

THE UFO STIGMA

LIVE FROM ALIENCON LA

episode 24.19

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00:00:06,410 --> 00:00:04,160
reading citizens I'm Jason McClellan

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00:00:08,660 --> 00:00:06,420
and today's episode of unknown is a

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00:00:11,390 --> 00:00:08,670
special episode that was recorded live

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00:00:14,930 --> 00:00:11,400
on stage at alien Con Los Angeles on

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00:00:17,540 --> 00:00:14,940
Sunday June 23rd the rest of the unknown

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00:00:20,000 --> 00:00:17,550
team was there Maureen Elsberry Ryan

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00:00:22,370 --> 00:00:20,010
Sprague and Shane herb and for this

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00:00:24,500 --> 00:00:22,380
episode we discussed the stigma that

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00:00:27,320 --> 00:00:24,510
still surrounds the UFO topic

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00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:27,330
it's always fun recording episodes live

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00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:29,760
in front of an audience we certainly had

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00:00:35,299 --> 00:00:31,920
fun with this episode and we hope you

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:35,309

enjoy it greeting citizens and welcome

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00:00:58,890 --> 00:00:36,960

to unknown

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00:01:01,290 --> 00:00:58,900

[Music]

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00:01:03,630 --> 00:01:01,300

I'm Jason McClellan I'm here with Ryan

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00:01:06,210 --> 00:01:03,640

Sprague Maureen Elsberry and Shane herd

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00:01:09,330 --> 00:01:06,220

and today we're recording live from

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00:01:11,700 --> 00:01:09,340

alien con la and we love doing these

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00:01:13,290 --> 00:01:11,710

live recordings not only because we're

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00:01:15,480 --> 00:01:13,300

all together in the same place which

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00:01:17,550 --> 00:01:15,490

doesn't always happen but also because

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00:01:19,980 --> 00:01:17,560

we have the wonderful privilege of

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00:01:21,300 --> 00:01:19,990

having a live audience today thank you

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00:01:26,130 --> 00:01:21,310

guys so much for being here how's it

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00:01:27,900 --> 00:01:26,140

going I like loved having you guys here

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00:01:29,340 --> 00:01:27,910

and we hope to incorporate you into the

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00:01:31,800 --> 00:01:29,350

show today thank you so much for being

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:31,810

here so today we're going to spend most

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00:01:35,730 --> 00:01:33,280

of our time together talking about

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00:01:37,830 --> 00:01:35,740

what's known as the giggle factor or the

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00:01:41,640 --> 00:01:37,840

ridicule factor attached with the topic

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00:01:45,420 --> 00:01:41,650

of UFOs the subject of UFOs the very

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00:01:47,180 --> 00:01:45,430

word itself is stigmatized UFOs have

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00:01:49,740 --> 00:01:47,190

been in pop culture for a long time

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00:01:52,040 --> 00:01:49,750

everybody loves seeing UFOs in movies

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00:01:56,160 --> 00:01:52,050

and on TV but what we're talking about

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00:01:58,200 --> 00:01:56,170

today is UFOs in the real world when

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00:02:00,900 --> 00:01:58,210

someone claims to have seen the UFO

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it hasn't been uncommon for claims of

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00:02:06,810 --> 00:02:03,010

UFO sightings to be met with smirks

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00:02:09,300 --> 00:02:06,820

giggles and outright ridicule because of

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00:02:11,190 --> 00:02:09,310

this ridicule factor many people refrain

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00:02:14,580 --> 00:02:11,200

from sharing personal experiences or

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00:02:17,250 --> 00:02:14,590

even attempting to discuss the topic of

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00:02:19,530 --> 00:02:17,260

UFOs in public so I want to give you an

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00:02:21,360 --> 00:02:19,540

example to start off here so I was

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00:02:23,820 --> 00:02:21,370

recently interviewing a college

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00:02:26,850 --> 00:02:23,830

professor at one of the largest public

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00:02:29,460 --> 00:02:26,860

universities in the country the topic of

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00:02:32,280 --> 00:02:29,470
the interview wasn't related to UFOs at

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00:02:34,500 --> 00:02:32,290
all it was completely unrelated and it

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00:02:37,080 --> 00:02:34,510
was probably something about academics I

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00:02:38,940 --> 00:02:37,090
don't remember exactly but this

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00:02:41,670 --> 00:02:38,950
gentleman was in my office and he

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00:02:44,100 --> 00:02:41,680
happened to see a copy of a book on my

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00:02:46,530 --> 00:02:44,110
desk and it was a book that I'd written

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00:02:48,710 --> 00:02:46,540
recently called only weirdos see UFOs he

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00:02:51,750 --> 00:02:48,720
saw this book sitting on my desk and

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00:02:54,140 --> 00:02:51,760
that's what prompted what I'll play for

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00:02:58,089 --> 00:02:54,150
you now

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00:03:00,800 --> 00:02:58,099
I saw a flying craft one time yeah yes

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00:03:03,050 --> 00:03:00,810

it was in the winter in December in

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00:03:06,199 --> 00:03:03,060

Tennessee and it had been spotted

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00:03:08,720 --> 00:03:06,209

several times about other people usually

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00:03:10,610 --> 00:03:08,730

in the in the night and because it was

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00:03:11,869 --> 00:03:10,620

in December it was very clear you know

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00:03:14,119 --> 00:03:11,879

and not a lot of humidity anything like

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00:03:16,940 --> 00:03:14,129

that so you could see for a long way and

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00:03:19,460 --> 00:03:16,950

I talked to several people who had seen

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00:03:21,710 --> 00:03:19,470

it or knew someone who had and most of

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00:03:24,740 --> 00:03:21,720

the sightings were in and around the

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00:03:28,400 --> 00:03:24,750

freeway and I was coming back from

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00:03:31,580 --> 00:03:28,410

Nashville late at night and I looked

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00:03:35,120 --> 00:03:31,590

over and said holy you know it was

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00:03:38,930 --> 00:03:35,130

a huge vessel that was a layer cake kind

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00:03:40,699 --> 00:03:38,940

of thing you know soon yeah didn't a lot

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00:03:42,910 --> 00:03:40,709

of red orange with what appeared to be

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00:03:48,170 --> 00:03:42,920

windows and there was a rotation to it

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00:03:50,509 --> 00:03:48,180

and it was amazing and the person in the

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00:03:51,979 --> 00:03:50,519

car I said you know look at that and we

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00:03:54,740 --> 00:03:51,989

were just stunned I said we got to get a

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00:03:57,949 --> 00:03:54,750

picture of this and she reached in the

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00:04:00,530 --> 00:03:57,959

back seat and screamed and the reason is

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00:04:04,370 --> 00:04:00,540

there was some kind of vehicle literally

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00:04:06,259 --> 00:04:04,380

I was doing 65 right on our bumper and

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00:04:08,780 --> 00:04:06,269

it had very funny configuration of

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00:04:11,059 --> 00:04:08,790

lighting it wasn't like two headlights

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00:04:13,520 --> 00:04:11,069

it was very different from that and I

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00:04:16,400 --> 00:04:13,530

just thought and I just floorboard

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00:04:19,250 --> 00:04:16,410

head and instantly whatever was behind

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00:04:21,770 --> 00:04:19,260

us was going Wow then my car wasn't that

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00:04:24,230 --> 00:04:21,780

fast and it was very amazing I've never

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00:04:26,270 --> 00:04:24,240

forgotten I was in Tennessee last week

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00:04:27,710 --> 00:04:26,280

and I was making that ride it's in the

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00:04:34,570 --> 00:04:27,720

daytime and I thought about this this is

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00:04:43,550 --> 00:04:41,089

1970 so there was a huge the mothership

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00:04:45,409 --> 00:04:43,560

and then what I viewed as a scout ship

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00:04:49,610 --> 00:04:45,419

it was literally right behind us

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00:04:51,260 --> 00:04:49,620

you know and and literally I have no

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00:04:52,879 --> 00:04:51,270
idea because it was dark and I and I was

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00:04:54,529 --> 00:04:52,889
and it was so close I couldn't see well

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00:04:56,480 --> 00:04:54,539
mainly all I could see was the lights

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00:04:58,100 --> 00:04:56,490
and again the lights were kind of funky

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00:05:00,600 --> 00:04:58,110
configuration they weren't like this

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00:05:03,720 --> 00:05:00,610
they were more like like

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00:05:05,820 --> 00:05:03,730
you know and a triangular kind of thing

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00:05:07,740 --> 00:05:05,830
but what was amazing was the big the big

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00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:07,750
vessel it was gigantic you know it's

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00:05:13,170 --> 00:05:10,720
really big I'd say it was maybe five

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00:05:15,650 --> 00:05:13,180
hundred yards from the freeway because

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00:05:18,510 --> 00:05:15,660
it was in December there was no foliage

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00:05:19,650 --> 00:05:18,520

it clear night you know stars in the sky

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00:05:22,050 --> 00:05:19,660

and all that and so it was just

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00:05:24,570 --> 00:05:22,060

outrageous and again lots of people had

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00:05:29,070 --> 00:05:24,580

seen it over that month who knows what

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00:05:30,510 --> 00:05:29,080

it was yes yes because I know that some

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00:05:33,960 --> 00:05:30,520

of the people who saw it saw it at least

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00:05:36,390 --> 00:05:33,970

a week before I did you know and I

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00:05:37,950 --> 00:05:36,400

didn't see that big object fly it was

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00:05:40,770 --> 00:05:37,960

hovering okay and you know it could have

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00:05:42,360 --> 00:05:40,780

been some kind of weird secret NASA

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00:05:44,160 --> 00:05:42,370

thing that we never heard about I mean I

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00:05:45,870 --> 00:05:44,170

don't know what it was you know but it

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00:05:50,850 --> 00:05:45,880

certainly wasn't like any craft I ever

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00:05:52,650 --> 00:05:50,860
saw you know and so as far as sightings

