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2013 INTERVIEW



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00:00:13,170 --> 00:00:35,380

[Music]

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00:00:40,370 --> 00:00:37,460

welcome to the show this is Martin

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00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:40,380

Willis your host and this is a rerun

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00:00:45,710 --> 00:00:43,680

today now I got to admit that I've

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00:00:48,530 --> 00:00:45,720

always been able to do a show no matter

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00:00:51,440 --> 00:00:48,540

what whether I was travelling overseas

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00:00:54,740 --> 00:00:51,450

or in other parts of the country but

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00:00:56,930 --> 00:00:54,750

this week on the 29th it's just

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00:00:59,390 --> 00:00:56,940

impossible I just couldn't figure out a

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:00:59,400

way to do it so this is a rerun this is

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00:01:05,240 --> 00:01:01,680

ralph Blumenthal after he wrote the

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00:01:07,430 --> 00:01:05,250

Vanity Fair article back in 2013 now we

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00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:07,440

just did add a calculator he was on my

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00:01:14,060 --> 00:01:12,720

show 2249 days ago so I hope a lot of

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00:01:17,300 --> 00:01:14,070

you this will be the first time well

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00:01:20,960 --> 00:01:17,310

actually I'm glad if you listen to the

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00:01:22,520 --> 00:01:20,970

show when you did if you're back so you

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,530

can't remember everything you said after

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00:01:26,660 --> 00:01:24,000

all this time I don't think but anyway

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00:01:29,330 --> 00:01:26,670

it's an interesting interview and I hope

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:29,340

you enjoy it I apologize for not having

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00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:31,680

a fresh show for everyone this week but

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00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:34,799

we'll be back next week with Rizwan Burk

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:37,200

on technology and entrepreneurship

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00:01:41,179 --> 00:01:39,360

should be an interesting show thanks so

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00:01:45,810 --> 00:01:41,189

much for listening and we'll see you

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00:02:15,320 --> 00:02:11,210

[Music]

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00:02:15,980 --> 00:02:15,330

I have Ralph of Blumenthal on skype how

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00:02:18,710 --> 00:02:15,990

are you Ralph

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00:02:20,390 --> 00:02:18,720

I'm fine body thank you thanks so much

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00:02:22,310 --> 00:02:20,400

for agreeing to be on the show I

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00:02:24,920 --> 00:02:22,320

understand this is the first show you

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00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:24,930

are on about your recent article in

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00:02:32,120 --> 00:02:28,080

Vanity Fair it is that's great I got the

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:32,130

scoop well you're a lucky man and so am

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00:02:40,570 --> 00:02:37,250

i by you so the article name is

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00:02:41,690 --> 00:02:40,580

alienation have humans been abducted by

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00:02:45,770 --> 00:02:41,700

extraterrestrials

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00:02:48,350 --> 00:02:45,780

and mostly about John Mack I have to ask

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00:02:50,870 --> 00:02:48,360

a number of questions first one comes to

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00:02:53,810 --> 00:02:50,880

mind you have had a prestigious career

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00:02:57,650 --> 00:02:53,820

have you had any ridicule so far for

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00:02:59,750 --> 00:02:57,660

this article well a few emails came in

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00:03:02,450 --> 00:02:59,760

I'm used to that but actually I was

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00:03:06,020 --> 00:03:02,460

surprised by the positive reaction I

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00:03:08,330 --> 00:03:06,030

think everyone was so relieved to find a

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00:03:11,120 --> 00:03:08,340

so-called mainstream journalist treating

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00:03:13,370 --> 00:03:11,130

the subject seriously that I was quite

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:13,380

flattered by the the outpouring of

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00:03:18,350 --> 00:03:16,080

positive reaction oh that's great I was

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00:03:19,729 --> 00:03:18,360
hoping it would encourage you you know

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00:03:21,740 --> 00:03:19,739
stay at what you're doing but at least

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00:03:24,620 --> 00:03:21,750
do a little more exploring I think you

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00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:24,630
did a it's a wonderful article and this

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00:03:30,380 --> 00:03:27,120
isn't Vanity Fair so one of the you know

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00:03:32,720 --> 00:03:30,390
most major magazines in the country it's

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00:03:33,949 --> 00:03:32,730
pretty exciting to see this article well

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00:03:36,920 --> 00:03:33,959
thank you yes it's on the website

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00:03:39,400 --> 00:03:36,930
actually they couldn't get it into the

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00:03:43,100 --> 00:03:39,410
magazine fast enough for the upcoming

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00:03:45,140 --> 00:03:43,110
summer gathering in Newport of you know

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00:03:47,660 --> 00:03:45,150
of the experiences the abductees who

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00:03:49,790 --> 00:03:47,670

meet who meet there every year so rather

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00:03:51,380 --> 00:03:49,800

than try to update it with another

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00:03:53,930 --> 00:03:51,390

gathering because I attended the one

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00:03:56,120 --> 00:03:53,940

last July they decided to get it right

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00:04:02,050 --> 00:03:56,130

up on the site but it's a very active

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00:04:05,780 --> 00:04:02,060

site it had quite a while ago 25,000

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00:04:08,330 --> 00:04:05,790

individual pageviews and 2,000 shares so

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00:04:10,759 --> 00:04:08,340

it really seemed to have hit a nerve yes

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00:04:12,979 --> 00:04:10,769

I bet so you've heard mostly from the

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00:04:16,759 --> 00:04:12,989

UFO community have you heard from other

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00:04:18,979 --> 00:04:16,769

colleagues no I really must say I've

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00:04:21,890 --> 00:04:18,989

heard well a lot of my friends did see

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00:04:23,930 --> 00:04:21,900

it and we're a little surprised that I'd

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00:04:24,490 --> 00:04:23,940

be writing about this we can talk about

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00:04:28,330 --> 00:04:24,500

that

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00:04:31,330 --> 00:04:28,340

yes but also there was quite a reaction

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00:04:33,670 --> 00:04:31,340

in the UFO community as you know as well

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00:04:36,250 --> 00:04:33,680

as anyone it's a very tight-knit group

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00:04:37,660 --> 00:04:36,260

it's very its disparate but people keep

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in touch with each other and whenever

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there's a development pro or con there's

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00:04:46,150 --> 00:04:43,900

a lot of sharing back and forth so

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00:04:48,310 --> 00:04:46,160

everybody tries to keep on top of things

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00:04:50,740 --> 00:04:48,320

and when this article came out it was

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00:04:52,390 --> 00:04:50,750

immediately sent back and forth I could

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00:04:56,230 --> 00:04:52,400

almost see it you know flying through

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00:04:58,540 --> 00:04:56,240

the the cosmos and I was getting

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00:05:01,960 --> 00:04:58,550

responses from all over the place yes I

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00:05:02,920 --> 00:05:01,970

I write away a a past guest actually

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00:05:05,440 --> 00:05:02,930

just last week

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00:05:06,580 --> 00:05:05,450

Leslie Kane can connect him with me

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00:05:09,580 --> 00:05:06,590

right away and said you would have to

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00:05:11,710 --> 00:05:09,590

get a hold of this guy right away and so

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00:05:13,720 --> 00:05:11,720

