520  
expensive and you helped by supporting

58  
00:02:26,740 --> 00:02:24,080  
the show for two dollars or more a month

59  
00:02:31,420 --> 00:02:26,750  
all that informations on podcast UFO

60  
00:02:34,120 --> 00:02:31,430  
comm and we are live on kgr a radio and

61  
00:02:36,550 --> 00:02:34,130  
you can also see it over on our website

62  
00:02:39,880 --> 00:02:36,560  
and it's also on our guests website

63  
00:02:44,140 --> 00:02:39,890

tonight as well I saw that and on on

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00:02:45,940 --> 00:02:44,150

YouTube and podcast UFO calm then on

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:45,950

Thursdays we're over at the Dark Matter

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00:02:52,660 --> 00:02:48,560

digital network Thursday nights I think

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00:02:54,820 --> 00:02:52,670

it's up 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time but

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00:02:56,530 --> 00:02:54,830

I'm not really sure about that it's

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00:02:58,570 --> 00:02:56,540

changed a little bit over there so

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00:03:02,440 --> 00:02:58,580

anyway all good we are ready to roll and

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00:03:04,509 --> 00:03:02,450

Alejandro welcome to the show hello

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00:03:06,150 --> 00:03:04,519

hello thank you so much I'm excited for

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00:03:08,440 --> 00:03:06,160

your show this is going to be a good one

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00:03:11,020 --> 00:03:08,450

your guest and I got to say hi for a

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00:03:13,300 --> 00:03:11,030

second there Greg but I didn't get to

76  
00:03:14,410 --> 00:03:13,310  
say more about how I really am excited

77  
00:03:17,770 --> 00:03:14,420  
that you're doing this interview it's

78  
00:03:20,020 --> 00:03:17,780  
great to to have you here yeah yeah I

79  
00:03:22,539 --> 00:03:20,030  
was telling him earlier that you and I

80  
00:03:25,000 --> 00:03:22,549  
actually his name came up during one of

81  
00:03:28,150 --> 00:03:25,010  
the news things that we were discussing

82  
00:03:30,430 --> 00:03:28,160  
and that's kind of where this led so

83  
00:03:32,199 --> 00:03:30,440  
it's it's really really gonna be

84  
00:03:34,390 --> 00:03:32,209  
fascinating to hear his side and you you

85  
00:03:37,569 --> 00:03:34,400  
two actually met when I got snowed out

86  
00:03:40,390 --> 00:03:37,579  
of Phoenix he he made it out there from

87  
00:03:42,849 --> 00:03:40,400  
Pennsylvania and YouTube met briefly at

88  
00:03:45,220 --> 00:03:42,859

one of your I think was 2016 or

89

00:03:47,710 --> 00:03:45,230

something like that I know it's a missed

90

00:03:49,690 --> 00:03:47,720

opportunity on my part mostly because I

91

00:03:51,699 --> 00:03:49,700

get so swamped and crazy and it's funny

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00:03:53,590 --> 00:03:51,709

because you know I'll get to meet some

93

00:03:55,840 --> 00:03:53,600

really cool people and they'll introduce

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00:03:58,180 --> 00:03:55,850

themselves and I'll make a mental note

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00:03:59,560 --> 00:03:58,190

which it doesn't work very well because

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00:04:03,280 --> 00:03:59,570

my mental notes

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00:04:05,500 --> 00:04:03,290

don't don't last very long and they just

98

00:04:08,020 --> 00:04:05,510

kind of disappear into the ether by the

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00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:08,030

time my head hits the pillow and I'm up

100

00:04:12,520 --> 00:04:10,400

and running the next day so the amount

101  
00:04:14,770 --> 00:04:12,530  
of information that I learn and forget

102  
00:04:16,900 --> 00:04:14,780  
at those conferences is is pretty large

103  
00:04:19,840 --> 00:04:16,910  
so so much this is one that slipped

104  
00:04:23,110 --> 00:04:19,850  
through my mental fingers yeah someone

105  
00:04:25,719 --> 00:04:23,120  
said to me one time a short pencil is

106  
00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:25,729  
better than a long memory and that is a

107  
00:04:31,300 --> 00:04:27,680  
great saying I love

108  
00:04:33,640 --> 00:04:31,310  
that saying yeah yeah so but I'm also

109  
00:04:35,590 --> 00:04:33,650  
guilty of the same you know you meet a

110  
00:04:37,420 --> 00:04:35,600  
lot of people and it's always fun out

111  
00:04:40,570 --> 00:04:37,430  
there in Phoenix getting to meet all

112  
00:04:42,430 --> 00:04:40,580  
those great people yeah and hanging out

113  
00:04:45,520 --> 00:04:42,440

with them well we're good we're getting

114

00:04:49,540 --> 00:04:45,530

old buddy I know I know get all this way

115

00:04:52,300 --> 00:04:49,550

here I know by the day it's whiter so

116

00:04:54,850 --> 00:04:52,310

what's going on in the UFO world I have

117

00:04:56,080 --> 00:04:54,860

a few exciting UFO stories for you so

118

00:04:58,060 --> 00:04:56,090

I'll try to get through these as quickly

119

00:05:00,939 --> 00:04:58,070

as possible the first couple aren't as

120

00:05:03,129 --> 00:05:00,949

exciting people I think get kind of

121

00:05:05,379 --> 00:05:03,139

bored of us two bunking UFO sightings

122

00:05:07,029 --> 00:05:05,389

but that's not why I talked about these

123

00:05:08,560 --> 00:05:07,039

sightings the reasons why I talk about

124

00:05:11,589 --> 00:05:08,570

them is because they're in the news

125

00:05:12,850 --> 00:05:11,599

you'll probably see them and before

126

00:05:14,260 --> 00:05:12,860

you're you know you're at the

127

00:05:18,400 --> 00:05:14,270

watercooler talking to your buddies

128

00:05:20,409 --> 00:05:18,410

about it you hopefully will then get my

129

00:05:22,270 --> 00:05:20,419

information be able to say or even

130

00:05:23,950 --> 00:05:22,280

better you know one of your buddies in

131

00:05:25,600 --> 00:05:23,960

those you're into UFOs and they come

132

00:05:27,249 --> 00:05:25,610

walking up and they say hey I saw a UFO

133

00:05:29,800 --> 00:05:27,259

on the news and if you're like we'll

134

00:05:32,860 --> 00:05:29,810

actually you'll seem really smart so

135

00:05:34,540 --> 00:05:32,870

it's about education right yeah so I

136

00:05:38,409 --> 00:05:34,550

don't think we talked about this one

137

00:05:40,659 --> 00:05:38,419

before but in Texas and there's been a

138

00:05:43,210 --> 00:05:40,669

little bit of a do made about this

139

00:05:44,770 --> 00:05:43,220

picture so this lady went outside to

140

00:05:46,779 --> 00:05:44,780

take a picture of the sunset and

141

00:05:51,219 --> 00:05:46,789

actually she got a little bit of video

142

00:05:55,600 --> 00:05:51,229

too and you see what looks like a almost

143

00:05:57,879 --> 00:05:55,610

like a glowing saucer there but it

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00:05:59,560 --> 00:05:57,889

actually given my experience and I

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00:06:01,719 --> 00:05:59,570

actually did talk to Mark Dantonio I

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00:06:04,050 --> 00:06:01,729

think we even mentioned this maybe last

147

00:06:07,600 --> 00:06:04,060

week no that was something else actually

148

00:06:10,480 --> 00:06:07,610

but it looks like a part of a contrail

149

00:06:12,790 --> 00:06:10,490

and or just a cloud of course a contrail

150

00:06:15,939 --> 00:06:12,800

left by an airplane essentially is

151  
00:06:18,700 --> 00:06:15,949  
creating a cloud and especially at

152  
00:06:20,800 --> 00:06:18,710  
sunset you know that's what makes sense

153  
00:06:23,350 --> 00:06:20,810  
it's so beautiful they light up the

154  
00:06:27,550 --> 00:06:23,360  
clouds because of the angle of the Sun

155  
00:06:30,430 --> 00:06:27,560  
and so the this piece of what appears to

156  
00:06:32,379 --> 00:06:30,440  
be either part of a contrail or just a

157  
00:06:35,230 --> 00:06:32,389  
cloud sitting there is getting light lit

158  
00:06:37,839 --> 00:06:35,240  
up very brightly so it looks fantastic

159  
00:06:40,330 --> 00:06:37,849  
and even in the short clip it doesn't

160  
00:06:42,010 --> 00:06:40,340  
move at all and which would also

161  
00:06:44,500 --> 00:06:42,020  
indicate it clouds

162  
00:06:47,080 --> 00:06:44,510  
contrails clouds or there's those are

163  
00:06:48,460 --> 00:06:47,090

things to watch out for when you're

164

00:06:51,280 --> 00:06:48,470

looking at this sort of thing

165

00:06:53,590 --> 00:06:51,290

the next stories are yeah no no we can

166

00:06:55,990 --> 00:06:53,600

move on from that up it just reminds me

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00:06:57,820 --> 00:06:56,000

a few weeks ago I was driving along and

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00:07:01,510 --> 00:06:57,830

again it was like late in the afternoon

169

00:07:04,600 --> 00:07:01,520

and there was a there was patches of

170

00:07:05,920 --> 00:07:04,610

clouds and one look so tempting for me

171

00:07:07,120 --> 00:07:05,930

to take a picture I just wanted to see

172

00:07:08,980 --> 00:07:07,130

what it would look like but of course I

173

00:07:10,300 --> 00:07:08,990

was driving but I wanted to see if it

174

00:07:12,310 --> 00:07:10,310

would look like a UFO because it

175

00:07:13,780 --> 00:07:12,320

definitely looked like something like

176

00:07:17,110 --> 00:07:13,790

that up in the sky there was a bunch of

177

00:07:19,420 --> 00:07:17,120

little short clouds and with the Sun

178

00:07:19,960 --> 00:07:19,430

hitting him I was thinking the same

179

00:07:21,490 --> 00:07:19,970

thing

180

00:07:24,220 --> 00:07:21,500

and I saw that image you're talking

181

00:07:25,930 --> 00:07:24,230

about and yeah it does look like a disc

182

00:07:27,420 --> 00:07:25,940

at first but that's your probably name

183

00:07:29,380 --> 00:07:27,430

yeah that's probably what it is

184

00:07:31,600 --> 00:07:29,390

yeah and you know we see this a lot

185

00:07:34,240 --> 00:07:31,610

because a lot of times the reporters are

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00:07:36,400 --> 00:07:34,250

the people taking the accounts are not

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00:07:38,140 --> 00:07:36,410

necessarily pros at looking at all this

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00:07:40,210 --> 00:07:38,150

stuff like like they don't look at it on

189

00:07:41,830 --> 00:07:40,220

a regular basis like we do so they're

190

00:07:44,230 --> 00:07:41,840

not able to identify it they think it

191

00:07:45,640 --> 00:07:44,240

looks pretty neat and they know that if

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00:07:47,530 --> 00:07:45,650

they put it out there people are also

193

00:07:48,910 --> 00:07:47,540

going to get really excited about it and

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00:07:51,400 --> 00:07:48,920

sure enough that's what's happened here

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00:07:53,170 --> 00:07:51,410

that a lot of people have gotten excited

196

00:07:56,680 --> 00:07:53,180

about this lady who caught a UFO during

197

00:07:58,060 --> 00:07:56,690

the sunset but just so you're aware and

198

00:07:59,920 --> 00:07:58,070

of course it's always good for us to

199

00:08:01,480 --> 00:07:59,930

speak to these because these are the

200

00:08:03,430 --> 00:08:01,490

questions we get hey what about that

201  
00:08:04,530 --> 00:08:03,440  
thing in Texas what about this here or

202  
00:08:07,780 --> 00:08:04,540  
there

203  
00:08:09,640 --> 00:08:07,790  
more Tom DeLonge on news and this

204  
00:08:11,460 --> 00:08:09,650  
actually doesn't have to do with to the

205  
00:08:15,100 --> 00:08:11,470  
stars his organization that's

206  
00:08:18,100 --> 00:08:15,110  
investigating UFOs this has to do with

207  
00:08:19,990 --> 00:08:18,110  
his own personal research so some of you

208  
00:08:21,700 --> 00:08:20,000  
may know that Tom DeLonge has been doing

209  
00:08:23,950 --> 00:08:21,710  
his own research for a long time and

210  
00:08:26,770 --> 00:08:23,960  
he's developed you know kind of his

211  
00:08:28,990 --> 00:08:26,780  
ideas into a few different scripts and

212  
00:08:31,390 --> 00:08:29,000  
stories out there some of them are

213  
00:08:33,370 --> 00:08:31,400

graphic novels and in particular he has

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00:08:36,250 --> 00:08:33,380

a graphic novel which is essentially a

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00:08:38,500 --> 00:08:36,260

name for a comic book

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00:08:40,839 --> 00:08:38,510

another more sophisticated name for a

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00:08:44,230 --> 00:08:40,849

comic book he's got one called strange

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00:08:46,750 --> 00:08:44,240

times and he says it was even inspired

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00:08:49,390 --> 00:08:46,760

by his website strange times which of

220

00:08:51,760 --> 00:08:49,400

course was done years ago and you may

221

00:08:54,610 --> 00:08:51,770

not know this but he would post open

222

00:08:55,390 --> 00:08:54,620

mind TV stories there often with her

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00:08:57,070 --> 00:08:55,400

permission

224

00:08:58,810 --> 00:08:57,080

you know we loved working with him way

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00:09:01,690 --> 00:08:58,820

back then when that's when we developed

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00:09:03,400 --> 00:09:01,700

our relationship but he developed this

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00:09:05,980 --> 00:09:03,410

graphic comic which is kind of about the

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00:09:08,260 --> 00:09:05,990

skateboard kids who find all of this

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00:09:11,260 --> 00:09:08,270

weird stuff about UFOs and everything

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00:09:13,600 --> 00:09:11,270

and TBS has picked it up so it's going

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00:09:15,070 --> 00:09:13,610

to be a television series well there was

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00:09:17,650 --> 00:09:15,080

a rumor out there that it was going to

233

00:09:20,610 --> 00:09:17,660

be a cartoon kind of an adult cartoon

234

00:09:22,780 --> 00:09:20,620

but I think that might have been an

235

00:09:25,390 --> 00:09:22,790

assumption because this is based off a

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00:09:26,920 --> 00:09:25,400

graphic novel other stories out there

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00:09:29,050 --> 00:09:26,930

make it look like it it'll be

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00:09:31,900 --> 00:09:29,060

live-action so actual actors and

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00:09:33,940 --> 00:09:31,910

everything out there so I'm not quite

240

00:09:36,160 --> 00:09:33,950

sure if it's gonna be live-action or not

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00:09:38,800 --> 00:09:36,170

but definitely a series is going to be

242

00:09:41,890 --> 00:09:38,810

made based off of Tom to belong strange

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00:09:43,960 --> 00:09:41,900

times which is kind of his idea you know

244

00:09:46,120 --> 00:09:43,970

this piece that he used for his idea of

245

00:09:48,100 --> 00:09:46,130

what's going on with UFOs and everything

246

00:09:50,350 --> 00:09:48,110

so this ought to be interesting and

247

00:09:53,590 --> 00:09:50,360

obviously he's extremely excited about

248

00:09:55,860 --> 00:09:53,600

it so that's pretty interesting huh yeah

249

00:09:59,950 --> 00:09:55,870

that's really a turn of careers isn't it

250

00:10:02,410 --> 00:09:59,960

right I know but that's what he's wanted

251  
00:10:04,840 --> 00:10:02,420  
you know and the good thing about this

252  
00:10:07,180 --> 00:10:04,850  
is at least it's an outlet for him to

253  
00:10:09,610 --> 00:10:07,190  
get out his ideas because some of you

254  
00:10:14,170 --> 00:10:09,620  
may notice he has not really been it was

255  
00:10:16,060 --> 00:10:14,180  
very vocal especially early last year or

256  
00:10:18,910 --> 00:10:16,070  
yeah essentially early last year we're

257  
00:10:20,590 --> 00:10:18,920  
still in 2018 but then once this New

258  
00:10:22,690 --> 00:10:20,600  
York Times article came out and once he

259  
00:10:24,940 --> 00:10:22,700  
started this to the Stars Academy to do

260  
00:10:28,410 --> 00:10:24,950  
serious research he's really taken a

261  
00:10:30,880 --> 00:10:28,420  
back seat at least when it comes to

262  
00:10:34,150 --> 00:10:30,890  
vocalizing or sharing his opinions on

263  
00:10:36,100 --> 00:10:34,160

this topic instead he's been kind of

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00:10:38,350 --> 00:10:36,110

allowing his researchers and work we've

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00:10:41,260 --> 00:10:38,360

heard more from Louise Elizondo than

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00:10:42,850 --> 00:10:41,270

anybody really in the last year because

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00:10:45,370 --> 00:10:42,860

they're doing very careful work so he's

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00:10:47,680 --> 00:10:45,380

making sure he's not tainting the waters

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00:10:50,440 --> 00:10:47,690

there so I'm sure he appreciates finally

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00:10:53,380 --> 00:10:50,450

having this outlet for his ideas about

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00:10:54,490 --> 00:10:53,390

the topic you know you don't you know

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00:10:56,920 --> 00:10:54,500

there's a lot of people that kind of

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00:10:58,540 --> 00:10:56,930

bash you know Tom DeLonge but one thing

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00:11:01,210 --> 00:10:58,550

I got to tell you that you don't see him

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00:11:04,810 --> 00:11:01,220

trying to grab any of the glory that the

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00:11:06,670 --> 00:11:04,820

December 16th article you know had in

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00:11:08,200 --> 00:11:06,680

the New York Times really you know I

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00:11:09,220 --> 00:11:08,210

mean there's those mentioning of course

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00:11:12,580 --> 00:11:09,230

Lou

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00:11:14,470 --> 00:11:12,590

elizondo's you know featured in that but

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00:11:16,390 --> 00:11:14,480

there's not really a lot going on when

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00:11:18,430 --> 00:11:16,400

it's in fact it was his efforts that

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00:11:21,640 --> 00:11:18,440

actually you know made these things come

284

00:11:24,610 --> 00:11:21,650

forward really exactly it was his

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00:11:26,170 --> 00:11:24,620

efforts completely that's why i've you

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00:11:28,480 --> 00:11:26,180

know most of my articles have been from

287

00:11:30,610 --> 00:11:28,490

that angle is here's this organization

288

00:11:32,800 --> 00:11:30,620

but you know it's this rock star who

289

00:11:35,200 --> 00:11:32,810

made this all happen and it really was

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00:11:37,510 --> 00:11:35,210

his efforts if he wouldn't have had this

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00:11:40,450 --> 00:11:37,520

platform this to the stars academy then

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00:11:42,700 --> 00:11:40,460

Elizondo for Elizondo to join and then

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00:11:45,520 --> 00:11:42,710

have this outlet to be able to share we

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00:11:45,970 --> 00:11:45,530

might still not know about this secret

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00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:45,980

Pentagon

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00:11:51,550 --> 00:11:50,000

you know UFO project that is ongoing and

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00:11:53,590 --> 00:11:51,560

I mean there aren't there's new

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00:11:55,750 --> 00:11:53,600

information to be discovered about this

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00:11:57,460 --> 00:11:55,760

project on a regular basis and I could

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00:12:00,490 --> 00:11:57,470

share with you even recently I talked

301  
00:12:01,990 --> 00:12:00,500  
with George Knapp and he is you know

302  
00:12:04,300 --> 00:12:02,000  
still looking into this and he's

303  
00:12:08,680 --> 00:12:04,310  
prepared to release more information to

304  
00:12:10,450 --> 00:12:08,690  
so this is the you know the the fruit

305  
00:12:12,130 --> 00:12:10,460  
that keeps on giving and we're gonna get

306  
00:12:15,280 --> 00:12:12,140  
more and more information as time goes

307  
00:12:18,400 --> 00:12:15,290  
on so stay tuned because it's very

308  
00:12:20,560 --> 00:12:18,410  
exciting times with with all this and

309  
00:12:22,030 --> 00:12:20,570  
this is kind of exciting too because I

310  
00:12:24,790 --> 00:12:22,040  
think this next story I'm going to get

311  
00:12:26,770 --> 00:12:24,800  
to you kind of has allowed to happen

312  
00:12:29,200 --> 00:12:26,780  
because of these new revelations that

313  
00:12:31,780 --> 00:12:29,210

Tom DeLonge helped inspire and that is

314

00:12:33,640 --> 00:12:31,790

you probably seen in the news a lot

315

00:12:36,610 --> 00:12:33,650

about this NASA scientist who's saying

316

00:12:40,930 --> 00:12:36,620

we need to look into aliens this all

317

00:12:43,420 --> 00:12:40,940

started with a fox news story and

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00:12:45,340 --> 00:12:43,430

actually he's come out to say well Fox

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00:12:47,470 --> 00:12:45,350

News didn't get it right and they didn't

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00:12:49,780 --> 00:12:47,480

actually interview him before they

321

00:12:51,850 --> 00:12:49,790

release a story but they did watch a

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00:12:53,020 --> 00:12:51,860

lecture and a paper that he did for SETI

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00:12:56,110 --> 00:12:53,030

the search for extraterrestrial

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00:12:58,990 --> 00:12:56,120

intelligence Institute where he was

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00:13:01,030 --> 00:12:59,000

arguing essentially that aliens could

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00:13:05,140 --> 00:13:01,040

have visited here we don't know and that

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00:13:07,750 --> 00:13:05,150

we need to take UFO stories seriously

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00:13:11,170 --> 00:13:07,760

and do some serious research to figure

329

00:13:14,080 --> 00:13:11,180

out if that's the case they he feels

330

00:13:16,120 --> 00:13:14,090

that the the Fox story that came out

331

00:13:18,730 --> 00:13:16,130

kind of gave me the impression that he

332

00:13:22,300 --> 00:13:18,740

believes definitively that you know

333

00:13:23,079 --> 00:13:22,310

aliens have been here and and it's

334

00:13:25,210 --> 00:13:23,089

something we need

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00:13:27,249 --> 00:13:25,220

to prove and that's why people need to

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00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:27,259

pay attention she's correcting to say

337

00:13:32,799 --> 00:13:29,600

that no what I'm saying is it's entirely

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00:13:34,449 --> 00:13:32,809

possible and because of that reason

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00:13:36,850 --> 00:13:34,459

that's why we need to take this

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00:13:38,920 --> 00:13:36,860

information seriously because there

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00:13:41,889 --> 00:13:38,930

could be discoveries made by information

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00:13:43,780 --> 00:13:41,899

and evidence and and physical evidence

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00:13:46,059 --> 00:13:43,790

that we have right here on the planet

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00:13:47,590 --> 00:13:46,069

which I think makes complete sense and

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00:13:50,049 --> 00:13:47,600

it's one of the frustrating things that

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00:13:52,179 --> 00:13:50,059

when it comes to setting of course you

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00:13:55,239 --> 00:13:52,189

have a debated cha stack that lead

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00:13:57,340 --> 00:13:55,249

scientists for study on your show but

349

00:14:00,790 --> 00:13:57,350

they you know cha stack does an

350

00:14:02,829 --> 00:14:00,800

excellent job and I do a lecture

351  
00:14:04,720 --> 00:14:02,839  
astronomers and UFOs and it's funny I do

352  
00:14:07,210 --> 00:14:04,730  
I start with talking about how great

353  
00:14:09,160 --> 00:14:07,220  
Shah stack is but him being a bonehead

354  
00:14:11,860 --> 00:14:09,170  
is what inspired me to do this lecture

355  
00:14:13,689 --> 00:14:11,870  
because of a couple of things

356  
00:14:15,249 --> 00:14:13,699  
he says if astronomers if you office

357  
00:14:16,780 --> 00:14:15,259  
were here astronomers would see them and

358  
00:14:20,079 --> 00:14:16,790  
it's kind of a silly thing because

359  
00:14:23,379 --> 00:14:20,089  
astronomers have seen UFOs so that's the

360  
00:14:26,739 --> 00:14:23,389  
nature of that lecture but he argues so

361  
00:14:29,799 --> 00:14:26,749  
strongly and so convincingly that the

362  
00:14:30,429 --> 00:14:29,809  
universe must be you know teeming with

363  
00:14:32,530 --> 00:14:30,439

life

364

00:14:36,100 --> 00:14:32,540

yet they can't get here and that's the

365

00:14:38,710 --> 00:14:36,110

frustrating part is that if there are if

366

00:14:40,480 --> 00:14:38,720

the likelihood of extraterrestrial

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00:14:43,360 --> 00:14:40,490

civilizations intelligent ones is so

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00:14:46,569 --> 00:14:43,370

high and the odds are so high that

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00:14:49,389 --> 00:14:46,579

they're out there then it would lend -

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00:14:51,400 --> 00:14:49,399

it would seem intuitively obvious that

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00:14:53,470 --> 00:14:51,410

the possibility that we've been visited

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00:14:57,489 --> 00:14:53,480

in the past or even potentially being

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00:14:59,590 --> 00:14:57,499

visited now it is a possibility perhaps

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00:15:02,049 --> 00:14:59,600

we don't have strong evidence to say

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00:15:05,079 --> 00:15:02,059

that that is certainly happening but

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00:15:09,069 --> 00:15:05,089