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00:05:55,470 --> 00:05:52,660
go this is a pretty incredible UFO

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00:05:57,860 --> 00:05:55,480
encounter and told by a respected

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00:06:01,020 --> 00:05:57,870
college professor at a major university

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00:06:03,650 --> 00:06:01,030
but he told me that he hadn't ever

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00:06:06,690 --> 00:06:03,660
shared this story with anyone before and

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00:06:08,430 --> 00:06:06,700
when I asked him for permission to use

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00:06:12,420 --> 00:06:08,440
the recording of his story for this

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00:06:14,990 --> 00:06:12,430
podcast he obliged but only under the

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00:06:19,560 --> 00:06:15,000
condition that I not reveal his identity

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00:06:22,350 --> 00:06:19,570
because he although now he is a

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00:06:24,510 --> 00:06:22,360
professor emeritus he's retired he's

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00:06:27,570 --> 00:06:24,520

still worried about the sort of backlash

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00:06:30,210 --> 00:06:27,580

that he would face if it at least as far

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00:06:32,490 --> 00:06:30,220

as he perceives that he would have to

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00:06:34,710 --> 00:06:32,500

deal with if people knew that he was

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00:06:37,350 --> 00:06:34,720

talking about having a UFO experience

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00:06:39,210 --> 00:06:37,360

and this is something we've all seen a

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00:06:41,940 --> 00:06:39,220

lot over the years during our time in

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00:06:45,420 --> 00:06:41,950

the UFO field and Ryan you've spoken to

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00:06:46,800 --> 00:06:45,430

several people about UFO encounters and

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00:06:50,370 --> 00:06:46,810

that's what your book somewhere in the

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00:06:52,920 --> 00:06:50,380

skies focuses on so how difficult was it

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00:06:56,370 --> 00:06:52,930

for you to get those witnesses to agree

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00:06:58,770 --> 00:06:56,380

to have their identities published yeah

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00:07:00,840 --> 00:06:58,780

so when I first decided to write this

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00:07:03,420 --> 00:07:00,850

book I knew I wanted to focus on the

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00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:03,430

individuals having the experience so I

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00:07:08,340 --> 00:07:06,610

was upfront I told many people if you

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00:07:11,070 --> 00:07:08,350

want to be in the book you have to use

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00:07:12,490 --> 00:07:11,080

your real name I want I want people to

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00:07:14,410 --> 00:07:12,500

know that

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00:07:17,560 --> 00:07:14,420

everyday people are having these

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00:07:19,990 --> 00:07:17,570

experiences and that they embrace it and

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00:07:22,270 --> 00:07:20,000

that it's a part of their life so I told

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00:07:23,410 --> 00:07:22,280

them flat out like if you're gonna be in

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00:07:25,510 --> 00:07:23,420

the book you gotta use your real name

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00:07:27,190 --> 00:07:25,520

and at first

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00:07:30,010 --> 00:07:27,200

everyone's like totally it's fine it's

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00:07:31,440 --> 00:07:30,020

totally fine same with my podcast if

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00:07:33,880 --> 00:07:31,450

people come on to talk about their

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00:07:36,780 --> 00:07:33,890

experiences or tell their stories like I

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00:07:39,790 --> 00:07:36,790

would love to do it yeah I remember

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00:07:42,340 --> 00:07:39,800

about a week or so before the

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00:07:46,240 --> 00:07:42,350

publication of the book I had one person

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00:07:48,180 --> 00:07:46,250

come to me and say I don't I don't want

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00:07:50,290 --> 00:07:48,190

my name in there and I told them it

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00:07:52,030 --> 00:07:50,300

there's nothing I can really do at this

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00:07:56,050 --> 00:07:52,040

point he's already off to the publisher

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00:07:58,810 --> 00:07:56,060

and all this and the woman got really

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00:08:01,270 --> 00:07:58,820

upset and nervous and she said I I

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00:08:04,030 --> 00:08:01,280

regret doing this I don't want like all

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00:08:05,020 --> 00:08:04,040

my co-workers to start making fun of me

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00:08:06,850 --> 00:08:05,030

like it

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00:08:09,070 --> 00:08:06,860

it seemed okay at the time but now I'm

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00:08:11,760 --> 00:08:09,080

like really worried I didn't know what

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00:08:14,320 --> 00:08:11,770

to do it's too late it's to that

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00:08:19,780 --> 00:08:14,330

unfortunately it had to go to almost

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00:08:22,300 --> 00:08:19,790

legal blows and I had to take her story

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00:08:24,550 --> 00:08:22,310

out of the book so that happened with

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00:08:26,440 --> 00:08:24,560

the podcast - someone came forward told

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00:08:28,270 --> 00:08:26,450

their story the episode had already been

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00:08:31,090 --> 00:08:28,280

out there for like a month at that point

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00:08:33,820 --> 00:08:31,100

but someone came to me and said please

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00:08:37,240 --> 00:08:33,830

take it down please take it down so it's

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00:08:38,860 --> 00:08:37,250

not easy it can't be easy getting once

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00:08:40,870 --> 00:08:38,870

it's out there it's out there your

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00:08:43,900 --> 00:08:40,880

family's gonna know about it your if you

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00:08:45,820 --> 00:08:43,910

have children like their kids friends

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00:08:49,030 --> 00:08:45,830

are gonna know about it your co-workers

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00:08:51,310 --> 00:08:49,040

so I commend anyone who can come forward

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00:08:54,160 --> 00:08:51,320

with their name and report it but yeah

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00:08:56,910 --> 00:08:54,170

yeah I do too and we've all worked in

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00:08:59,500 --> 00:08:56,920

the UFO field for so long now that we're

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00:09:02,320 --> 00:08:59,510

comfortable talking about UFOs as we are

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00:09:04,240 --> 00:09:02,330
any other subject but Maureen can you

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00:09:07,410 --> 00:09:04,250
remember when you first got

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00:09:09,730 --> 00:09:07,420
professionally involved in the UFO field

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00:09:12,010 --> 00:09:09,740
how did people respond when they would

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00:09:14,050 --> 00:09:12,020
find out that that's what you did that

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00:09:17,440 --> 00:09:14,060
oh yeah you made your living that was

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00:09:20,560 --> 00:09:17,450
fun so I did have a lot of reactions

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00:09:23,660 --> 00:09:20,570
from people I used my mom as an example

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00:09:25,610 --> 00:09:23,670
I love my mom to death she's

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00:09:26,690 --> 00:09:25,620
I hearted and fun but when she heard I

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00:09:28,880 --> 00:09:26,700
was doing this she could not stop

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00:09:30,500 --> 00:09:28,890
laughing she thought it was so funny so

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00:09:32,030 --> 00:09:30,510

anytime she would say what does your

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00:09:34,520 --> 00:09:32,040

daughter do though she's a UFO

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00:09:37,910 --> 00:09:34,530

journalist she would giggle when she

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00:09:41,510 --> 00:09:37,920

said it but now you know it's been a

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00:09:43,550 --> 00:09:41,520

decade later she's she's very I think

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00:09:46,160 --> 00:09:43,560

that the ridicule factor in her own mind

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00:09:47,900 --> 00:09:46,170

has gone down so now she is like oh yeah

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00:09:50,390 --> 00:09:47,910

she does the school stuff she was on TV

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00:09:52,790 --> 00:09:50,400

she did this you know she she researches

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00:09:56,420 --> 00:09:52,800

the unknown and and that's great you can

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00:09:58,880 --> 00:09:56,430

see the evolution there which is is not

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00:10:01,700 --> 00:09:58,890

normal but but again I had that

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00:10:03,410 --> 00:10:01,710

experience where when I first got

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involved I was I think I was in my early

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00:10:09,530 --> 00:10:07,200

or mid 20s early 20s probably and so I

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00:10:11,270 --> 00:10:09,540

was hanging out at the bars a lot and my

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00:10:13,460 --> 00:10:11,280

friends would always anytime we met

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00:10:15,350 --> 00:10:13,470

people or they would introduce me to

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00:10:18,500 --> 00:10:15,360

someone I didn't know would say tell me

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00:10:21,470 --> 00:10:18,510

what you do so then I go into oh I'm a

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00:10:24,830 --> 00:10:21,480

UFO journalist and researcher and they'd

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00:10:26,510 --> 00:10:24,840

be like what and some reactions for sure

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00:10:28,550 --> 00:10:26,520

they were like well that's really weird

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00:10:32,420 --> 00:10:28,560

but kind of cool

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00:10:34,880 --> 00:10:32,430

sure and then the most often reaction I

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00:10:36,770 --> 00:10:34,890

would have though is I've seen the UFO

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00:10:39,800 --> 00:10:36,780

can I please tell you my story right

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00:10:41,180 --> 00:10:39,810

which is amazing so I have been able to

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hear so many stories I would not

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00:10:48,020 --> 00:10:44,940

normally hear and it really gave me an

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idea of how big this phenomena is that

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people are seeing this often and it was

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00:10:57,320 --> 00:10:53,370

totally these are credible people that I

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00:10:59,450 --> 00:10:57,330

know even friends and associates that

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00:11:02,600 --> 00:10:59,460

have these really amazing stories and

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00:11:04,520 --> 00:11:02,610

they I never they come out and say like

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00:11:07,130 --> 00:11:04,530

you said like I've never told anybody

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00:11:10,090 --> 00:11:07,140

this but they know they can tell me

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00:11:13,390 --> 00:11:10,100
because well I'm already off on that far

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00:11:16,090 --> 00:11:13,400
far field of the UFO phenomena so

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00:11:19,220 --> 00:11:16,100
finally a safe space to say this story

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00:11:21,590 --> 00:11:19,230
and that's sad because some of these

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00:11:23,390 --> 00:11:21,600
stories were so remarkable like why

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00:11:25,130 --> 00:11:23,400
didn't why don't you publish this why or

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00:11:27,350 --> 00:11:25,140
why haven't you talked about this people