I was really excited that you responded

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00:05:16,390 --> 00:05:13,730

so quickly well thank you Leslie's one

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00:05:19,810 --> 00:05:16,400

of my favorite people you know she is so

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00:05:22,960 --> 00:05:19,820

clear-eyed and sober about the whole UFO

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00:05:25,330 --> 00:05:22,970

thing she's brought so much important

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00:05:30,280 --> 00:05:25,340
investigative attention to the subject

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00:05:31,990 --> 00:05:30,290
and high high credibility so she really

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00:05:34,210 --> 00:05:32,000
is one of my favorite people we did an

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00:05:38,620 --> 00:05:34,220
article together for the Huffington Post

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00:05:42,010 --> 00:05:38,630
on these mr. Chilean episode a very

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00:05:44,860 --> 00:05:42,020
strange flyover that went so fast it was

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00:05:47,560 --> 00:05:44,870
only caught on film but she is somebody

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00:05:50,110 --> 00:05:47,570
I highly respect well that's great

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00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:50,120
have you had an interest in the subject

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00:05:58,390 --> 00:05:54,800
for quite a while well as I said in some

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00:06:01,420 --> 00:05:58,400
of my proposals I've talked with a

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00:06:03,150 --> 00:06:01,430
number of publishers now as a kid I was

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00:06:06,250 --> 00:06:03,160

very interested in science fiction

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00:06:08,469 --> 00:06:06,260

growing up in the 50s it was really the

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00:06:13,390 --> 00:06:08,479

big thing I mean UFOs were suddenly on

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00:06:17,770 --> 00:06:13,400

the agenda and I gobbled up everything

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00:06:20,050 --> 00:06:17,780

by Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov so as a

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00:06:23,500 --> 00:06:20,060

kid I was certainly interested in it but

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00:06:26,050 --> 00:06:23,510

my interest came later when I picked up

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00:06:29,860 --> 00:06:26,060

a copy of John Mack's passport to the

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00:06:33,790 --> 00:06:29,870

cosmos and I was it was about two

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00:06:35,050 --> 00:06:33,800

thousand four or five and I said gee

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00:06:37,120 --> 00:06:35,060

this is a guy I'd like to interview

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00:06:38,200 --> 00:06:37,130

someday I was already an established

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00:06:41,170 --> 00:06:38,210

correspondent

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00:06:43,870 --> 00:06:41,180

you know times and the next thing I

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00:06:45,939 --> 00:06:43,880

heard he'd been killed and in London hmm

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00:06:49,120 --> 00:06:45,949

so that's really where my interest

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00:06:50,980 --> 00:06:49,130

started I see yeah there's there's a

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00:06:53,140 --> 00:06:50,990

little bit of controversy about his

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00:06:54,879 --> 00:06:53,150

death you know I mean it was kind of an

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00:06:55,600 --> 00:06:54,889

unusual circumstance it's probably just

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00:06:58,300 --> 00:06:55,610

an accident

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00:07:00,339 --> 00:06:58,310

but still a little unusual well I have

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00:07:02,469 --> 00:07:00,349

satisfied myself that it was an accident

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00:07:04,719 --> 00:07:02,479

I know I mean there are a lot of

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00:07:07,600 --> 00:07:04,729

conspiracists out there but it is

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00:07:09,909 --> 00:07:07,610

important to stick to the facts and well

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00:07:11,469 --> 00:07:09,919

you can never prove a negative I must

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00:07:13,529 --> 00:07:11,479

say I've talked to the family I've

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00:07:16,180 --> 00:07:13,539

looked over the police reports and

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00:07:18,909 --> 00:07:16,190

there's nobody serious out there anymore

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00:07:22,180 --> 00:07:18,919

who thinks it was any kind or anything

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00:07:25,390 --> 00:07:22,190

else than a tragic accident the driver

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00:07:27,850 --> 00:07:25,400

was drunk he admitted that and and John

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00:07:30,520 --> 00:07:27,860

was very tired he was coming back from a

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00:07:33,339 --> 00:07:30,530

talk in London and he stepped out of a

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00:07:35,020 --> 00:07:33,349

subway station underground station was

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00:07:37,870 --> 00:07:35,030

not used to the traffic patterns looked

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00:07:41,850 --> 00:07:37,880

the wrong way and it was hit and died

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00:07:44,140 --> 00:07:41,860
almost instantly so I think while the

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00:07:47,770 --> 00:07:44,150
circumstances was so strange and unusual

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00:07:49,529 --> 00:07:47,780
given his his notoriety at that point

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00:07:52,060 --> 00:07:49,539
particularly his fight with Harvard

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00:07:55,719 --> 00:07:52,070
there was immediately speculation that

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00:07:59,320 --> 00:07:55,729
it was you know a hit or assassination

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00:08:00,430 --> 00:07:59,330
but I'm absolutely convinced and so is

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00:08:02,890 --> 00:08:00,440
everyone else who's looked at the

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00:08:05,080 --> 00:08:02,900
subject seriously that it was just an

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00:08:07,839 --> 00:08:05,090
accident you know I've heard of a lot of

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00:08:09,850 --> 00:08:07,849
people getting in accidents in England

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00:08:11,950 --> 00:08:09,860
in particular you know looking the wrong

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00:08:13,480 --> 00:08:11,960

way you know just regular car accidents

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00:08:15,219 --> 00:08:13,490

and things because you're so used to you

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00:08:18,969 --> 00:08:15,229

know the right-handed traffic he was

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00:08:21,249 --> 00:08:18,979

very tired he had gone to talk about the

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00:08:24,070 --> 00:08:21,259

great fascination of his life which was

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00:08:25,540 --> 00:08:24,080

TE Lawrence of Lawrence of Arabia he'd

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00:08:27,310 --> 00:08:25,550

written a book that won the Pulitzer

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Prize in 1977

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00:08:32,620 --> 00:08:29,449

so he'd gone to give a talk on Lawrence

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00:08:34,540 --> 00:08:32,630

he was up late it was very emotional for

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00:08:35,649 --> 00:08:34,550

him it was sort of the and a lot of

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00:08:38,139 --> 00:08:35,659

strange things and it was the

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00:08:41,440 --> 00:08:38,149

anniversary just about to the day of his

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00:08:44,710 --> 00:08:41,450

father's death in a vehicle accident his

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00:08:46,689 --> 00:08:44,720

father was killed in Vermont in a car

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00:08:50,410 --> 00:08:46,699

accident I mean home from their summer

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00:08:51,850 --> 00:08:50,420

home and there's also a lot of

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00:08:56,380 --> 00:08:51,860

interesting things after he

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00:08:59,230 --> 00:08:56,390

he was hit and killed people who had

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00:09:01,569 --> 00:08:59,240

visitations from him uh say they did so

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00:09:04,210 --> 00:09:01,579

he was getting very interested in

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00:09:06,910 --> 00:09:04,220

survival life after death and this

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00:09:10,620 --> 00:09:06,920

almost seemed tailor-made for his

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00:09:12,730 --> 00:09:10,630

research and he himself according to

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00:09:16,840 --> 00:09:12,740

associates appeared to them with

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00:09:18,850 --> 00:09:16,850

messages after he died so in that sense

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00:09:21,610 --> 00:09:18,860

it was kind of an extension of his

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00:09:23,740 --> 00:09:21,620

life's work Wow let's talk about the

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00:09:25,389 --> 00:09:23,750

