

UNIDENTIFIED



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EPISODE 18.20

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00:00:05,070 --> 00:00:03,380
greetings citizens and welcome to

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00:00:06,480 --> 00:00:05,080
[Music]

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00:00:14,910 --> 00:00:06,490
[Applause]

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00:00:16,410 --> 00:00:14,920
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00:00:29,109 --> 00:00:27,439
i'm jason mcclellan i'm here with shane

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00:00:30,230 --> 00:00:29,119
heard today thanks for hanging out with

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00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:30,240
us

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00:00:34,709 --> 00:00:32,320
shane recently released his debut book

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:34,719
titled unidentified aerial phenomena a

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00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:37,200
beginner's guide to researching ufos

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00:00:41,750 --> 00:00:39,680

so today shane's going to spend some

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00:00:43,750 --> 00:00:41,760

time telling us about his book

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00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:43,760

but before we get to the book shane i'd

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00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:45,760

love to talk with you for a bit

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00:00:49,670 --> 00:00:48,640

just about ufo investigations in general

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00:00:52,150 --> 00:00:49,680

and also a bit

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00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:52,160

of your personal history as well cool

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00:00:57,029 --> 00:00:54,079

yeah that sounds great

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00:00:57,630 --> 00:00:57,039

all right so before you jumped into

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00:01:00,389 --> 00:00:57,640

actual

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00:01:02,389 --> 00:01:00,399

investigation when did you start

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00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:02,399

researching the ufo topic

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00:01:05,750 --> 00:01:04,159

well i would say you know i always had

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00:01:08,070 --> 00:01:05,760

an interest even from

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00:01:08,950 --> 00:01:08,080

childhood but it was not very strong

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:08,960

just you know kind of

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00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:11,680

in the back of my mind and then as i i

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00:01:13,830 --> 00:01:12,000

grew

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00:01:15,510 --> 00:01:13,840

you know had a family and a career and

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00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:15,520

starting all that just didn't really

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00:01:18,469 --> 00:01:16,240

have

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00:01:19,670 --> 00:01:18,479

the time to pay attention but once my

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00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:19,680

daughter grew

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00:01:23,190 --> 00:01:22,320

and i had my career under control he had

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:23,200

a little time to

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00:01:26,630 --> 00:01:24,560

you know look into things that

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00:01:27,670 --> 00:01:26,640

interested me and and i think the thing

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00:01:30,230 --> 00:01:27,680

that really

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:30,240

popped that interest off was the phoenix

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00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:32,079

lights incident

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00:01:36,710 --> 00:01:34,880

here in arizona i was a resident you

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:36,720

know i've lived here 40 years so i was

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,320

here during that time and

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00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:40,320

even though i didn't see it uh that

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00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:41,360

evening

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:44,799

you know the you know much ado about

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00:01:47,910 --> 00:01:47,439

about that case occurred in the media

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00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:47,920

right

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00:01:51,670 --> 00:01:50,880
and you know it happened over a long

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00:01:53,749 --> 00:01:51,680
period of time

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00:01:54,870 --> 00:01:53,759
for months and months and months and so

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00:01:58,469 --> 00:01:54,880
even if you were just

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00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:58,479
uh not even a casual uh interest in

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00:02:02,950 --> 00:02:01,119
in ufos it was still in in the nightly

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00:02:05,350 --> 00:02:02,960
news and i mean it got a lot of

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00:02:06,630 --> 00:02:05,360
the attention here so yeah that did grab

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00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:06,640
my attention and

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00:02:09,910 --> 00:02:08,239
and i thought you know there there is

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00:02:10,869 --> 00:02:09,920
really something to this and we need to

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00:02:13,030 --> 00:02:10,879
look into

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00:02:14,869 --> 00:02:13,040

more fully and that's kind of where it

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00:02:16,070 --> 00:02:14,879

started for me and then you know about

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00:02:18,229 --> 00:02:16,080

that time you had

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00:02:19,589 --> 00:02:18,239

of course x-files was going on and then

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00:02:22,630 --> 00:02:19,599

other

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00:02:25,430 --> 00:02:22,640

ufo tv programs began like

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:25,440

ufo files and so i would watch that

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00:02:28,790 --> 00:02:26,480

stuff but

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00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:28,800

um it wasn't until about 2010 where i

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00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:31,200

really got into it with earnest and

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00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:33,519

that was really the result of reading

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00:02:37,509 --> 00:02:35,519

leslie kane's book

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00:02:39,350 --> 00:02:37,519

ufos generals pilots and public

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00:02:41,110 --> 00:02:39,360
officials go on the record