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00:11:29,960 --> 00:11:27,360
should know it'd be great for the

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00:11:32,210 --> 00:11:29,970
research and phenomena as a whole to

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00:11:34,730 --> 00:11:32,220
know all the details of this stuff

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00:11:37,970 --> 00:11:34,740
so yeah it's it's it's really amazing to

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00:11:39,440 --> 00:11:37,980
see how how much people hold inside

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00:11:41,660 --> 00:11:39,450

over all the years because they're

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00:11:44,300 --> 00:11:41,670

afraid to say it and it shouldn't be

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00:11:47,150 --> 00:11:44,310

that way at all and Shana I'd love to

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00:11:50,120 --> 00:11:47,160

hear the reactions you get because you

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00:11:52,340 --> 00:11:50,130

are somebody who is in the scientific

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00:11:55,760 --> 00:11:52,350

world you are in local government world

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00:11:57,590 --> 00:11:55,770

so you know those reactions have to be

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pretty interesting when people find out

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00:12:02,390 --> 00:11:59,100

that you're all so wrapped up with UFOs

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00:12:05,000 --> 00:12:02,400

yeah it's very reticent and even letting

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00:12:07,790 --> 00:12:05,010

anyone know for a couple of years I I've

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00:12:09,860 --> 00:12:07,800

been a MUFON investigator for about

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00:12:12,260 --> 00:12:09,870

three years but and it breathed a word

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00:12:14,360 --> 00:12:12,270

of it again it's a very professional

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00:12:17,540 --> 00:12:14,370

environment ever you have everybody

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00:12:19,400 --> 00:12:17,550

there's PhDs and master's degrees and

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00:12:21,260 --> 00:12:19,410

it's you know it's engineering and it's

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00:12:23,690 --> 00:12:21,270

information technology and you know

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00:12:26,330 --> 00:12:23,700

these if you know an engineer the way

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00:12:30,260 --> 00:12:26,340

they think is very you know in a box

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00:12:33,440 --> 00:12:30,270

kind of a thing and so this very out of

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00:12:36,050 --> 00:12:33,450

the box kind of thing that I'm involved

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00:12:39,620 --> 00:12:36,060

with would just not fly well so I kept

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00:12:42,020 --> 00:12:39,630

it pretty secret but then in time sorta

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00:12:44,510 --> 00:12:42,030

opportunities came leave a book on my

288

00:12:46,520 --> 00:12:44,520

desk people asked about it and I was

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00:12:48,740 --> 00:12:46,530

surprised to find kind of like Marines

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00:12:50,840 --> 00:12:48,750

experience people oh really you're into

291

00:12:52,700 --> 00:12:50,850

that well can I tell you about that when

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00:12:54,890 --> 00:12:52,710

this happened to me or this what I saw

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00:12:57,680 --> 00:12:54,900

and oh that's really kind of cool so

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00:13:00,590 --> 00:12:57,690

it's really kind of an once you break

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00:13:02,300 --> 00:13:00,600

the ice of it then you know it's amazing

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00:13:04,790 --> 00:13:02,310

some of the information you get from

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00:13:08,000 --> 00:13:04,800

people but yeah that what that ridicule

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00:13:10,910 --> 00:13:08,010

factor is is strong and powerful it

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00:13:12,170 --> 00:13:10,920

really is and I love hearing this this

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00:13:13,910 --> 00:13:12,180

common thing and I knew we had this

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00:13:16,100 --> 00:13:13,920

between us but isn't that it's so

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00:13:17,870 --> 00:13:16,110

fascinating to me how that door just

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00:13:19,190 --> 00:13:17,880

opens right and I'm sure you've

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00:13:21,770 --> 00:13:19,200

experienced this too right and right

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00:13:25,370 --> 00:13:21,780

where you know you tell people what you

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00:13:27,140 --> 00:13:25,380

do there's that still that giggle factor

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00:13:28,790 --> 00:13:27,150

or there's the little left when they

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00:13:31,070 --> 00:13:28,800

find out that you're serious about it

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00:13:33,170 --> 00:13:31,080

then they do they oh I've seen it you

310

00:13:35,240 --> 00:13:33,180

have followers or my uncle's seen a UFO

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00:13:38,300 --> 00:13:35,250

and the stories come out yeah I mean I

312

00:13:40,340 --> 00:13:38,310

have an extremely understanding and

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00:13:43,220 --> 00:13:40,350

the loving significant other who

314

00:13:45,170 --> 00:13:43,230

supports what I do but I lost so many

315

00:13:48,350 --> 00:13:45,180

second dates bringing up that hunt like

316

00:13:50,569 --> 00:13:48,360

a UFO researcher but at the same time

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00:13:54,019 --> 00:13:50,579

when I'm at that bar or I'm out and

318

00:13:56,329 --> 00:13:54,029

people find out what I do there's

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00:13:58,309 --> 00:13:56,339

definitely a little you know ridicule

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00:14:00,319 --> 00:13:58,319

and the little side I glanced but then

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00:14:01,670 --> 00:14:00,329

later in the night they'll come up to

322

00:14:03,889 --> 00:14:01,680

you when you're in line at the bathroom

323

00:14:07,040 --> 00:14:03,899

and be like I have a story to share with

324

00:14:09,290 --> 00:14:07,050

you so everyone has some sort of story

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00:14:11,600 --> 00:14:09,300

to tell whether it's paranormal or UFOs

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00:14:13,579 --> 00:14:11,610

or just something that they can't

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00:14:16,369 --> 00:14:13,589

explain and they're just looking for

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00:14:18,410 --> 00:14:16,379

someone not to necessarily answer it for

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00:14:20,480 --> 00:14:18,420

them but just to listen to listen to

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00:14:23,030 --> 00:14:20,490

listen and see how they react and like

331

00:14:25,549 --> 00:14:23,040

sort of gauge the room of like is this

332

00:14:27,619 --> 00:14:25,559

okay to talk about and I see that

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00:14:29,720 --> 00:14:27,629

changing but it's it's never gonna go

334

00:14:31,460 --> 00:14:29,730

away right yeah we'll talk about the

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00:14:33,499 --> 00:14:31,470

change a little bit later but back in

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00:14:35,389 --> 00:14:33,509

april the washington post and countless

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00:14:38,210 --> 00:14:35,399

other media outlets ran stories about

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00:14:40,549 --> 00:14:38,220

how the Navy specifically was reworking

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00:14:43,699 --> 00:14:40,559

their UFO reporting procedures and at

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00:14:45,470 --> 00:14:43,709

one point these stories made or one

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00:14:48,199 --> 00:14:45,480

point that the stories are making is

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00:14:51,679 --> 00:14:48,209

that the Navy specifically is trying to

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00:14:52,900 --> 00:14:51,689

distinguish UFOs in the hopes that their

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00:14:55,910 --> 00:14:52,910

personnel will feel more comfortable

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00:14:58,160 --> 00:14:55,920

reporting UFO sightings and this is a

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00:15:00,290 --> 00:14:58,170

central theme in the History Channel's

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00:15:02,660 --> 00:15:00,300

news show unidentified right I mean the

348

00:15:06,110 --> 00:15:02,670

focus on reducing the stigma surrounding

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00:15:07,449 --> 00:15:06,120

the topic and what do you guys think I

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00:15:11,269 --> 00:15:07,459

mean I think personally that's

351
00:15:14,689 --> 00:15:11,279
incredibly important because we know we

352
00:15:16,369 --> 00:15:14,699
know for a fact that not just the Navy

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00:15:19,389 --> 00:15:16,379
but military and general military

354
00:15:22,369 --> 00:15:19,399
personnel encounter UFOs all the time

355
00:15:24,350 --> 00:15:22,379
yeah but I mean this is interesting

356
00:15:28,040 --> 00:15:24,360
though because we know this is existed

357
00:15:30,410 --> 00:15:28,050
for a long time we Jason and I where we

358
00:15:32,749 --> 00:15:30,420
used to work open minds we had this

359
00:15:35,239 --> 00:15:32,759
treasure trove of old materials of

360
00:15:37,280 --> 00:15:35,249
manuals and all sorts of stuff and I I'm

361
00:15:40,040 --> 00:15:37,290
gonna be honest I don't remember if it

362
00:15:41,600 --> 00:15:40,050
was the army the Navy the fire

363
00:15:44,449 --> 00:15:41,610

department or what it was but it was

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00:15:44,900 --> 00:15:44,459

official ways for people to report you

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00:15:47,900 --> 00:15:44,910

of

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00:15:52,370 --> 00:15:47,910

and it was in the manuals already you

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00:15:56,720 --> 00:15:52,380

know in the 40s so this is good that

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00:16:00,019 --> 00:15:56,730

we're really seeing it's super important

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00:16:02,150 --> 00:16:00,029

and especially because the whole idea is

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00:16:05,389 --> 00:16:02,160

it's a UFO or if you want to use the

371

00:16:08,449 --> 00:16:05,399

term UAP it's unknown we're not saying

372

00:16:10,100 --> 00:16:08,459

that these are all Exeter Estoril

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00:16:13,100 --> 00:16:10,110

spacecraft coming down to abduct people

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00:16:14,870 --> 00:16:13,110

it's these are mysterious objects that

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00:16:17,930 --> 00:16:14,880

we cannot explain in our skies right now

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00:16:20,600 --> 00:16:17,940

and again like we always talk about it's

377

00:16:23,389 --> 00:16:20,610

how can something we don't know what it

378

00:16:26,210 --> 00:16:23,399

is flying around in our airspace and or

379

00:16:28,819 --> 00:16:26,220

diving in underwater how can that not

380

00:16:33,199 --> 00:16:28,829

possibly be a threat if we do not know

381

00:16:36,139 --> 00:16:33,209

if it is hostile or benign basically so

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00:16:38,540 --> 00:16:36,149