it's you know their argument lends to

377

00:15:11,259 --> 00:15:09,079

the and sets the the base a very strong

378

00:15:13,239 --> 00:15:11,269

one for the argument that it's a

379

00:15:15,579 --> 00:15:13,249

possibility and that's what this

380

00:15:17,889 --> 00:15:15,589

scientist is out there trying to say

381

00:15:20,559 --> 00:15:17,899

because it's possible we need to take

382

00:15:22,900 --> 00:15:20,569

the the possibility seriously and we

383

00:15:25,360 --> 00:15:22,910

need to investigate any potential

384

00:15:28,150 --> 00:15:25,370

evidence showing that this has occurred

385

00:15:29,769 --> 00:15:28,160

or is occurring you know our the guest I

386

00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:29,779

have I'm going to talk to him about SETI

387

00:15:35,019 --> 00:15:32,240

because I've heard him talk about that

388

00:15:37,150 --> 00:15:35,029

subject and one of the things he says is

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00:15:40,150 --> 00:15:37,160

you know they basically have as much

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00:15:42,550 --> 00:15:40,160

as we do to get their funding you know

391

00:15:45,790 --> 00:15:42,560

which i think which is a great point and

392

00:15:48,189 --> 00:15:45,800

over the years you know they have not

393

00:15:50,379 --> 00:15:48,199

had much in the way of fruits for their

394

00:15:52,210 --> 00:15:50,389

efforts I think that they would admit

395

00:15:55,629 --> 00:15:52,220

that that we don't have any evidence of

396

00:15:58,210 --> 00:15:55,639

whether all of these years same could be

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00:15:59,920 --> 00:15:58,220

said of UFO research although some

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00:16:01,869 --> 00:15:59,930

people have argued that in the UFO

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00:16:04,179 --> 00:16:01,879

research arena there's been more that

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00:16:06,309 --> 00:16:04,189

has been gained and I think if you look

401  
00:16:08,980 --> 00:16:06,319  
at the Pentagon program and the evidence

402  
00:16:11,220 --> 00:16:08,990  
that Louise Elizondo has put forth which

403  
00:16:14,650 --> 00:16:11,230  
is only a fraction of the information

404  
00:16:16,869 --> 00:16:14,660  
that they gathered because as he says he

405  
00:16:18,999 --> 00:16:16,879  
hasn't been given the liberty to share

406  
00:16:20,590 --> 00:16:19,009  
any more information you know there's

407  
00:16:22,420 --> 00:16:20,600  
definitely a strong case to be made that

408  
00:16:25,210 --> 00:16:22,430  
at least there are mysterious

409  
00:16:27,900 --> 00:16:25,220  
occurrences that have happened that

410  
00:16:30,759 --> 00:16:27,910  
could potentially kind of like the other

411  
00:16:31,030 --> 00:16:30,769  
scientists column Bono is his name by

412  
00:16:33,879 --> 00:16:31,040  
the way

413  
00:16:39,100 --> 00:16:33,889

proposed that there there's enough there

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00:16:40,420 --> 00:16:39,110

to look at to begin to explore yeah

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00:16:44,410 --> 00:16:40,430

absolutely and then you know there's

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00:16:46,629 --> 00:16:44,420

supposedly thousands of trace cases you

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00:16:49,600 --> 00:16:46,639

know where there was some type yeah iris

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00:16:52,090 --> 00:16:49,610

evidence I don't personally out there

419

00:16:55,720 --> 00:16:52,100

there's potential trace cases but the

420

00:16:58,509 --> 00:16:55,730

French this is kind of this on the

421

00:17:02,290 --> 00:16:58,519

French UFO organization that is under

422

00:17:04,689 --> 00:17:02,300

their space program that those are their

423

00:17:08,289 --> 00:17:04,699

most important cases is their handful of

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00:17:10,569 --> 00:17:08,299

cases where they do feel that there have

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00:17:12,549 --> 00:17:10,579

been physical trace evidence and they do

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00:17:14,789 --> 00:17:12,559

have cases where they feel you know

427

00:17:17,529 --> 00:17:14,799

plants for example have been affected by

428

00:17:19,929 --> 00:17:17,539

electromagnetic effects that proved to

429

00:17:23,350 --> 00:17:19,939

them that there has been at least some

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00:17:25,329 --> 00:17:23,360

physical contact of some sort and when

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00:17:27,939 --> 00:17:25,339

that sort of evidence piles up it's

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00:17:30,970 --> 00:17:27,949

something to look at right alejandro

433

00:17:32,860 --> 00:17:30,980

thank you so much my pleasure thanks for

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00:17:34,390 --> 00:17:32,870

having me all right and I'll talk to you

435

00:17:36,610 --> 00:17:34,400

next week actually it won't harm all

436

00:17:38,740 --> 00:17:36,620

right later next week I'll be in studios

437

00:17:41,440 --> 00:17:38,750

so sorry it's not gonna be next week's

438

00:17:45,639 --> 00:17:41,450

gonna be I know it's gonna be after

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00:17:47,350 --> 00:17:45,649

Christmas all right all right on YouTube

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00:17:49,149 --> 00:17:47,360

you can see the sad face all right

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00:17:51,210 --> 00:17:49,159

Alejandro you take care I'll talk to you

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00:17:54,390 --> 00:17:51,220

soon all right you too have a great show

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00:17:57,300 --> 00:17:54,400

all right thank you so our guest tonight

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00:17:59,670 --> 00:17:57,310

I'm real excited is Professor Greg Agee

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00:18:01,200 --> 00:17:59,680

Guillen he's a professor of history at

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00:18:03,840 --> 00:18:01,210

Penn State University where he

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00:18:05,310 --> 00:18:03,850

specializes in history of science and

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00:18:07,950 --> 00:18:05,320

medicine he's written and taught

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00:18:10,380 --> 00:18:07,960

extensively about the topics as the

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00:18:12,660 --> 00:18:10,390

history of disability the history of

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00:18:15,780 --> 00:18:12,670

crime and prisons and the history of

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00:18:18,030 --> 00:18:15,790

madness and actually saw some of his his

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00:18:20,610 --> 00:18:18,040

lectures online on that very interesting

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00:18:23,040 --> 00:18:20,620

most recently he's embarked on writing

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00:18:25,170 --> 00:18:23,050

the history of UFO and alien contact

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00:18:28,140 --> 00:18:25,180

phenomena with an eye toward

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00:18:30,300 --> 00:18:28,150

understanding its rise in development

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00:18:32,510 --> 00:18:30,310

worldwide he's received funding for his

459

00:18:35,340 --> 00:18:32,520

research from the American Philosophical

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00:18:37,140 --> 00:18:35,350

Society the American Historical

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00:18:39,870 --> 00:18:37,150

Association NASA and the Smithsonian

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00:18:42,630 --> 00:18:39,880

Institute Wow welcome to the show

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00:18:46,320 --> 00:18:42,640

Greg great thanks I'm glad to be here

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00:18:49,170 --> 00:18:46,330

yeah excellent so I have to I guess I'm

465

00:18:52,380 --> 00:18:49,180

gonna have to ask right off the bat why

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00:18:54,030 --> 00:18:52,390

UFOs how did you get how'd you fall a

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00:18:56,550 --> 00:18:54,040

professor of history how does it fit

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00:18:59,280 --> 00:18:56,560

into UFOs or how did they fall into you

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00:19:01,710 --> 00:18:59,290

yeah they fell well you know there's a

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00:19:04,290 --> 00:19:01,720

certain there's the there's the the sort

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00:19:07,890 --> 00:19:04,300

of more long-range sort of answer in the

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00:19:11,250 --> 00:19:07,900

short range answer the the the kind of

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00:19:14,280 --> 00:19:11,260

long range answer is that I like so many

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00:19:16,170 --> 00:19:14,290

people particularly of my generation as

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00:19:20,280 --> 00:19:16,180

you can tell I've got my share of gray

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00:19:24,630 --> 00:19:20,290

hair I grew up I grew up and was utterly

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00:19:30,600 --> 00:19:24,640

utterly fascinated with UFOs and aliens

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00:19:33,300 --> 00:19:30,610

and and the literature and so I as a kid

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00:19:35,760 --> 00:19:33,310

I couldn't get enough of this stuff and

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00:19:38,400 --> 00:19:35,770

so I would read everything I could read

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00:19:41,370 --> 00:19:38,410

about I would watch any TV specials I

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00:19:43,080 --> 00:19:41,380

remember really vividly that series back

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00:19:46,950 --> 00:19:43,090

and I guess that was the 70s right in

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00:19:48,960 --> 00:19:46,960

search of 100 neat Maya right and I

485

00:19:52,860 --> 00:19:48,970

would read about this stuff was utterly

486

00:19:56,090 --> 00:19:52,870

fascinated with it but I also got really

487

00:19:59,010 --> 00:19:56,100

interested too and in reading like the

488

00:20:03,150 --> 00:19:59,020

debunkers to you know I was fascinated

489

00:20:04,770 --> 00:20:03,160

with hearing from Philip Glass I was

490

00:20:07,110 --> 00:20:04,780

loved Carl Sagan

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00:20:10,110 --> 00:20:07,120

still remember vividly going to my

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00:20:11,790 --> 00:20:10,120

father taking me to see Carl Sagan

493

00:20:14,160 --> 00:20:11,800

lecture he was visiting I grew up in

494

00:20:21,120 --> 00:20:14,170

upstate New York and he was visiting and

495

00:20:23,760 --> 00:20:21,130

that was just utterly so I I was

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00:20:26,010 --> 00:20:23,770

fascinated with it and it was for me it

497

00:20:28,950 --> 00:20:26,020

was um you know I think about it in

498

00:20:32,070 --> 00:20:28,960

retrospect I I I tell people in in many

499

00:20:36,150 --> 00:20:32,080

many ways the the my interest in the

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00:20:38,550 --> 00:20:36,160

study and the reading about UFOs and UFO

501  
00:20:40,950 --> 00:20:38,560  
literature I think was the beginning of

502  
00:20:45,260 --> 00:20:40,960  
my becoming a professor of history I

503  
00:20:48,050 --> 00:20:45,270  
mean I really it was my introduction to

504  
00:20:51,780 --> 00:20:48,060  
thinking about big questions

505  
00:20:53,730 --> 00:20:51,790  
investigating things uncovering you know

506  
00:20:56,910 --> 00:20:53,740  
Lou lifting up rocks and uncovering

507  
00:20:59,520 --> 00:20:56,920  
stories trying to be critical but trying

508  
00:21:01,410 --> 00:20:59,530  
to be open all these kinds of things I

509  
00:21:04,770 --> 00:21:01,420  
in a sense I realized I kind of was

510  
00:21:05,760 --> 00:21:04,780  
learning by by my experience doing that

511  
00:21:08,130 --> 00:21:05,770  
and so that's where I first became

512  
00:21:10,230 --> 00:21:08,140  
interested in it but I have to say then

513  
00:21:12,540 --> 00:21:10,240

I kind of moved on to other things and

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00:21:14,400 --> 00:21:12,550

and as you can tell I started the study

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00:21:15,660 --> 00:21:14,410

and research other kinds of community

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00:21:17,190 --> 00:21:15,670

fields but I've always been interested

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00:21:20,550 --> 00:21:17,200

in the history of science and medicine

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00:21:23,970 --> 00:21:20,560

and then what happened was a few years

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00:21:25,380 --> 00:21:23,980

ago I was on a panel at a conference on

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00:21:28,890 --> 00:21:25,390

a completely different subject with a

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00:21:30,570 --> 00:21:28,900

colleague of mine and she was working on

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00:21:32,730 --> 00:21:30,580

a book project that was going to evolve

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00:21:36,060 --> 00:21:32,740

a bunch of people writing about the

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00:21:39,240 --> 00:21:36,070

occult and the occult particularly in

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00:21:42,300 --> 00:21:39,250

and after Nazi Germany in Germany and

526  
00:21:44,070 --> 00:21:42,310  
and I was some fascinating stuff and I

527  
00:21:47,190 --> 00:21:44,080  
said to her offhand I said you know I

528  
00:21:50,970 --> 00:21:47,200  
always wondered did did that whole UFO

529  
00:21:53,580 --> 00:21:50,980  
thing like ever take place in Germany

530  
00:21:55,380 --> 00:21:53,590  
you know was that ever a big thing there

531  
00:21:56,970 --> 00:21:55,390  
she's like I have no idea but if you

532  
00:21:59,310 --> 00:21:56,980  
ever wanted to write on it we would love

533  
00:22:00,960 --> 00:21:59,320  
to publish whatever you're writing I'm

534  
00:22:04,710 --> 00:22:00,970  
like well I don't have time for that

535  
00:22:07,350 --> 00:22:04,720  
well it kind of stuck in my craw I we

536  
00:22:10,320 --> 00:22:07,360  
just had this thing and I kept an itch I

537  
00:22:12,960 --> 00:22:10,330  
had to scratch and so I started doing

538  
00:22:15,110 --> 00:22:12,970

some you know research on my own with

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00:22:18,120 --> 00:22:15,120

with a database that I had at the

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00:22:18,450 --> 00:22:18,130

university library and started looking

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00:22:25,980 --> 00:22:18,460

in

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00:22:28,440 --> 00:22:25,990

40s and 50s and I found all this stuff

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00:22:30,270 --> 00:22:28,450

and I was fascinated with it I ended up

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00:22:31,980 --> 00:22:30,280

writing something up about it didn't

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00:22:34,140 --> 00:22:31,990

actually ever get published in that book

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00:22:36,960 --> 00:22:34,150

because in the end it was not related

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00:22:39,870 --> 00:22:36,970

enough but I I followed that and then

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00:22:42,720 --> 00:22:39,880

you know as I was I was ready to take on

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00:22:45,330 --> 00:22:42,730

a new project a friend of mine said hey

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00:22:46,980 --> 00:22:45,340

why don't you do this why don't you jump

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00:22:49,440 --> 00:22:46,990

into there because you you find this

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00:22:51,360 --> 00:22:49,450

stuff fascinating I'm like yeah I don't

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00:22:54,180 --> 00:22:51,370

know there must be so much that's been

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00:22:58,470 --> 00:22:54,190

written on it and that's when I kind of

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00:23:01,160 --> 00:22:58,480

discovered that guess what academic

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00:23:04,260 --> 00:23:01,170

historians you know people of my tribe

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00:23:06,600 --> 00:23:04,270

have shown almost no interest in the

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00:23:11,370 --> 00:23:06,610

subject whatsoever I mean we have David

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00:23:14,610 --> 00:23:11,380

David Jacobs book in what 1975 Michael

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00:23:15,870 --> 00:23:14,620

swords is a is it is a PhD in history

561

00:23:17,490 --> 00:23:15,880

and he's written on stuff though I don't

562

00:23:19,710 --> 00:23:17,500

know these ever really Mike I don't

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00:23:21,720 --> 00:23:19,720

think it's ever written a whole book on

564

00:23:24,780 --> 00:23:21,730

the history of the phone so that was it

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00:23:27,330 --> 00:23:24,790

that and I thought that's really strange

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00:23:29,940 --> 00:23:27,340

and so I thought yeah this sounds like

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00:23:33,270 --> 00:23:29,950

something that's worthy it's interesting

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00:23:35,400 --> 00:23:33,280

to me and it's a chance to go back and

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00:23:38,310 --> 00:23:35,410

look over things that really had a real

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00:23:40,380 --> 00:23:38,320

big impact on me and during many

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00:23:42,240 --> 00:23:40,390

formative years in my life and now I can

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00:23:44,520 --> 00:23:42,250

go back and look over this stuff I've

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00:23:47,070 --> 00:23:44,530

got this there's sort of the eye and the

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00:23:49,290 --> 00:23:47,080

ears of historian to sort of be my guide

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00:23:51,870 --> 00:23:49,300

as I go through all this why would you

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00:23:55,170 --> 00:23:51,880

think that there is such a trepidation

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00:23:58,200 --> 00:23:55,180

and actually someone with your

578

00:24:00,930 --> 00:23:58,210

background you know just shying away

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00:24:03,780 --> 00:24:00,940

from from the topic is is it the old

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00:24:06,720 --> 00:24:03,790

ridicule factor yeah right

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00:24:08,610 --> 00:24:06,730

I mean I think that that is there and

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00:24:13,520 --> 00:24:08,620

that has been there ok there's no

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00:24:15,780 --> 00:24:13,530

question about it that that people

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00:24:17,370 --> 00:24:15,790

historians are an interesting group of

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00:24:19,530 --> 00:24:17,380

people we're an interesting group of

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00:24:23,910 --> 00:24:19,540

people but there is a level in which

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00:24:25,710 --> 00:24:23,920

they have sometimes played things pretty

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00:24:27,570 --> 00:24:25,720

you know hold their cards close to the

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00:24:30,330 --> 00:24:27,580

vest and don't sort of venture out into

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00:24:32,430 --> 00:24:30,340

some topics and areas it can take some

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00:24:35,550 --> 00:24:32,440

time for those things to take place

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00:24:40,530 --> 00:24:35,560

but that said that said the funny thing

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00:24:42,480 --> 00:24:40,540

to me is that you know we historians are

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00:24:46,200 --> 00:24:42,490

kind of unique in that going into this

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00:24:49,380 --> 00:24:46,210

if you look since say the late 1960s

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00:24:52,220 --> 00:24:49,390

that other kind of academic groups the

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00:24:56,180 --> 00:24:52,230

UFO phenomenon has been studied by

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00:24:58,800 --> 00:24:56,190

everything from you know meteorologists

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00:25:01,950 --> 00:24:58,810

anthropologists scholars of religious

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00:25:04,680 --> 00:25:01,960

studies folklorist psychologists as a

601  
00:25:07,290 --> 00:25:04,690  
whole bunch of people so we are kind of

602  
00:25:11,340 --> 00:25:07,300  
odd in that we've kind of steered clear

603  
00:25:13,410 --> 00:25:11,350  
of this thing and it's a bit it's it

604  
00:25:17,040 --> 00:25:13,420  
still is kind of a bit of a mystery to

605  
00:25:19,050 --> 00:25:17,050  
me because there's no trace of anybody

606  
00:25:20,790 --> 00:25:19,060  
ever sort of publicly coming out and

607  
00:25:22,590 --> 00:25:20,800  
saying hey nobody should study this

608  
00:25:24,600 --> 00:25:22,600  
stuff first nobody should look into this

609  
00:25:26,790 --> 00:25:24,610  
though it's more of a kind of thing

610  
00:25:29,280 --> 00:25:26,800  
that's gone around unstated and and and

611  
00:25:32,190 --> 00:25:29,290  
that's why in a sense the question has

612  
00:25:36,030 --> 00:25:32,200  
to be why have you no historians of all

613  
00:25:39,480 --> 00:25:36,040

people been so so nervous about going

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00:25:41,910 --> 00:25:39,490

into something when you know we've long

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00:25:45,330 --> 00:25:41,920

since gone into all sorts of topics that

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00:25:47,640 --> 00:25:45,340

seem to be controversial or or maybe

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00:25:49,590 --> 00:25:47,650

make people nervous when they sort of

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00:25:52,620 --> 00:25:49,600

discuss it so to me it's always been a

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00:25:54,810 --> 00:25:52,630

little odd in that regard there are

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00:25:56,760 --> 00:25:54,820

people now who are doing it more and now

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00:25:59,580 --> 00:25:56,770

it's a topic where actually there's a

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00:26:02,130 --> 00:25:59,590

whole group of young people in PhD

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00:26:05,730 --> 00:26:02,140

programs in both here the US and in

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00:26:07,950 --> 00:26:05,740

Canada who are starting to take this up

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00:26:10,050 --> 00:26:07,960

as a historical product but it's taken

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00:26:11,250 --> 00:26:10,060

this long it's taking this ok well jump

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00:26:14,190 --> 00:26:11,260

back to that we're actually at break

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00:26:16,470 --> 00:26:14,200

time right now so alright everyone so

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00:26:20,010 --> 00:26:16,480

we're going to take a little break here

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00:26:23,850 --> 00:26:20,020

and my guest tonight is Professor Greg

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00:26:31,050 --> 00:26:23,860

get Gorion Igor gorian party sorry about

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00:26:34,320 --> 00:26:31,060

that and we'll be right back all right

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00:26:36,270 --> 00:26:34,330

Martin we're clear and how much time we

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00:26:37,410 --> 00:26:36,280

got just over 4 minutes in this break

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00:26:39,750 --> 00:26:37,420

all right sounds good

636

00:26:42,690 --> 00:26:39,760

all right yeah we'll pick that back up

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00:26:44,130 --> 00:26:42,700

after the break because I think that's

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00:26:46,200 --> 00:26:44,140

fascinating I do want to talk about that

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00:26:49,230 --> 00:26:46,210

so

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00:26:50,790 --> 00:26:49,240

have you during the break here I don't

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00:26:53,340 --> 00:26:50,800

really see any questions up there right

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00:26:55,890 --> 00:26:53,350

now but have you had ridicule from

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00:27:00,120 --> 00:26:55,900

colleagues at all about about this

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00:27:03,210 --> 00:27:00,130

interest you know I I cannot say I have

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00:27:05,790 --> 00:27:03,220

ever gotten anything along those lines

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00:27:08,610 --> 00:27:05,800

I've never gotten that I I there are

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00:27:11,940 --> 00:27:08,620

there times I I feel like I get maybe a

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00:27:16,110 --> 00:27:11,950

raised eyebrow from somebody more often

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00:27:18,570 --> 00:27:16,120

than not the the most I've received I

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00:27:21,300 --> 00:27:18,580

think are I can think of some instances

651  
00:27:23,220 --> 00:27:21,310  
where I think I had some people who I

652  
00:27:25,380 --> 00:27:23,230  
think thought this always rather

653  
00:27:27,030 --> 00:27:25,390  
frivolous you know why aren't you

654  
00:27:28,380 --> 00:27:27,040  
studying the things that really matter

655  
00:27:31,760 --> 00:27:28,390  
right you should be studying

656  
00:27:35,040 --> 00:27:31,770  
you know kings and queens and Wars and

657  
00:27:36,330 --> 00:27:35,050  
politics and things like that and I

658  
00:27:38,850 --> 00:27:36,340  
always tell people I've done a lot of

659  
00:27:41,070 --> 00:27:38,860  
that and it's not to say that this stuff

660  
00:27:42,960 --> 00:27:41,080  
doesn't actually you know have

661  
00:27:45,060 --> 00:27:42,970  
consequences and is meaningful and part

662  
00:27:48,600 --> 00:27:45,070  
of what I argue with those people is

663  
00:27:52,910 --> 00:27:48,610

that in fact no in fact the the story of

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00:27:55,680 --> 00:27:52,920

the the the Flying Saucer phenomenon and

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00:27:58,740 --> 00:27:55,690

claims of alien contact and all of that

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00:28:01,860 --> 00:27:58,750

that takes place after world war two has

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00:28:04,320 --> 00:28:01,870

been a very momentous event in human

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00:28:06,120 --> 00:28:04,330

history and it's having real impacts on

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00:28:09,420 --> 00:28:06,130

all sorts of things ranging from

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00:28:12,420 --> 00:28:09,430

politics to the ways in which we think

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00:28:14,940 --> 00:28:12,430

about scientific expertise so for me I

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00:28:16,110 --> 00:28:14,950

would make the sort of counter-argument

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00:28:18,480 --> 00:28:16,120

to those people they don't know I think

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00:28:20,910 --> 00:28:18,490

this stuff is is equally interesting and

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00:28:23,460 --> 00:28:20,920

and important is that stuff but on the

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00:28:26,220 --> 00:28:23,470

whole the react reactions and responses

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00:28:29,700 --> 00:28:26,230

I have gotten from most of my colleagues

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00:28:33,300 --> 00:28:29,710

is excitement they all find it pretty

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00:28:36,120 --> 00:28:33,310

cool well and actually if if we could

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00:28:39,240 --> 00:28:36,130

figure out what those things are whose

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00:28:40,860 --> 00:28:39,250

who's driving the craft so to speak I

682

00:28:43,890 --> 00:28:40,870

think that would be one of the biggest

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00:28:47,160 --> 00:28:43,900

answers you know very very very

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00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:47,170

important answer you know of course I

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00:28:52,110 --> 00:28:50,640

don't expect to actually know about that

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00:28:55,020 --> 00:28:52,120

anytime soon

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00:28:57,390 --> 00:28:55,030

you know along those lines I heard

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00:28:59,070 --> 00:28:57,400

someone from the 19 I think it was the

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00:29:00,150 --> 00:28:59,080

late 40s or early 50s it was a

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00:29:02,790 --> 00:29:00,160

black-and-white film

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00:29:05,310 --> 00:29:02,800

and he was a older gentleman and he was

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00:29:08,910 --> 00:29:05,320

saying I just hope I get to know in my

693

00:29:10,590 --> 00:29:08,920

lifetime you know what what you fo if if

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00:29:13,320 --> 00:29:10,600

it's aliens or not or something he said

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00:29:16,920 --> 00:29:13,330

something like that yeah yeah no it's

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00:29:18,600 --> 00:29:16,930

true it's true I mean you recently I was

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00:29:20,340 --> 00:29:18,610

doing some stuff writing and maybe we'll

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00:29:22,290 --> 00:29:20,350

get a chance to talk about it but you

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00:29:25,050 --> 00:29:22,300

know this is we are at the 50th

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00:29:26,400 --> 00:29:25,060

anniversary of the the issuing of the

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00:29:29,000 --> 00:29:26,410  
final report of the Condon committee

