



**MJ BANIAS**

**Pissing People Off With UFOs:  
UFO Communities as Counter-Culture in the 21st Century**

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00:00:20,350 --> 00:00:17,220

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00:00:23,620 --> 00:00:20,360

how's it going ladies and gentlemen my

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00:00:26,820 --> 00:00:23,630

name is MJ ben iose I'm very happy to be

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00:00:30,610 --> 00:00:26,830

here with you today for this sweet

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00:00:33,220 --> 00:00:30,620

online UFO conference that's happening I

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00:00:34,780 --> 00:00:33,230

mean how great is that I hope you're all

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00:00:38,350 --> 00:00:34,790

taking care of yourself I hope you're

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00:00:41,220 --> 00:00:38,360

all you know staying safe staying away

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00:00:43,810 --> 00:00:41,230

from each other following kind of the

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00:00:46,090 --> 00:00:43,820

CDC's guidelines on social distancing

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00:00:48,340 --> 00:00:46,100

this is obviously one of those weird

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00:00:51,160 --> 00:00:48,350

times in history I'm sure we'll all

13  
00:00:54,670 --> 00:00:51,170

laugh about and cry about at the same

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00:00:58,360 --> 00:00:54,680

time I'm at the cabin as you can see I'm

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00:01:00,729 --> 00:00:58,370

in the woods here Jason McClellan asked

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00:01:04,060 --> 00:01:00,739

me to shoot a video for you guys in

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00:01:05,800 --> 00:01:04,070

regards to UFOs and I was like what

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00:01:09,100 --> 00:01:05,810

better place to do it than out here in

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00:01:14,310 --> 00:01:09,110

the wilderness and so you know I want to

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00:01:15,540 --> 00:01:14,320

talk today about UFOs as this

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00:01:18,160 --> 00:01:15,550

countercultural

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00:01:19,660 --> 00:01:18,170

idea that's really where my focus is

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00:01:22,510 --> 00:01:19,670

when it comes to UFOs you know I am

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00:01:24,310 --> 00:01:22,520

interested in what UFOs are as objects

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00:01:25,660 --> 00:01:24,320

and you know who's behind them or

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00:01:27,520 --> 00:01:25,670

whatever but I really think you know

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00:01:29,560 --> 00:01:27,530

unfortunately this time I think that

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00:01:31,090 --> 00:01:29,570

that's kind of the wrong questions and

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00:01:33,300 --> 00:01:31,100

the wrong answers where we're trying to

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00:01:37,570 --> 00:01:33,310

kind of get to I'm trying to figure out

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00:01:39,640 --> 00:01:37,580

who's behind UFOs what UFOs are you know

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00:01:42,990 --> 00:01:39,650

whether they're technology or whether

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00:01:45,550 --> 00:01:43,000

they're some sort of mystical divine

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00:01:47,250 --> 00:01:45,560

concept that exists with humans or

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00:01:49,270 --> 00:01:47,260

whatever who knows right I mean this is

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00:01:50,980 --> 00:01:49,280

speculation at best we unfortunately

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00:01:54,510 --> 00:01:50,990

don't have enough evidence for any of

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00:01:56,770 --> 00:01:54,520

this so what can we actually look at and

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00:01:59,050 --> 00:01:56,780

this is kind of the part that you know

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00:02:01,270 --> 00:01:59,060

generally for a lot of people pisses

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00:02:05,620 --> 00:02:01,280

them off right there there is no real

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00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:05,630

answer to the UFO kind of enigma yet so

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00:02:11,770 --> 00:02:08,239

what can we look at fundamentally it's

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00:02:14,949 --> 00:02:11,780

the people it's the culture that creates

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00:02:18,640 --> 00:02:14,959

UFOs it's the culture that deals with

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00:02:20,680 --> 00:02:18,650

UFOs it's the social frameworks and the

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00:02:22,990 --> 00:02:20,690

the media and the value systems that

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00:02:26,050 --> 00:02:23,000

kind of exist in our world every day

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00:02:27,550 --> 00:02:26,060

that kind of generate the UFO reality so

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00:02:30,899 --> 00:02:27,560

that's what I want to talk about today I

51  
00:02:34,030 --> 00:02:30,909  
want to talk about UFOs as really a

52  
00:02:36,569 --> 00:02:34,040  
countercultural movement and and the UFO

53  
00:02:39,339 --> 00:02:36,579  
discourse is a sort of countercultural

54  
00:02:42,309 --> 00:02:39,349  
conversation we're all having so what we

55  
00:02:44,789 --> 00:02:42,319  
need to do is really we need to kind of

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00:02:49,530 --> 00:02:44,799  
first really look at what we mean here

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00:02:53,170 --> 00:02:49,540  
on one hand right on the objective end

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00:02:55,929 --> 00:02:53,180  
we have human observation right we have

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00:02:58,059 --> 00:02:55,939  
individuals who see UFOs we have

60  
00:03:00,849 --> 00:02:58,069  
individuals who encounter anomalous

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00:03:02,589 --> 00:03:00,859  
phenomena whether it's flying saucers

62  
00:03:05,199 --> 00:03:02,599  
whether it's orbs or lights in the sky

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00:03:07,390 --> 00:03:05,209

whether it's angelic beings whether it's

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00:03:11,199 --> 00:03:07,400

Mothman who knows man we have these

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00:03:14,500 --> 00:03:11,209

cases these observable moments right

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00:03:15,819 --> 00:03:14,510

that you know happen sure you're always

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gonna have your percentage that's gonna

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be delusion and you're always can have

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your percentage that's gonna be hoaxes