I think that drafting these procedures

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00:16:40,460 --> 00:16:38,550

is extremely important and it's a good

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00:16:42,980 --> 00:16:40,470

thing it's happening again it's not the

385

00:16:45,170 --> 00:16:42,990

first time it's happened but yeah I

386

00:16:49,730 --> 00:16:45,180

think we're headed in the right

387

00:16:51,740 --> 00:16:49,740

direction slowly and hopefully we start

388

00:16:54,679 --> 00:16:51,750

to see that being taken more seriously I

389

00:16:58,040 --> 00:16:54,689

was thinking too that when it comes to

390

00:17:00,259 --> 00:16:58,050

the ridicule factor the source the

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00:17:02,780 --> 00:17:00,269

original source of the ridicule factor

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00:17:06,049 --> 00:17:02,790

is the military they made a concerted

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00:17:07,130 --> 00:17:06,059

effort long ago that this is how we're

394

00:17:10,520 --> 00:17:07,140

going to handle this we're going to

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00:17:13,159 --> 00:17:10,530

poopoo it by ridiculing people so the

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00:17:15,470 --> 00:17:13,169

Navy coming out now and sort of taking

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00:17:18,559 --> 00:17:15,480

away that that stigma a little bit I

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00:17:20,659 --> 00:17:18,569

think will go a long way to reducing

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00:17:22,429 --> 00:17:20,669

that stigma because they're the ones

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00:17:25,090 --> 00:17:22,439

that started it basically nothing Navy

401
00:17:28,730 --> 00:17:25,100
specifically but but the government so

402
00:17:31,730 --> 00:17:28,740
once leadership in our country starts

403
00:17:34,460 --> 00:17:31,740
you know allowing this to be treated in

404
00:17:36,470 --> 00:17:34,470
a serious way then hopefully it will

405
00:17:38,870 --> 00:17:36,480
release it but it will take time because

406
00:17:41,360 --> 00:17:38,880
that people are scared scared for their

407
00:17:43,549 --> 00:17:41,370
jobs scared for their family

408
00:17:46,039 --> 00:17:43,559
relationships for their religion all

409
00:17:48,080 --> 00:17:46,049
those sorts of things so I think it will

410
00:17:49,970 --> 00:17:48,090
be a powerful tool if it allows to

411
00:17:51,900 --> 00:17:49,980
continue to help reduce that ridicule

412
00:17:54,840 --> 00:17:51,910
yeah I mean I haven't heard any

413
00:17:56,670 --> 00:17:54,850

cases of wild swamp gas lately that's

414

00:17:58,230 --> 00:17:56,680

true but I am glad Shane that you

415

00:18:00,180 --> 00:17:58,240

brought up the origin and that that is

416

00:18:02,910 --> 00:18:00,190

true when I do just want to point out

417

00:18:05,040 --> 00:18:02,920

that what he's talking about we hear a

418

00:18:06,810 --> 00:18:05,050

lot about you know the evil government

419

00:18:08,790 --> 00:18:06,820

or the government being the bad guys

420

00:18:10,890 --> 00:18:08,800

with when it comes to UFOs because of

421

00:18:15,120 --> 00:18:10,900

the the government cover-up with all of

422

00:18:17,760 --> 00:18:15,130

this and that all isn't conspiracy or

423

00:18:18,210 --> 00:18:17,770

conspiracy theory we we know that for a

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00:18:21,210 --> 00:18:18,220

fact

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00:18:22,770 --> 00:18:21,220

and specifically with ridicule we know

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00:18:25,560 --> 00:18:22,780

that for a fact - that was an

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00:18:27,780 --> 00:18:25,570

established official policy of the US

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00:18:30,330 --> 00:18:27,790

government to ridicule the topic of UFOs

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00:18:33,360 --> 00:18:30,340

to make people who reported UFOs seem

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00:18:35,270 --> 00:18:33,370

like silly weirdos to make the topic

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00:18:39,300 --> 00:18:35,280

itself seem like a whole bunch of

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00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:39,310

silliness and the mandate also included

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00:18:43,740 --> 00:18:41,440

using popular culture things like radio

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00:18:46,890 --> 00:18:43,750

things like movies things like TV to

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00:18:49,500 --> 00:18:46,900

push this message that yeah UFOs are fun

436

00:18:51,510 --> 00:18:49,510

silly sci-fi but that's it and anybody

437

00:18:54,360 --> 00:18:51,520

who believes UFOs are real or nuts

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00:18:56,160 --> 00:18:54,370

so that was an established policy so you

439

00:18:56,820 --> 00:18:56,170

can you can read all about that is

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00:19:00,600 --> 00:18:56,830

public record

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00:19:03,240 --> 00:19:00,610

yeah the CIA specifically sought out the

442

00:19:05,760 --> 00:19:03,250

biggest newspapers in the country and

443

00:19:07,320 --> 00:19:05,770

told them to make fun of this if any one

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00:19:09,240 --> 00:19:07,330

reports it it gets into the local

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00:19:12,150 --> 00:19:09,250

newspaper do whatever you can to

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00:19:15,060 --> 00:19:12,160

downplay it and make the people seeing

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00:19:17,280 --> 00:19:15,070

these things laughable or crazy or

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00:19:19,500 --> 00:19:17,290

hysterical and that even goes into

449

00:19:21,240 --> 00:19:19,510

Bluebook right and it's not just the US

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00:19:23,100 --> 00:19:21,250

government to either the UK government

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00:19:26,310 --> 00:19:23,110

had an official policy with their UFO

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00:19:28,560 --> 00:19:26,320

program - and you know Nick Pope's been

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00:19:30,960 --> 00:19:28,570

talking here all weekend and he's

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00:19:33,030 --> 00:19:30,970

somebody who certainly can speak to that

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00:19:35,640 --> 00:19:33,040

because he served in an official

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00:19:38,100 --> 00:19:35,650

capacity in that role with their UFO

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00:19:39,810 --> 00:19:38,110

program and he's come out and said look

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00:19:41,760 --> 00:19:39,820

I was an official policy we had cause

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00:19:43,560 --> 00:19:41,770

it's spin and dirty tricks you know

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00:19:46,350 --> 00:19:43,570

that's what they did they sought out to

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00:19:49,620 --> 00:19:46,360

make fun of people who reported UFOs

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00:19:52,170 --> 00:19:49,630

yeah I think it's important to to to

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00:19:55,800 --> 00:19:52,180

sort of realize that when the government

464

00:19:58,170 --> 00:19:55,810

hired an astronomer to debunk UFOs he

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00:20:00,420 --> 00:19:58,180

couldn't do it and he actually flipped

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00:20:03,260 --> 00:20:00,430

around it became a believer so right

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00:20:04,880 --> 00:20:03,270

even the government hired people to say

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00:20:07,490 --> 00:20:04,890

you're not seeing this you're not seeing

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00:20:09,350 --> 00:20:07,500

this and for like the leading astronomer

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00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:09,360

to come out and say you are seeing that

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00:20:14,480 --> 00:20:12,000

and I can't explain it it's it's very

472

00:20:18,980 --> 00:20:14,490

telling in my opinion so yeah a lot of

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00:20:21,080 --> 00:20:18,990

the stems from the 40s and 50s and a

474

00:20:22,790 --> 00:20:21,090

lots happened since then yeah and we're

475

00:20:28,250 --> 00:20:22,800

seeing a lot happen now at a very

476

00:20:29,960 --> 00:20:28,260

accelerated pace so I just love to get

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00:20:32,090 --> 00:20:29,970

your guys as thoughts about whether or

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00:20:33,530 --> 00:20:32,100

not you you personally feel based on

479

00:20:35,930 --> 00:20:33,540

what you're seeing because we're very

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00:20:38,180 --> 00:20:35,940

wrapped up in this in this field but

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00:20:41,180 --> 00:20:38,190

also watching what's unfolding in the

482

00:20:42,740 --> 00:20:41,190

general public with this topic so Shane

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00:20:46,340 --> 00:20:42,750

I guess I'll start with you do you feel

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00:20:47,390 --> 00:20:46,350

that the stigma surrounding UFOs has

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00:20:50,780 --> 00:20:47,400

changed at all

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00:20:53,120 --> 00:20:50,790

I think it has III got involved more

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00:20:55,070 --> 00:20:53,130

seriously about 10 years ago and like I

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00:20:58,160 --> 00:20:55,080

said I was scared to death to let anyone

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00:21:00,320 --> 00:20:58,170

even know but in the last few years I

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00:21:03,440 --> 00:21:00,330

think gone with with what's happened

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00:21:06,050 --> 00:21:03,450

with T TSA in particular on sort of

492

00:21:08,060 --> 00:21:06,060

mainstreaming this and seeing it on

493

00:21:12,290 --> 00:21:08,070

television which is how you reach the

494

00:21:14,510 --> 00:21:12,300

most people in in today's world seeing

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00:21:18,530 --> 00:21:14,520

that wall getting broke down a little

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00:21:21,200 --> 00:21:18,540

bit has helped eased it so you know now

497

00:21:23,510 --> 00:21:21,210

you know I'm more comfortable you know

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00:21:26,270 --> 00:21:23,520

talking about it to people at work or

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00:21:28,040 --> 00:21:26,280

you know family or whatever now I'm kind

500

00:21:31,010 --> 00:21:28,050

of known as though you know the UFO guy

501
00:21:33,050 --> 00:21:31,020
but you know to like my granddaughter's

502
00:21:34,490 --> 00:21:33,060
and stuff I'm a year old I mean they're

503
00:21:37,240 --> 00:21:34,500
they just think it's a coolest thing

504
00:21:40,250 --> 00:21:37,250
ever so you know it is changing but

505
00:21:42,800 --> 00:21:40,260
again just like the example you play

506
00:21:45,320 --> 00:21:42,810
that gentleman the the professor is

507
00:21:47,600 --> 00:21:45,330
there still a lot of people who would

508
00:21:50,990 --> 00:21:47,610
not be comfortable with it and you have

509
00:21:53,360 --> 00:21:51,000
to respect that and even as an

510
00:21:56,360 --> 00:21:53,370
investigator with MUFON one of the first

511
00:21:58,520 --> 00:21:56,370
boxes you check when you submit a report

512
00:22:01,310 --> 00:21:58,530
to move on is do you want to remain

513
00:22:03,980 --> 00:22:01,320

anonymous or not yeah and that's

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00:22:06,890 --> 00:22:03,990