Rhode Island event it was that the first

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00:09:29,410 --> 00:09:25,399

time they in the only time you've ever

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00:09:31,870 --> 00:09:29,420

gone it is yeah I had talked to let's

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00:09:36,100 --> 00:09:31,880

see this is how it how I got on to it as

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00:09:38,440 --> 00:09:36,110

I started interviewing max associates

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00:09:43,210 --> 00:09:38,450

they were telling me that he showed up

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00:09:44,940 --> 00:09:43,220

he really at a convention every year in

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00:09:48,579 --> 00:09:44,950

Newport Rhode Island

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00:09:52,290 --> 00:09:48,589

hosted by this woman who was a fairly

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00:09:55,900 --> 00:09:52,300

prominent Newport resident whose

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00:09:58,900 --> 00:09:55,910
grandfather had had a mansion there part

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00:10:00,130 --> 00:09:58,910
of old Newport actually and so I was

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00:10:03,280 --> 00:10:00,140
kind of interested in that but I never

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00:10:05,170 --> 00:10:03,290
thought I'm going until last summer I

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00:10:09,160 --> 00:10:05,180
was in New Hampshire and I was not far

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00:10:11,110 --> 00:10:09,170
away and I was talking to the woman who

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00:10:14,680 --> 00:10:11,120
who hosts these gatherings her name is

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00:10:16,540 --> 00:10:14,690
Anne cool yay she has a B&B in this

209
00:10:18,730 --> 00:10:16,550
beautiful mansion on the Newport

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00:10:21,069 --> 00:10:18,740
waterfront and she said I should come

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00:10:23,680 --> 00:10:21,079
and attend and it seemed an invitation

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00:10:26,259 --> 00:10:23,690
too good to pass up because a lot of

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00:10:30,550 --> 00:10:26,269

these experiences as you know Marty are

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00:10:32,769 --> 00:10:30,560

very a publicity averse they're not

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00:10:35,230 --> 00:10:32,779

looking for attention contrary to what

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00:10:39,639 --> 00:10:35,240

you know outside is often believed that

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these are either hoaxsters or publicity

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seekers fabricators looking for

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attention it's quite the opposite

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00:10:48,280 --> 00:10:46,910

they're very troubled people based on

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00:10:50,740 --> 00:10:48,290

what has happened to them they weren't

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00:10:53,290 --> 00:10:50,750

troubled before but to her troubled as a

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00:10:55,210 --> 00:10:53,300

result of what they went through so they

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00:10:58,689 --> 00:10:55,220

were not looking particularly for

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00:11:00,130 --> 00:10:58,699

attention but she invited me to to come

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00:11:02,139 --> 00:11:00,140

and meet with them and I had met many of

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00:11:03,760 --> 00:11:02,149

them already I thought it was a

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00:11:05,290 --> 00:11:03,770

wonderful opportunity which it turned

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00:11:07,360 --> 00:11:05,300

out to be it anchored the

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00:11:09,639 --> 00:11:07,370

piece in Vanity Fair because it gave it

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00:11:11,800 --> 00:11:09,649

a focus and so was it was a good device

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00:11:15,570 --> 00:11:11,810

for telling the story but it was also

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00:11:19,180 --> 00:11:15,580

very important to me to meet not only

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00:11:23,259 --> 00:11:19,190

experiencers but scientists who were

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00:11:26,440 --> 00:11:23,269

there Rep scientists astrophysicists who

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00:11:29,230 --> 00:11:26,450

showed up the director of a hospital in

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00:11:32,560 --> 00:11:29,240

Boston who had all kinds of anomalous

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00:11:35,079 --> 00:11:32,570

psychic experiences so that that's the

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00:11:38,290 --> 00:11:35,089

story of Newport mm-hmm you speak in

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00:11:40,840 --> 00:11:38,300

your article about when Mac was on Oprah

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00:11:44,500 --> 00:11:40,850

with some experiences did you have you

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00:11:47,530 --> 00:11:44,510

ever seen tape of that I have very

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00:11:50,350 --> 00:11:47,540

interesting because first of all it was

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00:11:54,970 --> 00:11:50,360

fairly early and Oprah's a television

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00:11:57,280 --> 00:11:54,980

career and she you could see already

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00:11:59,470 --> 00:11:57,290

what a good interviewer she was she was

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00:12:03,130 --> 00:11:59,480

a bit skeptical but she was very

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00:12:06,040 --> 00:12:03,140

accepting of these very strange stories

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00:12:09,490 --> 00:12:06,050

so not only was there Mac talking about

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00:12:11,949 --> 00:12:09,500

the phenomenon but he had a group of

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00:12:14,500 --> 00:12:11,959

people young people who told very

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00:12:18,400 --> 00:12:14,510

straightforwardly of their extraordinary

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00:12:21,850 --> 00:12:18,410

experiences taken aboard a craft and

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00:12:24,480 --> 00:12:21,860

meeting and these beings and losing you

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00:12:28,389 --> 00:12:24,490

know missing time the whole syndrome so

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00:12:32,290 --> 00:12:28,399

the fact that they were talking about it

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00:12:35,590 --> 00:12:32,300

so casually and so lucidly and that

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00:12:39,400 --> 00:12:35,600

there were no visible signs of insanity

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00:12:42,069 --> 00:12:39,410

I mean it was all very hard and Oprah

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00:12:43,660 --> 00:12:42,079

was was really impressed yeah I would

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00:12:45,250 --> 00:12:43,670

like to see that tape not be you know I

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00:12:47,530 --> 00:12:45,260

was wondering if there was any type of

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00:12:50,740 --> 00:12:47,540

ridicule or something during that tape

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00:12:54,550 --> 00:12:50,750

or how the audience reacted basically

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00:12:59,139 --> 00:12:54,560

the audience was it was pretty accepting

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00:13:01,780 --> 00:12:59,149

and I think quite fascinated Oprah would

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00:13:05,949 --> 00:13:01,790

indicate her skepticism by a raised

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00:13:08,230 --> 00:13:05,959

eyebrow or a quizzical look and her

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00:13:12,210 --> 00:13:08,240

intro actually is interesting she said

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00:13:16,510 --> 00:13:12,220

you know we have here you know john mack

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00:13:18,700 --> 00:13:16,520

he he believes that people have been

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00:13:20,440 --> 00:13:18,710

abducted by aliens he

273

00:13:25,420 --> 00:13:20,450

believes that they have had children

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00:13:28,300 --> 00:13:25,430

with aliens so she was you know you

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00:13:30,700 --> 00:13:28,310