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00:03:25,360 --> 00:03:23,480

and and your kind of null cases but you

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00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:25,370

also gonna have of all of that

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00:03:32,440 --> 00:03:29,680

a collection of cases that are you know

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00:03:35,289 --> 00:03:32,450

genuine at least to a point so we have

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00:03:38,259 --> 00:03:35,299

some sort of objective idea happening

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00:03:40,899 --> 00:03:38,269

here some sort of objective concept that

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00:03:43,599 --> 00:03:40,909

is being created or or at least

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00:03:47,759 --> 00:03:43,609

manifesting in some way you have human

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00:03:50,860 --> 00:03:47,769

experience and human observation that is

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00:03:52,509 --> 00:03:50,870

recordable at least historically but on

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00:03:55,420 --> 00:03:52,519

the flip side of that right the flip

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00:03:57,550 --> 00:03:55,430

side of this weird UFO reality is is

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00:04:01,599 --> 00:03:57,560

obviously kind of the more subjective

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00:04:05,250 --> 00:04:01,609

angle the cultural milieu of in which

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00:04:09,580 --> 00:04:05,260

these UFOs appear the media social

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00:04:11,679 --> 00:04:09,590

values religious values all of these

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00:04:14,140 --> 00:04:11,689

social constructs that exist around us

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00:04:17,050 --> 00:04:14,150

these paradigms of society that really

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00:04:19,860 --> 00:04:17,060

also govern you the UFO discourse to

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suggest that UFOs aren't affected by

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00:04:25,390 --> 00:04:22,310

media interpretation and then therefore

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00:04:27,040 --> 00:04:25,400

our interpretation is ridiculous it's

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00:04:30,700 --> 00:04:27,050

undefensible obviously that's what's

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00:04:32,860 --> 00:04:30,710

going on so we need to kind of juxtapose

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00:04:35,230 --> 00:04:32,870

these two ideas right on top of the

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00:04:35,570 --> 00:04:35,240

media and on top of politics and on top

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00:04:38,029 --> 00:04:35,580

of

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00:04:39,950 --> 00:04:38,039

street you also have literally like like

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00:04:43,070 --> 00:04:39,960

a whole culture of lunacy right you have

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00:04:45,499 --> 00:04:43,080

UFO cults you have conspiracy theories

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00:04:47,300 --> 00:04:45,509

dictating that there's dead bodies and

101  
00:04:49,129 --> 00:04:47,310  
some underground bunker somewhere you

102  
00:04:51,890 --> 00:04:49,139  
have all of these also other ridiculous

103  
00:04:54,020 --> 00:04:51,900  
claims that exists within UFO discourse

104  
00:04:56,749 --> 00:04:54,030  
that also add to this kind of more

105  
00:04:59,540 --> 00:04:56,759  
social cultural interpretation of what

106  
00:05:03,409 --> 00:04:59,550  
UFOs are so really fundamentally these

107  
00:05:07,070 --> 00:05:03,419  
two sides this kind of objective human

108  
00:05:10,580 --> 00:05:07,080  
experience the objective act of seeing

109  
00:05:13,640 --> 00:05:10,590  
something that is anomalous and then the

110  
00:05:17,749 --> 00:05:13,650  
other side right the media the culture

111  
00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:17,759  
the society cults spear see theorists

112  
00:05:24,320 --> 00:05:20,400  
all that nonsense that that also kind of

113  
00:05:28,100 --> 00:05:24,330

exists and these two kind of commingle

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00:05:29,839 --> 00:05:28,110

and create ufology or create UFO

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00:05:31,369 --> 00:05:29,849

discourse you know and the question

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00:05:33,559 --> 00:05:31,379

becomes well how do we make progress in

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00:05:36,980 --> 00:05:33,569

in the study of UFOs how does a a

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00:05:39,950 --> 00:05:36,990

ufologist quote-unquote go out and and

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00:05:43,790 --> 00:05:39,960

make progress in the study in the ology

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00:05:45,920 --> 00:05:43,800

of ufos and this is the part that pisses

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00:05:48,260 --> 00:05:45,930

us off right because ultimately what

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00:05:51,320 --> 00:05:48,270

kind of stuck we're stuck in this

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00:05:53,420 --> 00:05:51,330

dualistic realm between worlds right or

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00:05:56,779 --> 00:05:53,430

stuck in this this idea that okay

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00:05:59,809 --> 00:05:56,789

something objective is going on but that

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00:06:02,089 --> 00:05:59,819

objective thing is being governed and

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00:06:04,430 --> 00:06:02,099

filtered through this kind of cultural

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00:06:06,680 --> 00:06:04,440

and social lens that's really screwing

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00:06:10,070 --> 00:06:06,690

up the objectivity of it right it's a

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00:06:14,029 --> 00:06:10,080

sort of observer bias multiplied by a

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00:06:17,769 --> 00:06:14,039

thousand and then you know a million as

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00:06:21,019 --> 00:06:17,779

well what we ultimately have here is

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00:06:22,640 --> 00:06:21,029

observation and experience versus a sort

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00:06:25,040 --> 00:06:22,650

of cultural framework a cultural

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00:06:30,469 --> 00:06:25,050

paradigm that that is occurring right

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00:06:32,869 --> 00:06:30,479

you have all of these constructs merging

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00:06:34,459 --> 00:06:32,879

you know my key example of this and I

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00:06:36,649 --> 00:06:34,469

think that this is gonna upset a few

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00:06:39,019 --> 00:06:36,659

people but um you know the idea of the

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00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:39,029

Flying Saucer for example

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00:06:43,429 --> 00:06:41,759

was totally an error you know to suggest

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00:06:44,959 --> 00:06:43,439

that there's an objective reality and

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00:06:47,809 --> 00:06:44,969

it's not being affected by our culture

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00:06:50,299 --> 00:06:47,819

is ridiculous Kenneth Arnold in 1947

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00:06:51,979 --> 00:06:50,309

when he had his UFO experience right he

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00:06:54,769 --> 00:06:51,989

was flying over Mount Rainier in

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00:06:55,759 --> 00:06:54,779