702  
00:29:33,630 --> 00:29:29,010  
back in 1969

703  
00:29:35,880 --> 00:29:33,640  
68 69 and I was writing I was writing

704  
00:29:40,110 --> 00:29:35,890  
something up about all that and was

705  
00:29:42,810 --> 00:29:40,120  
looking at those very early weeks and

706  
00:29:46,080 --> 00:29:42,820  
and and months as the Condon committee

707  
00:29:48,510 --> 00:29:46,090  
started its work in 1966 and if you look

708  
00:29:50,610 --> 00:29:48,520  
at the coverage what people were saying

709  
00:29:54,390 --> 00:29:50,620  
was that kind of thing it's there was

710  
00:29:55,380 --> 00:29:54,400  
huge expectations real excitement about

711  
00:29:57,900 --> 00:29:55,390  
my god

712  
00:29:59,940 --> 00:29:57,910  
we're finally gonna have the answers

713  
00:30:02,010 --> 00:29:59,950

we're finally going to have people look

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00:30:04,590 --> 00:30:02,020

into this and and so that to me was

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00:30:06,750 --> 00:30:04,600

fascinating which to see that that

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00:30:09,090 --> 00:30:06,760

people from all sort of walks of life

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00:30:11,670 --> 00:30:09,100

saw that as a great opportunity which

718

00:30:14,940 --> 00:30:11,680

actually was played down we're going

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00:30:22,140 --> 00:30:14,950

back we're going back where we have like

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00:30:26,420 --> 00:30:22,150

a 20 seconds race hello we have 40,000

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00:30:29,310 --> 00:30:26,430

well 45 yeah yeah so there was one

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00:30:30,780 --> 00:30:29,320

professor that was at the Colorado the

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00:30:32,880 --> 00:30:30,790

university Colorado or something like

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00:30:34,200 --> 00:30:32,890

that right and there I'm trying to

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00:30:35,610 --> 00:30:34,210

remember who the professor was that

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00:30:37,730 --> 00:30:35,620

really wanted to downplay the whole

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00:30:42,870 --> 00:30:37,740

thing and was really pushing it hard

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00:30:44,450 --> 00:30:42,880

yeah Oh wanted to push what hard the

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00:30:46,740 --> 00:30:44,460

fact that he wanted to you know come

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00:30:50,040 --> 00:30:46,750

well he wanted the report to say there's

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00:30:52,230 --> 00:30:50,050

nothing here oh yeah yeah I mean Condon

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00:30:55,320 --> 00:30:52,240

was really the one that's what it's a

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00:30:58,170 --> 00:30:55,330

course it is yeah committee yes music he

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00:31:00,270 --> 00:30:58,180

was even now you know I'm I always tell

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00:31:01,650 --> 00:31:00,280

I always tell people it's sad to say

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00:31:04,440 --> 00:31:01,660

this is a certain I'm terrible with

737

00:31:09,060 --> 00:31:04,450

names and dates it's already in the

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00:31:11,250 --> 00:31:09,070

report though okay racing back yes we

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00:31:15,890 --> 00:31:11,260

are okay we're ready on this are you

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00:31:25,710 --> 00:31:22,110

okay here we go in five four three two

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00:31:28,920 --> 00:31:25,720

all right welcome back my guest tonight

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00:31:31,500 --> 00:31:28,930

is Professor Greg I'm gonna say it wrong

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00:31:32,010 --> 00:31:31,510

he Orion can you say your name for us

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00:31:35,970 --> 00:31:32,020

place

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00:31:38,580 --> 00:31:35,980

Iggy Qian Iggy Iggy in a craggy gig lan

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00:31:41,250 --> 00:31:38,590

got it yeah I'm sorry about that don't

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00:31:45,840 --> 00:31:41,260

worry about it yeah yeah seeing the name

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00:31:50,220 --> 00:31:45,850

spelled out scares me so go be great

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00:31:51,510 --> 00:31:50,230

okay Greg professor Greg so right before

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00:31:53,280 --> 00:31:51,520

we went to break you were talking about

751  
00:31:56,130 --> 00:31:53,290  
there are some actually younger people

752  
00:31:58,500 --> 00:31:56,140  
looking into the topic and did you say

753  
00:32:01,610 --> 00:31:58,510  
that they're they're the phd's no once I

754  
00:32:07,080 --> 00:32:01,620  
know that there has been some thesis

755  
00:32:09,450 --> 00:32:07,090  
I've talked to Stan Friedman told me

756  
00:32:11,220 --> 00:32:09,460  
there was a few fewest students that

757  
00:32:13,380 --> 00:32:11,230  
have run their thesis on something to do

758  
00:32:16,940 --> 00:32:13,390  
with UFOs is this what's going on do you

759  
00:32:19,290 --> 00:32:16,950  
think yeah I mean what I what I see is a

760  
00:32:21,480 --> 00:32:19,300  
lot of I'll tell you what a lot of the

761  
00:32:23,970 --> 00:32:21,490  
younger people who are working on this

762  
00:32:27,240 --> 00:32:23,980  
topic are really interested in is a lot

763  
00:32:31,010 --> 00:32:27,250

of them I know are working on looking at

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00:32:33,360 --> 00:32:31,020

how the government and militaries

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00:32:36,150 --> 00:32:33,370

responded to this stuff particularly

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00:32:37,770 --> 00:32:36,160

they're looking in the 1950s and 60s a

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00:32:39,630 --> 00:32:37,780

lot of their researches they're

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00:32:44,190 --> 00:32:39,640

interested in this they're interested in

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00:32:47,850 --> 00:32:44,200

trying to figure out how this stuff sort

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00:32:50,880 --> 00:32:47,860

of set in motion investigative bodies

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00:32:53,580 --> 00:32:50,890

and agencies UFO desks as they're called

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00:32:57,570 --> 00:32:53,590

into place like the UK right how they

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00:32:59,490 --> 00:32:57,580

responded how they the extent to which

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00:33:00,390 --> 00:32:59,500

they took this stuff seriously or didn't

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00:33:04,140 --> 00:33:00,400

take it seriously

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00:33:06,390 --> 00:33:04,150

and then also how they tried to play

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00:33:08,130 --> 00:33:06,400

this all out visa vie the media right

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00:33:09,990 --> 00:33:08,140

and all that kind of stuff so that's

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00:33:12,180 --> 00:33:10,000

kind of what their work a lot of them I

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00:33:14,190 --> 00:33:12,190

know are working on well that's that's

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00:33:16,500 --> 00:33:14,200

interesting and you know it's funny when

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00:33:17,940 --> 00:33:16,510

you go to like you you're out at Phoenix

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00:33:20,220 --> 00:33:17,950

you went to the conference out there and

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00:33:22,080 --> 00:33:20,230

you don't see a lot of young people

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00:33:24,480 --> 00:33:22,090

actually attending you know maybe it's

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00:33:26,790 --> 00:33:24,490

something they look more or less online

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00:33:29,820 --> 00:33:26,800

and that's as far as it gets

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00:33:32,220 --> 00:33:29,830

sure but they're like gathering it I

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00:33:34,200 --> 00:33:32,230

mean there are a few I'm gonna say I'm

790

00:33:36,780 --> 00:33:34,210

not saying there aren't any but there's

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00:33:38,550 --> 00:33:36,790

just a few compared to you know a lot of

792

00:33:42,780 --> 00:33:38,560

people with the same type of hair you

793

00:33:45,080 --> 00:33:42,790

and I have great yeah no I think I think

794

00:33:48,180 --> 00:33:45,090

you're right what you're saying is

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00:33:50,190 --> 00:33:48,190

confirmed by other people elsewhere you

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00:33:53,700 --> 00:33:50,200

know I do because uh because this

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00:33:56,070 --> 00:33:53,710

project involves looking at sort of

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00:33:58,590 --> 00:33:56,080

developments outside the United States I

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00:34:03,180 --> 00:33:58,600

talked to a lot of connections with a

800

00:34:06,480 --> 00:34:03,190

lot of UFO researchers in Europe for

801  
00:34:09,810 --> 00:34:06,490  
instance and I hear this from people in

802  
00:34:13,260 --> 00:34:09,820  
Sweden I hear this from people in Italy

803  
00:34:15,150 --> 00:34:13,270  
I hear this from researchers in Great

804  
00:34:18,450 --> 00:34:15,160  
Britain that they all are having that

805  
00:34:21,180 --> 00:34:18,460  
experience that you as one guy said to

806  
00:34:23,870 --> 00:34:21,190  
me in Sweden it is really hard to get

807  
00:34:26,520 --> 00:34:23,880  
young people involved like we once did

808  
00:34:28,680 --> 00:34:26,530  
they all go to the Internet they all

809  
00:34:31,800 --> 00:34:28,690  
sort of that's tends to be the place

810  
00:34:34,169 --> 00:34:31,810  
that attracts them and while that that

811  
00:34:36,180 --> 00:34:34,179  
means they may still be very interested

812  
00:34:37,740 --> 00:34:36,190  
in this stuff but what it would it on

813  
00:34:39,240 --> 00:34:37,750

the other hand what it means is they

814

00:34:41,190 --> 00:34:39,250

don't tend to be part of organizations

815

00:34:43,500 --> 00:34:41,200

they don't tend to be a part of that

816

00:34:45,900 --> 00:34:43,510

community in the same way that things

817

00:34:48,030 --> 00:34:45,910

used to be right and so I hear this from

818

00:34:49,740 --> 00:34:48,040

a lot of the veterans right who sort of

819

00:34:52,620 --> 00:34:49,750

lament that kind of change happening

820

00:34:54,120 --> 00:34:52,630

yeah the only thing I've talked to a lot

821

00:34:56,250 --> 00:34:54,130

of people because I'm also in the fine

822

00:34:58,860 --> 00:34:56,260

arts and antiques I'm an appraiser and

823

00:35:00,830 --> 00:34:58,870

and I've talked to a lot of people were

824

00:35:03,300 --> 00:35:00,840

saying that young people are just not

825

00:35:07,050 --> 00:35:03,310

interested they're not going to any

826  
00:35:09,020 --> 00:35:07,060  
events like you know the the shows the

827  
00:35:13,080 --> 00:35:09,030  
antique shows and things like that but

828  
00:35:16,140 --> 00:35:13,090  
but what I have seen a great surgeon is

829  
00:35:17,850 --> 00:35:16,150  
comic-con's there's tons of young people

830  
00:35:20,760 --> 00:35:17,860  
at Comic Cons you know and that's

831  
00:35:23,160 --> 00:35:20,770  
somehow it's the pop culture hook you

832  
00:35:25,350 --> 00:35:23,170  
know that gets gets them involved and I

833  
00:35:27,120 --> 00:35:25,360  
can't remember who it was it might even

834  
00:35:30,300 --> 00:35:27,130  
been Alejandro that actually went to a

835  
00:35:36,120 --> 00:35:30,310  
Comic Con and set up a booth about Mo's

836  
00:35:37,980 --> 00:35:36,130  
and was successful so yeah yeah but I

837  
00:35:39,570 --> 00:35:37,990  
would think that would do it and and and

838  
00:35:40,740 --> 00:35:39,580

I think probably the gaming community

839

00:35:44,670 --> 00:35:40,750

too right

840

00:35:47,790 --> 00:35:44,680

yeah exactly huge huge yeah so those

841

00:35:53,580 --> 00:35:47,800

those are stupid seek connections and

842

00:35:55,170 --> 00:35:53,590

sort of these yeah yeah one of the what

843

00:35:58,230 --> 00:35:55,180

do you think of some other reasons why

844

00:35:59,880 --> 00:35:58,240

the this subject is neglected when it

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00:36:06,320 --> 00:35:59,890

comes to you know academic

846

00:36:10,070 --> 00:36:06,330

academics yeah well I mean I I think I

847

00:36:18,240 --> 00:36:10,080

think there I think one of the things is

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00:36:22,740 --> 00:36:18,250

the sense that there is how shall I put

849

00:36:25,470 --> 00:36:22,750

it no sort of sense or guidance you get

850

00:36:26,660 --> 00:36:25,480

from the mainstream of academic

851  
00:36:28,860 --> 00:36:26,670  
communities who would naturally

852  
00:36:31,400 --> 00:36:28,870  
gravitate towards this topic that is to

853  
00:36:34,140 --> 00:36:31,410  
say people like astronomers people like

854  
00:36:34,710 --> 00:36:34,150  
astrophysicists chemists whatever it

855  
00:36:39,150 --> 00:36:34,720  
might be

856  
00:36:41,970 --> 00:36:39,160  
no major organization no sort of large

857  
00:36:45,240 --> 00:36:41,980  
number of people in the field who have

858  
00:36:50,340 --> 00:36:45,250  
sort of stood up and said this demands

859  
00:36:52,320 --> 00:36:50,350  
all sorts of investigation it you

860  
00:36:54,240 --> 00:36:52,330  
through and and in investigations that

861  
00:36:56,070 --> 00:36:54,250  
are going to involve federal funding or

862  
00:36:58,080 --> 00:36:56,080  
funding from sort of the the typical

863  
00:37:00,930 --> 00:36:58,090

kind of sources you get who then are

864

00:37:02,850 --> 00:37:00,940

gonna after they get this funny then

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00:37:04,830 --> 00:37:02,860

present their their research in

866

00:37:07,310 --> 00:37:04,840

peer-reviewed journals in other words

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00:37:10,200 --> 00:37:07,320

follow the basic principles of academic

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00:37:12,090 --> 00:37:10,210

research that that all of us end up

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00:37:15,840 --> 00:37:12,100

doing who were in this line of work

870

00:37:18,750 --> 00:37:15,850

right nobody really has done that and is

871

00:37:21,510 --> 00:37:18,760

doing that the Condon committee that was

872

00:37:24,410 --> 00:37:21,520

formed in the 1960s right and that

873

00:37:27,510 --> 00:37:24,420

issued its final report fifty years ago

874

00:37:30,090 --> 00:37:27,520

you know was actually tasked with

875

00:37:32,040 --> 00:37:30,100

assessing that very question I mean if

876

00:37:34,650 --> 00:37:32,050

you look at the original sort of task

877

00:37:37,440 --> 00:37:34,660

for that committee Condon himself says

878

00:37:40,230 --> 00:37:37,450

we were tasked not to decide whether

879

00:37:41,340 --> 00:37:40,240

this was of importance national security

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00:37:42,570 --> 00:37:41,350

importance he said because the

881

00:37:45,270 --> 00:37:42,580

military's already said that's not

882

00:37:48,180 --> 00:37:45,280

important he said what we were tasked to

883

00:37:50,220 --> 00:37:48,190

do was to decide whether the government

884

00:37:51,900 --> 00:37:50,230

should think about investing money and

885

00:37:54,200 --> 00:37:51,910

investigating this stuff and the

886

00:37:56,630 --> 00:37:54,210

conclusion we came to was no

887

00:37:58,640 --> 00:37:56,640

and in a sense that became sort of the

888

00:38:00,500 --> 00:37:58,650

moment in which if there was kind of

889

00:38:02,090 --> 00:38:00,510

a definitive answer on the question at

890

00:38:05,360 --> 00:38:02,100

least viewed from the perspective of

891

00:38:07,760 --> 00:38:05,370

many and so that meant therefore all the

892

00:38:09,440 --> 00:38:07,770

kinds of research that gets done gets

893

00:38:12,260 --> 00:38:09,450

done the way it gets done now which is

894

00:38:14,060 --> 00:38:12,270

right privately gets done by you know

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00:38:17,540 --> 00:38:14,070

folks who are associated with to the

896

00:38:21,320 --> 00:38:17,550

stars right or it gets done by just a

897

00:38:23,210 --> 00:38:21,330

lot of average you know folks who are

898

00:38:26,210 --> 00:38:23,220

just interested on their own who do all

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00:38:30,320 --> 00:38:26,220

the legwork on their own right that's

900

00:38:32,960 --> 00:38:30,330

its it yeah pardon me Brian in the chat

901  
00:38:34,820 --> 00:38:32,970  
room has written this question here

902  
00:38:36,980 --> 00:38:34,830  
considering the strong evidence for

903  
00:38:39,890 --> 00:38:36,990  
government disinformation and cover-up

904  
00:38:43,040 --> 00:38:39,900  
is witness testimony the only historical

905  
00:38:45,740 --> 00:38:43,050  
access point to the UFO topic how does

906  
00:38:49,430 --> 00:38:45,750  
that affect your research yeah that's a

907  
00:38:51,200 --> 00:38:49,440  
good question so you do have the witness

908  
00:38:53,060 --> 00:38:51,210  
testimony but there's actually quite a

909  
00:38:55,820 --> 00:38:53,070  
lot I mean one of the one of the things

910  
00:38:59,900 --> 00:38:55,830  
I hadn't I had not expected when I got

911  
00:39:02,780 --> 00:38:59,910  
into this was to realize not just how

912  
00:39:05,570 --> 00:39:02,790  
much material is out there and available

913  
00:39:06,950 --> 00:39:05,580

anybody who goes and investigates UFOs

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00:39:08,270 --> 00:39:06,960

right know is that there's a lot of

915

00:39:10,880 --> 00:39:08,280

stuff especially in the age of the

916

00:39:15,560 --> 00:39:10,890

internet but what I one of the things I

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00:39:17,330 --> 00:39:15,570

found was that ufologists people who had

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00:39:21,280 --> 00:39:17,340

dating back to the people the very

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00:39:24,920 --> 00:39:21,290

earliest ones back in the 1950s are

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00:39:28,310 --> 00:39:24,930

amazing archivists they all almost all

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00:39:30,500 --> 00:39:28,320

of them kept all these files and records

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00:39:32,510 --> 00:39:30,510

of their research and naturally they

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00:39:34,730 --> 00:39:32,520

were doing it right because they were

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00:39:36,920 --> 00:39:34,740

trying to connect dots right they were

925

00:39:40,490 --> 00:39:36,930

trying to see what if there's a patterns

926  
00:39:43,970 --> 00:39:40,500  
of these things and so most all of them

927  
00:39:46,100 --> 00:39:43,980  
would keep these not only large amounts

928  
00:39:47,420 --> 00:39:46,110  
of information that they were tracking

929  
00:39:49,520 --> 00:39:47,430  
right either they were getting it

930  
00:39:50,900 --> 00:39:49,530  
through their local organization if they

931  
00:39:52,370 --> 00:39:50,910  
were involved in an organization and

932  
00:39:55,130 --> 00:39:52,380  
people they were interviewing or they

933  
00:39:57,170 --> 00:39:55,140  
would keep newspaper clippings or or

934  
00:39:59,450 --> 00:39:57,180  
anything along these lines but they

935  
00:40:03,260 --> 00:39:59,460  
would also keep them very well organized

936  
00:40:07,730 --> 00:40:03,270  
and so one of the things we have is a

937  
00:40:09,950 --> 00:40:07,740  
large number of personal papers of UF

938  
00:40:13,400 --> 00:40:09,960

researchers many of whom now are long

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00:40:15,560 --> 00:40:13,410

gone I learn around anymore you know

940

00:40:22,010 --> 00:40:15,570

Gordon Creighton for instance in the UK

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00:40:24,950 --> 00:40:22,020

right who was one of the big you write

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00:40:27,140 --> 00:40:24,960

their papers are available in archive so

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00:40:29,030 --> 00:40:27,150

you can now go into that material and

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00:40:31,010 --> 00:40:29,040

see the kind of Correspondence that

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00:40:32,660 --> 00:40:31,020

these people had with people who are

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00:40:33,800 --> 00:40:32,670

writing them saying hey this is

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00:40:37,310 --> 00:40:33,810

something I've seen or here are some

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00:40:40,240 --> 00:40:37,320

photographs I've taken so we do have the

949

00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:40,250

kinds of things of material that that

950

00:40:45,109 --> 00:40:42,810

Bryan's talking about you know from from

951  
00:40:48,560 --> 00:40:45,119  
say Project Blue Book or whatever right

952  
00:40:51,410 --> 00:40:48,570  
from these sort of military archives or

953  
00:40:53,720 --> 00:40:51,420  
the the UK defence ministry that

954  
00:40:55,850 --> 00:40:53,730  
material is there but we also now have

955  
00:40:57,620 --> 00:40:55,860  
all these other materials and they just

956  
00:41:00,410 --> 00:40:57,630  
keep growing we have more and more of it

957  
00:41:04,490 --> 00:41:00,420  
some of the stuff is even online so you

958  
00:41:06,710 --> 00:41:04,500  
can go back and look at files from you

959  
00:41:09,200 --> 00:41:06,720  
know the organization a pro or files

960  
00:41:12,740 --> 00:41:09,210  
from people who worked for NICAP right

961  
00:41:15,500 --> 00:41:12,750  
in ways that I wasn't really possible I

962  
00:41:17,780 --> 00:41:15,510  
think 20 years ago because a lot of

963  
00:41:19,940 --> 00:41:17,790

people who've been involved now are

964

00:41:21,590 --> 00:41:19,950

retiring or have passed away and the

965

00:41:24,770 --> 00:41:21,600

sense for a lot of those folks is we

966

00:41:26,540 --> 00:41:24,780

want to leave that information for for

967

00:41:28,520 --> 00:41:26,550

history right for people to go and look

968

00:41:31,700 --> 00:41:28,530

at so that's that's a lot of what we get

969

00:41:33,590 --> 00:41:31,710

to look at and utilize for sort of

970

00:41:38,030 --> 00:41:33,600

getting a better understanding of sort

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00:41:40,580 --> 00:41:38,040

of the history of the UFO phenomenon I'm

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00:41:43,460 --> 00:41:40,590

gonna be my upcoming guest soon as Dave

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00:41:46,910 --> 00:41:43,470

Marlar and hey is he a search library

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00:41:48,710 --> 00:41:46,920

and in Albuquerque and that's right

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00:41:50,390 --> 00:41:48,720

outside of Albuquerque and it's so open

976  
00:41:53,480 --> 00:41:50,400  
for anyone to do research at we're gonna

977  
00:41:57,080 --> 00:41:53,490  
be talking about that and and he's very

978  
00:41:59,390 --> 00:41:57,090  
useful yeah yeah given my regards I've

979  
00:42:01,550 --> 00:41:59,400  
met we've met oh you have yeah yeah so

980  
00:42:03,349 --> 00:42:01,560  
and also you mentioned Sweden the class

981  
00:42:05,750 --> 00:42:03,359  
phone in Sweden they have a wonderful

982  
00:42:08,599 --> 00:42:05,760  
library there and I saw on your website

983  
00:42:10,240 --> 00:42:08,609  
that you went to Italy pretty jealous so

984  
00:42:13,160 --> 00:42:10,250  
that you get to go over there and and

985  
00:42:14,270 --> 00:42:13,170  
this is either library there you want to

986  
00:42:16,270 --> 00:42:14,280  
talk a little bit about that it was in

987  
00:42:21,880 --> 00:42:16,280  
Turin or how do you say it were yeah

988  
00:42:24,620 --> 00:42:21,890

yeah and yeah I was in Turin and Eduardo

989

00:42:26,750 --> 00:42:24,630

Rousseau invited me I had a chance to

990

00:42:30,590 --> 00:42:26,760

chat with him and several other of the

991

00:42:32,270 --> 00:42:30,600

the kind of veterans involved in UFO

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00:42:35,900 --> 00:42:32,280

reach I mean my god a lot of them and

993

00:42:40,420 --> 00:42:35,910

active since the 1970s working but your

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00:42:43,970 --> 00:42:40,430

Christ quite right the the the the Turin

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00:42:46,370 --> 00:42:43,980

Research Center in library is really

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00:42:47,900 --> 00:42:46,380

second I mean in this way at least

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00:42:50,030 --> 00:42:47,910

Eduardo talked about it with me it

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00:42:52,280 --> 00:42:50,040

certainly looked that way to me is is

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00:42:54,290 --> 00:42:52,290

second only to the one in Sweden and in

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00:42:56,660 --> 00:42:54,300

noir shop being Sweden in terms of its

1001  
00:42:59,540 --> 00:42:56,670  
size in terms of the amount of material

1002  
00:43:01,490 --> 00:42:59,550  
they have and in both places what you

1003  
00:43:03,349 --> 00:43:01,500  
what you see when you go out into these

1004  
00:43:06,620 --> 00:43:03,359  
places first of all is you have these

1005  
00:43:09,470 --> 00:43:06,630  
amazingly friendly kind and generous

1006  
00:43:11,150 --> 00:43:09,480  
people who sort of open up the place to

1007  
00:43:14,990 --> 00:43:11,160  
you give you a sense of what's there and

1008  
00:43:18,640 --> 00:43:15,000  
then let you drown but what you also see

1009  
00:43:22,849 --> 00:43:18,650  
is is a is a remarkable collection of

1010  
00:43:25,250 --> 00:43:22,859  
material as I say ranging from you know

1011  
00:43:26,510 --> 00:43:25,260  
the personal papers of UFO researchers

1012  
00:43:28,370 --> 00:43:26,520  
who want to make sure that all this

1013  
00:43:30,770 --> 00:43:28,380

stuff that they did gets preserved but

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00:43:34,070 --> 00:43:30,780

you also have a also the important work

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00:43:38,420 --> 00:43:34,080

of collecting entire periodicals right

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00:43:40,640 --> 00:43:38,430

mat UFO magazines UFO newsletters of not

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00:43:43,460 --> 00:43:40,650

just national organizations but also

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00:43:46,910 --> 00:43:43,470

local ones the kind of things that

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00:43:50,420 --> 00:43:46,920

frankly tend to disappear over time

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00:43:52,580 --> 00:43:50,430

right that stuff is absolutely

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00:43:54,830 --> 00:43:52,590

invaluable for anybody who wants to do

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00:43:57,950 --> 00:43:54,840

historical research and to reconstruct

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00:44:01,060 --> 00:43:57,960

the way people used to go about doing

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00:44:03,620 --> 00:44:01,070

things that's me is really cool stuff -

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00:44:07,400 --> 00:44:03,630

yeah with stickers on it to take a look

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00:44:11,390 --> 00:44:07,410

at so so well documented and you know

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00:44:12,800 --> 00:44:11,400

there are you know just in what I do as

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00:44:15,290 --> 00:44:12,810

far as appraising and things like that I

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00:44:17,180 --> 00:44:15,300

know that so many things get tossed out

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00:44:19,970 --> 00:44:17,190

like they say that you know every him

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00:44:22,430 --> 00:44:19,980