could see her skepticism there but the

276

00:13:32,200 --> 00:13:30,710

audience was quite supportive especially

277

00:13:35,199 --> 00:13:32,210

once they had a chance to hear these

278

00:13:38,470 --> 00:13:35,209

people you know one of my the things

279

00:13:39,970 --> 00:13:38,480

I've seen a documentary on that I

280

00:13:41,769 --> 00:13:39,980

thought was pretty fascinating is when

281

00:13:43,150 --> 00:13:41,779

he went to Africa when he was

282

00:13:45,010 --> 00:13:43,160

interviewing those children you

283

00:13:46,750 --> 00:13:45,020

mentioned that briefly here you know

284

00:13:49,780 --> 00:13:46,760

wasn't really abductions but what an

285

00:13:55,000 --> 00:13:49,790

amazing story that is it is one of the

286

00:13:57,730 --> 00:13:55,010

most I mean the whole Canon of alien

287

00:14:01,870 --> 00:13:57,740

abduction as you know revolves around

288

00:14:05,590 --> 00:14:01,880

certain very powerful stories one is a

289

00:14:08,170 --> 00:14:05,600

story of Betty and Barney Hill and one

290

00:14:11,620 --> 00:14:08,180

is the Lyndon Napolitano so-called

291

00:14:13,540 --> 00:14:11,630

Brooklyn Bridge abduction the allagash

292

00:14:17,440 --> 00:14:13,550

incident so there are a number of things

293

00:14:19,690 --> 00:14:17,450

that you know were particularly that

294

00:14:22,690 --> 00:14:19,700

loom large in the history of the

295

00:14:25,420 --> 00:14:22,700

abduction phenomenon and and one of them

296

00:14:28,930 --> 00:14:25,430

certainly is the incident and rule in in

297

00:14:30,910 --> 00:14:28,940

Zimbabwe and as I serve tell it in the

298

00:14:33,940 --> 00:14:30,920

Vanity Fair story and tell it and I hope

299

00:14:37,300 --> 00:14:33,950

to tell in greater length in a book Mac

300

00:14:41,590 --> 00:14:37,310

at the time was being persecuted I think

301
00:14:43,500 --> 00:14:41,600
is the only way to describe what Harvard

302
00:14:47,620 --> 00:14:43,510
was putting him through they subjected

303
00:14:51,670 --> 00:14:47,630
Inquisition for his his willingness to

304
00:14:54,670 --> 00:14:51,680
entertain the reality of alien abduction

305
00:14:57,190 --> 00:14:54,680
and while he was being subject to all

306
00:14:59,920 --> 00:14:57,200
these hearings at Harvard he got a call

307
00:15:04,060 --> 00:14:59,930
on his office that initially from a BBC

308
00:15:07,480 --> 00:15:04,070
correspondent in outside Harare Zimbabwe

309
00:15:10,300 --> 00:15:07,490
that a children's school had had some

310
00:15:13,660 --> 00:15:10,310
kind of an episode of a visitation of a

311
00:15:15,430 --> 00:15:13,670
of a UFO and the children saw beings

312
00:15:18,130 --> 00:15:15,440
which they reported to the school

313
00:15:21,699 --> 00:15:18,140

authorities and it had become quite a

314

00:15:23,319 --> 00:15:21,709

story in in Zimbabwe and Mac despite all

315

00:15:25,060 --> 00:15:23,329

the troubles he was going through at

316

00:15:28,660 --> 00:15:25,070

Harbor dropped everything and with his

317

00:15:31,199 --> 00:15:28,670

research partner flew to Zimbabwe to

318

00:15:33,030 --> 00:15:31,209

talk to these kids themselves and

319

00:15:38,309 --> 00:15:33,040

Mack and his associate interviewed

320

00:15:41,040 --> 00:15:38,319

dozens of these kids and they all had

321

00:15:42,689 --> 00:15:41,050

the same story that they saw this craft

322

00:15:45,660 --> 00:15:42,699

come down it was either hovering or

323

00:15:48,710 --> 00:15:45,670

landed and they saw two two or three

324

00:15:51,299 --> 00:15:48,720

beings as small dark figures in

325

00:15:53,280 --> 00:15:51,309

form-fitting outfits and they were

326

00:15:55,739 --> 00:15:53,290

communicating telepathically with the

327

00:15:58,019 --> 00:15:55,749

children and the children were very

328

00:15:59,910 --> 00:15:58,029

troubled by it and they all had similar

329

00:16:01,980 --> 00:15:59,920

story which was interesting it was hard

330

00:16:03,809 --> 00:16:01,990

to imagine that these kids could make

331

00:16:06,629 --> 00:16:03,819

all this up and keep their stories

332

00:16:08,519 --> 00:16:06,639

consistent right and that that's really

333

00:16:09,540 --> 00:16:08,529

the basis of that story which is very

334

00:16:12,210 --> 00:16:09,550

very powerful

335

00:16:15,030 --> 00:16:12,220

yes getting back to your career now you

336

00:16:17,999 --> 00:16:15,040

you actually were involved in writing in

337

00:16:19,889 --> 00:16:18,009

Vietnam yeah I was a New York Times

338

00:16:23,910 --> 00:16:19,899

correspondent Vietnam was early in my

339

00:16:26,579 --> 00:16:23,920

career and I had been a correspondent

340

00:16:28,859 --> 00:16:26,589

and in West Germany at the time and then

341

00:16:32,639 --> 00:16:28,869

they sent me to Vietnam it was pretty

342

00:16:35,189 --> 00:16:32,649

much the high point of the war 69 a year

343

00:16:37,230 --> 00:16:35,199

after 10th I was fascinating I was in

344

00:16:40,199 --> 00:16:37,240

Vietnam covered a lot of the war and

345

00:16:42,419 --> 00:16:40,209

then when the war shifted or spread to

346

00:16:46,799 --> 00:16:42,429

Cambodia when Prince Ian it was

347

00:16:48,840 --> 00:16:46,809

overthrown and Cambodia sort of joined

348

00:16:50,699 --> 00:16:48,850

the war on the American side which was a

349

00:16:52,949 --> 00:16:50,709

kind of a disastrous decision for them

350

00:16:54,629 --> 00:16:52,959

they got drawn into it and I covered

351
00:17:00,299 --> 00:16:54,639
that pretty much from the beginning and

352
00:17:02,280 --> 00:17:00,309
then left about the time since Sydney

353
00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:02,290
schanberg came in and covered the