something we strictly adhere to we will

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00:22:07,660 --> 00:22:06,900

never reveal anyone's name or identity

516

00:22:09,910 --> 00:22:07,670

in any way

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00:22:11,440 --> 00:22:09,920

and and if even if they change their

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00:22:13,990 --> 00:22:11,450

mind they have to actually fill out a

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00:22:16,090 --> 00:22:14,000

form and sign it that says it's okay to

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00:22:17,860 --> 00:22:16,100

do that so I mean it just shows you it's

521

00:22:21,970 --> 00:22:17,870

intact it's there but I do feel like

522

00:22:23,770 --> 00:22:21,980

it's easing up a little so I think you

523

00:22:25,210 --> 00:22:23,780

mentioned the TV shows you know we're

524

00:22:27,760 --> 00:22:25,220

seeing a lot of that right now and we're

525

00:22:29,560 --> 00:22:27,770

also seeing media outlets all around the

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00:22:32,290 --> 00:22:29,570

world writing about UFOs pretty much

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00:22:34,630 --> 00:22:32,300

every day and you know I think a lot of

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00:22:36,670 --> 00:22:34,640

it comes down to just public education

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00:22:37,930 --> 00:22:36,680

and I think that's that's what we're

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00:22:39,760 --> 00:22:37,940

seeing now we're getting a lot of that

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00:22:42,130 --> 00:22:39,770

and it's just really getting the general

532

00:22:43,780 --> 00:22:42,140

public to understand that UFOs aren't

533

00:22:45,850 --> 00:22:43,790

just something from sci-fi or something

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00:22:48,190 --> 00:22:45,860

that only crazy people in a trailer park

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00:22:50,800 --> 00:22:48,200

see right because that is the picture

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00:22:52,540 --> 00:22:50,810

that has been painted but as we all know

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00:22:54,430 --> 00:22:52,550

and I can't say it enough but we know

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00:22:56,620 --> 00:22:54,440

that people from all walks of life

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00:22:58,480 --> 00:22:56,630

all around the world see UFOs every day

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00:23:00,760 --> 00:22:58,490

and the general public doesn't realize

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00:23:03,400 --> 00:23:00,770

that right just needs to be advertised

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00:23:05,980 --> 00:23:03,410

and people get educated yeah I mean look

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00:23:07,480 --> 00:23:05,990

at like this right here yeah there's

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00:23:09,820 --> 00:23:07,490

people from all over the country

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00:23:12,460 --> 00:23:09,830

probably other countries too here at

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00:23:16,060 --> 00:23:12,470

alien Con and that just shows like

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00:23:18,160 --> 00:23:16,070

there's not only there's not only like a

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00:23:19,690 --> 00:23:18,170

hunger for entertainment about this sort

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00:23:22,690 --> 00:23:19,700

of stuff there's a hunger for knowledge

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00:23:25,120 --> 00:23:22,700

about it too so it's so cool to see

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00:23:28,480 --> 00:23:25,130

events like this where they're inviting

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00:23:30,220 --> 00:23:28,490

UFO researchers also to come and tell

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00:23:33,160 --> 00:23:30,230

our stories about the work we've been

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00:23:35,980 --> 00:23:33,170

doing for so long so it for me it's

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00:23:37,900 --> 00:23:35,990

validation and vindication that what

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00:23:40,060 --> 00:23:37,910

we're doing and the pursuit that a lot

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00:23:41,350 --> 00:23:40,070

of people here probably are doing is to

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00:23:43,900 --> 00:23:41,360

find the truth about something that

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00:23:47,650 --> 00:23:43,910

either happened to us or of a friend or

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00:23:49,990 --> 00:23:47,660

someone you know and legitimize it yeah

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00:23:52,270 --> 00:23:50,000

and we like mentioning this you know a

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00:23:55,960 --> 00:23:52,280

big reason we come to events like this

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00:23:57,190 --> 00:23:55,970

is because the vibe is so cool right and

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00:23:59,590 --> 00:23:57,200

you see so many people coming to their

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00:24:01,000 --> 00:23:59,600

first event like this where they feel

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00:24:02,470 --> 00:24:01,010

like they're in a safe space because

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00:24:04,660 --> 00:24:02,480

they're around like-minded people they

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00:24:06,040 --> 00:24:04,670

can openly talk about this this subject

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00:24:07,750 --> 00:24:06,050

that they can't talk about in their

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00:24:09,670 --> 00:24:07,760

their personal lives or they don't feel

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00:24:11,110 --> 00:24:09,680

comfortable talking about it to anybody

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00:24:14,290 --> 00:24:11,120

and this is the first time they've ever

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00:24:15,580 --> 00:24:14,300

mentioned not only experiences that if

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00:24:18,400 --> 00:24:15,590

they've had experiences but even an

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00:24:20,499 --> 00:24:18,410

interest in the topic right so I think

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00:24:22,899 --> 00:24:20,509

there's a tremendous value in

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00:24:24,430 --> 00:24:22,909

like this for people to come and then

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00:24:25,839 --> 00:24:24,440

once they're here and they start talking

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00:24:28,389 --> 00:24:25,849

or hearing the discussions happening

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00:24:29,889 --> 00:24:28,399

around them they're able to open up more

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00:24:31,810 --> 00:24:29,899

and they feel more comfortable talking

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00:24:33,999 --> 00:24:31,820

about it because they realize it's not

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00:24:35,499 --> 00:24:34,009

such a stigmatized topic anymore like

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00:24:37,839 --> 00:24:35,509

everybody has an interest in these

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00:24:39,699 --> 00:24:37,849

subjects right and I mean you look at

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00:24:42,489 --> 00:24:39,709

something like the experienter session

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00:24:43,779 --> 00:24:42,499

yesterday here at alien cotton we didn't

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00:24:45,969 --> 00:24:43,789

know what to expect we did this in

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00:24:48,310 --> 00:24:45,979

Baltimore as well we thought maybe 2-3

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00:24:50,649 --> 00:24:48,320

people would show up and we'd really

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00:24:52,629 --> 00:24:50,659

have to stretch for time and then by the

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00:24:55,029 --> 00:24:52,639

end of it the room was like people were

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00:24:56,619 --> 00:24:55,039

spilling out of it and yesterday was the

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00:24:58,689 --> 00:24:56,629

same thing like we were in this same

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00:25:01,689 --> 00:24:58,699

room and every seat was filled right so

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00:25:03,609 --> 00:25:01,699

clearly people want to tell their

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00:25:05,319 --> 00:25:03,619

stories they have stories to tell and

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00:25:07,689 --> 00:25:05,329

they know that there are people willing

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00:25:11,949 --> 00:25:07,699

to listen so I think things are changing

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00:25:13,989 --> 00:25:11,959

for sure you see so many television

601
00:25:14,680 --> 00:25:13,999
shows coming out and podcasts and stuff

602
00:25:16,659 --> 00:25:14,690
like that

603
00:25:18,999 --> 00:25:16,669
and like you said around the world too

604
00:25:20,619 --> 00:25:19,009
it's not just in the United States the

605
00:25:22,930 --> 00:25:20,629
topic is just becoming more and more

606
00:25:27,099 --> 00:25:22,940
mainstream which is something we strive

607
00:25:30,159 --> 00:25:27,109
for for so long so I don't know but I

608
00:25:31,629 --> 00:25:30,169
have a bit of shame for doing this

609
00:25:33,189 --> 00:25:31,639
myself because I'm not helping but I

610
00:25:34,959 --> 00:25:33,199
feel like I kind of have to defend what

611
00:25:38,889 --> 00:25:34,969
I do sometimes when I tell people what

612
00:25:41,079 --> 00:25:38,899
my profession is I I want to get to that

613
00:25:43,539 --> 00:25:41,089

point where I don't feel like I need to

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00:25:47,129 --> 00:25:43,549

give people an explanation when I tell

615

00:25:50,619 --> 00:25:47,139

them what I do it's like oh I'm this

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00:25:52,389 --> 00:25:50,629

because you know and rifle on how you

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00:25:55,569 --> 00:25:52,399

know I actually take the subject very

618

00:25:58,479 --> 00:25:55,579

seriously I'm not crazy how what what

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00:26:02,979 --> 00:25:58,489

have you and I think I'd like to say

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00:26:05,709 --> 00:26:02,989

like yes it is it is reducing now we're

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00:26:07,599 --> 00:26:05,719

getting a lot of really good press about

622

00:26:09,279 --> 00:26:07,609

this field and people are taking it

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00:26:13,239 --> 00:26:09,289

seriously we have so many military and

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00:26:15,819 --> 00:26:13,249

pilots now coming forward but as

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00:26:18,039 --> 00:26:15,829

somebody in the UFO field I feel like

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00:26:20,049 --> 00:26:18,049