Washington and he saw nine objects I

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00:06:58,519 --> 00:06:55,769

believe that were sort of

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00:07:01,309 --> 00:06:58,529

crescent-shaped you know flying through

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00:07:04,159 --> 00:07:01,319

the mountains at an incredible speed he

151  
00:07:06,949 --> 00:07:04,169  
he reports it and and a journalist on

152  
00:07:09,589 --> 00:07:06,959  
the ground makes an error right the

153  
00:07:10,850 --> 00:07:09,599  
journalist calls them flying saucers and

154  
00:07:13,819 --> 00:07:10,860  
in reality they weren't they were kind

155  
00:07:15,829 --> 00:07:13,829  
of more like flying bananas but you know

156  
00:07:18,919 --> 00:07:15,839  
Arnold describes him as they were you

157  
00:07:20,059 --> 00:07:18,929  
know like saucers skipping on water but

158  
00:07:22,159 --> 00:07:20,069  
the journalist refers them as flying

159  
00:07:24,289 --> 00:07:22,169  
saucers and you'll never guess what

160  
00:07:27,649 --> 00:07:24,299  
happened like you'll never you'll never

161  
00:07:29,749 --> 00:07:27,659  
imagine people started seeing not flying

162  
00:07:32,419 --> 00:07:29,759  
crescent-shaped objects they started

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00:07:33,259 --> 00:07:32,429

seeing flying saucers all because of

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00:07:36,139 --> 00:07:33,269

journalists

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00:07:39,139 --> 00:07:36,149

you know screwed it up I mean this is a

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00:07:41,089 --> 00:07:39,149

perfect example of how an objective

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00:07:43,699 --> 00:07:41,099

experience let's say Kenneth Arnold

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sighting of an anomalous something

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00:07:46,489 --> 00:07:45,089

rather could have been anything who

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00:07:48,199 --> 00:07:46,499

knows could be birds for all we know but

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00:07:50,719 --> 00:07:48,209

the point is he saw something that was

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00:07:53,540 --> 00:07:50,729

anomalous and a journalist and a

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00:07:56,269 --> 00:07:53,550

newspaper is what creates fundamentally

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00:07:57,439 --> 00:07:56,279

the flying saucer phenomena people sort

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00:07:58,489 --> 00:07:57,449

of seem discs everywhere

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00:08:02,419 --> 00:07:58,499

and the big question need to ask

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00:08:04,669 --> 00:08:02,429

yourself is one it was every single UFO

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00:08:07,159 --> 00:08:04,679

sighting of a flying disc a complete

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00:08:07,489 --> 00:08:07,169

hoax or a complete delusion of course

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00:08:11,209 --> 00:08:07,499

not

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00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:11,219

everyone in the world is a delusional or

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trying to hoax rather UFOs took on the

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00:08:20,719 --> 00:08:18,809

cultural milieu of the day people think

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00:08:22,819 --> 00:08:20,729

we look like flying saucers we're flying

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00:08:24,439 --> 00:08:22,829

saucers now obviously that's a bit of a

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00:08:26,719 --> 00:08:24,449

stretch I'm not saying us I was thinking

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00:08:29,179 --> 00:08:26,729

like that but what you had was this

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00:08:34,100 --> 00:08:29,189

objective observation people were making

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00:08:36,799 --> 00:08:34,110

concerning flying saucers and the social

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00:08:39,049 --> 00:08:36,809

cultural ideology of the flying saucer

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kind of manifesting itself as a flying

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00:08:41,629 --> 00:08:39,509

saucer

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even though Arnold's sighting was not a

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flying saucer it's seemingly kind of

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ridiculous situation that's what it is

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so UFOs bring us

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00:08:56,140 --> 00:08:53,840

into this kind of weird world weird you

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have this kind of weird in-between right

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this mixing of objective reality and

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00:09:07,630 --> 00:09:04,700

cultural reality this is really where

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00:09:09,970 --> 00:09:07,640

UFOs dwell this is really where the

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00:09:12,640 --> 00:09:09,980

truth of the UFO phenomena exists in

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00:09:15,520 --> 00:09:12,650

this weird kind of gap world in this

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00:09:16,540 --> 00:09:15,530

in-between world this world of a fact

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00:09:19,840 --> 00:09:16,550

and fiction

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um truth and mythology real and not real

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kind of merging together into one thing

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in my book I talk about Jacques Derrida

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is a French philosopher and he came up

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00:09:34,960 --> 00:09:31,880

with this notion of the specter or the

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00:09:36,160 --> 00:09:34,970

ghost now in his work he's obviously not

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00:09:40,330 --> 00:09:36,170

talk about UFOs he's not high mode

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00:09:43,240 --> 00:09:40,340

ghosts he's talking about politics and

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00:09:45,880 --> 00:09:43,250

the culture of the post Cold War Europe

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moot point what he comes up with is this

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idea that there are certain concepts

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00:09:51,550 --> 00:09:50,090

that exist and there's their spectral

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their ghosts and what they are is

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they're ideas that exist in kind of two

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00:09:57,940 --> 00:09:56,140

worlds right they're real and not real

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simultaneously now he was talking about

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communism in Europe but in the case of

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UFOs they fit you have this kind of

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interesting merger of something real

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occurring real events anomalous events

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00:10:16,240 --> 00:10:11,480

though they may be but real merging with

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odd cultural social media influenced

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influenced by cult leaders and

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conspiracy theorists and these two kind