354
00:17:06,929 --> 00:17:04,480
arrival of the Khmer Rouge which became

355
00:17:09,659 --> 00:17:06,939
of course his wonderful movie The

356
00:17:10,980 --> 00:17:09,669
Killing Fields Wow let's see I've just

357
00:17:13,559 --> 00:17:10,990
wonder if we should talk a little bit

358
00:17:16,590 --> 00:17:13,569
more about your career in general what

359
00:17:19,319 --> 00:17:16,600
do you think well that's fine I think

360
00:17:21,510 --> 00:17:19,329
it's very important for you know

361
00:17:24,899 --> 00:17:21,520
listeners to know that you know I come

362
00:17:27,360 --> 00:17:24,909
to this not as a proponent or an

363
00:17:28,950 --> 00:17:27,370

advocate at least I didn't start off

364

00:17:30,810 --> 00:17:28,960

that way I don't think I've become an

365

00:17:33,810 --> 00:17:30,820

advocate I still consider myself a

366

00:17:36,210 --> 00:17:33,820

reporter and I think that I hope that

367

00:17:40,799 --> 00:17:36,220

that's the strength of my reporting that

368

00:17:45,029 --> 00:17:40,809

I come to it as a reporter and the one

369

00:17:46,740 --> 00:17:45,039

thing you know I really stuck in my

370

00:17:49,250 --> 00:17:46,750

investigative reporting over the years

371

00:17:52,590 --> 00:17:49,260

I've been involved in a lot of political

372

00:17:57,000 --> 00:17:52,600

expose for the New York Times my

373

00:17:59,850 --> 00:17:57,010

training is to stick to the facts and I

374

00:18:04,409 --> 00:17:59,860

think I I hope that I what I brought to

375

00:18:08,730 --> 00:18:04,419

this story is a adherence to to the

376

00:18:11,070 --> 00:18:08,740

facts a an openness to shakir things and

377

00:18:12,539 --> 00:18:11,080

to understand things but also in innate

378

00:18:15,090 --> 00:18:12,549

skepticism I don't believe anything

379

00:18:17,399 --> 00:18:15,100

anyone tells me on the face of it and

380

00:18:19,860 --> 00:18:17,409

that everything has to be tested right I

381

00:18:21,990 --> 00:18:19,870

think what is lacking is the one word

382

00:18:24,539 --> 00:18:22,000

you just mentioned out there is the

383

00:18:26,639 --> 00:18:24,549

openness to at least investigate and

384

00:18:29,010 --> 00:18:26,649

it's like a breath of fresh air to have

385

00:18:31,169 --> 00:18:29,020

someone like you actually investigate

386

00:18:34,950 --> 00:18:31,179

something like this well you know I sort

387

00:18:37,230 --> 00:18:34,960

of took my cues from from John Mack who

388

00:18:39,330 --> 00:18:37,240

also described a great length in his

389

00:18:42,299 --> 00:18:39,340

books and all his interviews how he came

390

00:18:45,930 --> 00:18:42,309

to it as a skeptic it's an interesting

391

00:18:47,879 --> 00:18:45,940

story he was brought up as a scientist

392

00:18:51,960 --> 00:18:47,889

his whole family had been eminent

393

00:18:55,320 --> 00:18:51,970

physicians at Harvard his training was

394

00:18:57,500 --> 00:18:55,330

science he was a he had to be a medical

395

00:19:00,570 --> 00:18:57,510

doctor before he could be a psychiatrist

396

00:19:03,419 --> 00:19:00,580

so he trained the I have a photo of him

397

00:19:06,240 --> 00:19:03,429

conducting an autopsy oh yeah yeah he

398

00:19:08,250 --> 00:19:06,250

was a man of science and he was an

399

00:19:10,950 --> 00:19:08,260

activist a social activist he believed

400

00:19:12,990 --> 00:19:10,960

in you know ending nuclear weapons and

401
00:19:18,690 --> 00:19:13,000
but so politically he was certainly on

402
00:19:23,820 --> 00:19:18,700
the left but he was a strictly man of

403
00:19:26,159 --> 00:19:23,830
science and when he eventually started

404
00:19:28,980 --> 00:19:26,169
learning about these unusual this

405
00:19:32,460 --> 00:19:28,990
anomalous world he had taken breath

406
00:19:35,730 --> 00:19:32,470
worth training with stanislav grof and

407
00:19:37,649 --> 00:19:35,740
his wife and he had learned well I mean

408
00:19:41,460 --> 00:19:37,659
psychiatrist steel and hypnosis in

409
00:19:44,669 --> 00:19:41,470
alternate states all the time he was

410
00:19:48,060 --> 00:19:44,679
always aware that that there were some

411
00:19:52,260 --> 00:19:48,070
hidden corners of the human mind which

412
00:19:54,450 --> 00:19:52,270
every psychiatrist knows but he began

413
00:19:55,960 --> 00:19:54,460

experimenting himself he tried some

414

00:19:58,510 --> 00:19:55,970

psychotropic drugs

415

00:20:00,550 --> 00:19:58,520

all those energetic drugs and he was

416

00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:00,560

surprised that the things they brought

417

00:20:09,910 --> 00:20:05,600

out in him he had had a very traumatic

418

00:20:13,300 --> 00:20:09,920

youth his mother died when he was seven

419

00:20:14,590 --> 00:20:13,310

months old his father remarried but he

420

00:20:18,450 --> 00:20:14,600

always missed his mother

421

00:20:20,500 --> 00:20:18,460

so these issues came out when he was

422

00:20:22,240 --> 00:20:20,510

experimenting with drugs so he knew that

423

00:20:25,240 --> 00:20:22,250

there were some hidden corners of the

424

00:20:27,520 --> 00:20:25,250

human mind but nothing prepared him for

425

00:20:30,610 --> 00:20:27,530

the letters that but Hopkins showed him

426
00:20:31,930 --> 00:20:30,620
when when Mac met Budd Hopkins and

427
00:20:33,850 --> 00:20:31,940
Hopkins said he'd been getting these

428
00:20:35,860 --> 00:20:33,860
letters from people who had been

429
00:20:38,200 --> 00:20:35,870
abducted or said they'd been abducted

430
00:20:40,180 --> 00:20:38,210
and Mac looked at them and was trying to

431
00:20:41,950 --> 00:20:40,190
figure out what was going on he didn't

432
00:20:44,920 --> 00:20:41,960
believe it either do you know how they

433
00:20:46,840 --> 00:20:44,930
first met yeah Mac had been dabbling in

434
00:20:49,060 --> 00:20:46,850
some of these interesting groups like

435
00:20:52,870 --> 00:20:49,070
esthe on the west coast you know it was

436
00:20:53,950 --> 00:20:52,880
an era of great experimentation sexual

437
00:20:58,270 --> 00:20:53,960
experimentation

438
00:21:02,140 --> 00:20:58,280

these things were going on in the 50s

439

00:21:04,390 --> 00:21:02,150

and 60s great opening up and he was an

440

00:21:08,110 --> 00:21:04,400

eager participant and there was a woman

441

00:21:11,170 --> 00:21:08,120

in one of these groups in on the coast

442

00:21:14,710 --> 00:21:11,180

in California who knew lied

443

00:21:18,280 --> 00:21:14,720

but what Hopkins was a very accomplished

444

00:21:20,650 --> 00:21:18,290

artist who had himself seen a UFO on

445

00:21:23,680 --> 00:21:20,660

Cape Cod in the 60s and then written

446

00:21:27,160 --> 00:21:23,690

about it and this woman became a kind of

447

00:21:30,130 --> 00:21:27,170

a bridge between Mac and and Budd

448

00:21:31,600 --> 00:21:30,140

Hopkins she told Mac she'd met Mac I

449

00:21:33,490 --> 00:21:31,610

guess on the coast and said there's this

450

00:21:36,940 --> 00:21:33,500

guy but Hopkins who's really interesting

451
00:21:38,650 --> 00:21:36,950
you should meet him so Mac said he

452
00:21:42,700 --> 00:21:38,660
always remembered the date it was you

453
00:21:45,550 --> 00:21:42,710
know in 1980 I believe and he went to

454
00:21:47,350 --> 00:21:45,560
visit but and Budd showed him these

455
00:21:50,380 --> 00:21:47,360
letters so that's how it came about I

456
00:21:52,600 --> 00:21:50,390
see in the article you wrote you talked

457
00:21:56,410 --> 00:21:52,610
briefly about the Brooklyn Bridge UFO

458
00:21:57,940 --> 00:21:56,420