Lincoln was a lawyer for you know 25

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00:44:23,840 --> 00:44:22,440

years and people have deeds up in their

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00:44:26,060 --> 00:44:23,850

attic they have no idea they're signed

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00:44:28,010 --> 00:44:26,070

by Abraham Lincoln you know three or

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00:44:30,800 --> 00:44:28,020

four thousand dollar signature you know

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00:44:32,990 --> 00:44:30,810

type of thing so everything a lot of

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00:44:35,240 --> 00:44:33,000

things do get just plain tossed out and

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00:44:36,590 --> 00:44:35,250

I think of for instance Paul Ben

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00:44:40,120 --> 00:44:36,600

it's case I don't know if you've ever

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00:44:43,550 --> 00:44:40,130

heard of Paul bennewitz in in New Mexico

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00:44:46,190 --> 00:44:43,560

but anyway you know I'm sure there's a

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00:44:52,160 --> 00:44:46,200

lot of documents in that family and it

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00:44:54,170 --> 00:44:52,170

in it ended very poorly for him so no

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00:44:56,240 --> 00:44:54,180

one really wants to go in and try to

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00:44:58,730 --> 00:44:56,250

talk to the family about you know trying

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00:45:00,740 --> 00:44:58,740

to get new information but yeah it's

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00:45:02,150 --> 00:45:00,750

great to preserve it and again the show

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00:45:05,920 --> 00:45:02,160

I'll be doing with Dave Marlow will be

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00:45:08,840 --> 00:45:05,930

discussing a lot of that so as far as

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00:45:11,540 --> 00:45:08,850

what do you consider some of the really

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00:45:14,000 --> 00:45:11,550

interesting historical cases that are

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00:45:17,300 --> 00:45:14,010

pretty solid and you know made an

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00:45:19,460 --> 00:45:17,310

impression on you yeah so you know what

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00:45:21,650 --> 00:45:19,470

I always say to folks is for me what

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00:45:23,360 --> 00:45:21,660

would interest me and I get particularly

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00:45:26,780 --> 00:45:23,370

sort of excited about the geeky

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00:45:31,220 --> 00:45:26,790

historian here is you know I get it I

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00:45:34,400 --> 00:45:31,230

get excited by by certain figures or

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00:45:37,690 --> 00:45:34,410

certain kinds of moments in history

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00:45:40,370 --> 00:45:37,700

where I feel like there is a sort of a

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00:45:43,160 --> 00:45:40,380

meeting or a kind of an intersection of

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00:45:45,560 --> 00:45:43,170

a lot of different forces that often

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00:45:49,130 --> 00:45:45,570

means forces that are in a collision

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00:45:52,130 --> 00:45:49,140

course and and they maybe provoke a kind

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00:45:53,810 --> 00:45:52,140

of a bruja right about so a lot of those

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00:45:56,480 --> 00:45:53,820

things are the things that sort of get

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00:45:59,930 --> 00:45:56,490

my attention I mean I'm kind of

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00:46:04,790 --> 00:45:59,940

fascinated for instance I especially

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00:46:07,040 --> 00:46:04,800

with say something like the the the

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00:46:09,410 --> 00:46:07,050

Betty and Barney Hill abduction case

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00:46:12,080 --> 00:46:09,420

right which in many ways right a lot of

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00:46:15,860 --> 00:46:12,090

people see is sort of the first the the

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00:46:17,720 --> 00:46:15,870

the first case we know it wasn't the

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00:46:19,250 --> 00:46:17,730

first case but but it's the one that

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00:46:21,890 --> 00:46:19,260

gets all the attention particularly in

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00:46:24,470 --> 00:46:21,900

the United States in a sense the case

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00:46:27,920 --> 00:46:24,480

itself is intriguing but what's really

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00:46:31,160 --> 00:46:27,930

kind of striking to me that about about

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00:46:32,990 --> 00:46:31,170

this this case that that you know sort

1080

00:46:37,880 --> 00:46:33,000

of comes to the public public attention

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00:46:38,990 --> 00:46:37,890

I think only in watts 65 1965-1966 even

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00:46:42,290 --> 00:46:39,000

though it's supposed to have taken place

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00:46:45,620 --> 00:46:42,300

several years earlier is that you have

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00:46:47,840 --> 00:46:45,630

kind of this intriguing thing which is

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00:46:49,100 --> 00:46:47,850

that you've got the hills and they're

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00:46:53,180 --> 00:46:49,110

experienced you

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00:46:55,850 --> 00:46:53,190

them going to Donald Kehoe and people in

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00:46:57,830 --> 00:46:55,860

nycap for assistance in making sense of

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00:47:00,170 --> 00:46:57,840

this and then they can sort of conduct

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00:47:02,810 --> 00:47:00,180

their own investigation you then have

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00:47:04,910 --> 00:47:02,820

this famous journalist at the time

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00:47:09,200 --> 00:47:04,920

another kind of an unsung person in the

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00:47:11,150 --> 00:47:09,210

history of UFOs is John fuller who I

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00:47:13,670 --> 00:47:11,160

heard you just talking about Exeter

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00:47:16,070 --> 00:47:13,680

right and who wrote the city at Exeter

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00:47:20,420 --> 00:47:16,080

right but then he writes the interrupted

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00:47:23,570 --> 00:47:20,430

journey who really makes that case is

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00:47:27,470 --> 00:47:23,580

the key to making that case what it was

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00:47:30,110 --> 00:47:27,480

by writing it up in a book that is

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00:47:32,750 --> 00:47:30,120

absolutely riveting right in a way that

1101  
00:47:34,280 --> 00:47:32,760  
probably Barney and Betty could not have

1102  
00:47:37,880 --> 00:47:34,290  
done so you needed this sort of

1103  
00:47:39,530 --> 00:47:37,890  
journalist figure to sort of do that but

1104  
00:47:43,430 --> 00:47:39,540  
then what's kind of intriguing to me

1105  
00:47:46,040 --> 00:47:43,440  
about it is that while this becomes a

1106  
00:47:48,770 --> 00:47:46,050  
best-selling book while he gets lots and

1107  
00:47:50,810 --> 00:47:48,780  
lots of attention by and large the

1108  
00:47:53,900 --> 00:47:50,820  
interesting thing is you don't get a lot

1109  
00:47:56,420 --> 00:47:53,910  
of stories of alien abduction until

1110  
00:48:00,220 --> 00:47:56,430  
really in the mid to late part of the

1111  
00:48:03,350 --> 00:48:00,230  
1970s you don't get a lot of people

1112  
00:48:05,270 --> 00:48:03,360  
saying similar things you don't get you

1113  
00:48:07,040 --> 00:48:05,280

know the kind of dig on this is that

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00:48:09,110 --> 00:48:07,050

that well what this does is it creates a

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00:48:11,210 --> 00:48:09,120

model for copycats and people who are

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00:48:13,850 --> 00:48:11,220

gonna mimic it right but you don't have

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00:48:17,060 --> 00:48:13,860

that that doesn't really happen it takes

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00:48:19,670 --> 00:48:17,070

about ten years for you to start to see

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00:48:21,320 --> 00:48:19,680

the emergence of things that that you

1120

00:48:23,390 --> 00:48:21,330

know Travis Walton right the Travis

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00:48:25,280 --> 00:48:23,400

Waltons story that then takes place for

1122

00:48:27,530 --> 00:48:25,290

instance and it's it it shares some

1123

00:48:29,810 --> 00:48:27,540

elements of this stuff but it's not the

1124

00:48:32,420 --> 00:48:29,820

same kind of a story so I find to me

1125

00:48:35,210 --> 00:48:32,430

what's kind of interesting is both the

1126

00:48:37,370 --> 00:48:35,220

way in which that that that that story

1127

00:48:39,500 --> 00:48:37,380

about the the scenario of alien

1128

00:48:41,720 --> 00:48:39,510

abduction that comes with all the hills

1129

00:48:44,780 --> 00:48:41,730

takes shape but I'm also kind of

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00:48:46,670 --> 00:48:44,790

intrigued by this sort of lag this sort

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00:48:49,070 --> 00:48:46,680

of almost ten year period in which

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00:48:51,170 --> 00:48:49,080

there's not anything else that sort of

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00:48:53,450 --> 00:48:51,180

gets people's attention on the same

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00:48:56,450 --> 00:48:53,460

scale for another ten years or so

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00:48:59,630 --> 00:48:56,460

why how is it that that happens what is

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00:49:02,720 --> 00:48:59,640

it about that case or how it was written

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00:49:05,000 --> 00:49:02,730

up or or how people sort of moved on

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00:49:07,490 --> 00:49:05,010

two other topics that meant that this

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00:49:09,650 --> 00:49:07,500

case really doesn't take the sort of

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00:49:12,859 --> 00:49:09,660

assume the stature it does until really

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00:49:15,560 --> 00:49:12,869

the 1970s and 80s and that's when the

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00:49:18,770 --> 00:49:15,570

hills case really becomes kind of the

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00:49:21,410 --> 00:49:18,780

cause celeb right in in terms of alien

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00:49:23,720 --> 00:49:21,420

abduction stories right there movie came

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00:49:28,400 --> 00:49:23,730

out I can't remember exactly what your

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00:49:30,650 --> 00:49:28,410

was the step is yeah yeah yeah and so it

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00:49:33,290 --> 00:49:30,660

it it really doesn't sort of take on

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00:49:34,940 --> 00:49:33,300

that kind of stature and you know you

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00:49:38,510 --> 00:49:34,950

could say the same thing about Roswell

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00:49:40,940 --> 00:49:38,520

right Roswell wasn't a big story for

1151  
00:49:43,609 --> 00:49:40,950  
many decades right until Stan Friedman

1152  
00:49:46,580 --> 00:49:43,619  
sort of made it into one and and sort of

1153  
00:49:47,780 --> 00:49:46,590  
and rediscovered the story right so that

1154  
00:49:50,120 --> 00:49:47,790  
that kind of that's a kind of an

1155  
00:49:53,420 --> 00:49:50,130  
intriguing sort of lesson in the way in

1156  
00:49:55,849 --> 00:49:53,430  
which things can emerge then disappear

1157  
00:49:58,490 --> 00:49:55,859  
and then reimagine as sort of getting on

1158  
00:50:01,550 --> 00:49:58,500  
people's radar right I asked Stan last

1159  
00:50:03,470 --> 00:50:01,560  
time I spoke with him if he thought that

1160  
00:50:07,400 --> 00:50:03,480  
the Roswell story would have come out if

1161  
00:50:09,200 --> 00:50:07,410  
he did not have that situation where you

1162  
00:50:11,030 --> 00:50:09,210  
know where he stumbled into the whole

1163  
00:50:13,340 --> 00:50:11,040

thing you know was actually he was

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00:50:17,080 --> 00:50:13,350

waiting at a radio station and the topic

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00:50:19,160 --> 00:50:17,090

just came up to talk to mmm you know

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00:50:21,530 --> 00:50:19,170

that's kind of how that whole thing

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00:50:22,849 --> 00:50:21,540

happened and I think he said that he

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00:50:25,580 --> 00:50:22,859

thinks it would have come out just you

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00:50:29,150 --> 00:50:25,590

know just eventually and probably would

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00:50:31,910 --> 00:50:29,160

have you know but who knows yes yeah and

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00:50:33,920 --> 00:50:31,920

so what do you think of that do you

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00:50:36,260 --> 00:50:33,930

think that that whole thing has been

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00:50:38,150 --> 00:50:36,270

blown way out of proportion or what do

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00:50:41,330 --> 00:50:38,160

you think about Roswell in general yeah

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00:50:45,290 --> 00:50:41,340

I mean I think I think the the the the

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00:50:46,820 --> 00:50:45,300

Roswell case is is again so I look at

1177

00:50:49,040 --> 00:50:46,830

things again I look at things pretty

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00:50:51,980 --> 00:50:49,050

differently you know one of things I

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00:50:56,150 --> 00:50:51,990

always tell people whether I'm talking

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00:50:59,030 --> 00:50:56,160

to you know a professor of physics and

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00:51:01,580 --> 00:50:59,040

astrophysics or talking to somebody

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00:51:03,200 --> 00:51:01,590

who's had a UFO experience or talking to

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00:51:05,080 --> 00:51:03,210

somebody like Stan Freeman I tell

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00:51:08,030 --> 00:51:05,090

everybody the same thing which is that

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00:51:10,700 --> 00:51:08,040

my approach to this stuff is I just

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00:51:14,740 --> 00:51:10,710

stand I'm I'm an outsider in a sense

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00:51:16,580 --> 00:51:14,750

okay I I do not go about picking sides

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00:51:19,340 --> 00:51:16,590

trying to decide

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00:51:20,890 --> 00:51:19,350

is this real or is or is this something

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00:51:23,510 --> 00:51:20,900

to debunk or is this something to

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00:51:25,940 --> 00:51:23,520

promote and say people need to take more

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00:51:28,940 --> 00:51:25,950

take this more seriously my approaches

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00:51:31,220 --> 00:51:28,950

is really for lack of a better term or

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00:51:33,470 --> 00:51:31,230

journalistic if you will right and so

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00:51:37,610 --> 00:51:33,480

what I'm kind of interested in when I

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00:51:40,250 --> 00:51:37,620

look at a case like Roswell is the the

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00:51:42,500 --> 00:51:40,260

kind of PR about it right and and

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00:51:46,400 --> 00:51:42,510

particularly at the moment the PR about

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00:51:49,670 --> 00:51:46,410

it it's a it is a case in which clearly

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00:51:51,950 --> 00:51:49,680

secrets were being kept about about an

1201  
00:51:55,910 --> 00:51:51,960  
event that took place in an area where

1202  
00:51:58,250 --> 00:51:55,920  
the military was active right now that

1203  
00:52:00,410 --> 00:51:58,260  
is not an unusual thing to happen right

1204  
00:52:02,990 --> 00:52:00,420  
this is what the military doesn't it

1205  
00:52:05,240 --> 00:52:03,000  
particularly does those things in the

1206  
00:52:09,110 --> 00:52:05,250  
wake of World War two I think what we

1207  
00:52:12,320 --> 00:52:09,120  
often forget is the kind of secrecy and

1208  
00:52:16,220 --> 00:52:12,330  
that the resistance to talking about

1209  
00:52:19,670 --> 00:52:16,230  
anything related to military technology

1210  
00:52:21,440 --> 00:52:19,680  
military investigations and all that we

1211  
00:52:23,900 --> 00:52:21,450  
associate with the Cold War was a

1212  
00:52:25,850 --> 00:52:23,910  
phenomenon that precedes the Cold War it

1213  
00:52:28,970 --> 00:52:25,860

was something that was a big part of

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00:52:31,340 --> 00:52:28,980

world war two and so when things start

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00:52:34,730 --> 00:52:31,350

to bleed into the Cold War in the in

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00:52:36,500 --> 00:52:34,740

those mid 1940s there's just a carryover

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00:52:38,900 --> 00:52:36,510

that takes place it's kind of the

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00:52:41,840 --> 00:52:38,910

default setting of the military is

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00:52:42,860 --> 00:52:41,850

always deny everything right it's just

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00:52:45,860 --> 00:52:42,870

deny everything

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00:52:47,630 --> 00:52:45,870

and so in a sense I I've often looked at

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00:52:50,540 --> 00:52:47,640

that and said that kind of response to

1223

00:52:53,660 --> 00:52:50,550

me doesn't read as conspiracy to me it

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00:52:56,480 --> 00:52:53,670

reads as you know this is just what we

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00:53:00,560 --> 00:52:56,490

do we don't like to share information

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00:53:03,530 --> 00:53:00,570

about the things that go on you know on

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00:53:07,900 --> 00:53:03,540

our bases or or in our encampments right

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00:53:11,390 --> 00:53:07,910

and so to me when it comes to these

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00:53:13,310 --> 00:53:11,400

concerns that people have about why why

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00:53:15,800 --> 00:53:13,320

don't we get more information can't we

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00:53:18,670 --> 00:53:15,810

get more information what I see and what

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00:53:21,590 --> 00:53:18,680

I read is a kind of a situation in which

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00:53:23,450 --> 00:53:21,600

the authorities in question clearly had

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00:53:27,560 --> 00:53:23,460

reasons because they were playing around

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00:53:29,480 --> 00:53:27,570

with with all sorts of new technologies

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00:53:30,930 --> 00:53:29,490

that they didn't want the Soviet Union

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00:53:34,750 --> 00:53:30,940

to have any aware

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00:53:36,970 --> 00:53:34,760

they are going to concoct things they

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00:53:39,910 --> 00:53:36,980

are going to change their stories if it

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00:53:42,190 --> 00:53:39,920

means it creates a little more cloud

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00:53:44,170 --> 00:53:42,200

ease up the picture in some way and so I

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00:53:44,710 --> 00:53:44,180

think that adds a lot of fuel to the

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00:53:49,390 --> 00:53:44,720

fire

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00:53:52,150 --> 00:53:49,400

definitely and after the war you know

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00:53:54,700 --> 00:53:52,160

the everyone did take the government

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00:53:58,300 --> 00:53:54,710

very seriously and you know the oath

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00:54:02,290 --> 00:53:58,310

very seriously and you know so there was

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00:54:05,470 --> 00:54:02,300

a lot of that so we are ready to go into

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00:54:08,200 --> 00:54:05,480

break and we'll see if we have some

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00:54:10,030 --> 00:54:08,210

questions coming up so go come all right

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00:54:15,570 --> 00:54:10,040

sorry one hang in there we'll be right

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00:54:20,740 --> 00:54:18,430

all right Martin we're clear just again

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00:54:24,070 --> 00:54:20,750

over four minutes in this break got it

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00:54:28,120 --> 00:54:24,080

okay thanks a lot yeah okay so let's see

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00:54:30,160 --> 00:54:28,130

looking to see if we had any other any

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00:54:32,110 --> 00:54:30,170

other questions so have you heard of

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00:54:35,220 --> 00:54:32,120

John Greenwald someone mentioned him in

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00:54:38,380 --> 00:54:35,230

the chat room he has released a lot of

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00:54:40,600 --> 00:54:38,390

Freedom of Information Act documents you

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00:54:43,030 --> 00:54:40,610

know I'm gonna say hundreds of thousands

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00:54:44,770 --> 00:54:43,040

of documents mmm he's really you know

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00:54:48,870 --> 00:54:44,780

you talk about he's he's on the younger

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00:54:50,890 --> 00:54:48,880

side and so he's doing this all digital

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00:54:56,350 --> 00:54:50,900

mm-hmm so there's a lot of information

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00:54:59,920 --> 00:54:56,360

because of him and so and a lot of on

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00:55:04,510 --> 00:54:59,930

historical cases so I will tell you that

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00:55:06,640 --> 00:55:04,520

after after we go back we're gonna open

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00:55:08,680 --> 00:55:06,650

the phone lines to so if anyone wants to

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00:55:14,950 --> 00:55:08,690

call in we'll be taking calls a little

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00:55:15,940 --> 00:55:14,960

bit later on so let's see I do have a

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00:55:20,290 --> 00:55:15,950

question

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00:55:23,190 --> 00:55:20,300

some histories from do you ever look

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00:55:25,480 --> 00:55:23,200

into any of the histories from

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00:55:28,480 --> 00:55:25,490

pertaining to the Bible and aliens

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00:55:31,350 --> 00:55:28,490

that's a question in chat yeah yeah I

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00:55:35,290 --> 00:55:31,360

mean well you know because I think

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00:55:42,100 --> 00:55:35,300

what's intriguing is there right after

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00:55:44,180 --> 00:55:42,110

very soon very very soon after the the

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00:55:46,130 --> 00:55:44,190

whole appearance of the first

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00:55:49,640 --> 00:55:46,140

saucers of the kennel Kenneth Arnold

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00:55:53,599 --> 00:55:49,650

sighting in 47 within the span of just a

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00:55:59,180 --> 00:55:53,609

few years you do get people who start to

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00:56:03,559 --> 00:55:59,190

say that that that UFOs are of direct

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00:56:05,270 --> 00:56:03,569

relevance to religion and to the Bible

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00:56:08,510 --> 00:56:05,280

right and that you gather that two

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00:56:11,240 --> 00:56:08,520

counts one our theologians actually it's

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00:56:14,120 --> 00:56:11,250

actually real honest-to-god theologians

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00:56:16,880 --> 00:56:14,130

in both Protestant and and and Catholic

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00:56:20,329 --> 00:56:16,890

churches who are asking questions and

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00:56:23,170 --> 00:56:20,339

say the if these are aliens this raises

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00:56:27,349 --> 00:56:23,180

all sorts of theological questions right

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00:56:30,079 --> 00:56:27,359

are these people saved who are they are

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00:56:33,710 --> 00:56:30,089

they are they are they the equivalent of

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00:56:36,529 --> 00:56:33,720

fallen angels or are they perhaps you

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00:56:38,660 --> 00:56:36,539

know beings who have their who are

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00:56:40,760 --> 00:56:38,670

actually living in paradise and who are

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00:56:43,309 --> 00:56:40,770

now visiting us I mean there's actual in

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00:56:45,520 --> 00:56:43,319

the ninety nineteen fifties real serious

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00:56:48,740 --> 00:56:45,530

discussions about this among theologians

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00:56:53,480 --> 00:56:48,750

but then which you also get our people

1301  
00:56:54,920 --> 00:56:53,490  
and there's a very famous Russian figure

1302  
00:56:56,839 --> 00:56:54,930  
by the name of aggressed

1303  
00:56:59,900 --> 00:56:56,849  
who does the research on this who

1304  
00:57:02,539 --> 00:56:59,910  
basically starts to say I think we need

1305  
00:57:04,519 --> 00:57:02,549  
to look at documents like the Bible and

1306  
00:57:07,880 --> 00:57:04,529  
like archaeological evidence and look

1307  
00:57:11,390 --> 00:57:07,890  
for any indications that these might be

1308  
00:57:14,599 --> 00:57:11,400  
alien in nature and origins right so

1309  
00:57:17,720 --> 00:57:14,609  
that that kind of line of questioning

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00:57:21,019 --> 00:57:17,730  
that kind of thing opens up actually

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00:57:23,059 --> 00:57:21,029  
already in the early 1950s I think is

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00:57:25,670 --> 00:57:23,069  
when a Gress starts to do this stuff a

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00:57:27,769 --> 00:57:25,680

way before erich von Daniken and people

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00:57:30,410 --> 00:57:27,779

like that he's doing this decades

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00:57:32,569 --> 00:57:30,420

beforehand and so it does lead the

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00:57:35,390 --> 00:57:32,579

people to start to and if you look at

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00:57:37,819 --> 00:57:35,400

the lot of UFO periodicals in the 50s

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00:57:40,370 --> 00:57:37,829

there's already a lot of people who are

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very very interested in drawing those