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00:10:26,740 --> 00:10:22,690

of concepts emerge into this unknown

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00:10:28,610 --> 00:10:26,750

murky middle ground Middle Earth I get

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00:10:31,140 --> 00:10:28,620

busted by

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copyright infringement the problem with

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00:10:35,580 --> 00:10:34,210

existing in this kind of ghostly round

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00:10:37,980 --> 00:10:35,590

in the middle between these two

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realities is really you get to this

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00:10:44,010 --> 00:10:42,160

place of undef initial you cannot define

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00:10:46,920 --> 00:10:44,020

what a UFO is anymore

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not in any real objective sense not in

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00:10:51,330 --> 00:10:49,270

any real sense that will actually lead

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00:10:53,190 --> 00:10:51,340

you to a solution to the problem and the

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only reason for that is because every

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time we try to define what a UFO is

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we're adding more layers to what UFOs

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actually are right so when I start

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thinking about UFOs I don't think about

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them from some objective over like

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reaching place from nowhere right I have

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to think about UFOs from my cultural

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place I can't suddenly walk out of my

251  
00:11:18,780 --> 00:11:17,230  
social world and say well I'm gonna look

252  
00:11:20,220 --> 00:11:18,790  
at the world objectively don't be

253  
00:11:22,470 --> 00:11:20,230  
ridiculous that's impossible

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00:11:24,660 --> 00:11:22,480  
none of us can do that no one can view

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00:11:26,550 --> 00:11:24,670  
their own reality outside of their own

256  
00:11:29,220 --> 00:11:26,560  
reality nobody can view their own

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00:11:30,990 --> 00:11:29,230  
culture their own ideas outside of that

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right there's no there's no really

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00:11:34,350 --> 00:11:32,440  
there's not really a such thing it's an

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00:11:35,730 --> 00:11:34,360  
objective thinking right we're all stuck

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00:11:39,740 --> 00:11:35,740  
within our culture we're all stuck

262  
00:11:42,600 --> 00:11:39,750  
within this little entrenched social

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00:11:44,670 --> 00:11:42,610

world we've grown up in right you are

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00:11:46,230 --> 00:11:44,680

governed by the experiences you've had

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00:11:47,880 --> 00:11:46,240

you've ER you're governed by your

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00:11:49,140 --> 00:11:47,890

education you're governed by what your

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00:11:50,460 --> 00:11:49,150

parents taught you what your teachers

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00:11:53,850 --> 00:11:50,470

taught you what your friends taught you

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00:11:56,430 --> 00:11:53,860

you're governed by all that stuff so the

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00:11:58,980 --> 00:11:56,440

inherent issue with UFOs is as people

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00:12:02,700 --> 00:11:58,990

who study UFOs we are inherently stuck

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00:12:04,080 --> 00:12:02,710

within our cultural world and we're

273

00:12:05,730 --> 00:12:04,090

trying to define something objective

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00:12:07,860 --> 00:12:05,740

we're trying to come to a conclusion

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00:12:10,470 --> 00:12:07,870

about something one that doesn't follow

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00:12:14,400 --> 00:12:10,480

any rules and two is really only

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00:12:16,200 --> 00:12:14,410

observed by people who also are in their

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00:12:17,930 --> 00:12:16,210

own little cultural holds right so

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00:12:20,280 --> 00:12:17,940

that's gonna muddy the water even more

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00:12:22,500 --> 00:12:20,290

you know we're trying to perceive

281

00:12:23,970 --> 00:12:22,510

something come up with in a solution

282

00:12:25,180 --> 00:12:23,980

something come up with an answer about

283

00:12:27,369 --> 00:12:25,190

something

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00:12:28,780 --> 00:12:27,379

but we're inherently trapped right we're

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00:12:32,680 --> 00:12:28,790

in herre trapped in our own little

286

00:12:34,210 --> 00:12:32,690

cultural existence so how can we come to

287

00:12:36,610 --> 00:12:34,220

an objective conclusion concerning

288

00:12:38,920 --> 00:12:36,620

something like UFOs that already exist

289

00:12:41,050 --> 00:12:38,930

in this weird duality between fact and

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00:12:43,410 --> 00:12:41,060

fiction that exists in is weird duality

291

00:12:46,420 --> 00:12:43,420

between objective experience and

292

00:12:48,100 --> 00:12:46,430

cultural experience on top of that we're

293

00:12:49,749 --> 00:12:48,110

adding our own cultural interpretations

294

00:12:51,699 --> 00:12:49,759

upon our sightings and upon our

295

00:12:53,769 --> 00:12:51,709

experiences and know that the people

296

00:12:56,579 --> 00:12:53,779

doing the research the investigation the

297

00:12:59,499 --> 00:12:56,589

the ufologist is also adding their own

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00:13:02,800 --> 00:12:59,509

cultural and social interpretations into

299

00:13:03,900 --> 00:13:02,810

the mix we are fundamentally in you know

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00:13:07,869 --> 00:13:03,910

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301  
00:13:10,210 --> 00:13:07,879  
freaking gongshow man a chaotic nonsense