I'm being a little bit detrimental in

627

00:26:21,939 --> 00:26:20,059

terms of feeling like I have to defend

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00:26:23,619 --> 00:26:21,949

myself when I talk about what I do it's

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00:26:27,039 --> 00:26:23,629

not like being ashamed of sharing my

630

00:26:31,719 --> 00:26:27,049

story it's like okay this is gonna sound

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00:26:33,040 --> 00:26:31,729

crazy but I work in the UFO field yeah

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00:26:35,200 --> 00:26:33,050

you know and

633

00:26:38,799 --> 00:26:35,210

I think once we can get past that it'll

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00:26:41,919 --> 00:26:38,809

also help D stigmatize the few as well

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00:26:44,560 --> 00:26:41,929

right I wonder how much of that stigma

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00:26:46,150 --> 00:26:44,570

is is self-inflicted yeah right because

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00:26:48,130 --> 00:26:46,160

you have that hesitation and we all

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00:26:49,750 --> 00:26:48,140

assume that it still exists because

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00:26:51,460 --> 00:26:49,760

everybody's hesitant they don't want to

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00:26:53,470 --> 00:26:51,470

share stories or even broach the topic

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00:26:55,360 --> 00:26:53,480

until they hear that you're not gonna

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00:26:57,010 --> 00:26:55,370

make fun of them exactly there's that

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00:26:58,870 --> 00:26:57,020

little bit of giggle factor and right

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00:27:02,080 --> 00:26:58,880

like Ryan said it's like very hard to go

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00:27:04,210 --> 00:27:02,090

on dates when you're talking about your

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00:27:07,240 --> 00:27:04,220

right Ryan I mean everybody you know has

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00:27:10,810 --> 00:27:07,250

these these stories and you know you

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00:27:13,060 --> 00:27:10,820

mentioned the problems you had with with

649

00:27:14,650 --> 00:27:13,070

women because of it but I guess I think

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00:27:15,700 --> 00:27:14,660

all of us are up here are grateful that

651
00:27:19,299 --> 00:27:15,710
happened because you're in a better

652
00:27:21,669 --> 00:27:19,309
place because of it but if any of you

653
00:27:22,870 --> 00:27:21,679
have stories that you would like to

654
00:27:25,510 --> 00:27:22,880
share with us we'd love to hear them

655
00:27:27,690 --> 00:27:25,520
about you know anytime because we've

656
00:27:32,560 --> 00:27:27,700
heard so many stories of people who have

657
00:27:35,080 --> 00:27:32,570
lost you know relationships who have

658
00:27:37,870 --> 00:27:35,090
lost jobs you know their lives have been

659
00:27:40,570 --> 00:27:37,880
affected because they've spoken out

660
00:27:43,180 --> 00:27:40,580
about UFO experiences or beliefs on UFOs

661
00:27:44,890 --> 00:27:43,190
or anything like that so if any of you

662
00:27:46,270 --> 00:27:44,900
have stories in the audience that would

663
00:27:50,530 --> 00:27:46,280

like to share those with us we'd love to

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00:27:54,100 --> 00:27:50,540

hear those but how do you see in the

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00:27:55,630 --> 00:27:54,110

next year I guess year with everything

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00:27:59,260 --> 00:27:55,640

that's happening right now at a rapid

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00:28:01,060 --> 00:27:59,270

pace with all of the media blitz that's

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00:28:04,120 --> 00:28:01,070

going on about this topic with the

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00:28:07,690 --> 00:28:04,130

Navy's extreme interest in it right now

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00:28:08,799 --> 00:28:07,700

all the TV shows what do you think out

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00:28:12,190 --> 00:28:08,809

of all of these things are going to have

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00:28:14,740 --> 00:28:12,200

the most impact in really showing to the

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00:28:18,850 --> 00:28:14,750

public that this is now a mainstream

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00:28:21,880 --> 00:28:18,860

topic I'll start with that one I've

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00:28:24,730 --> 00:28:21,890

spoken to at least three college

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00:28:26,919 --> 00:28:24,740

professors I think last year or so right

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00:28:29,980 --> 00:28:26,929

who are now teaching courses in college

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00:28:31,840 --> 00:28:29,990

about UFOs in all different capacities

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00:28:34,390 --> 00:28:31,850

whether it's from a scientific approach

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00:28:37,759 --> 00:28:34,400

an academic approach a historical

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00:28:42,710 --> 00:28:37,769

approach or even a sociological cultural

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00:28:44,060 --> 00:28:42,720

I see things changing very big in terms

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00:28:46,909 --> 00:28:44,070

of like a cultural shift

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00:28:49,490 --> 00:28:46,919

I think there's absolutely no question

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00:28:51,259 --> 00:28:49,500

anymore that UFOs exist that seem to be

686

00:28:52,490 --> 00:28:51,269

the question for so long right and we

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00:28:54,799 --> 00:28:52,500

get that question all the time

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00:28:57,350 --> 00:28:54,809

RT UFO is real and that's not even a

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00:28:59,480 --> 00:28:57,360

question yes obviously the real they're

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00:29:02,509 --> 00:28:59,490

clearly just they're unidentified

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00:29:05,029 --> 00:29:02,519

objects it's no longer a question if

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00:29:07,460 --> 00:29:05,039

it's now it's the what who and the why

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00:29:09,740 --> 00:29:07,470

and I think that's the next step is

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00:29:13,159 --> 00:29:09,750

really trying to hone in on what these

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00:29:16,820 --> 00:29:13,169

phenomena represent and whether they're

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00:29:19,039 --> 00:29:16,830

aliens or something else we're not in a

697

00:29:21,019 --> 00:29:19,049

position to say yeah but at the end of

698

00:29:24,560 --> 00:29:21,029

the day we're now asking new questions I

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00:29:25,310 --> 00:29:24,570

think that's important yeah I like what

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00:29:27,769 --> 00:29:25,320

you're talking about

701

00:29:29,840 --> 00:29:27,779

in the education front in over the last

702

00:29:32,450 --> 00:29:29,850

10 years we've also seen this down to

703

00:29:34,759 --> 00:29:32,460

the elementary level and I love being

704

00:29:37,820 --> 00:29:34,769

this there's always some article that's

705

00:29:40,009 --> 00:29:37,830

like oh this this science class in fifth

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00:29:42,049 --> 00:29:40,019

grade they had a crashed UFO and the

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00:29:44,690 --> 00:29:42,059

kids had to go out onto the field and

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00:29:47,450 --> 00:29:44,700

investigate the crash and use the

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00:29:49,450 --> 00:29:47,460

scientific method to detail and

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00:29:52,009 --> 00:29:49,460

interview witnesses and I think that's

711

00:29:54,289 --> 00:29:52,019

fantastic I wish that I had that sort of

712

00:29:56,090 --> 00:29:54,299

program when I was in school and or in

713

00:29:58,940 --> 00:29:56,100

college that's awesome

714

00:30:00,619 --> 00:29:58,950

yeah there there is some sort of online

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00:30:03,619 --> 00:30:00,629

thing where you can get I think you did

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00:30:07,909 --> 00:30:03,629

it think of the ufologists degree it was

717

00:30:11,810 --> 00:30:07,919

kind of a joke or was it Oh anyway there

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00:30:14,480 --> 00:30:11,820

is no degree so don't do that but I

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00:30:17,990 --> 00:30:14,490

think understanding again like getting

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00:30:20,360 --> 00:30:18,000

down to in graining this from a young

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00:30:21,740 --> 00:30:20,370

age that it's not something to laugh

722

00:30:24,769 --> 00:30:21,750

about and it's something that's totally

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00:30:27,499 --> 00:30:24,779

acceptable we all see occasionally

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00:30:30,710 --> 00:30:27,509

strange things we can't explain that's a

725

00:30:32,570 --> 00:30:30,720

great way to I think changed the course

726
00:30:35,149 --> 00:30:32,580
and change the conversation and change

727
00:30:39,980 --> 00:30:35,159
the way we're gonna advance in the

728
00:30:42,560 --> 00:30:39,990
future in the next year I would say for

729
00:30:45,080 --> 00:30:42,570
me even though I I don't always trust

730
00:30:47,119 --> 00:30:45,090
them I would say that some of these more

731
00:30:48,920 --> 00:30:47,129
mainstream media and news outlets

732
00:30:51,800 --> 00:30:48,930
posting serious articles

733
00:30:55,040 --> 00:30:51,810
about the UFO subject outside of the TV

734
00:30:58,250 --> 00:30:55,050
programming that seems to draw a lot of

735
00:30:59,780 --> 00:30:58,260
good attention and so I think that's one

736
00:31:02,890 --> 00:30:59,790
of the primary sources that it's gonna

737
00:31:07,010 --> 00:31:02,900
make the most change over the next year

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00:31:08,990 --> 00:31:07,020

yeah the public education is is really

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00:31:11,630 --> 00:31:09,000

key I think because there's still just a

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00:31:13,160 --> 00:31:11,640

lot of misperception that continues to

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00:31:15,080 --> 00:31:13,170

get pushed right I mean first we have to

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00:31:16,970 --> 00:31:15,090

get over the hurdle of how many people

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00:31:19,250 --> 00:31:16,980

understand that UFOs are quite common

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00:31:22,400 --> 00:31:19,260

I've seen every single day all over the

745

00:31:24,920 --> 00:31:22,410

world but also who's seeing them and

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00:31:26,450 --> 00:31:24,930

who's taking the subject seriously and

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00:31:28,670 --> 00:31:26,460

all of a sudden it's news that the

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00:31:29,930 --> 00:31:28,680