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00:57:45,230 --> 00:57:43,020

connections and seeing are there ways to

1321

00:57:48,319 --> 00:57:45,240

see evidence in the Bible that might

1322

00:57:50,450 --> 00:57:48,329

reflect back on what what's happening to

1323

00:57:53,599 --> 00:57:50,460

us today and vice versa might

1324

00:57:55,279 --> 00:57:53,609

UFOs be a give us a way to revisit some

1325

00:57:57,079 --> 00:57:55,289

of those passages in the Bible so

1326  
00:57:57,880 --> 00:57:57,089  
there's there's a story to be told about

1327  
00:58:00,310 --> 00:57:57,890  
those connect

1328  
00:58:03,730 --> 00:58:00,320  
and the way that gets sort of minted in

1329  
00:58:05,320 --> 00:58:03,740  
the early 50s and 60s I see yeah well

1330  
00:58:07,090 --> 00:58:05,330  
we're coming back in about 20 seconds

1331  
00:58:09,640 --> 00:58:07,100  
but someone did have a question about

1332  
00:58:11,650 --> 00:58:09,650  
your thoughts on ancient aliens but I

1333  
00:58:13,840 --> 00:58:11,660  
don't think we're gonna have time to

1334  
00:58:17,500 --> 00:58:13,850  
cover that in this break so we will

1335  
00:58:20,680 --> 00:58:17,510  
carry that into the show itself and how

1336  
00:58:23,050 --> 00:58:20,690  
are we ready to go back live we've got

1337  
00:58:26,470 --> 00:58:23,060  
just over 20 seconds all right that

1338  
00:58:29,530 --> 00:58:26,480

sounds good so we will again we'll be

1339

00:58:32,230 --> 00:58:29,540

taking calls right after we go back live

1340

00:58:32,680 --> 00:58:32,240

and sometimes people call and sometimes

1341

00:58:36,960 --> 00:58:32,690

they don't

1342

00:58:38,950 --> 00:58:36,970

we'll see what happens again we'll have

1343

00:58:40,870 --> 00:58:38,960

commercial-free in the second half of

1344

00:58:42,790 --> 00:58:40,880

the show yeah sounds good

1345

00:58:48,850 --> 00:58:42,800

all right Upper music is about to begin

1346

00:58:51,840 --> 00:58:48,860

here in two seconds let's let this roll

1347

00:58:54,100 --> 00:58:51,850

for just a second here and then and

1348

00:58:57,480 --> 00:58:54,110

we're right on we're right on time

1349

00:59:01,800 --> 00:58:57,490

perfectly right at the top of the hour

1350

00:59:08,890 --> 00:59:01,810

all right here we go Martin yep in five

1351  
00:59:11,170 --> 00:59:08,900  
four three two all right welcome back my

1352  
00:59:15,730 --> 00:59:11,180  
guest is Professor Greg how do you like

1353  
00:59:17,980 --> 00:59:15,740  
that yeah so we're having a good time

1354  
00:59:23,380 --> 00:59:17,990  
we're talking about the history of UFOs

1355  
00:59:25,270 --> 00:59:23,390  
and earlier on we with Alejandro I was

1356  
00:59:27,610 --> 00:59:25,280  
talking about SETI I heard your take on

1357  
00:59:28,780 --> 00:59:27,620  
SETI and I wanted to discuss that a

1358  
00:59:32,110 --> 00:59:28,790  
little bit what you thought in general

1359  
00:59:34,000 --> 00:59:32,120  
and I think I believe I heard you say

1360  
00:59:38,170 --> 00:59:34,010  
you think there's some type of parallel

1361  
00:59:39,690 --> 00:59:38,180  
between ufology and and SETI and so like

1362  
00:59:44,020 --> 00:59:39,700  
for you to discuss that if you would

1363  
00:59:49,180 --> 00:59:44,030

yeah I think there is I mean so you know

1364

00:59:51,550 --> 00:59:49,190

SETI is born in in the basically right

1365

00:59:54,250 --> 00:59:51,560

around the turn of the 1960s so right

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00:59:58,600 --> 00:59:54,260

around right 59 60 61 that group that

1367

01:00:01,720 --> 00:59:58,610

forms that becomes this you know Frank

1368

01:00:05,740 --> 01:00:01,730

Drake and Carl Sagan among others who

1369

01:00:08,530 --> 01:00:05,750

are involved in that if if you look at a

1370

01:00:10,810 --> 01:00:08,540

SETI in the way said he plays out it's

1371

01:00:11,440 --> 01:00:10,820

it's really intriguing particularly when

1372

01:00:13,780 --> 01:00:11,450

you think about

1373

01:00:23,860 --> 01:00:13,790

historically for a couple of reasons one

1374

01:00:27,010 --> 01:00:23,870

is similar to UFO UFO u futures who have

1375

01:00:30,460 --> 01:00:27,020

this idea that maybe what we do is we

1376

01:00:32,740 --> 01:00:30,470

can try to detect signals that are being

1377

01:00:34,060 --> 01:00:32,750

sent sent to us or might possibly be

1378

01:00:35,590 --> 01:00:34,070

being sent in our direction

1379

01:00:37,690 --> 01:00:35,600

um they where they're walking a

1380

01:00:39,460 --> 01:00:37,700

tightrope because a lot of people in

1381

01:00:42,120 --> 01:00:39,470

their community are thinking this is

1382

01:00:44,770 --> 01:00:42,130

kind of crazy this doesn't seem to be

1383

01:00:47,800 --> 01:00:44,780

normal kind of science to us and so

1384

01:00:51,040 --> 01:00:47,810

they're kind of having to walk this kind

1385

01:00:53,800 --> 01:00:51,050

of tightrope and and that's something

1386

01:00:56,050 --> 01:00:53,810

similar to what you see in ufology is is

1387

01:00:58,840 --> 01:00:56,060

this question is you know sometimes hey

1388

01:01:01,210 --> 01:00:58,850

is this line of investigation really

1389

01:01:03,700 --> 01:01:01,220

warranted is this maybe a bit on the

1390

01:01:06,160 --> 01:01:03,710

margins that kind of thing but what you

1391

01:01:09,100 --> 01:01:06,170

also get to my mind is the interesting

1392

01:01:11,020 --> 01:01:09,110

thing about SETI is that that that for

1393

01:01:13,630 --> 01:01:11,030

all of the work that's been done and all

1394

01:01:16,660 --> 01:01:13,640

of the thinking about SETI basically has

1395

01:01:18,880 --> 01:01:16,670

been as a scientific venture been not

1396

01:01:21,580 --> 01:01:18,890

terribly well funded relative to other

1397

01:01:23,890 --> 01:01:21,590

kind of big scientific projects similar

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01:01:28,300 --> 01:01:23,900

ufology which has always been under

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01:01:31,960 --> 01:01:28,310

under financed and under funded and that

1400

01:01:34,120 --> 01:01:31,970

it has basically not of course had any

1401

01:01:37,150 --> 01:01:34,130

real positives to show for it right it

1402

01:01:39,550 --> 01:01:37,160

hasn't had any major findings

1403

01:01:41,950 --> 01:01:39,560

in fact this has if you look at the

1404

01:01:44,650 --> 01:01:41,960

history of SETI when it's it's basically

1405

01:01:46,720 --> 01:01:44,660

it went before the government to try to

1406

01:01:49,660 --> 01:01:46,730

get funding this has been one of the

1407

01:01:52,060 --> 01:01:49,670

hurdles it has historically faced is why

1408

01:01:53,830 --> 01:01:52,070

would we finance you when we don't get

1409

01:01:56,070 --> 01:01:53,840

results and I think that the what the

1410

01:01:58,720 --> 01:01:56,080

argument I think I keep I kept seeing

1411

01:02:01,330 --> 01:01:58,730

when you look at it is well but what

1412

01:02:04,000 --> 01:02:01,340

happens when we do yeah if we find

1413

01:02:06,160 --> 01:02:04,010

something it'll be well worth it but yes

1414

01:02:09,370 --> 01:02:06,170

this is a bit of a needle in a haystack

1415

01:02:12,910 --> 01:02:09,380

stay hates that kind of project and so

1416

01:02:15,730 --> 01:02:12,920

we get that yeah so in a way you know

1417

01:02:18,240 --> 01:02:15,740

ufology and SETI they have they they

1418

01:02:24,520 --> 01:02:18,250

share a very similar fate to one another

1419

01:02:25,540 --> 01:02:24,530

and they do sort of play at a game in

1420

01:02:28,900 --> 01:02:25,550

which a lot of

1421

01:02:34,810 --> 01:02:28,910

what they have to do is to in fact try

1422

01:02:37,330 --> 01:02:34,820

to make a case to funders to people who

1423

01:02:39,340 --> 01:02:37,340

have some money and also to make their

1424

01:02:40,720 --> 01:02:39,350

case to the public directly right that's

1425

01:02:42,340 --> 01:02:40,730

where they really have to make their

1426

01:02:45,850 --> 01:02:42,350

case they keep saying we're this close

1427

01:02:47,560 --> 01:02:45,860

were this close yeah we have a caller on

1428

01:02:50,440 --> 01:02:47,570

the line caller your first name and

1429

01:02:52,150 --> 01:02:50,450

where you're calling from hey guys

1430

01:02:54,610 --> 01:02:52,160

that's Christopher from Phoenix Arizona

1431

01:02:56,970 --> 01:02:54,620

hi Christopher welcome to the show

1432

01:03:00,000 --> 01:02:56,980

you have a question for our guest yeah

1433

01:03:03,280 --> 01:03:00,010

yeah thanks for taking my call and a

1434

01:03:07,150 --> 01:03:03,290

subject that I find confounding out

1435

01:03:08,650 --> 01:03:07,160

often is cattle mutilation and I don't I

1436

01:03:10,030 --> 01:03:08,660

know a lot of people talk about UFOs

1437

01:03:12,190 --> 01:03:10,040

people who aren't really interested in

1438

01:03:14,470 --> 01:03:12,200

UFOs will sort of think about or talk

1439

01:03:16,540 --> 01:03:14,480

about ET and that kind of stuff in a

1440

01:03:18,600 --> 01:03:16,550

vague way but I almost hear no one

1441

01:03:22,180 --> 01:03:18,610

outside of the hardcore sort of

1442

01:03:24,460 --> 01:03:22,190

paranormal or us ology even knowing

1443

01:03:26,890 --> 01:03:24,470

about this cattle mutilation thing which

1444

01:03:28,330 --> 01:03:26,900

is so weird it's almost hard to think

1445

01:03:31,630 --> 01:03:28,340

about it's hard to talk about it so

1446

01:03:33,310 --> 01:03:31,640

McCobb but you know I it just seems like

1447

01:03:35,590 --> 01:03:33,320

something very odd is happening and I'll

1448

01:03:36,850 --> 01:03:35,600

just curious what you guessed it have

1449

01:03:41,980 --> 01:03:36,860

anything to say about that or a thoughts

1450

01:03:44,050 --> 01:03:41,990

on that okay yeah yeah wow that's neat

1451

01:03:50,320 --> 01:03:44,060

yeah I mean what's interesting about

1452

01:03:54,280 --> 01:03:50,330

that is is the stories of of cattle of

1453

01:03:56,560 --> 01:03:54,290

cattle mutilation or actual a lot of you

1454

01:04:00,640 --> 01:03:56,570

also get stories of cattle abductions

1455

01:04:03,070 --> 01:04:00,650

right actually precede the whole sort of

1456

01:04:06,670 --> 01:04:03,080

flying saucer phenomenon that emerges in

1457

01:04:08,500 --> 01:04:06,680

the 1940s you have in in you know

1458

01:04:09,880 --> 01:04:08,510

there's a very very famous incident that

1459

01:04:12,070 --> 01:04:09,890

a lot of people have written about and

1460

01:04:15,910 --> 01:04:12,080

talked about of a big airship scare in

1461

01:04:17,950 --> 01:04:15,920

the late 1890s right and what we know is

1462

01:04:20,290 --> 01:04:17,960

some of the stories that were told about

1463

01:04:23,290 --> 01:04:20,300

these strange airships that supposedly

1464

01:04:24,700 --> 01:04:23,300

were appearing all across the United

1465

01:04:29,770 --> 01:04:24,710

States is that there were several cases

1466

01:04:33,010 --> 01:04:29,780

in which supposedly witnesses saw their

1467

01:04:36,160 --> 01:04:33,020

cattle or at least one cow being sort of

1468

01:04:39,580 --> 01:04:36,170

taken up by like ropes or something by

1469

01:04:41,980 --> 01:04:39,590

this airship and

1470

01:04:44,770 --> 01:04:41,990

and that that that that becomes sort of

1471

01:04:46,990 --> 01:04:44,780

part of that kind of lore that surrounds

1472

01:04:49,120 --> 01:04:47,000

that particular scare but you what we

1473

01:04:51,340 --> 01:04:49,130

also know from from people who study

1474

01:04:54,010 --> 01:04:51,350

folklore particularly of peasant

1475

01:04:56,980 --> 01:04:54,020

communities rural communities is that

1476

01:05:00,609 --> 01:04:56,990

this this this kind of idea that that

1477

01:05:05,130 --> 01:05:00,619

cattle are being attacked mutilated

1478

01:05:08,349 --> 01:05:05,140

kidnapped stolen and things like this by

1479

01:05:11,170 --> 01:05:08,359

not just your average rustlers right but

1480

01:05:13,540 --> 01:05:11,180

by something mysterious or by perhaps an

1481

01:05:16,990 --> 01:05:13,550

animal or a beast of some kind is

1482

01:05:20,170 --> 01:05:17,000

something that goes back very very early

1483

01:05:21,970 --> 01:05:20,180

in in history and I've heard folklorists

1484

01:05:24,730 --> 01:05:21,980

talk about it saying that what it has a

1485

01:05:27,250 --> 01:05:24,740

lot to do with is that these are stories

1486

01:05:30,480 --> 01:05:27,260

that are supposed to be kind of warnings

1487

01:05:32,740 --> 01:05:30,490

to people who of course live in live

1488

01:05:34,840 --> 01:05:32,750

typically particularly the small peasant

1489

01:05:36,340 --> 01:05:34,850

farmer they didn't say if you think

1490

01:05:38,950 --> 01:05:36,350

about the Middle Ages or something are

1491

01:05:43,320 --> 01:05:38,960

living basically like hand-to-mouth and

1492

01:05:45,940 --> 01:05:43,330

so the idea that cattle could be

1493

01:05:48,730 --> 01:05:45,950

destroyed or harmed or killed or

1494

01:05:52,180 --> 01:05:48,740

mutilated in some way becomes part of a

1495

01:05:54,820 --> 01:05:52,190

story about how precarious how insecure

1496

01:05:56,980 --> 01:05:54,830

life life on these farms were

1497

01:05:59,680 --> 01:05:56,990

particularly back in those days right

1498

01:06:02,260 --> 01:05:59,690

and so what I find kind of interesting

1499

01:06:05,920 --> 01:06:02,270

about it therefore is that that the

1500

01:06:08,920 --> 01:06:05,930

stories about cattles being endangered

1501  
01:06:10,870 --> 01:06:08,930  
right and the possibly being endangered

1502  
01:06:12,910 --> 01:06:10,880  
by things that are not entirely human

1503  
01:06:14,859 --> 01:06:12,920  
are in fact stories that date back

1504  
01:06:16,570 --> 01:06:14,869  
hundreds and hundreds of years actually

1505  
01:06:20,349 --> 01:06:16,580  
Wow interesting

1506  
01:06:21,390 --> 01:06:20,359  
yeah I don't know yeah it's really

1507  
01:06:23,590 --> 01:06:21,400  
interesting

1508  
01:06:26,440 --> 01:06:23,600  
thanks yeah because you want to think of

1509  
01:06:28,000 --> 01:06:26,450  
oh that's fine yep no problem thanks for

1510  
01:06:31,390 --> 01:06:28,010  
taking my call no no go ahead continue

1511  
01:06:34,240 --> 01:06:31,400  
stirring to say some yeah head oh I was

1512  
01:06:36,700 --> 01:06:34,250  
just gonna make a last note here but we

1513  
01:06:38,410 --> 01:06:36,710

often think of tea and we want to

1514

01:06:40,420 --> 01:06:38,420

project on to them that they must be

1515

01:06:42,099 --> 01:06:40,430

highly sophisticated of course from

1516

01:06:43,510 --> 01:06:42,109

traveling and that sort of thing so the

1517

01:06:45,940 --> 01:06:43,520

only think well why would they care

1518

01:06:47,200 --> 01:06:45,950

about a cow or a dog

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01:06:49,030 --> 01:06:47,210

don't they already know everything there

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01:06:51,640 --> 01:06:49,040

is to know about cows and dogs or

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01:06:52,960 --> 01:06:51,650

whatever cattle might have been taken so

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01:06:55,120 --> 01:06:52,970

it really sort of

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01:06:56,800 --> 01:06:55,130

it does drive a wedge intellectually

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01:07:00,070 --> 01:06:56,810

it's for me when I try to think about

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01:07:01,720 --> 01:07:00,080

why would a sophisticated being wanna

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01:07:03,430 --> 01:07:01,730

why would they keep searching through

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01:07:05,560 --> 01:07:03,440

them but I guess we have to imagine that

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01:07:07,150 --> 01:07:05,570

there's a lot of different species that

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01:07:10,000 --> 01:07:07,160

were being visited by they have

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01:07:11,710 --> 01:07:10,010

different insurances and so on so but

1531

01:07:13,210 --> 01:07:11,720

yeah it's fast any stuff thanks for

1532

01:07:15,820 --> 01:07:13,220

taking my call I appreciate it all right

1533

01:07:19,300 --> 01:07:15,830

thank you for the call yeah thanks thank

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01:07:21,280 --> 01:07:19,310

you so one of the things that I was

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01:07:23,349 --> 01:07:21,290

thinking about you've written about the

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01:07:24,940 --> 01:07:23,359

history of the mutual mistrust between

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01:07:28,270 --> 01:07:24,950

ufologist scientists and government

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01:07:31,660 --> 01:07:28,280

agencies can you tell where you think

1539

01:07:36,099 --> 01:07:31,670

this mistrust comes from yeah I mean

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01:07:39,040 --> 01:07:36,109

it's there right we know it's there we

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01:07:41,290 --> 01:07:39,050

know it it played out in sometimes

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01:07:44,380 --> 01:07:41,300

rather serious ways right because we we

1543

01:07:48,730 --> 01:07:44,390

know historically from a very early

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01:07:52,510 --> 01:07:48,740

phase in in you know already in 1949 and

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01:07:54,760 --> 01:07:52,520

1950 right someone like Donald Kehoe the

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01:07:56,859 --> 01:07:54,770

who ends up of course being most well

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01:07:59,589 --> 01:07:56,869

known for not just his books but for

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01:08:03,060 --> 01:07:59,599

being the director of NICAP a big big

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01:08:06,040 --> 01:08:03,070

national organization in the 50s and 60s

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01:08:09,400 --> 01:08:06,050

already back then he's he's saying that

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01:08:10,750 --> 01:08:09,410

there's there's a lot of mistrust on the

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01:08:12,190 --> 01:08:10,760

part of government officials and

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01:08:15,370 --> 01:08:12,200

military officials of people like

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01:08:18,450 --> 01:08:15,380

himself and we also know that the

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01:08:20,740 --> 01:08:18,460

government actually did spy on UFO

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01:08:24,900 --> 01:08:20,750

researchers and organizations in the

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01:08:27,519 --> 01:08:24,910

1950s and 1960s so there's been a lot of

1558

01:08:29,979 --> 01:08:27,529

mutual mistrust all around in these

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01:08:34,260 --> 01:08:29,989

issues and I think a lot of it has to do

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01:08:37,300 --> 01:08:34,270

with in a sense I think of

1561

01:08:39,370 --> 01:08:37,310

misunderstanding of the motivations of a

1562

01:08:42,400 --> 01:08:39,380

lot of the people involved i I think

1563

01:08:44,650 --> 01:08:42,410

that on the part of you know scientists

1564

01:08:47,709 --> 01:08:44,660

who are in the academic realm I think

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01:08:50,380 --> 01:08:47,719

they have historically viewed the

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01:08:53,380 --> 01:08:50,390

subject not just simply as kind of

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01:08:55,959 --> 01:08:53,390

frivolous and and and maybe even

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01:08:59,349 --> 01:08:55,969

downright for many of them silly but I

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01:09:01,630 --> 01:08:59,359

think they viewed the the people who did

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01:09:03,490 --> 01:09:01,640

UFO research and who are interested in

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01:09:06,280 --> 01:09:03,500

this subject as people who are anti

1572

01:09:09,400 --> 01:09:06,290

science people who are attacking

1573

01:09:13,720 --> 01:09:09,410

science and have no patience for it and

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01:09:16,030 --> 01:09:13,730

want to basically embrace what they look

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01:09:18,940 --> 01:09:16,040

people like the D bunker in the 50s

1576

01:09:20,860 --> 01:09:18,950

Donald Menzel called superstition and I

1577

01:09:23,050 --> 01:09:20,870

think the reality is when you look at

1578

01:09:25,300 --> 01:09:23,060

the history of UFO research and the

1579

01:09:27,760 --> 01:09:25,310

people who have been mostly interested

1580

01:09:30,430 --> 01:09:27,770

in this subject for the most part these

1581

01:09:32,470 --> 01:09:30,440

are excuse me these are people who

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01:09:35,260 --> 01:09:32,480

actually are really really interested in

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01:09:38,380 --> 01:09:35,270

science who are deeply in I think quite

1584

01:09:40,450 --> 01:09:38,390

well informed about science they're not

1585

01:09:42,460 --> 01:09:40,460

anti science at all I've very few people

1586

01:09:43,809 --> 01:09:42,470

I've met our anti science who are

1587

01:09:46,180 --> 01:09:43,819

interested I think it's just the

1588

01:09:50,410 --> 01:09:46,190

opposite and by the same measure I think

1589

01:09:53,650 --> 01:09:50,420

a lot of UFO enthusiasts and and people

1590

01:09:55,770 --> 01:09:53,660

who are UFO researchers have tended to

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01:09:58,690 --> 01:09:55,780

view the kind of skepticism of

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01:10:05,010 --> 01:09:58,700

scientists and people you know in my

1593

01:10:07,300 --> 01:10:05,020

kind of line of work as people who

1594

01:10:12,090 --> 01:10:07,310

dismiss these kinds of claims that

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01:10:14,680 --> 01:10:12,100

people make because they just they view

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01:10:19,090 --> 01:10:14,690

witnesses and they view claimants as as

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01:10:20,530 --> 01:10:19,100