302  
00:13:11,110 --> 00:13:10,220  
in regards to UFOs right what can we do

303  
00:13:13,449 --> 00:13:11,120  
with that information

304  
00:13:15,639 --> 00:13:13,459  
where can we begin ultimately the more

305  
00:13:17,740 --> 00:13:15,649  
explanation we try to add to UFOs but

306  
00:13:20,439 --> 00:13:17,750  
ultimately the more we try to define

307  
00:13:22,090 --> 00:13:20,449  
UFOs the more definitions we're putting

308  
00:13:24,610 --> 00:13:22,100  
in place the more filters we're creating

309  
00:13:27,340 --> 00:13:24,620  
for ourselves the more more more kind of

310  
00:13:30,220 --> 00:13:27,350  
ideas were jamming in down the UFO

311  
00:13:32,860 --> 00:13:30,230  
throat you know in effect we constantly

312  
00:13:35,590 --> 00:13:32,870  
create more ideologies we continue

313  
00:13:37,210 --> 00:13:35,600

adding ideological paradigms on top of

314

00:13:42,699 --> 00:13:37,220

it over and over and over again I mean

315

00:13:45,009 --> 00:13:42,709

again this is evidence just to cite this

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00:13:47,949 --> 00:13:45,019

here I mean it's obvious look at what

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00:13:49,929 --> 00:13:47,959

people thought UFOs were in the 1940s

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00:13:52,629 --> 00:13:49,939

and 50s and 60s they were clearly

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00:13:55,120 --> 00:13:52,639

riveted together machines from spacemen

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00:13:57,429 --> 00:13:55,130

from Venus and Mars and they looked like

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00:14:00,460 --> 00:13:57,439

us and and they would deliver messages

322

00:14:02,110 --> 00:14:00,470

about oh you know you guys have the

323

00:14:03,850 --> 00:14:02,120

nuclear bomb and you should stop

324

00:14:06,280 --> 00:14:03,860

fighting with Russia because the

325

00:14:08,350 --> 00:14:06,290

intergalactic Federation is getting

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00:14:10,389 --> 00:14:08,360

upset and we're nervous about you humans

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00:14:11,710 --> 00:14:10,399

but don't worry we're all friendly and

328

00:14:13,059 --> 00:14:11,720

we're here to help you and and we're

329

00:14:15,040 --> 00:14:13,069

gonna save you and then you had this

330

00:14:17,980 --> 00:14:15,050

whole space brother movement and really

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00:14:20,079 --> 00:14:17,990

like it was it was based upon ideas that

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00:14:23,079 --> 00:14:20,089

were popular in the 1950s and 60s it was

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00:14:25,840 --> 00:14:23,089

based upon that cultural framework of

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00:14:28,090 --> 00:14:25,850

what technology could have been now look

335

00:14:30,490 --> 00:14:28,100

at you follow gee today go on UFO

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00:14:31,749 --> 00:14:30,500

Twitter hashtag UFO Twitter go on UFO

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00:14:33,429 --> 00:14:31,759

Twitter and look at what people are

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00:14:35,259 --> 00:14:33,439

talking about quantum mechanics and

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00:14:37,900 --> 00:14:35,269

quantum physics and the aliens must be

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00:14:39,640 --> 00:14:37,910

using some sort of quantum system to

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00:14:41,200 --> 00:14:39,650

travel around and you know you have

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00:14:43,060 --> 00:14:41,210

stuff about consciousness and you have

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00:14:45,460 --> 00:14:43,070

stuff all these new-age ideas I mean

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00:14:47,890 --> 00:14:45,470

it's just mimicking exactly what our

345

00:14:49,930 --> 00:14:47,900

society is it's ridiculous

346

00:14:52,570 --> 00:14:49,940

today in the 21st century to think that

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00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:52,580

UFOs come from Mars and they come from

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00:14:57,280 --> 00:14:55,040

Venus it's ridiculous we know now enough

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00:14:59,860 --> 00:14:57,290

about Mars and Venus to be able to

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00:15:03,250 --> 00:14:59,870

assure people and we just know in

351  
00:15:04,660 --> 00:15:03,260  
general there's no UFOs from Venus and

352  
00:15:05,890 --> 00:15:04,670  
Mars and they're certainly not space

353  
00:15:07,660 --> 00:15:05,900  
brothers and they certainly don't have

354  
00:15:08,230 --> 00:15:07,670  
some sort of intergalactic Federation of

355  
00:15:10,530 --> 00:15:08,240  
Planets

356  
00:15:14,560 --> 00:15:10,540  
that's from Star Trek so as we change

357  
00:15:17,140 --> 00:15:14,570  
UFOs change with us as we change the

358  
00:15:19,330 --> 00:15:17,150  
entire framework of ufology changes

359  
00:15:20,980 --> 00:15:19,340  
alongside us it's not that ufology is

360  
00:15:24,310 --> 00:15:20,990  
getting better answers it's not that

361  
00:15:25,900 --> 00:15:24,320  
ufology is on to something rather it's

362  
00:15:28,570 --> 00:15:25,910  
less on to it than it's ever been

363  
00:15:30,880 --> 00:15:28,580

we're getting further away as time moves

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00:15:33,400 --> 00:15:30,890

on as we continue to study UFOs as we

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00:15:35,440 --> 00:15:33,410

continue to get into UFOs as we continue

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00:15:37,690 --> 00:15:35,450

to engage with the subject matter as we

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00:15:40,030 --> 00:15:37,700

continue to try and define what UFOs are

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00:15:42,220 --> 00:15:40,040

we're simply adding more to the mystery

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00:15:44,020 --> 00:15:42,230

but this is maybe the beauty of ufology

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00:15:46,420 --> 00:15:44,030

and the beauty of UFOs right everyone

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00:15:48,640 --> 00:15:46,430

loves a good mystery every once in a

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00:15:49,150 --> 00:15:48,650

while and ufology man don't get me

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00:15:51,550 --> 00:15:49,160

started

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00:15:53,260 --> 00:15:51,560