Navy's taking UFOs seriously the

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00:31:32,120 --> 00:31:29,940

military and the government have always

750

00:31:33,500 --> 00:31:32,130

taken UFOs seriously they've not always

751
00:31:34,760 --> 00:31:33,510
shared that information with us but

752
00:31:37,550 --> 00:31:34,770
they've always taken the subject

753
00:31:40,400 --> 00:31:37,560
seriously the scientific community

754
00:31:42,020 --> 00:31:40,410
that's another misperception that the

755
00:31:43,700 --> 00:31:42,030
scientific community wants nothing to do

756
00:31:46,010 --> 00:31:43,710
with UFOs they think it's ridiculous and

757
00:31:49,490 --> 00:31:46,020
that is not true yes that is the

758
00:31:51,260 --> 00:31:49,500
established mainstream position that not

759
00:31:54,320 --> 00:31:51,270
really anything interesting to see here

760
00:31:57,380 --> 00:31:54,330
but there are countless mainstream

761
00:31:59,810 --> 00:31:57,390
scientists who actively research this

762
00:32:02,090 --> 00:31:59,820
subject yeah I think too when you think

763
00:32:03,620 --> 00:32:02,100

about it what we're seeing happening now

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00:32:06,080 --> 00:32:03,630

people are calling kind of a

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00:32:08,630 --> 00:32:06,090

confirmation or disclosure but what it

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00:32:10,880 --> 00:32:08,640

is is you know when you educate

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00:32:13,070 --> 00:32:10,890

people you start with the more elemental

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00:32:15,380 --> 00:32:13,080

and basics then you add more information

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00:32:17,300 --> 00:32:15,390

once they've been able to assimilate

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00:32:19,640 --> 00:32:17,310

that and you keep keep adding more so

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00:32:22,010 --> 00:32:19,650

what we're seeing now is look we're

772

00:32:25,250 --> 00:32:22,020

we're now talking about you know the

773

00:32:27,110 --> 00:32:25,260

what when and where which is something

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00:32:31,610 --> 00:32:27,120

that you can have data for you know

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00:32:34,390 --> 00:32:31,620

these Navy radar systems and and other

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00:32:36,680 --> 00:32:34,400

sensors they can answer those questions

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00:32:40,010 --> 00:32:36,690

establishing the reality that these

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00:32:42,560 --> 00:32:40,020

objects exist right but that's that's a

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00:32:44,930 --> 00:32:42,570

big deal to even have the general public

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00:32:47,390 --> 00:32:44,940

you know accept that that you know these

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00:32:48,770 --> 00:32:47,400

things are real and they're not ours so

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00:32:50,750 --> 00:32:48,780

it'll take a while we'll live in that

783

00:32:53,150 --> 00:32:50,760

world at that level and then we'll go to

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00:32:54,680 --> 00:32:53,160

the next grade you know and then pretty

785

00:32:57,900 --> 00:32:54,690

soon what would be up to the point where

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00:32:59,400 --> 00:32:57,910

we'll be asking now who and why

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00:33:00,990 --> 00:32:59,410

but it will take time you just can't

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00:33:03,660 --> 00:33:01,000

come out of a gate and do that so

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00:33:06,090 --> 00:33:03,670

bringing that you know the public's

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00:33:07,980 --> 00:33:06,100

attention and and knowledge of the

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00:33:09,900 --> 00:33:07,990

subject in a progressive and controlled

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00:33:11,580 --> 00:33:09,910

way it's really the way I think that

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00:33:13,310 --> 00:33:11,590

it's going to happen and go about it and

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00:33:18,270 --> 00:33:13,320

it's probably the correct way to do it

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00:33:20,520 --> 00:33:18,280

Shane I know you deal with people on an

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00:33:22,860 --> 00:33:20,530

individual level as an investigator and

797

00:33:24,570 --> 00:33:22,870

these are people you know just like Ryan

798

00:33:26,880 --> 00:33:24,580

did with his book and he does every

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00:33:28,470 --> 00:33:26,890