as dumb or stupid or or hoaxers or

1598

01:10:22,900 --> 01:10:20,540

things and I think that actually is

1599

01:10:26,680 --> 01:10:22,910

quite wrong I think that in in fact a

1600

01:10:30,160 --> 01:10:26,690

lot of a lot of people particularly by

1601

01:10:32,050 --> 01:10:30,170

the 1960s and 70s who are in the

1602

01:10:34,030 --> 01:10:32,060

academic field who look at this kind of

1603

01:10:35,920 --> 01:10:34,040

stuff actually believe that most people

1604

01:10:38,110 --> 01:10:35,930

are being actually quite sincere and

1605

01:10:41,170 --> 01:10:38,120

that that witnesses are oftentimes

1606

01:10:44,080 --> 01:10:41,180

seeing something that people are having

1607

01:10:47,500 --> 01:10:44,090

experiences that are bewildering or

1608

01:10:49,510 --> 01:10:47,510

outright scary but that what they do is

1609

01:10:52,150 --> 01:10:49,520

they believe there might be all sorts of

1610

01:10:55,450 --> 01:10:52,160

other explanations that can help inform

1611

01:10:57,610 --> 01:10:55,460

that right so I think in a sense the

1612

01:11:00,160 --> 01:10:57,620

mutual mistrust comes from the fact that

1613

01:11:02,170 --> 01:11:00,170

that for lack of a better term what

1614

01:11:05,950 --> 01:11:02,180

often happens is people are talking past

1615

01:11:08,010 --> 01:11:05,960

one another that that it's actually an

1616

01:11:12,550 --> 01:11:08,020

inability to communicate effectively

1617

01:11:15,520 --> 01:11:12,560

that is in large large part results in

1618

01:11:17,920 --> 01:11:15,530

this kind of distrust that everybody has

1619

01:11:19,690 --> 01:11:17,930

for for the other side if you want to

1620

01:11:24,670 --> 01:11:19,700

put it that way yeah

1621

01:11:27,520 --> 01:11:24,680

yeah interesting so as far as as far as

1622

01:11:29,380 --> 01:11:27,530

the someone had put a question up just

1623

01:11:32,050 --> 01:11:29,390

before we came back from the break and

1624

01:11:34,900 --> 01:11:32,060

what your thoughts were on like ancient

1625

01:11:38,170 --> 01:11:34,910

times you know so to speak ancient

1626

01:11:40,180 --> 01:11:38,180

aliens but you know I mean I've I have

1627

01:11:43,270 --> 01:11:40,190

thoughts on that myself

1628

01:11:46,030 --> 01:11:43,280

I just think weren't just a as far as a

1629

01:11:50,050 --> 01:11:46,040

human you know existence is just a small

1630

01:11:53,560 --> 01:11:50,060

sliver of time you know for instance so

1631

01:11:56,830 --> 01:11:53,570

yeah so we haven't really talked much

1632

01:12:01,000 --> 01:11:56,840

about the actual alien topic its itself

1633

01:12:02,440 --> 01:12:01,010

but so do you want to just discuss what

1634

01:12:05,650 --> 01:12:02,450

your thoughts about like if we were

1635

01:12:09,130 --> 01:12:05,660

being visited were we being visited in

1636

01:12:11,680 --> 01:12:09,140

ancient times as well yeah well I you

1637

01:12:14,170 --> 01:12:11,690

know I a former colleague of mine

1638

01:12:15,700 --> 01:12:14,180

actually did some research on this a guy

1639

01:12:17,230 --> 01:12:15,710

by the name of Garrett Fagan who

1640

01:12:21,430 --> 01:12:17,240

unfortunately passed away a few years

1641

01:12:23,260 --> 01:12:21,440

ago but in ancient Roman historian it

1642

01:12:26,680 --> 01:12:23,270

had done some stuff on this and and you

1643

01:12:30,640 --> 01:12:26,690

know his argument and and about this was

1644

01:12:31,870 --> 01:12:30,650

that when you look at this stuff is that

1645

01:12:34,240 --> 01:12:31,880

it doesn't add up

1646

01:12:36,760 --> 01:12:34,250

is that his argument and and a lot of

1647

01:12:40,660 --> 01:12:36,770

his collaborators in this project that

1648

01:12:43,480 --> 01:12:40,670

he worked on saying that by and large a

1649

01:12:48,760 --> 01:12:43,490

lot of the kinds of arguments to be made

1650

01:12:52,120 --> 01:12:48,770

about this involve incorrect uses of

1651

01:12:54,760 --> 01:12:52,130  
evidence ignoring other kinds of

1652

01:12:57,490 --> 01:12:54,770  
evidence that's out there so that it

1653

01:12:59,290 --> 01:12:57,500  
becomes a at best a kind of a

1654

01:13:02,860 --> 01:12:59,300  
speculative kind of argument about

1655

01:13:05,830 --> 01:13:02,870  
things I'm not an archaeologist so I'm

1656

01:13:09,160 --> 01:13:05,840  
never gonna claim to know about how

1657

01:13:11,400 --> 01:13:09,170  
archaeology sort of can sort of inform

1658

01:13:12,610 --> 01:13:11,410  
us about this stuff I think to me he

1659

01:13:24,210 --> 01:13:12,620  
what

1660

01:13:27,490 --> 01:13:24,220  
notion of invoking aliens to understand

1661

01:13:29,320 --> 01:13:27,500  
certain artifacts right the creation of

1662

01:13:31,780 --> 01:13:29,330  
the pyramids for instance or or other

1663

01:13:33,280 --> 01:13:31,790

kinds of things that that we consider

1664

01:13:35,800 --> 01:13:33,290

remarkable or

1665

01:13:39,340 --> 01:13:35,810

jool right that date back to ancient

1666

01:13:44,740 --> 01:13:39,350

times um it innit

1667

01:13:47,470 --> 01:13:44,750

it is part of an argument that it hides

1668

01:13:49,690 --> 01:13:47,480

the kind of an assumption in it and that

1669

01:13:53,050 --> 01:13:49,700

working assumption is always of course

1670

01:13:56,500 --> 01:13:53,060

that that the aliens would come and

1671

01:13:57,910 --> 01:13:56,510

visit us have to be remarkably advanced

1672

01:14:00,370 --> 01:13:57,920

right the only way they could ever get

1673

01:14:02,290 --> 01:14:00,380

here and and to do the kinds of things

1674

01:14:04,120 --> 01:14:02,300

that we still find impossible to do is

1675

01:14:05,290 --> 01:14:04,130

he human beings right we we still are

1676

01:14:08,290 --> 01:14:05,300

trying to figure out can we really get

1677

01:14:10,960 --> 01:14:08,300

some Mart ready to make that work well

1678

01:14:14,010 --> 01:14:10,970

these beans would have to be so advanced

1679

01:14:16,960 --> 01:14:14,020

that they would then of course be

1680

01:14:19,210 --> 01:14:16,970

responsible for in fact II grant eight

1681

01:14:21,700 --> 01:14:19,220

innovations in human history and I think

1682

01:14:24,070 --> 01:14:21,710

what some people would argue is what

1683

01:14:27,010 --> 01:14:24,080

that means is therefore it seems to be

1684

01:14:29,140 --> 01:14:27,020

in undervaluing of human beings aren't

1685

01:14:31,240 --> 01:14:29,150

we a little more wily aren't we a little

1686

01:14:34,480 --> 01:14:31,250

craftier than that some people would

1687

01:14:38,530 --> 01:14:34,490

argue can't we don't we show the ability

1688

01:14:40,420 --> 01:14:38,540

they - in fact these things innovate

1689

01:14:42,580 --> 01:14:40,430

develop advanced technologies in ways

1690

01:14:44,680 --> 01:14:42,590

without the assistance of these beings

1691

01:14:46,810 --> 01:14:44,690

from another planet and so you kind of

1692

01:14:49,420 --> 01:14:46,820

get this interesting argument I think

1693

01:14:51,820 --> 01:14:49,430

it's sort of underneath all this that's

1694

01:14:54,190 --> 01:14:51,830

really about this question about what

1695

01:14:58,320 --> 01:14:54,200

our human being is really capable right

1696

01:15:02,140 --> 01:14:58,330

how how good are we at seen ourselves

1697

01:15:04,000 --> 01:15:02,150

technologically in scientific hit at any

1698

01:15:05,440 --> 01:15:04,010

given period of time that's kind of what

1699

01:15:09,220 --> 01:15:05,450

I I find kind of entreating in those

1700

01:15:13,570 --> 01:15:09,230

discussions right Wow you know you know

1701

01:15:15,610 --> 01:15:13,580

as far as the the topic of one thing we

1702

01:15:19,630 --> 01:15:15,620

haven't we haven't really discussed much

1703

01:15:22,360 --> 01:15:19,640

of and and that is you know and I'm

1704

01:15:24,730 --> 01:15:22,370

always the first to say that a UFO

1705

01:15:27,670 --> 01:15:24,740

doesn't necessarily mean that it's alien

1706

01:15:29,290 --> 01:15:27,680

you know I mean we expect I'm talking

1707

01:15:32,830 --> 01:15:29,300

about the you know UFOs that are

1708

01:15:36,790 --> 01:15:32,840

unexplainable no one as far as I know

1709

01:15:39,130 --> 01:15:36,800

really knows for sure but you seem to

1710

01:15:42,220 --> 01:15:39,140

have enough of an open mind to think

1711

01:15:45,850 --> 01:15:42,230

that it's a possibility as far as us

1712

01:15:46,839 --> 01:15:45,860

being visited alejandro mentioned

1713

01:15:49,449 --> 01:15:46,849

earlier on that i had

1714

01:15:52,509 --> 01:15:49,459

I had a debate a long time ago with Seth

1715

01:15:55,179 --> 01:15:52,519

Shostak from city and basically the

1716

01:15:57,879 --> 01:15:55,189

thought is you know the thinking in

1717

01:15:58,299 --> 01:15:57,889

human terms they can't get here from

1718

01:16:01,419 --> 01:15:58,309

there

1719

01:16:02,679 --> 01:16:01,429

you know and I remember asking him

1720

01:16:04,659 --> 01:16:02,689

something well maybe they figured

1721

01:16:06,459 --> 01:16:04,669

something out in physics that we have

1722

01:16:06,909 --> 01:16:06,469

not even touched upon yet or something

1723

01:16:09,699 --> 01:16:06,919

like that

1724

01:16:12,819 --> 01:16:09,709

he actually said well it's possible but

1725

01:16:14,919 --> 01:16:12,829

unlikely and so what are your thoughts

1726

01:16:16,449 --> 01:16:14,929

of you know the thing always comes up as

1727

01:16:18,580 --> 01:16:16,459

the distance thing what are your

1728

01:16:23,040 --> 01:16:18,590

thoughts about that if we actually are

1729

01:16:25,239 --> 01:16:23,050

being visited by a distant intelligence

1730

01:16:28,810 --> 01:16:25,249

yeah I mean you know it's interesting

1731

01:16:32,229 --> 01:16:28,820

that you talk about what Seth Shostak

1732

01:16:36,609 --> 01:16:32,239

told you that that refrain is a refrain

1733

01:16:38,679 --> 01:16:36,619

I've seen also in in kind of in the

1734

01:16:41,529 --> 01:16:38,689

archival materials that I've looked at

1735

01:16:43,689 --> 01:16:41,539

surrounding the crowd who worked on SETI

1736

01:16:45,489 --> 01:16:43,699

sort of that original crowd and and the

1737

01:16:49,419 --> 01:16:45,499

people were working in the 70s and 80s

1738

01:16:51,699 --> 01:16:49,429

on it I year ago for instance I was

1739

01:16:54,459 --> 01:16:51,709

looking through Carl Sagan's papers in

1740

01:16:56,529 --> 01:16:54,469

Washington DC and and some of his

1741

01:16:59,469 --> 01:16:56,539

personal letters and things like that

1742

01:17:03,449 --> 01:16:59,479

and one of the things that I saw in

1743

01:17:05,889 --> 01:17:03,459

there that that struck me as as kind of

1744

01:17:09,339 --> 01:17:05,899

reflected my own sort of take on things

1745

01:17:13,569 --> 01:17:09,349

was some correspondence TV was talking

1746

01:17:15,159 --> 01:17:13,579

with Oana Walden SETI so this is not

1747

01:17:17,429 --> 01:17:15,169

them talking in public and they were

1748

01:17:22,929 --> 01:17:17,439

both saying to one another basically

1749

01:17:24,279 --> 01:17:22,939

look I don't see any kind of reason at

1750

01:17:27,310 --> 01:17:24,289

this stage with the evidence we have

1751

01:17:29,949 --> 01:17:27,320

that allows me to sort of say in any any

1752

01:17:31,599 --> 01:17:29,959

with any kind of certainty that that

1753

01:17:36,759 --> 01:17:31,609

this is happening or that this has

1754

01:17:39,790 --> 01:17:36,769

happened but if one day it happens it

1755

01:17:42,069 --> 01:17:39,800

will it won't surprise me if we find the

1756

01:17:44,229 --> 01:17:42,079

evidence or if one day it happens it

1757

01:17:46,509 --> 01:17:44,239

wouldn't surprise me and that's kind of

1758

01:17:48,909 --> 01:17:46,519

the attitude that they had about it

1759

01:17:51,639 --> 01:17:48,919

right I think we sometimes remember

1760

01:17:53,469 --> 01:17:51,649

people like Carl Sagan and as the the

1761

01:17:55,389 --> 01:17:53,479

great debunk or I I don't know if that's

1762

01:17:57,520 --> 01:17:55,399

your impression but you know he was kind

1763

01:17:59,439 --> 01:17:57,530

of a little more open-minded about these

1764

01:18:00,729 --> 01:17:59,449

things than he's often given credit I

1765

01:18:02,350 --> 01:18:00,739

know what do you what do you hear

1766

01:18:04,720 --> 01:18:02,360

take well saying things and that there

1767

01:18:07,330 --> 01:18:04,730

is a paper that he wrote in the 60s

1768

01:18:08,770 --> 01:18:07,340

where he actually was saying there's a

1769

01:18:11,950 --> 01:18:08,780

probability I don't know if you've ever

1770

01:18:15,100 --> 01:18:11,960

stumbled across that I don't that one

1771

01:18:18,129 --> 01:18:15,110

now yeah but also there is a there was a

1772

01:18:21,879 --> 01:18:18,139

story now I I don't know how you know

1773

01:18:24,189 --> 01:18:21,889

solid this story is but a he was on

1774

01:18:25,839 --> 01:18:24,199

stage with I don't want to say with Stan

1775

01:18:29,009 --> 01:18:25,849

Freeman but someone that was around for

1776

01:18:32,319 --> 01:18:29,019

a long time and they had a quiet

1777

01:18:34,330 --> 01:18:32,329

conversation supposedly and he basically

1778

01:18:36,370 --> 01:18:34,340

said well I think a lot more about it

1779

01:18:38,350 --> 01:18:36,380

than I ever talk about it and those

1780

01:18:39,729 --> 01:18:38,360

words up he said it and I will never

1781

01:18:41,500 --> 01:18:39,739

catch me talking about it

1782

01:18:45,040 --> 01:18:41,510

you know so he's afraid it was a career

1783

01:18:49,060 --> 01:18:45,050

killer obviously yeah yeah well I you

1784

01:18:50,890 --> 01:18:49,070

know I've looked at some of this

1785

01:18:53,709 --> 01:18:50,900

material particularly the 60s when he

1786

01:18:55,359 --> 01:18:53,719

was just really fresh he was agree he

1787

01:18:58,330 --> 01:18:55,369

was a greenhorn at that stage of his

1788

01:19:00,220 --> 01:18:58,340

career in the late 60s and I've seen his

1789

01:19:01,959 --> 01:19:00,230

interactions with some of the older

1790

01:19:05,140 --> 01:19:01,969

colleagues who were physicists and

1791

01:19:08,109 --> 01:19:05,150

astronomers and a lot of them were very

1792

01:19:10,270 --> 01:19:08,119

upset with the way in which he was

1793

01:19:13,060 --> 01:19:10,280

willing to engage in discussions with

1794

01:19:14,350 --> 01:19:13,070

UFO researchers and I still remember one

1795

01:19:17,140 --> 01:19:14,360

letter he had in exchange with one

1796

01:19:20,080 --> 01:19:17,150

Harvard astronomer who's basically said

1797

01:19:22,629 --> 01:19:20,090

I'm paraphrasing now Carl stop doing

1798

01:19:24,220 --> 01:19:22,639

this it's gonna kill your career you're

1799

01:19:26,229 --> 01:19:24,230

never you're never gonna get a good

1800

01:19:28,089 --> 01:19:26,239

serious job if you keep doing this

1801

01:19:31,600 --> 01:19:28,099

you're looking ridiculous and his

1802

01:19:33,790 --> 01:19:31,610

response was I believe in dialogue I

1803

01:19:36,580 --> 01:19:33,800

believe in conversation and it's one of

1804

01:19:39,609 --> 01:19:36,590

the things I really respect about Sagan

1805

01:19:41,649 --> 01:19:39,619

was he was always interested in the idea

1806

01:19:43,779 --> 01:19:41,659

that we don't shut down conversation we

1807

01:19:46,899 --> 01:19:43,789

open up conversation I think that kind

1808

01:19:48,459 --> 01:19:46,909

of reflects my own sort of ethos yeah if

1809

01:19:49,989 --> 01:19:48,469

I have some time I could jump on the

1810

01:19:51,700 --> 01:19:49,999

computer and try to find that article I

1811

01:19:53,620 --> 01:19:51,710

I think I've been to the link to it on

1812

01:19:56,919 --> 01:19:53,630

my website at one time but it was

1813

01:20:00,180 --> 01:19:56,929

surprising and yeah and it's too bad

1814

01:20:03,910 --> 01:20:00,190

that it is actually a career killer for

1815

01:20:05,709 --> 01:20:03,920

for you know a lot of people and one of

1816

01:20:07,839 --> 01:20:05,719

the questions I had a scientist on one

1817

01:20:10,509 --> 01:20:07,849

time and and I said why do I asked him

1818

01:20:13,330 --> 01:20:10,519

point-blank why do you think it is so

1819

01:20:14,620 --> 01:20:13,340

hard on someone's career and and no one

1820

01:20:16,540 --> 01:20:14,630

can get funding for it

1821

01:20:18,790 --> 01:20:16,550

and he said kind of like what you

1822

01:20:21,250 --> 01:20:18,800

addressed about said he said people want

1823

01:20:24,129 --> 01:20:21,260

results and if there can't be an endgame

1824

01:20:26,080 --> 01:20:24,139

where there's a result they're not gonna

1825

01:20:27,490 --> 01:20:26,090

they're not gonna you know put up some

1826

01:20:29,770 --> 01:20:27,500

money for it which is surprising that

1827

01:20:31,600 --> 01:20:29,780

said he actually you know keeps getting

1828

01:20:33,430 --> 01:20:31,610

funded private funding actually you know

1829

01:20:38,830 --> 01:20:33,440

for most of it right now

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01:20:40,930 --> 01:20:38,840