UFOs is basically the mystery novel that

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00:15:56,710 --> 00:15:53,270

really never ends I mean it's

376

00:15:58,870 --> 00:15:56,720

fundamentally this this it's constant

377

00:16:01,780 --> 00:15:58,880

search and I think that that's why it's

378

00:16:04,300 --> 00:16:01,790

compelling right we like the idea of

379

00:16:07,450 --> 00:16:04,310

searching all the time we like the idea

380

00:16:09,970 --> 00:16:07,460

of mysteries we like the idea of not

381

00:16:11,650 --> 00:16:09,980

knowing where something is or are or not

382

00:16:13,060 --> 00:16:11,660

knowing what's over the hill or are

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00:16:15,490 --> 00:16:13,070

around the next bend and trying to

384

00:16:18,760 --> 00:16:15,500

figure it out we're excellent

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00:16:23,800 --> 00:16:18,770

mythologize errs I'm why is there a

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00:16:30,630 --> 00:16:28,220

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387

00:16:32,040 --> 00:16:30,640

it's like signs all up in here so where

388

00:16:34,050 --> 00:16:32,050

does this fundamentally leave us right

389

00:16:36,360 --> 00:16:34,060

like where are we left then you falah

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00:16:38,880 --> 00:16:36,370

giclees speaking pissed off that's the

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00:16:40,800 --> 00:16:38,890

first thing because listen I hate to

392

00:16:43,550 --> 00:16:40,810

burst your youthful logical bubbles I

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00:16:46,440 --> 00:16:43,560

can just see the thumbs down there

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00:16:48,870 --> 00:16:46,450

listen you know where does this leave us

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00:16:51,840 --> 00:16:48,880

what can we fundamentally do what can we

396

00:16:55,020 --> 00:16:51,850

fundamentally study is is trying to

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00:17:00,000 --> 00:16:55,030

ascertain the science here really the

398

00:17:01,020 --> 00:17:00,010

answer you know you know I don't know

399

00:17:02,700 --> 00:17:01,030

because we just don't have enough

400

00:17:06,000 --> 00:17:02,710

answers we don't have enough observable

401  
00:17:08,100 --> 00:17:06,010  
data from UFOs to come to any conclusion

402  
00:17:09,990 --> 00:17:08,110  
not only that the damn things keep

403  
00:17:12,720 --> 00:17:10,000  
changing you know in the 1950s and 60s

404  
00:17:15,810 --> 00:17:12,730  
UFOs acted and looked and worked very

405  
00:17:17,910 --> 00:17:15,820  
differently than they do today they had

406  
00:17:20,430 --> 00:17:17,920  
the landing gear and ladders little

407  
00:17:21,840 --> 00:17:20,440  
people would get out of the like maybe

408  
00:17:23,670 --> 00:17:21,850  
they'd crawl down there little ladders

409  
00:17:25,500 --> 00:17:23,680  
and they would collect like soil samples

410  
00:17:27,090 --> 00:17:25,510  
and infauna samples and floor samples

411  
00:17:28,860 --> 00:17:27,100  
like you know they'd steal squirrel or

412  
00:17:30,090 --> 00:17:28,870  
something and then they would see human

413  
00:17:32,820 --> 00:17:30,100

and black and they'd jump back in the

414

00:17:34,290 --> 00:17:32,830

ship and then fly off I mean if that

415

00:17:36,300 --> 00:17:34,300

happened today I mean good lord that's

416

00:17:38,100 --> 00:17:36,310

ridiculous you know UFO sightings today

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00:17:39,750 --> 00:17:38,110

are very different so does you know we

418

00:17:41,700 --> 00:17:39,760

have to kind of start to question you

419

00:17:43,920 --> 00:17:41,710

know the sightings that people are

420

00:17:46,050 --> 00:17:43,930

having that objective reality how much

421

00:17:48,360 --> 00:17:46,060

of it is really merging with the social

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00:17:50,610 --> 00:17:48,370

reality so where are we left if UFOs

423

00:17:52,740 --> 00:17:50,620

aren't some stable idea we can study

424

00:17:54,990 --> 00:17:52,750

they're not a stable concept we can

425

00:17:57,030 --> 00:17:55,000

study they're not a stable construct we

426

00:17:58,800 --> 00:17:57,040

can study we have no idea what they are

427

00:18:00,360 --> 00:17:58,810

we have no idea when they'll show up

428

00:18:04,460 --> 00:18:00,370

they're not repeatable there's no

429

00:18:06,150 --> 00:18:04,470

evidence really to to to engage with

430

00:18:09,030 --> 00:18:06,160

where we left

431

00:18:11,900 --> 00:18:09,040

what is ufology to do you know it

432

00:18:14,250 --> 00:18:11,910

becomes a game of culture we're left to

433

00:18:16,410 --> 00:18:14,260

be able to really fundamentally look at

434

00:18:19,170 --> 00:18:16,420

people at this point we can look at the

435

00:18:21,240 --> 00:18:19,180

cultural ideas that frame up ufology we

436

00:18:23,370 --> 00:18:21,250

can look at the social constructs the

437

00:18:25,680 --> 00:18:23,380

the cultural baggage we all have the

438

00:18:28,410 --> 00:18:25,690

experiences we all have the way our

439

00:18:30,180 --> 00:18:28,420

society perceives its own reality that's

440

00:18:32,520 --> 00:18:30,190

really where you follow she ought to be

441

00:18:34,330 --> 00:18:32,530

heading it should be a cultural game it

442

00:18:36,970 --> 00:18:34,340

should be exploring the

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00:18:39,190 --> 00:18:36,980

the cultural phenomena of UFOs and less

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00:18:43,419 --> 00:18:39,200

the scientific one we ultimately need to

445

00:18:46,600 --> 00:18:43,429

deconstruct the cultural concepts that

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00:18:48,519 --> 00:18:46,610