single day really working with people

800

00:33:31,290 --> 00:33:28,480

for his podcast Ryan focuses on

801
00:33:33,030 --> 00:33:31,300
experiences really and the people and

802
00:33:34,590 --> 00:33:33,040
hearing the stories you as an

803
00:33:37,050 --> 00:33:34,600
investigator go out and talk to these

804
00:33:38,420 --> 00:33:37,060
people you know shortly after they've

805
00:33:43,650 --> 00:33:38,430
had something and you're investigating

806
00:33:45,870 --> 00:33:43,660
these cases and how difficult is it

807
00:33:47,490 --> 00:33:45,880
because I know I've talked with you

808
00:33:49,290 --> 00:33:47,500
about this about just different

809
00:33:53,130 --> 00:33:49,300
personalities and how people react to

810
00:33:54,660 --> 00:33:53,140
UFOs but how hard do you have to work to

811
00:33:56,520 --> 00:33:54,670
really pull information out of people

812
00:33:58,200 --> 00:33:56,530
because I know it's a huge step for

813
00:34:01,080 --> 00:33:58,210

people to first take that step to even

814

00:34:03,480 --> 00:34:01,090

report a UFO experience to move on a UFO

815

00:34:05,610 --> 00:34:03,490

organization yeah no that's a good point

816

00:34:09,139 --> 00:34:05,620

and good question you know you get a

817

00:34:11,940 --> 00:34:09,149

very wide array of individuals

818

00:34:13,950 --> 00:34:11,950

personality types people from OC's all

819

00:34:17,340 --> 00:34:13,960

walks of life different ages different

820

00:34:19,560 --> 00:34:17,350

genders I mean you can't control what

821

00:34:21,810 --> 00:34:19,570

comes in to move on so you have to be

822

00:34:23,490 --> 00:34:21,820

prepared to handle anything and really

823

00:34:26,010 --> 00:34:23,500

you do get a wide array of things but

824

00:34:29,669 --> 00:34:26,020

you know that I think the common thread

825

00:34:31,080 --> 00:34:29,679

there is that if a person has come to

826

00:34:33,389 --> 00:34:31,090

the point that they're willing to make

827

00:34:35,909 --> 00:34:33,399

that report it's really a form of

828

00:34:38,070 --> 00:34:35,919

communication to you they they want to

829

00:34:40,440 --> 00:34:38,080

tell that story to someone now some

830

00:34:42,480 --> 00:34:40,450

people are more concerned about hey can

831

00:34:44,879 --> 00:34:42,490

you tell me what I saw and other people

832

00:34:47,520 --> 00:34:44,889

are like I don't need to know what I saw

833

00:34:49,470 --> 00:34:47,530

I've got this off my chest so sometimes

834

00:34:52,320 --> 00:34:49,480

when you conduct an interview you know

835

00:34:54,780 --> 00:34:52,330

it's somebody just you know you can just

836

00:34:57,270 --> 00:34:54,790

tell they're just aching to tell you

837

00:34:59,370 --> 00:34:57,280

about it and what you know and what just

838

00:35:01,170 --> 00:34:59,380

want to unload and other people are just

839

00:35:03,420 --> 00:35:01,180

super factual well you know I just saw

840

00:35:06,510 --> 00:35:03,430

this this this and that and that's it so

841

00:35:08,400 --> 00:35:06,520

you you know it's an experience is

842

00:35:09,810 --> 00:35:08,410

different for every individual yeah and

843

00:35:11,640 --> 00:35:09,820

you have to just be

844

00:35:14,010 --> 00:35:11,650

sensitive that you can't be judgmental

845

00:35:16,650 --> 00:35:14,020

you know you're gonna make up make them

846

00:35:18,420 --> 00:35:16,660

comfortable and talking to you so that's

847

00:35:20,970 --> 00:35:18,430

one of the big parts of a of an

848

00:35:23,760 --> 00:35:20,980

investigation and I'll say the most

849

00:35:26,040 --> 00:35:23,770

important piece of data you can have is

850

00:35:28,830 --> 00:35:26,050

the eyewitness testimony yeah you know

851
00:35:31,560 --> 00:35:28,840
photos videos I mean have an awesome

852
00:35:34,410 --> 00:35:31,570
video but with no context it means

853
00:35:37,710 --> 00:35:34,420
nothing you've got to have that so yeah

854
00:35:41,010 --> 00:35:37,720
and I always say this UFOs is really

855
00:35:42,660 --> 00:35:41,020
about people and and and I strongly

856
00:35:44,730 --> 00:35:42,670
believe that and then so when you

857
00:35:47,190 --> 00:35:44,740
interact with people on this level you

858
00:35:49,860 --> 00:35:47,200
really get a sense that you know this is

859
00:35:52,590 --> 00:35:49,870
a profound and meaningful thing and so

860
00:35:55,320 --> 00:35:52,600
you got to handle it correctly they

861
00:35:58,380 --> 00:35:55,330
talked about a lot about that on Friday

862
00:36:00,480 --> 00:35:58,390
or Saturday was the empathy factor and

863
00:36:03,090 --> 00:36:00,490

yeah you're right it's important to have

864

00:36:04,230 --> 00:36:03,100

that because you do not know the

865

00:36:06,030 --> 00:36:04,240

background are the people that are

866

00:36:08,190 --> 00:36:06,040

reporting these things and some people

867

00:36:11,220 --> 00:36:08,200

are very traumatized some people are

868

00:36:14,340 --> 00:36:11,230

just blase about it so you have to have

869

00:36:16,410 --> 00:36:14,350

that level of respectful objective

870

00:36:19,370 --> 00:36:16,420

reporting always when going into this

871

00:36:22,800 --> 00:36:19,380

and I think that again is important with

872

00:36:23,970 --> 00:36:22,810

how you deal with things in how people

873

00:36:26,010 --> 00:36:23,980

are going to feel more comfortable

874

00:36:29,850 --> 00:36:26,020

coming forward and we're gonna reduce

875

00:36:32,940 --> 00:36:29,860

this this factor that people can't share

876

00:36:34,680 --> 00:36:32,950

their stories it's a great point morning

877

00:36:36,600 --> 00:36:34,690

but going back to you know we're talking

878

00:36:39,120 --> 00:36:36,610

about either the general public and and

879

00:36:40,440 --> 00:36:39,130

you know hoping to get people to open up

880

00:36:42,380 --> 00:36:40,450

and be able to talk about this subject

881

00:36:44,120 --> 00:36:42,390

more but going back to the sort of

882

00:36:46,620 --> 00:36:44,130

self-imposed

883

00:36:47,340 --> 00:36:46,630

element of all of this for you

884

00:36:51,120 --> 00:36:47,350

personally

885

00:36:53,310 --> 00:36:51,130

how has the topic of UFOs changed for

886

00:36:54,330 --> 00:36:53,320

you in terms of that that stigma or

887

00:36:56,040 --> 00:36:54,340

holding back

888

00:36:58,050 --> 00:36:56,050

do you like own it now when you just

889

00:36:59,610 --> 00:36:58,060

talk about UFOs in public or you know

890

00:37:02,310 --> 00:36:59,620

with friends or whatever or is there

891

00:37:04,440 --> 00:37:02,320

still that hesitation um I think

892

00:37:07,140 --> 00:37:04,450

occasionally there is a little bit the

893

00:37:09,750 --> 00:37:07,150

hesitation I think it's when I depends

894

00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:09,760

on who I'm talking to and I wish that

895

00:37:13,530 --> 00:37:11,040

wasn't the case I wish I would just

896

00:37:15,510 --> 00:37:13,540

openly talk about and I do trust me I

897

00:37:17,140 --> 00:37:15,520

talk about UFOs all the time to whoever

898

00:37:21,280 --> 00:37:17,150

will listen so

899

00:37:23,320 --> 00:37:21,290

I like my work now follows everything I

900

00:37:29,140 --> 00:37:23,330

do and and they're all into it and

901
00:37:31,150 --> 00:37:29,150
excited and I think yes it has evolved I

902
00:37:33,370 --> 00:37:31,160
feel a little less the reticule but I

903
00:37:37,870 --> 00:37:33,380
also feel like I have to defend the

904
00:37:39,910 --> 00:37:37,880
topic a lot to people so when that comes

905
00:37:42,400 --> 00:37:39,920
up you know if I do meet with somebody

906
00:37:43,960 --> 00:37:42,410
that is that object of this is

907
00:37:47,530 --> 00:37:43,970
ridiculous

908
00:37:49,990 --> 00:37:47,540
I like no listen and I start listing off

909
00:37:52,960 --> 00:37:50,000
all these really credible things about

910
00:37:54,310 --> 00:37:52,970
the study of UFOs and how they exist in

911
00:37:56,890 --> 00:37:54,320
how the military is involved how the

912
00:37:59,440 --> 00:37:56,900
government's involved and it becomes

913
00:38:03,070 --> 00:37:59,450

this old tirade of me trying to defend

914

00:38:04,630 --> 00:38:03,080

the subject and so I don't know if that

915

00:38:07,630 --> 00:38:04,640

answers the question so I guess a little

916

00:38:09,430 --> 00:38:07,640

bit it's changed I it was so long ago I

917

00:38:11,500 --> 00:38:09,440

started I don't remember how I felt

918

00:38:13,300 --> 00:38:11,510

about it at that time Shane you

919

00:38:15,160 --> 00:38:13,310

mentioned you're you're known as the UFO

920

00:38:16,300 --> 00:38:15,170

guy at work now so I guess it's a little

921

00:38:18,910 --> 00:38:16,310

different for you now than when you

922

00:38:21,580 --> 00:38:18,920

started yeah I think part of it for me

923

00:38:23,230 --> 00:38:21,590

is I'm almost 60 or so and you get a

924

00:38:24,670 --> 00:38:23,240

point where your life where you just say

925

00:38:26,950 --> 00:38:24,680

you know I don't give it you know what

926

00:38:29,080 --> 00:38:26,960

what anybody thinks about me or what I'm

927

00:38:31,390 --> 00:38:29,090

doing you know I'm gonna do what I want

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00:38:33,460 --> 00:38:31,400

to do it's my life you know so I reached

929

00:38:36,280 --> 00:38:33,470

that point I think that that helped me

930

00:38:39,700 --> 00:38:36,290

get over it but I think in general just

931

00:38:41,980 --> 00:38:39,710

there truly is a reduction in that

932

00:38:44,710 --> 00:38:41,990

ridicule factor and people are quite

933

00:38:47,200 --> 00:38:44,720

curious and I'll even give props to

934

00:38:49,240 --> 00:38:47,210

ancient aliens you know sure that show

935

00:38:52,000 --> 00:38:49,250

has reached millions upon millions of

936

00:38:54,040 --> 00:38:52,010

people and people if if they're not in

937

00:38:55,870 --> 00:38:54,050

agreement with it at least they're you

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00:38:58,150 --> 00:38:55,880

know aware of it and and more

939

00:38:59,860 --> 00:38:58,160

comfortable with the topic which before

940

00:39:01,210 --> 00:38:59,870

would have just been taboo I mean look

941

00:39:02,980 --> 00:39:01,220

what happened to Daniken when he

942

00:39:05,500 --> 00:39:02,990

released that book in the 70s you know

943

00:39:09,100 --> 00:39:05,510

people lost their minds it was it was

944

00:39:11,140 --> 00:39:09,110

terrible so I think that kind of

945

00:39:13,540 --> 00:39:11,150

exposure can has has really made an

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00:39:15,100 --> 00:39:13,550

impact and Ryan I know you're almost 60

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00:39:16,750 --> 00:39:15,110

as well have you reached the same point

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00:39:19,840 --> 00:39:16,760

Jane well

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00:39:23,440 --> 00:39:19,850

no you know I there's two things for me

950

00:39:25,990 --> 00:39:23,450

one I agree with Maureen we spent so

951
00:39:28,300 --> 00:39:26,000
much time in our youthful aaja coker

952
00:39:31,630 --> 00:39:28,310
ears defending the topic and trying to

953
00:39:34,000 --> 00:39:31,640
persuade people to either be interested

954
00:39:37,000 --> 00:39:34,010
or believe it and there came a point for

955
00:39:38,410 --> 00:39:37,010
me when I just like you guys I said I

956
00:39:40,540 --> 00:39:38,420
don't care what other people think

957
00:39:42,700 --> 00:39:40,550
anymore you can't force someone to be

958
00:39:44,740 --> 00:39:42,710
interested in the UFO topic even if they

959
00:39:47,380 --> 00:39:44,750
had a sighting I had a guy who had a

960
00:39:49,060 --> 00:39:47,390
close encounter he went to a bar and had

961
00:39:51,580 --> 00:39:49,070
two beers and then never talked about it

962
00:39:53,650 --> 00:39:51,590
again and he didn't he told me it

963
00:39:55,150 --> 00:39:53,660

changed his life but he said I also

964

00:39:57,100 --> 00:39:55,160

don't ever want to talk about it again

965

00:39:59,050 --> 00:39:57,110

right so that was interesting for me

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00:40:02,290 --> 00:39:59,060

there was a moment this past Father's

967

00:40:04,360 --> 00:40:02,300

Day when my father sent me a photo of

968

00:40:08,680 --> 00:40:04,370

himself in a t-shirt and it said I'm a

969

00:40:11,760 --> 00:40:08,690

proud UFO dad I didn't know it sounds

970

00:40:14,290 --> 00:40:11,770

corny but I almost like started crying

971

00:40:16,390 --> 00:40:14,300

every son would like once that

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00:40:18,880 --> 00:40:16,400

reinforcement from their own parent

973

00:40:21,040 --> 00:40:18,890

especially in the field of career they

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00:40:23,350 --> 00:40:21,050

choose so for me that was a really cool

975

00:40:25,930 --> 00:40:23,360

moment and it really showed me like yeah

976
00:40:28,660 --> 00:40:25,940
it's okay to talk about these things but

977
00:40:32,560 --> 00:40:28,670
at the same time we can't force people

978
00:40:35,710 --> 00:40:32,570
to believe in it or to even be

979
00:40:37,960 --> 00:40:35,720
interested in it right we can only give

980
00:40:40,450 --> 00:40:37,970
the facts as they are tell the stories

981
00:40:42,610 --> 00:40:40,460
and hope they'll follow us on on the

982
00:40:44,950 --> 00:40:42,620
journey I think it's worth it yeah well

983
00:40:46,990 --> 00:40:44,960
said well citizens we wrap up this

984
00:40:48,460 --> 00:40:47,000
episode I invite you to come join us in

985
00:40:50,740 --> 00:40:48,470
the rogue planet Facebook group at

986
00:40:52,690 --> 00:40:50,750
facebook.com slash groups slash rogue

987
00:40:54,760 --> 00:40:52,700
planet we'd love to hear your thoughts

988
00:40:56,830 --> 00:40:54,770

on the stigma surrounding the UFO topic

989

00:40:58,900 --> 00:40:56,840

or anything else ufo-related that's on

990

00:41:00,880 --> 00:40:58,910

your mind you can find more episodes of

991

00:41:03,340 --> 00:41:00,890

unknown on Apple podcasts stitcher

992

00:41:05,170 --> 00:41:03,350

Google Play I Heart Radio and YouTube

993

00:41:07,270 --> 00:41:05,180

you can always find this show at rogue

994

00:41:09,730 --> 00:41:07,280

planet TV because unknown is a rogue

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00:41:12,790 --> 00:41:09,740

planet production ro Planet TV is your

996

00:41:14,740 --> 00:41:12,800

home for all the strange big thanks to

997

00:41:16,180 --> 00:41:14,750

our talented friend and fellow rogue

998

00:41:18,400 --> 00:41:16,190

planet Eire caleb hanks for the show's

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00:41:19,510 --> 00:41:18,410

intro and outro music check out all his

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00:41:21,430 --> 00:41:19,520

work at duck Cochran

1001
00:41:22,960 --> 00:41:21,440
coal's calm thanks again for hanging out

1002
00:41:25,480 --> 00:41:22,970
with us today I'm Jason McClellan

1003
00:41:27,820 --> 00:41:25,490
I'm Ryan Sprague I'm Maureen Elsberry

1004
00:41:29,710 --> 00:41:27,830
and I'm Shane her do us a favour friends

1005
00:41:31,540 --> 00:41:29,720
always treat the UFO subject with the

1006
00:41:33,520 --> 00:41:31,550
cautious and responsible skepticism it

1007
00:41:35,350 --> 00:41:33,530
deserves question everything had the

1008
00:41:37,510 --> 00:41:35,360
courage to form your own opinions keep

1009
00:41:39,010 --> 00:41:37,520
truth as the focus of your quest even if

1010
00:41:41,720 --> 00:41:39,020
the truth conflicts with your opinions

1011
00:41:57,540 --> 00:41:41,730
and of course stay strange