abduction do you know more details about

459
00:22:00,700 --> 00:21:57,950
that I've heard about that but I've

460
00:22:03,970 --> 00:22:00,710
never really well I do it's really one

461
00:22:06,730 --> 00:22:03,980
of the most sensational that's certainly

462
00:22:09,400 --> 00:22:06,740
a fair word to use cases that have ever

463
00:22:12,370 --> 00:22:09,410

come up I mean of course the hills store

464

00:22:14,560 --> 00:22:12,380

is very sensational they were all

465

00:22:18,040 --> 00:22:14,570

sensational there's not a there's not an

466

00:22:19,840 --> 00:22:18,050

abduction story that's not but the Linda

467

00:22:23,320 --> 00:22:19,850

Napolitan I call her by her real name

468

00:22:25,390 --> 00:22:23,330

which she gave me permission to do but

469

00:22:27,580 --> 00:22:25,400

Hopkins gave her pseudonym in his book

470

00:22:30,250 --> 00:22:27,590

but I'll give you the story very quickly

471

00:22:32,560 --> 00:22:30,260

a major world figure this is in Budd

472

00:22:35,050 --> 00:22:32,570

Hopkins telling of the story a major

473

00:22:38,290 --> 00:22:35,060

world leader was on his way downtown to

474

00:22:41,200 --> 00:22:38,300

a meeting with two bodyguards his car

475

00:22:43,380 --> 00:22:41,210

suddenly came to a stop under the FDR

476

00:22:45,610 --> 00:22:43,390

drive of the east side of Manhattan and

477

00:22:47,800 --> 00:22:45,620

they didn't know what was wrong with the

478

00:22:50,770 --> 00:22:47,810

car and they stopped and got out and

479

00:22:53,110 --> 00:22:50,780

we're looking around and again this is

480

00:22:55,570 --> 00:22:53,120

according to the story told in Budd

481

00:22:58,690 --> 00:22:55,580

Hopkins book and the story that Linda

482

00:23:02,470 --> 00:22:58,700

later told me the world leader and two

483

00:23:04,180 --> 00:23:02,480

bodyguards saw a spacecraft hovering

484

00:23:07,540 --> 00:23:04,190

over a building near the Brooklyn Bridge

485

00:23:10,990 --> 00:23:07,550

to their amazement they saw a figure

486

00:23:14,710 --> 00:23:11,000

come out of the window levitate out of

487

00:23:16,780 --> 00:23:14,720

the window followed by three and to join

488

00:23:18,910 --> 00:23:16,790

three small beings who had come out of

489

00:23:21,610 --> 00:23:18,920

the spacecraft they all floated toward

490

00:23:23,620 --> 00:23:21,620

the spacecraft the spacecraft then shot

491

00:23:25,690 --> 00:23:23,630

over the East River over the Brooklyn

492

00:23:29,980 --> 00:23:25,700

Bridge and plunged into the water that

493

00:23:31,330 --> 00:23:29,990

was the story they were apparently there

494

00:23:33,010 --> 00:23:31,340

were some witnesses on the Brooklyn

495

00:23:35,320 --> 00:23:33,020

Bridge drivers whose caused it also

496

00:23:39,040 --> 00:23:35,330

stalled there were witnesses at the New

497

00:23:41,350 --> 00:23:39,050

York Post printing plant anyway and in

498

00:23:44,350 --> 00:23:41,360

his book witnessed but Hopkins tells

499

00:23:47,380 --> 00:23:44,360

this story and later when I met Linda

500

00:23:50,820 --> 00:23:47,390

the woman who was supposedly and

501
00:23:52,990 --> 00:23:50,830
levitated out of her window she

502
00:23:54,460 --> 00:23:53,000
confirmed the story to me at least in

503
00:23:57,280 --> 00:23:54,470
her experience this is what she

504
00:23:58,930 --> 00:23:57,290
remembered you often under hypnosis it's

505
00:24:02,110 --> 00:23:58,940
very hard to recover these memories

506
00:24:04,570 --> 00:24:02,120
because they're very clouded

507
00:24:06,850 --> 00:24:04,580
anyway I'd you know there was no way in

508
00:24:09,960 --> 00:24:06,860
in the context of this article or even

509
00:24:12,220 --> 00:24:09,970
in a book of my own that I could

510
00:24:13,840 --> 00:24:12,230
completely check out this story it's

511
00:24:16,030 --> 00:24:13,850
become kind of controversial because

512
00:24:22,120 --> 00:24:16,040
different people have claimed it was a

513
00:24:23,350 --> 00:24:22,130

hoax and it's the it's really spurred a

514

00:24:27,460 --> 00:24:23,360

very lively debate

515

00:24:31,570 --> 00:24:27,470

online but at least I was able to talk

516

00:24:33,790 --> 00:24:31,580

to Linda and the world figure who Budd

517

00:24:36,130 --> 00:24:33,800

Hopkins never identifies in his book but

518

00:24:38,950 --> 00:24:36,140

is identified in other articles online

519

00:24:41,470 --> 00:24:38,960

and supposedly the former Secretary

520

00:24:43,570 --> 00:24:41,480

General of the United Nations Javier

521

00:24:47,410 --> 00:24:43,580

Perez de Cuellar who was on his way to a

522

00:24:49,900 --> 00:24:47,420

meeting I did get the chance through a

523

00:24:52,750 --> 00:24:49,910

canoes colleague to get some questions

524

00:24:56,560 --> 00:24:52,760

to de Cuellar who's now retired in in

525

00:24:58,990 --> 00:24:56,570

Peru and he was asked about this whole

526

00:25:01,510 --> 00:24:59,000

episode and his responses were quite

527

00:25:03,610 --> 00:25:01,520

enigmatic he said he didn't really

528

00:25:05,440 --> 00:25:03,620

remember he didn't deny it but he said

529

00:25:09,760 --> 00:25:05,450

he has no interest in these types of

530

00:25:13,810 --> 00:25:09,770

stories but it was not exactly a flat

531

00:25:17,080 --> 00:25:13,820

denial and it's a very peculiar story I

532

00:25:20,470 --> 00:25:17,090

had to say the least at least I was able

533

00:25:24,280 --> 00:25:20,480

to track down some of the figures as

534

00:25:27,250 --> 00:25:24,290

like Linda for example and Leslie came

535

00:25:30,640 --> 00:25:27,260

who was close to but Hopkins has a lot

536

00:25:32,830 --> 00:25:30,650

of his original research and I was able

537

00:25:35,740 --> 00:25:32,840

to confirm you know some of the outlines

538

00:25:37,840 --> 00:25:35,750

of the story so again that's the

539

00:25:41,530 --> 00:25:37,850

so-called Brooklyn Bridge abduction and

540

00:25:45,720 --> 00:25:41,540

the story goes on that Linda was taken

541

00:25:47,860 --> 00:25:45,730

to a strange place but some Beach and

542

00:25:50,080 --> 00:25:47,870

one of the people she was abducted with

543

00:25:52,330 --> 00:25:50,090

came back with some of the sand but it

544

00:25:55,320 --> 00:25:52,340

had been tested and as usual in these

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00:25:59,410 --> 00:25:55,330

stories it's inconclusive there's never

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00:26:02,550 --> 00:25:59,420

enough physical proof to be persuasive

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00:26:05,650 --> 00:26:02,560

that's one of the mysteries of the whole

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00:26:08,860 --> 00:26:05,660

you know UFO and alien abduction

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00:26:11,230 --> 00:26:08,870

phenomena no one has ever been able to

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00:26:12,840 --> 00:26:11,240

come back with incontrovertible

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00:26:15,310 --> 00:26:12,850

scientific proof there's always

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00:26:18,040 --> 00:26:15,320

tantalizing things as little cuts that

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00:26:21,520 --> 00:26:18,050

heal quickly there's a witness sightings

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00:26:24,940 --> 00:26:21,530

that coincide with abductions you know

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00:26:27,930 --> 00:26:24,950