frame up kind of this UFO reality the

447

00:18:50,200 --> 00:18:48,529

inherent problem to this is every time

448

00:18:52,899 --> 00:18:50,210

we attempt to deconstruct anything

449

00:18:54,940 --> 00:18:52,909

anytime we at any time we try to get to

450

00:18:56,860 --> 00:18:54,950

the root of what's going on we obviously

451  
00:18:58,630 --> 00:18:56,870  
need to understand we're adding more

452  
00:19:00,460 --> 00:18:58,640  
layers to the construction this is

453  
00:19:02,590 --> 00:19:00,470  
ultimately what dari da points out when

454  
00:19:05,140 --> 00:19:02,600  
it comes to deconstruction whenever you

455  
00:19:07,480 --> 00:19:05,150  
try to understand something better

456  
00:19:09,399 --> 00:19:07,490  
whenever you try to define something

457  
00:19:11,860 --> 00:19:09,409  
whenever you try to give it an

458  
00:19:15,130 --> 00:19:11,870  
explanation and whenever you add more

459  
00:19:16,450 --> 00:19:15,140  
information to the idea you are building

460  
00:19:18,909 --> 00:19:16,460  
more layers up you're adding more

461  
00:19:22,269 --> 00:19:18,919  
filters to that concept you ultimately

462  
00:19:24,370 --> 00:19:22,279  
get bogged down by the deconstruction

463  
00:19:26,860 --> 00:19:24,380

itself so this needs to kind of get all

464

00:19:31,269 --> 00:19:26,870

boiled down now to my big thesis here

465

00:19:33,070 --> 00:19:31,279

which is why are UFOs countercultural it

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00:19:37,000 --> 00:19:33,080

really kind of comes down to something

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00:19:39,639 --> 00:19:37,010

simple you know UFOs are taboo in polite

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00:19:41,799 --> 00:19:39,649

society and in sort of elite society and

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00:19:44,049 --> 00:19:41,809

in scientific and academic societies

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00:19:48,909 --> 00:19:44,059

right especially by more conservative

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00:19:52,260 --> 00:19:48,919

thinkers UFOs are taboo because I think

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00:19:54,669 --> 00:19:52,270

they bring out the fundamental flaw that

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00:19:56,950 --> 00:19:54,679

you know we need to kind of see that

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00:19:59,710 --> 00:19:56,960

that's right in front of us we've we've

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00:20:01,899 --> 00:19:59,720

we've created for ourselves in sort of

476  
00:20:03,549 --> 00:20:01,909  
the 20th and 21st centuries and even

477  
00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:03,559  
earlier but in the 20 to 21st centuries

478  
00:20:09,970 --> 00:20:05,600  
for sure this notion that science and

479  
00:20:12,310 --> 00:20:09,980  
technology empiricism is is really the

480  
00:20:14,740 --> 00:20:12,320  
the be-all and end-all of knowledge and

481  
00:20:17,139 --> 00:20:14,750  
the beauty of empirical thinking the

482  
00:20:20,320 --> 00:20:17,149  
beauty of scientific method the beauty

483  
00:20:23,640 --> 00:20:20,330  
of an academia of an ivory tower of

484  
00:20:27,870 --> 00:20:23,650  
structures of elite knowledge

485  
00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:27,880  
is they require kind of one key notion

486  
00:20:32,540 --> 00:20:30,400  
that humans themselves and human

487  
00:20:37,010 --> 00:20:32,550  
thinking is the highest point of

488  
00:20:39,540 --> 00:20:37,020

civilization in society and the cosmos

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00:20:42,150 --> 00:20:39,550

empiricism itself the scientific method

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00:20:45,360 --> 00:20:42,160

itself all all scientific thinking

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00:20:48,090 --> 00:20:45,370

hinges upon the notion that humans are

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00:20:51,060 --> 00:20:48,100

able to understand the universe and

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00:20:54,720 --> 00:20:51,070

everything around us we govern reality

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00:20:58,169 --> 00:20:54,730

we shape our own destiny we are the

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00:21:01,980 --> 00:20:58,179

arbiters of knowledge we as a group as a

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00:21:04,910 --> 00:21:01,990

species under the guise of empiricism

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00:21:09,270 --> 00:21:04,920

are the way the truth and the light and

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00:21:11,520 --> 00:21:09,280

fundamentally what ufos do is they call

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00:21:13,860 --> 00:21:11,530

that all into question they challenge

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00:21:17,220 --> 00:21:13,870

this fundamental thinking they challenge

501  
00:21:20,220 --> 00:21:17,230  
this notion that empiricism has and will

502  
00:21:22,140 --> 00:21:20,230  
have all the answers we've chosen to

503  
00:21:23,580 --> 00:21:22,150  
live our lives as a society upon this

504  
00:21:25,590 --> 00:21:23,590  
notion that humans are here to write

505  
00:21:27,090 --> 00:21:25,600  
we're the top of the food chain you know

506  
00:21:30,360 --> 00:21:27,100  
the technical term for this is an

507  
00:21:34,049 --> 00:21:30,370  
through anthropocentrism right we are

508  
00:21:36,150 --> 00:21:34,059  
the center of knowledge and truth we are

509  
00:21:38,100 --> 00:21:36,160  
the center of some of the universe in a

510  
00:21:40,950 --> 00:21:38,110  
sense and all knowledge kind of revolves

511  
00:21:43,020 --> 00:21:40,960  
around us and as we develop more science

512  
00:21:44,850 --> 00:21:43,030  
better science as we develop technology

513  
00:21:47,220 --> 00:21:44,860

and better technology we can start

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00:21:49,470 --> 00:21:47,230

yanking that knowledge towards us like a

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00:21:51,270 --> 00:21:49,480

big gravitational field and and we can

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00:21:52,380 --> 00:21:51,280

kind of consume it understand it and

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00:21:54,630 --> 00:21:52,390

there we go there's another kind of

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00:21:57,660 --> 00:21:54,640

piece of the puzzle and you know

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00:21:59,370 --> 00:21:57,670