yeah right right now I mean and malong

1831

01:20:43,540 --> 01:20:40,940

now again what's kind of intriguing is

1832

01:20:45,220 --> 01:20:43,550

you look at my research and you have to

1833

01:20:48,970 --> 01:20:45,230

say well this is interesting I've had

1834

01:20:51,520 --> 01:20:48,980

I've had a lot of the more senior UFO

1835

01:20:53,770 --> 01:20:51,530

researchers out there say to me I had

1836

01:20:58,120 --> 01:20:53,780

one I had one who will remain nameless

1837

01:21:00,459 --> 01:20:58,130

who said to me Greg does the Smithsonian

1838

01:21:02,800 --> 01:21:00,469

know exactly what your research is about

1839

01:21:05,140 --> 01:21:02,810

oh yeah yeah I said I said yeah oh yeah

1840

01:21:07,930 --> 01:21:05,150

I said yeah I've got NASA funding for

1841

01:21:12,100 --> 01:21:07,940

this stuff I mean and and I think the

1842

01:21:16,319 --> 01:21:12,110

reason why is because I don't think this

1843

01:21:19,450 --> 01:21:16,329

stuff any longer has the same kind of

1844

01:21:22,540 --> 01:21:19,460

stigma it had attached to it back in

1845

01:21:24,580 --> 01:21:22,550

again I think the 70s and 80s when it

1846

01:21:28,089 --> 01:21:24,590

was I think a lot of this stuff was

1847

01:21:31,589 --> 01:21:28,099

viewed as you know the enemy as I say as

1848

01:21:34,810 --> 01:21:31,599

a kind of a the enemy of good science

1849

01:21:36,700 --> 01:21:34,820

but I think the other part of it is I am

1850

01:21:40,030 --> 01:21:36,710

a historian I do approach this stuff

1851  
01:21:43,600 --> 01:21:40,040  
historically I'm not in the business of

1852  
01:21:47,109 --> 01:21:43,610  
as I say telling people what to think

1853  
01:21:49,479 --> 01:21:47,119  
about whether things are have alien

1854  
01:21:51,669 --> 01:21:49,489  
origins or sources to them or not I'm

1855  
01:21:55,419 --> 01:21:51,679  
not in the business also of spending my

1856  
01:21:57,819 --> 01:21:55,429  
time debunking claims my job and my role

1857  
01:22:01,180 --> 01:21:57,829  
is something different right in a sense

1858  
01:22:03,550 --> 01:22:01,190  
it's it's far more modest than any of

1859  
01:22:07,120 --> 01:22:03,560  
those things are in that I'm just trying

1860  
01:22:09,850 --> 01:22:07,130  
to capture and recover how it is that

1861  
01:22:12,490 --> 01:22:09,860  
people have gone about understanding and

1862  
01:22:14,919 --> 01:22:12,500  
making sense of this over time as I tell

1863  
01:22:17,800 --> 01:22:14,929

people I research the researchers that's

1864

01:22:20,530 --> 01:22:17,810

kind of what I do I'm interested in that

1865

01:22:23,830 --> 01:22:20,540

kind of that kind of question and so I

1866

01:22:26,770 --> 01:22:23,840

think in that sense it's seen as quite

1867

01:22:28,419 --> 01:22:26,780

legitimate to ask questions about what

1868

01:22:31,270 --> 01:22:28,429

as I have argued in my

1869

01:22:36,040 --> 01:22:31,280

research is really one of the one of the

1870

01:22:38,020 --> 01:22:36,050

most impressive global movements of the

1871

01:22:40,239 --> 01:22:38,030

late 20th century and that one that's

1872

01:22:42,759 --> 01:22:40,249

been basically neglected by so many

1873

01:22:44,500 --> 01:22:42,769

people in my field right that to me is

1874

01:22:48,040 --> 01:22:44,510

kind of intriguing and I think that's

1875

01:22:50,549 --> 01:22:48,050

what I think is the reason why now a lot

1876

01:22:54,279 --> 01:22:50,559

of these institutions don't see this as

1877

01:22:57,009 --> 01:22:54,289

problematic as a problematic field to

1878

01:22:58,779 --> 01:22:57,019

sort of get into and to look at I did

1879

01:23:01,299 --> 01:22:58,789

have my notes I did want to ask you how

1880

01:23:04,810 --> 01:23:01,309

did you go about getting funding from

1881

01:23:07,600 --> 01:23:04,820

the Smithsonian and NASA yeah well I I

1882

01:23:09,370 --> 01:23:07,610

started going into these you know once I

1883

01:23:11,350 --> 01:23:09,380

got into this project and I started to

1884

01:23:14,709 --> 01:23:11,360

make the determination that I wanted to

1885

01:23:16,929 --> 01:23:14,719

pursue this as a book I knew I was going

1886

01:23:18,939 --> 01:23:16,939

to need funding to do this this this

1887

01:23:21,129 --> 01:23:18,949

this is a huge prize

1888

01:23:23,169 --> 01:23:21,139

how else do am I gonna get overseas to

1889

01:23:25,390 --> 01:23:23,179

Sweden and work with those fabulous

1890

01:23:27,819 --> 01:23:25,400

people over at the archives for the

1891

01:23:30,939 --> 01:23:27,829

unexplained and to Italy and places like

1892

01:23:33,520 --> 01:23:30,949

that it was gonna take a lot of time it

1893

01:23:35,649 --> 01:23:33,530

was gonna take a lot of effort for me to

1894

01:23:38,080 --> 01:23:35,659

get and to do the traveling I needed to

1895

01:23:39,879 --> 01:23:38,090

do so I knew I was gonna need funding

1896

01:23:44,949 --> 01:23:39,889

and then it was for me a question of now

1897

01:23:47,259 --> 01:23:44,959

where do I go for those those kinds of

1898

01:23:49,419 --> 01:23:47,269

funds who were the likely places to do

1899

01:23:52,209 --> 01:23:49,429

that and for that it's going to be the

1900

01:23:54,250 --> 01:23:52,219

kind of institutions that fund history

1901

01:23:57,399 --> 01:23:54,260

of science the kind of stuff that I've

1902

01:23:59,649 --> 01:23:57,409

done over the years but so the first

1903

01:24:00,870 --> 01:23:59,659

place I actually turned to was to go

1904

01:24:03,729 --> 01:24:00,880

look at the American Philosophical

1905

01:24:06,069 --> 01:24:03,739

Society in Philadelphia who really

1906

01:24:07,209 --> 01:24:06,079

offered me my first grant possibilities

1907

01:24:09,160 --> 01:24:07,219

because there I wanted to work with

1908

01:24:12,040 --> 01:24:09,170

their collections and there's where they

1909

01:24:14,199 --> 01:24:12,050

have Edward Condon's papers they have

1910

01:24:16,660 --> 01:24:14,209

phil cloths the great the bunker fill

1911

01:24:20,049 --> 01:24:16,670

classes papers Donald Menzel and other

1912

01:24:22,750 --> 01:24:20,059

the great sort of debunkers of the 1950s

1913

01:24:25,209 --> 01:24:22,760

and 60s and from there that off afforded

1914

01:24:27,669 --> 01:24:25,219

me the possibility to say to then other

1915

01:24:30,310 --> 01:24:27,679

funders well look I I'm very serious

1916

01:24:31,660 --> 01:24:30,320

about this stuff I've got I've started

1917

01:24:33,759 --> 01:24:31,670

to publish the results of my research

1918

01:24:37,750 --> 01:24:33,769

but to really finish this I need other

1919

01:24:40,600 --> 01:24:37,760

possibilities and so that's when I got

1920

01:24:42,459 --> 01:24:40,610

involved and and applied for some funds

1921

01:24:44,770 --> 01:24:42,469

through the American Historical is

1922

01:24:48,310 --> 01:24:44,780

Association and this NASA grant and then

1923

01:24:52,930 --> 01:24:48,320

I had the great opportunity to be to

1924

01:24:55,239 --> 01:24:52,940

serve as the Charles a Limburg chair in

1925

01:24:58,870 --> 01:24:55,249

aerospace history over at the National

1926

01:25:01,359 --> 01:24:58,880

Air and Space Museum last fall this at

1927

01:25:03,729 --> 01:25:01,369

the Smithsonian and so there because I

1928

01:25:05,739 --> 01:25:03,739

had gotten to know some of the great

1929

01:25:07,660 --> 01:25:05,749

aerospace historians that are there I

1930

01:25:10,689 --> 01:25:07,670

mean is there another place in the world

1931

01:25:13,709 --> 01:25:10,699

that have so many of these fabulous

1932

01:25:16,239 --> 01:25:13,719

people who do aerospace history so

1933

01:25:18,189 --> 01:25:16,249

because I made those connections and

1934

01:25:20,799 --> 01:25:18,199

showed people the way in which I want to

1935

01:25:23,379 --> 01:25:20,809

approach this subject and think about it

1936

01:25:27,100 --> 01:25:23,389

all along the way I've had nothing but

1937

01:25:29,950 --> 01:25:27,110

people encourage me give me support open

1938

01:25:31,540 --> 01:25:29,960

up their their you know their time to me

1939

01:25:34,060 --> 01:25:31,550

and give me you know let me sit there

1940

01:25:35,950 --> 01:25:34,070

and and not just talk their ears off but

1941

01:25:38,140 --> 01:25:35,960

also get advice from them about how to

1942

01:25:40,180 --> 01:25:38,150

go about doing some of the things I'm

1943

01:25:43,419 --> 01:25:40,190

doing it's just been absolutely

1944

01:25:46,870 --> 01:25:43,429

remarkable so I I have felt like from my

1945

01:25:50,080 --> 01:25:46,880

standpoint doors have opened I get open

1946

01:25:52,299 --> 01:25:50,090

doors from people and people share their

1947

01:25:54,040 --> 01:25:52,309

time and their their their wisdom with

1948

01:25:56,290 --> 01:25:54,050

me all along the way and that's from all

1949

01:25:58,719 --> 01:25:56,300

sides frankly from everybody I've

1950

01:26:01,660 --> 01:25:58,729

encountered I've really had a door shut

1951

01:26:05,009 --> 01:26:01,670

in my face do you think it that you have

1952

01:26:09,219 --> 01:26:05,019

a pretty good advantage because of your

1953

01:26:12,219 --> 01:26:09,229

your status as a professor of history -

1954

01:26:16,379 --> 01:26:12,229

yeah I think yeah I think that's

1955

01:26:21,310 --> 01:26:16,389

absolutely the case I have told people

1956

01:26:25,029 --> 01:26:21,320

that I don't know that I would have

1957

01:26:29,319 --> 01:26:25,039

undertaken this project say I don't know

1958

01:26:31,660 --> 01:26:29,329

20 25 years ago in my career I think I

1959

01:26:34,750 --> 01:26:31,670

might have been nervous about would

1960

01:26:36,910 --> 01:26:34,760

people take me seriously would they

1961

01:26:40,299 --> 01:26:36,920

wonder about what I'm up to or something

1962

01:26:42,640 --> 01:26:40,309

like that but I I in you know in the in

1963

01:26:45,629 --> 01:26:42,650

that period of time I've taken on so

1964

01:26:48,459 --> 01:26:45,639

many other projects that that that have

1965

01:26:51,520 --> 01:26:48,469

taken me in in completely other

1966

01:26:54,219 --> 01:26:51,530

different avenues as you well know and

1967

01:26:56,450 --> 01:26:54,229

the thing is about it two things one is

1968

01:26:58,729 --> 01:26:56,460

that is that is that in

1969

01:27:01,820 --> 01:26:58,739

doing so I've picked up all sorts of

1970

01:27:03,709 --> 01:27:01,830

skills right and and research skills and

1971

01:27:06,350 --> 01:27:03,719

an ability to look at an archive in a

1972

01:27:11,000 --> 01:27:06,360

way that I didn't have 25 years ago so

1973

01:27:16,520 --> 01:27:11,010

part of it is I IIE

1974

01:27:18,560 --> 01:27:16,530

I chin where people know that I know how

1975

01:27:21,440 --> 01:27:18,570

to go about and do rigorous empirical

1976

01:27:23,420 --> 01:27:21,450

research right historical research but

1977

01:27:25,670 --> 01:27:23,430

the other part of it is having earned a

1978

01:27:27,500 --> 01:27:25,680

reputation from my colleagues and from

1979

01:27:29,390 --> 01:27:27,510

people who work in the history of

1980

01:27:33,020 --> 01:27:29,400

science and medicine who know me and

1981

01:27:35,750 --> 01:27:33,030

know the kind of ways I go about doing

1982

01:27:40,310 --> 01:27:35,760

things and and how I do it in a really

1983

01:27:44,600 --> 01:27:40,320

serious sober fashion I think it in that

1984

01:27:47,060 --> 01:27:44,610

sense one's reputation not just having

1985

01:27:48,920 --> 01:27:47,070

the name professor of history you know

1986

01:27:51,860 --> 01:27:48,930

as part of your title but having that

1987

01:27:55,160 --> 01:27:51,870

background that experience having proven

1988

01:27:56,870 --> 01:27:55,170

myself you know over many years that I

1989

01:28:00,530 --> 01:27:56,880

think is what really matters to people

1990

01:28:03,410 --> 01:28:00,540

and that it that that's okay and that's

1991

01:28:05,450 --> 01:28:03,420

and that has both served me well both in

1992

01:28:07,400 --> 01:28:05,460

terms of opening doors but also oh in

1993

01:28:09,350 --> 01:28:07,410

terms of helping me take advantage when

1994

01:28:11,420 --> 01:28:09,360

people open the door I know what to do

1995

01:28:13,970 --> 01:28:11,430

once those doors have been opened right

1996

01:28:16,520 --> 01:28:13,980

well being in the digital age you know

1997

01:28:18,650 --> 01:28:16,530

you talked about earlier how you know

1998

01:28:21,110 --> 01:28:18,660

there's the paper trail basically of of

1999

01:28:21,830 --> 01:28:21,120

UFO researchers now it's everything's

2000

01:28:23,600 --> 01:28:21,840

digital

2001

01:28:25,700 --> 01:28:23,610

do you think that's gonna change the

2002

01:28:29,690 --> 01:28:25,710

landscape as far as research in the

2003

01:28:32,720 --> 01:28:29,700

future yeah I think so

2004

01:28:36,140 --> 01:28:32,730

oh I think no question about it that the

2005

01:28:39,470 --> 01:28:36,150

Act the accessibility to so many records

2006

01:28:42,530 --> 01:28:39,480

to so many things means that just about

2007

01:28:44,450 --> 01:28:42,540

anybody can take this stuff on and and

2008

01:28:47,450 --> 01:28:44,460

wrap their heads around it pretty

2009

01:28:50,570 --> 01:28:47,460

quickly now it also means however that

2010

01:28:53,030 --> 01:28:50,580

what the digital age is also done is is

2011

01:28:56,660 --> 01:28:53,040

where we all are I think painfully aware

2012

01:28:59,930 --> 01:28:56,670

right is that it's created a kind of a

2013

01:29:00,610 --> 01:28:59,940

flood of information and data like where

2014

01:29:03,170 --> 01:29:00,620

do you begin

2015

01:29:04,459 --> 01:29:03,180

I'm sure you've experienced this

2016

01:29:06,979 --> 01:29:04,469

whenever you want it to go in maybe and

2017

01:29:09,700 --> 01:29:06,989

look it's something I said to my

2018

01:29:11,440 --> 01:29:09,710

yourself oh my god like we're

2019

01:29:14,440 --> 01:29:11,450

where do I begin and also where and when

2020

01:29:16,600 --> 01:29:14,450

do I stop because it's and so much yeah

2021

01:29:19,540 --> 01:29:16,610

it's the truth and where's where's the

2022

01:29:21,610 --> 01:29:19,550

untruth and yeah and when it comes to

2023

01:29:24,220 --> 01:29:21,620

places like YouTube you know what

2024

01:29:27,400 --> 01:29:24,230

percentage of the you know videos can

2025

01:29:31,840 --> 01:29:27,410

you actually consider that or yeah

2026

01:29:34,060 --> 01:29:31,850

something yeah and it it is a big

2027

01:29:37,330 --> 01:29:34,070

problem because I think there there

2028

01:29:39,340 --> 01:29:37,340

there is reason to be to question you

2029

01:29:43,390 --> 01:29:39,350

know this is this to me is also very

2030

01:29:44,740 --> 01:29:43,400

much a part of my professional and even

2031

01:29:48,040 --> 01:29:44,750

personal but but certainly my

2032

01:29:51,459 --> 01:29:48,050

professional code or ethos right is you

2033

01:29:53,709 --> 01:29:51,469

always have to be skeptical about your

2034

01:29:56,680 --> 01:29:53,719

sources of information it it doesn't

2035

01:29:58,750 --> 01:29:56,690

mean you inherently don't believe it but

2036

01:30:00,760 --> 01:29:58,760

what you have to always be asking

2037

01:30:04,540 --> 01:30:00,770

yourself is where does this come from

2038

01:30:07,090 --> 01:30:04,550

who designed it for what purposes why is

2039

01:30:09,700 --> 01:30:07,100

it there how did it get there right

2040

01:30:12,580 --> 01:30:09,710

those are the questions we I I would do

2041

01:30:14,470 --> 01:30:12,590

this if I was studying a completely

2042

01:30:16,470 --> 01:30:14,480

other kind of subject matter these are

2043

01:30:18,490 --> 01:30:16,480

the things that you have to do is

2044

01:30:21,640 --> 01:30:18,500

anybody doing serious historical

2045

01:30:25,180 --> 01:30:21,650

research is always always be questioning

2046

01:30:27,130 --> 01:30:25,190

the material and and triangulating right

2047

01:30:29,530 --> 01:30:27,140

constantly saying do I get confirmation

2048

01:30:32,110 --> 01:30:29,540

of this information from other places

2049

01:30:34,410 --> 01:30:32,120

that will allow me to say with relative

2050

01:30:37,090 --> 01:30:34,420

certainty ah this document is

2051  
01:30:39,100 --> 01:30:37,100  
trustworthy or this document has some

2052  
01:30:41,709 --> 01:30:39,110  
problems right that kind of stuff is

2053  
01:30:44,380 --> 01:30:41,719  
necessary and you're right the internet

2054  
01:30:46,720 --> 01:30:44,390  
doesn't always make that easier it

2055  
01:30:48,660 --> 01:30:46,730  
actually oftentimes makes it more

2056  
01:30:51,490 --> 01:30:48,670  
complex more difficult to do right

2057  
01:30:53,500 --> 01:30:51,500  
because there's so much of this

2058  
01:30:55,330 --> 01:30:53,510  
information and a lot of times it can be

2059  
01:30:58,060 --> 01:30:55,340  
kind of mutually contradictory right

2060  
01:31:03,820 --> 01:30:58,070  
yeah a muddied the water so to speak

2061  
01:31:08,440 --> 01:31:03,830  
yeah yeah so as far as a as far as the

2062  
01:31:11,680 --> 01:31:08,450  
history of do you consider that a pop

2063  
01:31:15,130 --> 01:31:11,690

culture plays a part in you know people

2064

01:31:16,870 --> 01:31:15,140

paying attention to I mean I saw the the

2065

01:31:20,650 --> 01:31:16,880

great article you had written the blog

2066

01:31:22,959 --> 01:31:20,660

on comic book covers so do you think

2067

01:31:25,209 --> 01:31:22,969

that played a part in

2068

01:31:30,189 --> 01:31:25,219

and what people thought they were seeing

2069

01:31:33,189 --> 01:31:30,199

or any part of that yeah I mean I I

2070

01:31:36,400 --> 01:31:33,199

think big I think we have to say that

2071

01:31:41,200 --> 01:31:36,410

pop culture and the media has always had

2072

01:31:43,689 --> 01:31:41,210

a a a pretty pronounced influence on

2073

01:31:46,150 --> 01:31:43,699

what's going on and what people are

2074

01:31:48,490 --> 01:31:46,160

seeing what people are talking about and

2075

01:31:50,709 --> 01:31:48,500

and these kinds of things

2076

01:31:53,320 --> 01:31:50,719

it goes back to to some extent what we

2077

01:31:55,120 --> 01:31:53,330

were talking about out early here the

2078

01:32:00,970 --> 01:31:55,130

that if you look at the history of

2079

01:32:05,290 --> 01:32:00,980

ufology that by and large the way in

2080

01:32:08,590 --> 01:32:05,300

which the UFO researchers have tried to

2081

01:32:10,570 --> 01:32:08,600

get their message across and reach

2082

01:32:12,490 --> 01:32:10,580

people and to get people to take him

2083

01:32:13,780 --> 01:32:12,500

seriously has been publicizing this

2084

01:32:17,020 --> 01:32:13,790

stuff and getting people's public

2085

01:32:19,660 --> 01:32:17,030

attention but we also know when you do

2086

01:32:21,550 --> 01:32:19,670

the research you find out that that

2087

01:32:24,880 --> 01:32:21,560

dating back already to the 1950s

2088

01:32:28,090 --> 01:32:24,890

what what what most UFO researchers did

2089

01:32:31,300 --> 01:32:28,100

back in the 50s 60s and 70s into the

2090

01:32:33,479 --> 01:32:31,310

1980s to get their information that they

2091

01:32:37,000 --> 01:32:33,489

would then utilize just to analyze

2092

01:32:39,550 --> 01:32:37,010

material right and to analyze data was

2093

01:32:41,229 --> 01:32:39,560

to in fact track new news stories to

2094

01:32:43,689 --> 01:32:41,239

track newspapers they all had news

2095

01:32:47,170 --> 01:32:43,699

clippings files so so it's directly

2096

01:32:50,410 --> 01:32:47,180

having an impact that in that way on UFO

2097

01:32:53,050 --> 01:32:50,420

researchers but we certainly know that

2098

01:32:57,330 --> 01:32:53,060

that certain images right certain kinds

2099

01:33:00,700 --> 01:32:57,340

of ideas that we have in our minds about

2100

01:33:03,670 --> 01:33:00,710

aliens for instance comes to and is

2101  
01:33:07,030 --> 01:33:03,680  
derived from these sort of popular

2102  
01:33:09,370 --> 01:33:07,040  
images we have out there so if you were

2103  
01:33:11,680 --> 01:33:09,380  
to ask people to describe what they

2104  
01:33:14,890 --> 01:33:11,690  
thought aliens and what people reported

2105  
01:33:16,650 --> 01:33:14,900  
aliens look like say in the 1950s when

2106  
01:33:19,240 --> 01:33:16,660  
the contact these were telling stories

2107  
01:33:20,530 --> 01:33:19,250  
they were very very different kinds of

2108  
01:33:22,660 --> 01:33:20,540  
descriptions than the things you're

2109  
01:33:25,390 --> 01:33:22,670  
gonna get when you ask people in 1990s

2110  
01:33:28,689 --> 01:33:25,400  
what they look like and a lot of that

2111  
01:33:31,810 --> 01:33:28,699  
has to do with the ways in which popular

2112  
01:33:33,700 --> 01:33:31,820  
culture sort of portrayed aliens whether

2113  
01:33:35,500 --> 01:33:33,710

that was in movies or whether that was

2114

01:33:36,580 --> 01:33:35,510

in the popular press or the tabloid

2115

01:33:38,260 --> 01:33:36,590

press and

2116

01:33:41,320 --> 01:33:38,270

has an impact and so I think you can

2117

01:33:44,530 --> 01:33:41,330

track that as part of the way in which

2118

01:33:46,959 --> 01:33:44,540

the general public as a whole sort of

2119

01:33:50,500 --> 01:33:46,969

think about and try to understand these

2120

01:33:55,030 --> 01:33:50,510

kinds of things now as far as

2121

01:33:57,100 --> 01:33:55,040

historically the identification of what

2122

01:33:58,990 --> 01:33:57,110

people are seeing I want to talk a

2123

01:34:00,790 --> 01:33:59,000

little bit about that because there are

2124

01:34:03,370 --> 01:34:00,800

cases that do go way back about

2125

01:34:05,800 --> 01:34:03,380

triangles again Dave Marla as a person

2126  
01:34:09,939 --> 01:34:05,810  
who is gonna be talking about that

2127  
01:34:12,070 --> 01:34:09,949  
coming up soon in a show but so

2128  
01:34:14,229 --> 01:34:12,080  
triangles so were very rare but they

2129  
01:34:17,260 --> 01:34:14,239  
there were a few sightings and then

2130  
01:34:21,070 --> 01:34:17,270  
there was the the disc the cigar shape

2131  
01:34:23,740 --> 01:34:21,080  
all that I think it's it's pretty

2132  
01:34:26,229 --> 01:34:23,750  
amazing now it seems like there's some

2133  
01:34:28,959 --> 01:34:26,239  
more triangle sightings than than

2134  
01:34:32,740 --> 01:34:28,969  
anything else and you know how could you

2135  
01:34:34,330 --> 01:34:32,750  
know again talking about you know these

2136  
01:34:35,800 --> 01:34:34,340  
aren't new models that are coming up

2137  
01:34:38,950 --> 01:34:35,810  
obviously you know or something like

2138  
01:34:41,399 --> 01:34:38,960

that did you ever look into any aspects

2139

01:34:43,870 --> 01:34:41,409

of the shapes of what people are seeing

2140

01:34:46,089 --> 01:34:43,880

yeah yeah I have actually

2141

01:34:48,339 --> 01:34:46,099

I mean so one of the one of the things

2142

01:34:51,189 --> 01:34:48,349

that's kind of intriguing is there too

2143

01:34:53,740 --> 01:34:51,199

you see in kind of the stories that

2144

01:34:55,930 --> 01:34:53,750

circulate right and that's where that's

2145

01:34:58,209 --> 01:34:55,940

what a lot of the stuff I focus on

2146

01:35:00,160 --> 01:34:58,219

because we are when we go to earlier

2147

01:35:02,379 --> 01:35:00,170

periods we often don't even have direct

2148

01:35:05,350 --> 01:35:02,389

witness testimony we have stories that

2149

01:35:09,399 --> 01:35:05,360

circulate in the media but if you take a

2150

01:35:11,740 --> 01:35:09,409

look at for instance some of the

2151  
01:35:16,240 --> 01:35:11,750  
earliest in the 19th century some of the

2152  
01:35:17,890 --> 01:35:16,250  
earliest stories about strange as they

2153  
01:35:20,109 --> 01:35:17,900  
would call them back in the day strange

2154  
01:35:22,629 --> 01:35:20,119  
airships right that that people have

2155  
01:35:25,109 --> 01:35:22,639  
witnessed it's really interesting how

2156  
01:35:27,609 --> 01:35:25,119  
this stuff tends to track and follow

2157  
01:35:31,810 --> 01:35:27,619  
whatever the technologies of the time

2158  
01:35:35,470 --> 01:35:31,820  
were so excuse me so for instance one of

2159  
01:35:37,979 --> 01:35:35,480  
the earliest earliest cases that was

2160  
01:35:41,109 --> 01:35:37,989  
brought to my attention by a his a

2161  
01:35:44,830 --> 01:35:41,119  
colleague of mine was a story from the

2162  
01:35:49,000 --> 01:35:44,840  
1830s that took place and I want to say

2163  
01:35:53,470 --> 01:35:49,010

Ohio or Indiana among

2164

01:35:56,859 --> 01:35:53,480

a group of Mormons who had had had seen

2165

01:35:58,419 --> 01:35:56,869

who claimed that they had seen her maybe

2166

01:36:04,330 --> 01:35:58,429

it was later in any event what they

2167

01:36:07,299 --> 01:36:04,340

claim to have seen was a strange airship

2168

01:36:09,430 --> 01:36:07,309

with all sorts of family members dead

2169

01:36:11,680 --> 01:36:09,440

family members on it but the way the

2170

01:36:13,839 --> 01:36:11,690

airship was described was it looked like

2171

01:36:16,240 --> 01:36:13,849

a steamboat right because the steam

2172

01:36:17,589 --> 01:36:16,250

engine was the thing that people saw in

2173

01:36:19,779 --> 01:36:17,599

those days and that was what you

2174

01:36:22,779 --> 01:36:19,789

witnessed so airships are described as

2175

01:36:26,140 --> 01:36:22,789

looking like steamboats right in running

2176

01:36:28,750 --> 01:36:26,150

around on the skies fast forward many

2177

01:36:30,850 --> 01:36:28,760

decades later you get around the turn of

2178

01:36:33,879 --> 01:36:30,860

the century around right before World

2179

01:36:36,669 --> 01:36:33,889

War one when there are several kinds of

2180

01:36:39,279 --> 01:36:36,679

scars that go on particularly in

2181

01:36:41,020 --> 01:36:39,289

Britain what do people say that they see

2182

01:36:43,660 --> 01:36:41,030

they say they see Zeppelin's

2183

01:36:45,580 --> 01:36:43,670

and they describe dirigible like kinds

2184

01:36:47,410 --> 01:36:45,590

of things that are going around and so

2185

01:36:49,029 --> 01:36:47,420

the same thing that's kind of

2186

01:36:51,790 --> 01:36:49,039

interesting when you talk about the

2187

01:36:55,149 --> 01:36:51,800

ghost rockets scare in Sweden in 1946

2188

01:36:56,950 --> 01:36:55,159

um it's not just Rockets a bitter scene

2189

01:37:00,220 --> 01:36:56,960

as you probably know other things are

2190

01:37:01,660 --> 01:37:00,230

also seen but but rockets is the pockets

2191

01:37:04,209 --> 01:37:01,670

and missiles are the things that are

2192

01:37:07,419 --> 01:37:04,219

most described wrong in the links that's

2193

01:37:13,589 --> 01:37:07,429

what makes yeah it's fascinating stuff

2194

01:37:17,950 --> 01:37:16,089

number of very very well publicized

2195

01:37:22,799 --> 01:37:17,960

famous incidents during work knew in

2196

01:37:26,529 --> 01:37:22,809

which v1 and v2 rockets fell on Sweden

2197

01:37:30,250 --> 01:37:26,539

yeah yeah that never never thought of

2198

01:37:33,669 --> 01:37:30,260

that we have a Skype freeze up here but

2199

01:37:35,290 --> 01:37:33,679

we'll continue going here so I

2200

01:37:38,140 --> 01:37:35,300

understand that you have a you have a

2201

01:37:42,729 --> 01:37:38,150

movie that you're working on I did read

2202

01:37:45,850 --> 01:37:42,739

something is that is that so looks like

2203

01:37:48,160 --> 01:37:45,860

his skype went out and hang on everyone

2204

01:37:50,560 --> 01:37:48,170

let me try to get him back on the show

2205

01:37:55,569 --> 01:37:50,570

the phone line is open if someone would

2206

01:38:01,930 --> 01:37:55,579

like to call in and hang on just a

2207

01:38:02,790 --> 01:38:01,940

second and that number is 603 967 403 oh

2208

01:38:05,070 --> 01:38:02,800

if anyone

2209

01:38:06,930 --> 01:38:05,080

to give us a call here we're trying to

2210

01:38:08,790 --> 01:38:06,940

get our guests back on we have had a

2211

01:38:16,170 --> 01:38:08,800

little bit of trouble as you probably

2212

01:38:18,150 --> 01:38:16,180

heard with the Skype and and so I'm not

2213

01:38:25,950 --> 01:38:18,160

sure exactly what has been going on with

2214

01:38:31,370 --> 01:38:25,960

that see okay I have this phone number

2215

01:38:31,380 --> 01:38:40,629

and I'll try that

2216

01:38:48,950 --> 01:38:45,709

okay all right so the lines open if

2217

01:38:58,660 --> 01:38:48,960

anyone wants to call in and meanwhile I

2218

01:39:02,510 --> 01:38:58,670

will try to get him on the phone so

2219

01:39:04,010 --> 01:39:02,520

again I'll talk about next next week

2220

01:39:06,560 --> 01:39:04,020

we're going to be in studio over in

2221

01:39:11,089 --> 01:39:06,570

Exeter New Hampshire and with Mack

2222

01:39:14,180 --> 01:39:11,099

Maloney and friends and it should be a

2223

01:39:18,140 --> 01:39:14,190

great time we're giving away some giving

2224

01:39:21,410 --> 01:39:18,150

away some books Mac has recently written

2225

01:39:24,470 --> 01:39:21,420

a book and will be given that away seven

2226

01:39:26,240 --> 01:39:24,480

of them I believe there are in total and

2227

01:39:28,100 --> 01:39:26,250

I'm gonna try him on his phone and see

2228

01:39:31,640 --> 01:39:28,110

if I can get through that way hello