there's a pattern of evidence of

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00:26:29,950 --> 00:26:27,940

fragmentary evidence that falls short of

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00:26:32,020 --> 00:26:29,960

incontrovertible proof that's the way it

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00:26:34,840 --> 00:26:32,030

seems like it's always been since you've

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00:26:36,740 --> 00:26:34,850

written this article have you considered

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00:26:41,030 --> 00:26:36,750

what you would do if someone contacted

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00:26:42,440 --> 00:26:41,040

you and started relaying their abduction

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00:26:45,500 --> 00:26:42,450

experience to you

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00:26:47,660 --> 00:26:45,510

where you would go with that well you

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00:26:48,320 --> 00:26:47,670

know some people have actually contacted

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00:26:50,390 --> 00:26:48,330

me

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00:26:51,980 --> 00:26:50,400

they've also contacted you know they

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00:26:54,860 --> 00:26:51,990

told me they've been in touch with other

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00:26:57,950 --> 00:26:54,870

you know groups and they had Oh had

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00:27:00,410 --> 00:26:57,960

talked to Mack at the time so I would

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00:27:02,840 --> 00:27:00,420

definitely talk to them I frankly I have

571

00:27:04,910 --> 00:27:02,850

interviewed a few of them for what I

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00:27:07,460 --> 00:27:04,920

hope will be my book so I've heard these

573

00:27:10,160 --> 00:27:07,470

stories firsthand myself I've you know

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00:27:11,750 --> 00:27:10,170

tested them check them out I've talked

575

00:27:13,940 --> 00:27:11,760

to other people for example this young

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00:27:17,420 --> 00:27:13,950

woman in Massachusetts who told me all

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00:27:19,610 --> 00:27:17,430

kinds of stories and she told me about

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00:27:21,380 --> 00:27:19,620

an episode where she she felt she was

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00:27:24,710 --> 00:27:21,390

abducted from her bedroom and I talked

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00:27:27,620 --> 00:27:24,720

to her you know to check it to verify it

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00:27:29,480 --> 00:27:27,630

I talked to her husband they've since

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00:27:32,690 --> 00:27:29,490

separated but he they're in good terms

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00:27:34,190 --> 00:27:32,700

and he was a what struck me particularly

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00:27:36,830 --> 00:27:34,200

is he's a police officer

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00:27:39,230 --> 00:27:36,840

mm-hmm was able to confirm some of the

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00:27:41,750 --> 00:27:39,240

details he was as is very common as you

587

00:27:44,210 --> 00:27:41,760

know he was kind of paralyzed he

588

00:27:46,730 --> 00:27:44,220

couldn't move but he saw the flashing

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00:27:51,680 --> 00:27:46,740

red light he felt a presence in the room

590

00:27:54,410 --> 00:27:51,690

he felt her struggling when she was you

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00:27:56,480 --> 00:27:54,420

know abducted so here's a police officer

592

00:27:58,520 --> 00:27:56,490

you know with some degree of credibility

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00:28:01,340 --> 00:27:58,530

still working as a law enforcement

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00:28:03,620 --> 00:28:01,350

officer who confirms some of the

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00:28:04,970 --> 00:28:03,630

outlines of the story so I have talked

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00:28:07,370 --> 00:28:04,980

to quite a few of these people and

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00:28:10,430 --> 00:28:07,380

wherever possible you tried to get

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00:28:13,220 --> 00:28:10,440

outside confirmation it's very difficult

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00:28:15,860 --> 00:28:13,230

as you know and again it always falls

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00:28:19,040 --> 00:28:15,870

short you know full of scientific proof

601
00:28:21,800 --> 00:28:19,050
but I'm happy to you know hear these

602
00:28:23,750 --> 00:28:21,810
stories and meet with people and just

603
00:28:25,310 --> 00:28:23,760
listen to them would you attend any

604
00:28:27,350 --> 00:28:25,320
other like four instances in

605
00:28:29,000 --> 00:28:27,360
experiencers conference I'm right in my

606
00:28:30,280 --> 00:28:29,010
neighborhood up in Portland Maine this

607
00:28:33,740 --> 00:28:30,290
September would you ever consider

608
00:28:35,360 --> 00:28:33,750
attending one of those I know there are

609
00:28:37,460 --> 00:28:35,370
a lot of these conferences there's the

610
00:28:40,910 --> 00:28:37,470
MUFON conference there you know every

611
00:28:44,180 --> 00:28:40,920
year there are a lot of groups meeting

612
00:28:47,060 --> 00:28:44,190
and the hard part is you know to keep up

613
00:28:50,570 --> 00:28:47,070

with all of it and as you know there's

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00:28:53,330 --> 00:28:50,580

also it is a kind of a mixed bag

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00:28:55,790 --> 00:28:53,340

I mean there's some some more credible

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00:28:58,880 --> 00:28:55,800

than others and one I think has to be

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00:29:02,420 --> 00:28:58,890

careful to you know focus for I have to

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00:29:07,010 --> 00:29:02,430

be careful folks my effort on the more

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00:29:09,160 --> 00:29:07,020

reliable rewarding of the conferences or

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00:29:13,220 --> 00:29:09,170

so because there's so many of them but

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00:29:17,470 --> 00:29:13,230

for example I talked in my article about

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00:29:20,150 --> 00:29:17,480

the famous abduction conference at MIT

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00:29:22,670 --> 00:29:20,160

that took place in the 90s it was

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00:29:26,090 --> 00:29:22,680

extraordinary put on by David Jacobs and

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00:29:30,560 --> 00:29:26,100

David Pritchard and MIT was the shall we

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00:29:33,290 --> 00:29:30,570

say reluctant host it opened its doors

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00:29:34,850 --> 00:29:33,300

to this very prestigious high-level

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00:29:37,160 --> 00:29:34,860

conference where a lot of papers were

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00:29:41,150 --> 00:29:37,170

presented and the issue was looked at

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00:29:43,450 --> 00:29:41,160

from various perspectives so that became

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00:29:46,190 --> 00:29:43,460

its own book by cqb Brian

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00:29:49,010 --> 00:29:46,200

the great writer who wrote friendly-fire

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00:29:51,920 --> 00:29:49,020

he wrote a book Close Encounters of the

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00:29:55,100 --> 00:29:51,930

Fourth Kind just about that conference I

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00:29:56,420 --> 00:29:55,110

wish I had attended that they are in

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00:30:00,080 --> 00:29:56,430

said Harvard at the Harvard Divinity

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00:30:02,260 --> 00:30:00,090