following a very Aristotelian model we

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00:22:01,530 --> 00:21:59,380

can ultimately understand the entire

521

00:22:03,660 --> 00:22:01,540

universe nothing can stand in the way of

522

00:22:05,940 --> 00:22:03,670

us

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00:22:08,640 --> 00:22:05,950

you know UFOs though kind of question

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00:22:10,770 --> 00:22:08,650

this notion right UFOs constantly change

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00:22:12,060 --> 00:22:10,780

with the times they're constantly just a

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00:22:15,000 --> 00:22:12,070

little bit out of reach they're

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00:22:17,730 --> 00:22:15,010

constantly just around the bend and over

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00:22:21,170 --> 00:22:17,740

the hill and as we get closer they move

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00:22:24,720 --> 00:22:21,180

further away you know UFOs are not

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00:22:27,450 --> 00:22:24,730

following how empirical evidence and

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00:22:29,700 --> 00:22:27,460

scientific method you know it dictates

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00:22:32,250 --> 00:22:29,710

the universe ought to work UFOs prove

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00:22:34,980 --> 00:22:32,260

fundamentally that empiricism is not the

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00:22:36,960 --> 00:22:34,990

the only arbiter of knowledge it goes to

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00:22:37,560 --> 00:22:36,970

show that empiricism scientific method

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00:22:39,270 --> 00:22:37,570

all that stuff

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00:22:40,800 --> 00:22:39,280

wild great like don't get me wrong I'm a

538

00:22:42,450 --> 00:22:40,810

huge fan of science I'm a huge fan of

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00:22:45,330 --> 00:22:42,460

the scientific method like listen

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youthful oddly speaking I'm a skeptic

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like bad you know ultimately we're kind

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00:22:55,620 --> 00:22:53,470

of in this worldview that were trapped

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00:22:58,890 --> 00:22:55,630

in of empiricism of anthropocentrism

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this notion that we can achieve anything

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00:23:04,620 --> 00:23:02,050

through knowledge and it just might not

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00:23:06,750 --> 00:23:04,630

be the case all right and that's why

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00:23:08,370 --> 00:23:06,760

ufos piss people off that's why ufos

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00:23:10,080 --> 00:23:08,380

piss off scientists and they piss off

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00:23:12,930 --> 00:23:10,090

academics especially conservative ones

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00:23:15,180 --> 00:23:12,940

they piss off people who exist in this

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00:23:16,620 --> 00:23:15,190  
sort of elite state who have basically

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00:23:18,090 --> 00:23:16,630  
built their entire lives and their

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00:23:20,910 --> 00:23:18,100  
foundation upon the knowledge that

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00:23:23,400 --> 00:23:20,920  
everything is possible that that all if

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00:23:26,550 --> 00:23:23,410  
we if we apply enough empirical thinking

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00:23:29,010 --> 00:23:26,560  
to something we can reach it ufos call

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00:23:31,500 --> 00:23:29,020  
that all into question ufos bring that

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00:23:34,740 --> 00:23:31,510  
house of cards tumbling down

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00:23:37,050 --> 00:23:34,750  
and we're left and we're stuck we kind

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00:23:40,680 --> 00:23:37,060  
of are left to wallow now in this weird

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00:23:43,950 --> 00:23:40,690  
place of ambiguity we don't know what

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00:23:46,320 --> 00:23:43,960  
reality is that we don't know what is

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00:23:48,840 --> 00:23:46,330

the real path to knowledge there might

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00:23:50,660 --> 00:23:48,850

not be one you know fundamentally it

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00:23:54,330 --> 00:23:50,670

could be a whole mix of things as well

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00:23:58,260 --> 00:23:54,340

who the hell knows man so we need to

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00:24:02,340 --> 00:23:58,270

engage in you Falah djegal discourse

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00:24:04,560 --> 00:24:02,350

that deals more by calling these

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00:24:07,050 --> 00:24:04,570

concepts into questions that engages

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00:24:09,159 --> 00:24:07,060

with the cultural aspects of ufology i

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00:24:12,320 --> 00:24:09,169

mean

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00:24:14,479 --> 00:24:12,330

it doesn't matter how much truth we we

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00:24:16,369 --> 00:24:14,489

get - how much truth we try and get -

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00:24:18,919 --> 00:24:16,379

we're dealing with a mythological

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00:24:20,479 --> 00:24:18,929

question here I think we need to start

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00:24:21,950 --> 00:24:20,489

looking at the reasons of why it's

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00:24:23,690 --> 00:24:21,960

mythological when you start looking at

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00:24:25,399 --> 00:24:23,700

the mythology itself and the people who

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00:24:27,349 --> 00:24:25,409

generate those mythologies and why they

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00:24:31,129 --> 00:24:27,359

generate those pathologies we're engaged

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00:24:34,129 --> 00:24:31,139

in a study of something that by its very

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00:24:35,599 --> 00:24:34,139

nature has to remain unknown thanks very

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00:24:37,940 --> 00:24:35,609

much for watching I really appreciate

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00:24:39,769 --> 00:24:37,950

you taking the time and hang out with me

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00:24:42,889 --> 00:24:39,779

in the forest if you want to find my

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00:24:44,599 --> 00:24:42,899

work if you want to keep tabs on me you

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can do it via social media or you can go

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to my web sites of wwm Jaber nice calm

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or you can follow me on twitter at MJ

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00:24:55,759 --> 00:24:53,539

benayah shoot me a DM shoot me an email

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00:24:59,840 --> 00:24:55,769

call me on my phone if you have my phone

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00:25:02,359 --> 00:24:59,850

number I hope you don't and listen stay

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00:25:06,460 --> 00:25:02,369

safe I love you all have a happy