2229

01:39:33,800 --> 01:39:31,650

there you are hi so we'll go the rest of

2230

01:39:38,120 --> 01:39:33,810

the show on the phone here I'm not sure

2231

01:39:42,229 --> 01:39:38,130

where to what happened but I don't know

2232

01:39:45,109 --> 01:39:42,239

yeah and so we were talking about

2233

01:39:48,290 --> 01:39:45,119

airships and things like that Bailey and

2234

01:39:51,910 --> 01:39:48,300

yeah and yeah so those are those shapes

2235

01:39:57,169 --> 01:39:51,920

yeah so it so it is intriguing to me to

2236

01:40:00,109 --> 01:39:57,179

see how these these these shapes can

2237

01:40:03,050 --> 01:40:00,119

very often link up and connect with you

2238

01:40:05,390 --> 01:40:03,060

know the technologies at the time right

2239

01:40:08,390 --> 01:40:05,400

the things that are getting the most

2240

01:40:11,479 --> 01:40:08,400

attention they often sort of had that

2241

01:40:13,459 --> 01:40:11,489

kind of role that they played when you

2242

01:40:18,649 --> 01:40:13,469

look at it sort of a long history of it

2243

01:40:20,689 --> 01:40:18,659

I think also I do I do understand that

2244

01:40:23,419 --> 01:40:20,699

and that is that is really bizarre and

2245

01:40:25,459 --> 01:40:23,429

that that kind of makes you wonder that

2246

01:40:27,410 --> 01:40:25,469

if part of what people are seeing is

2247

01:40:28,850 --> 01:40:27,420

imagination you know I mean without

2248

01:40:32,540 --> 01:40:28,860

where else could you go with something

2249

01:40:33,709 --> 01:40:32,550

like that yeah I mean I think it's

2250

01:40:37,879 --> 01:40:33,719

certainly that's going to be the

2251

01:40:40,339 --> 01:40:37,889

argument of people who are really

2252

01:40:43,250 --> 01:40:40,349

skeptical about claims and witnesses who

2253

01:40:47,209 --> 01:40:43,260

claim to have seen you know ghost

2254

01:40:49,990 --> 01:40:47,219

rockets or flying saucers or things like

2255

01:40:51,979 --> 01:40:50,000

that but you know there the

2256

01:40:54,560 --> 01:40:51,989

counter-argument that you read in the

2257

01:40:57,169 --> 01:40:54,570

UFO literature going back again from

2258

01:40:59,919 --> 01:40:57,179

early times of it was that well but

2259

01:41:03,950 --> 01:40:59,929

maybe this isn't so surprising because

2260

01:41:06,020 --> 01:41:03,960

people will describe things and talk

2261

01:41:08,030 --> 01:41:06,030

about things in the terms that are

2262

01:41:09,350 --> 01:41:08,040

available to them at any given point in

2263

01:41:13,250 --> 01:41:09,360

time right

2264

01:41:15,530 --> 01:41:13,260  
so you in fact are going to to see

2265

01:41:19,609 --> 01:41:15,540  
things that that look that way

2266

01:41:22,550 --> 01:41:19,619  
right so you know you have apparitions

2267

01:41:26,930 --> 01:41:22,560  
in the sky you know when when when

2268

01:41:29,899 --> 01:41:26,940  
there's a something like an eclipse for

2269

01:41:32,810 --> 01:41:29,909  
instance or there's a meteor shower or

2270

01:41:35,629 --> 01:41:32,820  
there's some sort of atmospheric

2271

01:41:39,410 --> 01:41:35,639  
phenomenon say in the Middle Ages people

2272

01:41:42,709 --> 01:41:39,420  
will describe seeing you know a blazing

2273

01:41:45,410 --> 01:41:42,719  
cross in the sky and people will say

2274

01:41:47,600 --> 01:41:45,420  
that you know maybe the explanation for

2275

01:41:50,209 --> 01:41:47,610  
that is is not that necessarily somebody

2276

01:41:52,910 --> 01:41:50,219

people actually saw a cross but rather

2277

01:41:57,470 --> 01:41:52,920

what they're describing is a phenomenon

2278

01:42:00,319 --> 01:41:57,480

that is needs that seems odd seems

2279

01:42:02,270 --> 01:42:00,329

strange and anomalous they need to make

2280

01:42:05,060 --> 01:42:02,280

sense of it and so the best thing that

2281

01:42:08,060 --> 01:42:05,070

they come up with to describe it is a

2282

01:42:10,310 --> 01:42:08,070

cross right it's the same way right with

2283

01:42:13,129 --> 01:42:10,320

Kenneth Arnold I don't everything I've

2284

01:42:15,979 --> 01:42:13,139

ever seen says he never really described

2285

01:42:17,629 --> 01:42:15,989

them as flying saucers but per se right

2286

01:42:19,250 --> 01:42:17,639

he saw them in a very different kind of

2287

01:42:22,280 --> 01:42:19,260

shape but you could tell that he's

2288

01:42:25,399 --> 01:42:22,290

having trouble describing what he's seen

2289

01:42:27,770 --> 01:42:25,409

right and so you you seek you try to

2290

01:42:30,020 --> 01:42:27,780

find things to latch on to that'll help

2291

01:42:33,109 --> 01:42:30,030

make sense of it I think that that that

2292

01:42:35,930 --> 01:42:33,119

that was where the the you know history

2293

01:42:38,600 --> 01:42:35,940

meets up with experience in a way that's

2294

01:42:40,280 --> 01:42:38,610

often something that somebody themselves

2295

01:42:45,050 --> 01:42:40,290

who's reporting the stuff is unaware of

2296

01:42:47,720 --> 01:42:45,060

right right right yeah yeah I know they

2297

01:42:49,640 --> 01:42:47,730

were it sort of they sort of have like

2298

01:42:52,479 --> 01:42:49,650

wings or something if I remember right

2299

01:42:56,209 --> 01:42:52,489

earth if they sort of yeah unusually

2300

01:42:57,919 --> 01:42:56,219

unusual shape and yeah bat like or

2301  
01:43:01,910 --> 01:42:57,929  
something yeah yeah that describes it

2302  
01:43:03,379 --> 01:43:01,920  
pretty well so and that that is it is

2303  
01:43:05,870 --> 01:43:03,389  
very interesting a lot of people have

2304  
01:43:08,010 --> 01:43:05,880  
tried to speculate you know why all of a

2305  
01:43:11,210 --> 01:43:08,020  
sudden all these sightings were happen

2306  
01:43:13,290 --> 01:43:11,220  
at the time and you know Stan

2307  
01:43:14,460 --> 01:43:13,300  
Friedman who I brought up on a few times

2308  
01:43:17,660 --> 01:43:14,470  
on the show so far

2309  
01:43:20,910 --> 01:43:17,670  
you know his speculation of that is that

2310  
01:43:23,670 --> 01:43:20,920  
you know the explosion of nuclear

2311  
01:43:27,630 --> 01:43:23,680  
weapons and you know going back to World

2312  
01:43:31,170 --> 01:43:27,640  
War 2 and no 1945 and you know the tests

2313  
01:43:33,060 --> 01:43:31,180

before that and yeah what does he say

2314

01:43:38,010 --> 01:43:33,070

the kids found the found the mattress

2315

01:43:39,870 --> 01:43:38,020

you know and he thinks oh no because up

2316

01:43:43,470 --> 01:43:39,880

there is it is strange how all of a

2317

01:43:45,960 --> 01:43:43,480

sudden you know starting in 1947 was a

2318

01:43:48,270 --> 01:43:45,970

barrage of sightings and right at one

2319

01:43:51,900 --> 01:43:48,280

right after the other and then you know

2320

01:43:56,160 --> 01:43:51,910

in 1952 is another major year where

2321

01:43:57,450 --> 01:43:56,170

there was so many sightings and yep so

2322

01:43:59,160 --> 01:43:57,460

what do you think about that why there

2323

01:44:05,940 --> 01:43:59,170

were so many sightings bright and red

2324

01:44:08,220 --> 01:44:05,950

with starting at 47 no I I mean I would

2325

01:44:10,830 --> 01:44:08,230

agree I mean the thing the thing would

2326

01:44:14,190 --> 01:44:10,840

would it to some extent would with with

2327

01:44:15,810 --> 01:44:14,200

Sam Friedman saying so what what you

2328

01:44:17,730 --> 01:44:15,820

again when you look at sort of the

2329

01:44:19,590 --> 01:44:17,740

evidence of like the material what

2330

01:44:22,650 --> 01:44:19,600

people were talking about and people

2331

01:44:25,200 --> 01:44:22,660

were trying to to make sense of and to

2332

01:44:27,060 --> 01:44:25,210

think about this it's really really kind

2333

01:44:30,000 --> 01:44:27,070

of intriguing me and you see this going

2334

01:44:32,580 --> 01:44:30,010

on not just in the United States I've

2335

01:44:34,110 --> 01:44:32,590

written about this kind of as I talked

2336

01:44:36,810 --> 01:44:34,120

about I think earlier about this

2337

01:44:38,460 --> 01:44:36,820

experience in in places like Germany and

2338

01:44:42,500 --> 01:44:38,470

I've seen some stuff about England as

2339

01:44:45,540 --> 01:44:42,510

well what's going on when you look in

2340

01:44:49,950 --> 01:44:45,550

1946 with the ghost rocket scare and

2341

01:44:53,490 --> 01:44:49,960

then 47 in those first few years is a

2342

01:44:57,660 --> 01:44:53,500

really interesting thing is is that

2343

01:44:59,460 --> 01:44:57,670

people are truly truly mystified as to

2344

01:45:01,080 --> 01:44:59,470

what's going on and I don't just mean

2345

01:45:04,140 --> 01:45:01,090

the general public you can see

2346

01:45:06,960 --> 01:45:04,150

intelligence agencies are mystified as

2347

01:45:09,600 --> 01:45:06,970

to what's going on everybody sort of

2348

01:45:12,360 --> 01:45:09,610

looking at one another saying what what

2349

01:45:15,840 --> 01:45:12,370

is this what's going on and and so you

2350

01:45:17,940 --> 01:45:15,850

see for awhile for several years kind of

2351

01:45:20,730 --> 01:45:17,950

all sorts of theories are being put out

2352

01:45:21,450 --> 01:45:20,740

there to explain it with some people

2353

01:45:23,040 --> 01:45:21,460

saying

2354

01:45:25,110 --> 01:45:23,050

you know what this has got to be the

2355

01:45:26,850 --> 01:45:25,120

Soviets it's got to be the Soviets they

2356

01:45:29,130 --> 01:45:26,860

they got to be experimenting with

2357

01:45:31,620 --> 01:45:29,140

weapons they captured from the Nazis and

2358

01:45:33,540 --> 01:45:31,630

then other people saying no no it's not

2359

01:45:35,460 --> 01:45:33,550

the Soviets they're not doing it it's

2360

01:45:37,350 --> 01:45:35,470

got to be the Americans it's got to be

2361

01:45:39,810 --> 01:45:37,360

the Americans playing with some of their

2362

01:45:41,430 --> 01:45:39,820

new toys that they have come but they

2363

01:45:43,740 --> 01:45:41,440

don't want to admit it and then you see

2364

01:45:46,050 --> 01:45:43,750

if other people say no no no no this is

2365

01:45:48,480 --> 01:45:46,060

just people in a panic right there's

2366

01:45:52,560 --> 01:45:48,490

they're all during World War two there

2367

01:45:55,650 --> 01:45:52,570

were all sorts of bum you know air

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01:45:57,660 --> 01:45:55,660

air-raid panics that went on right even

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01:46:00,000 --> 01:45:57,670

while people were in fact being bombed

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01:46:02,460 --> 01:46:00,010

you could still have moments where just

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01:46:04,920 --> 01:46:02,470

a rumor would strike panic in a city

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01:46:07,740 --> 01:46:04,930

write about the potential for that so

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01:46:10,470 --> 01:46:07,750

that what this is is nothing more than a

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01:46:13,710 --> 01:46:10,480

kind of mass hysteria and everybody's

2375

01:46:16,830 --> 01:46:13,720

seemed missiles and flying saucers when

2376

01:46:19,500 --> 01:46:16,840

nothing's there um so all sorts of

2377

01:46:21,660 --> 01:46:19,510

things are floating around but what's

2378

01:46:25,140 --> 01:46:21,670

interesting is that when you finally get

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01:46:28,260 --> 01:46:25,150

the argument made by Donald Kehoe I mean

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01:46:31,680 --> 01:46:28,270

he's kind of the key figure in 1949 in

2381

01:46:34,530 --> 01:46:31,690

1950 about this Kehoe's the one who

2382

01:46:38,700 --> 01:46:34,540

really makes this argument the evidence

2383

01:46:40,920 --> 01:46:38,710

shows that the that those people in

2384

01:46:45,750 --> 01:46:40,930

government who believe that these are

2385

01:46:48,510 --> 01:46:45,760

aliens excuse me are in fact convinced

2386

01:46:51,000 --> 01:46:48,520

that what's set this in motion and the

2387

01:46:53,610 --> 01:46:51,010

reason they're visiting us now with such

2388

01:46:56,940 --> 01:46:53,620

frequency is because of these nuclear

2389

01:46:59,430 --> 01:46:56,950

explosions right as Friedman says right

2390

01:47:02,730 --> 01:46:59,440

is that it's that they've seen that we

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01:47:05,670 --> 01:47:02,740

have atomic technology now and

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01:47:08,040 --> 01:47:05,680

particularly atomic weapons now so that

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01:47:10,290 --> 01:47:08,050

they are now sort of conducting a kind

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01:47:13,350 --> 01:47:10,300

of reconnaissance trying to get a better

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01:47:14,640 --> 01:47:13,360

sense about who we are and what we're

2396

01:47:17,010 --> 01:47:14,650

capable of

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01:47:19,080 --> 01:47:17,020

and whether contact is possible this

2398

01:47:22,260 --> 01:47:19,090

becomes another theory that's thrown

2399

01:47:27,150 --> 01:47:22,270

around so so you really do kind of have

2400

01:47:29,340 --> 01:47:27,160

a whole bunch of people all sort of

2401  
01:47:31,680 --> 01:47:29,350  
coming up with theories they oftentimes

2402  
01:47:33,390 --> 01:47:31,690  
mutually contradict one another but all

2403  
01:47:35,280 --> 01:47:33,400  
of the theories keep coming back to the

2404  
01:47:37,590 --> 01:47:35,290  
same theme about

2405  
01:47:39,600 --> 01:47:37,600  
or about particularly the cold war and

2406  
01:47:41,730 --> 01:47:39,610  
particularly about the potential for a

2407  
01:47:43,440 --> 01:47:41,740  
sort of nuclear holocaust and that's

2408  
01:47:45,630 --> 01:47:43,450  
that that's sort of the constant theme

2409  
01:47:48,890 --> 01:47:45,640  
that you see running through it so a lot

2410  
01:47:51,870 --> 01:47:48,900  
of I think a lot of the big sightings

2411  
01:47:54,540 --> 01:47:51,880  
oftentimes come around the time when

2412  
01:47:56,910 --> 01:47:54,550  
there are particular sort of changes in

2413  
01:48:00,480 --> 01:47:56,920

the Cold War right particular moments of

2414

01:48:05,580 --> 01:48:00,490

a lot of heat if you will right and I'm

2415

01:48:08,100 --> 01:48:05,590

sure you've looked into also see the

2416

01:48:11,610 --> 01:48:08,110

connection between nuclear weapons and

2417

01:48:12,690 --> 01:48:11,620

and you know the disarming of them and

2418

01:48:15,330 --> 01:48:12,700

all these different things during

2419

01:48:19,620 --> 01:48:15,340

sightings which is another fascinating

2420

01:48:22,680 --> 01:48:19,630

aspect of it yeah I think one of the you

2421

01:48:24,420 --> 01:48:22,690

asked before about about pop culture and

2422

01:48:26,070 --> 01:48:24,430

and you know one of the other things

2423

01:48:28,590 --> 01:48:26,080

I've wondered about I know your thoughts

2424

01:48:31,500 --> 01:48:28,600

are about this I mean there's you know a

2425

01:48:38,280 --> 01:48:31,510

very common argument is that you know

2426

01:48:41,040 --> 01:48:38,290

when when movies like most owners close

2427

01:48:44,070 --> 01:48:41,050

encounters and et came out you had this

2428

01:48:46,350 --> 01:48:44,080

sort of big uptick of sightings but I've

2429

01:48:48,450 --> 01:48:46,360

read elsewhere from other sources to say

2430

01:48:51,000 --> 01:48:48,460

that didn't happen that in fact it

2431

01:48:53,760 --> 01:48:51,010

didn't spark any great that's right big

2432

01:48:56,280 --> 01:48:53,770

uptick and it is that the case is that

2433

01:48:56,940 --> 01:48:56,290

year that's a perfect I think you're

2434

01:49:00,030 --> 01:48:56,950

right

2435

01:49:02,430 --> 01:49:00,040

because that was put out there but it

2436

01:49:05,700 --> 01:49:02,440

was uh it was really just bunk I mean

2437

01:49:07,890 --> 01:49:05,710

there was nothing to back it up as far

2438

01:49:09,690 --> 01:49:07,900

as you know the signs are like MUFON

2439

01:49:12,450 --> 01:49:09,700

does record the amount of sightings and

2440

01:49:14,880 --> 01:49:12,460

all that has for many years and there

2441

01:49:18,870 --> 01:49:14,890

was no real spike in that now there may

2442

01:49:21,810 --> 01:49:18,880

have been there there are such cases

2443

01:49:23,790 --> 01:49:21,820

when like hangar 1 came out all of a

2444

01:49:26,460 --> 01:49:23,800

sudden though the sightings were really

2445

01:49:28,980 --> 01:49:26,470

high but a lot of the sightings reported

2446

01:49:31,290 --> 01:49:28,990

were for historical sightings in other

2447

01:49:33,000 --> 01:49:31,300

words not ephemeral to the times the

2448

01:49:35,310 --> 01:49:33,010

people would say well you know they're

2449

01:49:37,620 --> 01:49:35,320

watching this on TV never heard of MUFON

2450

01:49:40,320 --> 01:49:37,630

now I'm gonna talk about my sighting ten

2451  
01:49:43,350 --> 01:49:40,330  
years ago and so they're yeah yeah the

2452  
01:49:46,350 --> 01:49:43,360  
reports came in like that so yeah

2453  
01:49:48,760 --> 01:49:46,360  
those have an effect on at least people

2454  
01:49:51,610 --> 01:49:48,770  
you know paying more attention

2455  
01:49:53,560 --> 01:49:51,620  
so yeah I think so I mean we know that

2456  
01:49:56,770 --> 01:49:53,570  
we know that about the x-files right the

2457  
01:49:58,660 --> 01:49:56,780  
x-files had a had a definite it was a

2458  
01:50:00,010 --> 01:49:58,670  
definite impression on people and I

2459  
01:50:02,020 --> 01:50:00,020  
think the other thing is we know with

2460  
01:50:04,810 --> 01:50:02,030  
the x-files I think what the x-files did

2461  
01:50:07,900 --> 01:50:04,820  
that a lot of movies weren't able to do

2462  
01:50:09,970 --> 01:50:07,910  
because it was it was on for so long it

2463  
01:50:12,960 --> 01:50:09,980

could follow different kinds of plot it

2464

01:50:18,340 --> 01:50:12,970

really introduced people to a lot of

2465

01:50:20,230 --> 01:50:18,350

those kinds of theories that existed

2466

01:50:22,510 --> 01:50:20,240

back in those days right back in those

2467

01:50:24,460 --> 01:50:22,520

back in the 90s that a lot of people

2468

01:50:28,120 --> 01:50:24,470

were not aware of right would had never

2469

01:50:30,610 --> 01:50:28,130

been exposed to you know these kinds of

2470

01:50:33,160 --> 01:50:30,620

these sort of very very dark right the

2471

01:50:36,070 --> 01:50:33,170

dark sort of dark theories that that I

2472

01:50:38,200 --> 01:50:36,080

don't think got much exposure until

2473

01:50:40,180 --> 01:50:38,210

really the x-files sort of brought those

2474

01:50:43,120 --> 01:50:40,190

to the front its front and center right

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01:50:45,670 --> 01:50:43,130

and to people's attention right right

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01:50:47,470 --> 01:50:45,680

so I'm we're gonna leave the number up

2477

01:50:49,150 --> 01:50:47,480

there for just a minute we only have

2478

01:50:51,940 --> 01:50:49,160

well we only have four minutes left to

2479

01:50:53,530 --> 01:50:51,950

show or so yeah so we will take one

2480

01:50:54,910 --> 01:50:53,540

quick call if someone like to call in

2481

01:50:58,120 --> 01:50:54,920

other what otherwise we're not going to

2482

01:51:01,260 --> 01:50:58,130

take any calls for the rest of the show

2483

01:51:04,750 --> 01:51:01,270

the rest of the for a whopping minutes

2484

01:51:07,270 --> 01:51:04,760

so what about you did night we started

2485

01:51:11,560 --> 01:51:07,280

to talk up to talk about are you doing a

2486

01:51:14,110 --> 01:51:11,570

documentary yeah so I've been working on

2487

01:51:16,210 --> 01:51:14,120

this with a with a friend and a

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01:51:18,070 --> 01:51:16,220

colleague of mine he's a documentary

2489

01:51:22,600 --> 01:51:18,080

filmmaker here at Penn State by the name

2490

01:51:24,130 --> 01:51:22,610

of Richie Sherman and yeah a few years

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01:51:26,560 --> 01:51:24,140

ago and I was talking with him about

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01:51:29,260 --> 01:51:26,570

this project and he's like you know I'm

2493

01:51:32,170 --> 01:51:29,270

fascinated with this stuff and I've

2494

01:51:35,290 --> 01:51:32,180

always been very interested in it do you

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01:51:37,150 --> 01:51:35,300

you know and and as we sort of hung out

2496

01:51:39,220 --> 01:51:37,160

and talked more about it we sort of

2497

01:51:42,010 --> 01:51:39,230

started to explore this idea what if we

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01:51:43,300 --> 01:51:42,020

sort of take this this kind of topic and

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01:51:46,720 --> 01:51:43,310

theme and think about doing a

2500

01:51:49,090 --> 01:51:46,730

documentary on it and so that's what we

2501  
01:51:51,490 --> 01:51:49,100  
did in fact our first our first sort of

2502  
01:51:52,720 --> 01:51:51,500  
filming we did was at that Congress in

2503  
01:51:55,270 --> 01:51:52,730  
2016

2504  
01:51:57,880 --> 01:51:55,280  
Oh in Phoenix and that we just showed up

2505  
01:52:00,250 --> 01:51:57,890  
I I think the only time only person I

2506  
01:52:02,140 --> 01:52:00,260  
talked to in advance was probably Ryan

2507  
01:52:05,260 --> 01:52:02,150  
Ryan Sprague yeah

2508  
01:52:07,810 --> 01:52:05,270  
and and there were a few other people

2509  
01:52:10,240 --> 01:52:07,820  
and that but but we just showed up and

2510  
01:52:13,750 --> 01:52:10,250  
as I said another example where people

2511  
01:52:16,090 --> 01:52:13,760  
just open up and and are so generous

2512  
01:52:19,350 --> 01:52:16,100  
with their time you know I showed up I

2513  
01:52:22,090 --> 01:52:19,360

just started introducing myself to folks

2514

01:52:24,220 --> 01:52:22,100

asked alejandro if it was okay if we did

2515

01:52:28,210 --> 01:52:24,230

some filming he said absolutely and and

2516

01:52:31,540 --> 01:52:28,220

then just sort of you know started

2517

01:52:34,450 --> 01:52:31,550

talking to people like Sam Friedman and

2518

01:52:37,270 --> 01:52:34,460

Kathleen Martin and people like that and

2519

01:52:40,960 --> 01:52:37,280

Brian and and interviewed folks and just

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01:52:43,120 --> 01:52:40,970

and and so our approach to this is the

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01:52:44,830 --> 01:52:43,130

kind of open-ended we need to be we'll

2522

01:52:48,130 --> 01:52:44,840

be really honest with people we are

2523

01:52:52,600 --> 01:52:48,140

still very much in the sort of what is

2524

01:52:55,750 --> 01:52:52,610

this all add up to phase of things you

2525

01:52:59,710 --> 01:52:55,760

know I've been mostly interested in and

2526

01:53:04,240 --> 01:52:59,720

talking to people about their their

2527

01:53:06,580 --> 01:53:04,250

lives in in and UFOs and and

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01:53:09,100 --> 01:53:06,590

particularly people you know like Stan

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01:53:12,910 --> 01:53:09,110

Friedman who who got a lot of experience

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01:53:14,890 --> 01:53:12,920

have a long track record of involving

2531

01:53:18,220 --> 01:53:14,900

themselves in this stuff so kind of

2532

01:53:20,440 --> 01:53:18,230

asking about how they got involved in

2533

01:53:22,330 --> 01:53:20,450

these things wasn't what led them to it

2534

01:53:24,790 --> 01:53:22,340

how have things changed over the course

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01:53:26,440 --> 01:53:24,800

of their lives what are they thinking

2536

01:53:29,080 --> 01:53:26,450

now what do they think the future looks

2537

01:53:32,350 --> 01:53:29,090

like these kinds of questions shouldn't

2538

01:53:34,680 --> 01:53:32,360

get a sense of so in a sense it's got

2539

01:53:38,830 --> 01:53:34,690

its what I guess we'd call oral history

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01:53:40,810 --> 01:53:38,840

but you know my friend Richie the

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01:53:43,540 --> 01:53:40,820

filmmaker I leave all that stuff up to

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01:53:45,940 --> 01:53:43,550

him he's the expert on that

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01:53:49,390 --> 01:53:45,950

he keeps saying I want more action we

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01:53:53,380 --> 01:53:49,400

need more action he wants he wants to

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01:53:56,890 --> 01:53:53,390

see people running around and doing more

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01:53:58,720 --> 01:53:56,900

things and his story to me like yeah he

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01:54:00,820 --> 01:53:58,730

wants to see something I got I said rich

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01:54:03,910 --> 01:54:00,830

we can go we can go on a field

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01:54:05,740 --> 01:54:03,920

investigation but all of the people I

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01:54:07,840 --> 01:54:05,750

talked to who do field investigations

2551  
01:54:11,230 --> 01:54:07,850  
will tell you right ninety-nine percent

2552  
01:54:13,030 --> 01:54:11,240  
of them are pretty you know undramatic

2553  
01:54:14,650 --> 01:54:13,040  
right that's truly they don't tend to

2554  
01:54:16,030 --> 01:54:14,660  
involve a lot of you know

2555  
01:54:17,980 --> 01:54:16,040  
damnit let's get in the car

2556  
01:54:19,930 --> 01:54:17,990  
and get over there right now pronto

2557  
01:54:22,210 --> 01:54:19,940  
right yeah it's unfortunately there's

2558  
01:54:24,280 --> 01:54:22,220  
not a lot of great x-file moments right

2559  
01:54:27,610 --> 01:54:24,290  
that's our a more kind of painstaking

2560  
01:54:29,440 --> 01:54:27,620  
research yeah yeah where did you we're

2561  
01:54:32,410 --> 01:54:29,450  
just about we're out of time basically

2562  
01:54:35,680 --> 01:54:32,420  
if you could just tell someone how they

2563  
01:54:38,650 --> 01:54:35,690

could find you and your website UFO past

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01:54:41,440 --> 01:54:38,660

right calm yeah yeah I have a website

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01:54:43,060 --> 01:54:41,450

which I posted sometimes sporadically

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01:54:46,600 --> 01:54:43,070

more when I have some more time in the

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01:54:51,010 --> 01:54:46,610

semester is it rough a UFO past calm you

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01:54:53,470 --> 01:54:51,020

could also check out my site my page on

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01:54:55,720 --> 01:54:53,480

the Penn State Department of History and

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01:54:58,780 --> 01:54:55,730

you'll see there just lift me up Greg

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01:55:00,850 --> 01:54:58,790

I'm in and I'm always interested in

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01:55:05,710 --> 01:55:00,860

hearing anything historical so if people

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01:55:08,290 --> 01:55:05,720

have information or had experiences for

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01:55:10,960 --> 01:55:08,300

instance with some of the you know more

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01:55:13,000 --> 01:55:10,970

well-known figures in the history of UFO

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01:55:15,010 --> 01:55:13,010

research and particularly those folks

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01:55:17,230 --> 01:55:15,020

who are now long gone and we can't speak

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01:55:19,210 --> 01:55:17,240

with them anymore I'm always interested

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01:55:21,730 --> 01:55:19,220

in hearing stories alright we're out of

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01:55:23,290 --> 01:55:21,740

time I'm sorry thanks so much it was it

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01:55:27,130 --> 01:55:23,300

was a real pleasure I really appreciate

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01:55:29,440 --> 01:55:27,140

it thank you all right you okay everyone

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01:55:32,290 --> 01:55:29,450

so thanks for thanks for tuning in and

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01:55:33,790 --> 01:55:32,300

we'll be back next week we're gonna be

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01:55:36,130 --> 01:55:33,800

in studio in Exeter New Hampshire and

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01:55:37,750 --> 01:55:36,140

thanks everyone I really appreciate it