School not open to outsiders but a

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00:30:06,170 --> 00:30:02,270

conference of a lot of professionals

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00:30:08,780 --> 00:30:06,180

including Mac to look at this problem an

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00:30:12,020 --> 00:30:08,790

issue and see what they could make of it

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00:30:13,580 --> 00:30:12,030

so yes there are conferences I think

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00:30:16,100 --> 00:30:13,590

that are very worth attending you

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00:30:18,590 --> 00:30:16,110

mentioned briefly a book do you have

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00:30:20,060 --> 00:30:18,600

something you have something in mind you

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00:30:24,680 --> 00:30:20,070

know I've been trying for the longest

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00:30:27,980 --> 00:30:24,690

time to to sell a book on John Mac it

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00:30:30,430 --> 00:30:27,990

has not been easy because of the the

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00:30:35,330 --> 00:30:30,440

mindset that we were talking about

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00:30:37,220 --> 00:30:35,340

there's a lot of hostility I would say

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00:30:39,380 --> 00:30:37,230

more than skepticism hostility in the

651
00:30:42,560 --> 00:30:39,390
publishing community even though books

652
00:30:46,640 --> 00:30:42,570
keep coming out about you know UFOs and

653
00:30:51,400 --> 00:30:46,650
abduction and movies for sure the

654
00:30:55,370 --> 00:30:51,410
mainstream publishing community is quite

655
00:30:58,700 --> 00:30:55,380
skeptical or hostile and Mac was not

656
00:31:01,640 --> 00:30:58,710
seen as enough of a figure to anchor a

657
00:31:03,890 --> 00:31:01,650
book so I've had a lot of difficulty

658
00:31:06,080 --> 00:31:03,900
selling it as an idea

659
00:31:08,450 --> 00:31:06,090
I think in the end I'll prevail I have

660
00:31:10,760 --> 00:31:08,460
some interest now I think I know where

661
00:31:13,370 --> 00:31:10,770
I'm going on it and I think the Vanity

662
00:31:16,940 --> 00:31:13,380
Fair article really helped show the the

663
00:31:18,860 --> 00:31:16,950

interest but it has not been easy I bet

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00:31:20,990 --> 00:31:18,870

we're getting near the end of the show

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00:31:23,360 --> 00:31:21,000

here have you had any of these type of

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00:31:27,410 --> 00:31:23,370

experiences or your family that you're

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00:31:29,600 --> 00:31:27,420

aware of no I really searched my memory

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00:31:31,820 --> 00:31:29,610

because a lot of these experiences are

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00:31:33,860 --> 00:31:31,830

deeply buried as you know and often come

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00:31:37,360 --> 00:31:33,870

out only in connection with something

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00:31:40,549 --> 00:31:37,370

else but I can't say I've ever I have

672

00:31:44,570 --> 00:31:40,559

I've never seen a UFO that I can

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00:31:46,220 --> 00:31:44,580

remember and and I'm glad I have not had

674

00:31:50,419 --> 00:31:46,230

these troubling experiences because I

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00:31:52,940 --> 00:31:50,429

know how people suffer I as you know

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00:31:54,820 --> 00:31:52,950
they tend to occur in family so if your

677
00:31:57,110 --> 00:31:54,830
grandparents and parents have had

678
00:31:58,730 --> 00:31:57,120
abduction type experiences you're more

679
00:32:00,890 --> 00:31:58,740
likely to and that has not been a

680
00:32:04,640 --> 00:32:00,900
pattern my family it tends to happen

681
00:32:07,490 --> 00:32:04,650
early in life not late in life so it's

682
00:32:10,130 --> 00:32:07,500
as if these beings whatever they are are

683
00:32:12,620 --> 00:32:10,140
following people from generations which

684
00:32:14,330 --> 00:32:12,630
might be some kind of study but it does

685
00:32:18,169 --> 00:32:14,340
seem to be that seems to be the pattern

686
00:32:19,960 --> 00:32:18,179
so in my case no and as I say from what

687
00:32:26,360 --> 00:32:19,970
I've seen about the deeply traumatic

688
00:32:28,940 --> 00:32:26,370

effects I can't say I'm sorry I have not

689

00:32:30,740 --> 00:32:28,950

have you know been singled out or had

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00:32:32,570 --> 00:32:30,750

these experiences because they're very

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00:32:35,120 --> 00:32:32,580

very difficult I've been rereading

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00:32:39,350 --> 00:32:35,130

Whitley streamer's book and how he was

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00:32:43,340 --> 00:32:39,360

tortured by by his experiences they're

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00:32:44,980 --> 00:32:43,350

very trouble you know the outs the

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00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:44,990

skeptics are always trying to make a

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00:32:52,340 --> 00:32:49,200

link between these experiences and

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00:32:53,960 --> 00:32:52,350

mental illness is to the extent these

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00:32:56,419 --> 00:32:53,970

people are mentally disturbed

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00:32:58,150 --> 00:32:56,429

it's what's happened to them as a result

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00:33:01,460 --> 00:32:58,160

of their experiences they're not

701
00:33:03,080 --> 00:33:01,470
mentally disturbed and conjuring up

702
00:33:05,660 --> 00:33:03,090
these experiences they're perfectly

703
00:33:07,910 --> 00:33:05,670
normal people until they encounter these

704
00:33:12,880 --> 00:33:07,920
inexplicable events and and they're

705
00:33:15,860 --> 00:33:12,890
thrown off off-center as you would Mack

706
00:33:17,610 --> 00:33:15,870
found that many people hoped to be told

707
00:33:19,620 --> 00:33:17,620
that they were insane

708
00:33:22,440 --> 00:33:19,630
they could deal with what had happened

709
00:33:25,169 --> 00:33:22,450
to them so when he gave them the bad

710
00:33:27,299 --> 00:33:25,179
news that they were not crazy that as

711
00:33:29,340 --> 00:33:27,309
other people have had these same

712
00:33:30,870 --> 00:33:29,350
experiences and there were witnesses and

713
00:33:33,180 --> 00:33:30,880

something that something had happened to

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00:33:35,279 --> 00:33:33,190

them in some dimension they were even

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00:33:37,980 --> 00:33:35,289

more troubled because they they lacked

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00:33:40,140 --> 00:33:37,990

any system for processing that

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00:33:42,419 --> 00:33:40,150

information well it sure is a mysterious

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00:33:44,340 --> 00:33:42,429

phenomenon it is and that's the thing

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00:33:46,019 --> 00:33:44,350

you know I think it'll remain mysterious

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00:33:48,720 --> 00:33:46,029

for a long time to come I'm very

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00:33:51,180 --> 00:33:48,730

pessimistic that we're close to a

722

00:33:53,159 --> 00:33:51,190

solution I think it's just something

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00:33:53,580 --> 00:33:53,169

we're gonna have to keep studying that's

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00:33:55,950 --> 00:33:53,590

right

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00:33:58,380 --> 00:33:55,960

Ralph you've been amazing so glad that

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00:34:00,930 --> 00:33:58,390

you've written this article and I hope

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00:34:02,789 --> 00:34:00,940

to see your name in print a number of

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00:34:04,230 --> 00:34:02,799

times in the future about this well

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00:34:04,830 --> 00:34:04,240

thank you so much for having me it's a

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00:34:07,909 --> 00:34:04,840

great pleasure

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00:34:13,710 --> 00:34:07,919

yes all right that was back on May of

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00:34:15,990 --> 00:34:13,720

2013 and this is July 29th 2019 and yes

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00:34:18,450 --> 00:34:16,000

we did see his name in print again and

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00:34:21,540 --> 00:34:18,460

that was the New York Times article of

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00:34:25,560 --> 00:34:21,550

course with Leslie came back in December

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00:34:26,940 --> 00:34:25,570

of 2017 so we're going to be back next

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00:34:29,780 --> 00:34:26,950

week with a great guest

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00:34:33,270 --> 00:34:29,790

Rizwan Burk we're gonna be talking about

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00:34:35,460 --> 00:34:33,280

entrepreneurialship and Technology UFOs

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00:34:36,930 --> 00:34:35,470

and a lot more thanks for listening