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00:02:44,309 --> 00:02:41,120
and i followed that up with richard

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00:02:46,869 --> 00:02:44,319
dolan's two volume set of

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:46,879
ufos in the national security state and

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00:02:50,150 --> 00:02:47,920
once i did that

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00:02:52,070 --> 00:02:50,160
i i was pretty much convinced that there

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:52,080
was a reality to this and

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00:02:57,030 --> 00:02:54,640
that i'd like to continue it further and

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00:02:59,990 --> 00:02:57,040
eventually after studying

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00:03:00,630 --> 00:03:00,000
you know reading every book and you know

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00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:00,640
movie

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00:03:03,990 --> 00:03:02,319
and documentary and everything i could

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00:03:06,309 --> 00:03:04,000

get my hands on for a couple years

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00:03:07,990 --> 00:03:06,319

i i kind of felt like well now what i do

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00:03:10,550 --> 00:03:08,000

with this knowledge

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00:03:12,790 --> 00:03:10,560

and and um i look for some kind of

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00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:12,800

opportunity to really engage and do more

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00:03:16,949 --> 00:03:13,360

than just

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00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:16,959

consume you know information and

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00:03:19,990 --> 00:03:19,280

that's when uh mufon really got on my

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00:03:23,670 --> 00:03:20,000

radar

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00:03:25,830 --> 00:03:23,680

and in 2015 i i did join mufon

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00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:25,840

and then in 2017 i became an

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00:03:30,229 --> 00:03:27,120

investigator

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00:03:32,149 --> 00:03:30,239

and then um earlier this year i i became

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00:03:34,550 --> 00:03:32,159
an assistant director of arizona

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00:03:35,670 --> 00:03:34,560
move funds so it's kind of been my path

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00:03:39,190 --> 00:03:35,680
and my journey

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00:03:40,309 --> 00:03:39,200
and i'm super enjoying it it's just so

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00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:40,319
much fun

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00:03:43,509 --> 00:03:42,560
so stepping back after the phoenix

107
00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:43,519
lights

108
00:03:46,710 --> 00:03:45,440
and decided to start researching the

109
00:03:49,589 --> 00:03:46,720
topic

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00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:49,599
do you remember that process and and

111
00:03:54,470 --> 00:03:51,280
what you actually did

112
00:03:56,710 --> 00:03:54,480
to you know look actively look into the

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00:03:58,949 --> 00:03:56,720

topic like how did you come across

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00:03:59,990 --> 00:03:58,959

leslie kane's book for example like were

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00:04:02,070 --> 00:04:00,000

you were you searching

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00:04:03,990 --> 00:04:02,080

on the internet what were you doing to

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00:04:05,110 --> 00:04:04,000

to figure out you know how to get this

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00:04:06,229 --> 00:04:05,120

information or where to get this

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00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:06,239

information

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00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:09,040

yeah great point you know the the i mean

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00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:09,760

the internet

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00:04:13,270 --> 00:04:11,360

internet was you know certainly well

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00:04:16,069 --> 00:04:13,280

along at that time

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00:04:17,990 --> 00:04:16,079

and you know um but i don't think

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00:04:18,870 --> 00:04:18,000

facebook was really much of the deal

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00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:18,880

then but

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00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:22,560

uh it wasn't what i actually yeah yeah

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00:04:28,230 --> 00:04:25,919

so it um the first book i

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00:04:28,950 --> 00:04:28,240

saw and i was literally just walking

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00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:28,960

through

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00:04:35,830 --> 00:04:32,080

uh barnes noble and i saw the book

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00:04:37,510 --> 00:04:35,840

um on roswell from um corso and burns

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00:04:39,270 --> 00:04:37,520

the day after roswell i think it's what

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00:04:41,510 --> 00:04:39,280

it was called and

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00:04:43,350 --> 00:04:41,520

um you know i'd heard of her odds as

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00:04:44,950 --> 00:04:43,360

well kind of what it was and i thought

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00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:44,960

well you know that's interesting maybe

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00:04:49,030 --> 00:04:46,880

i'll look into that start there

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00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:49,040

and that's how i got going but when i

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00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:50,320

read that book i was

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00:04:53,749 --> 00:04:52,639

i was kind of disappointed i i you know

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00:04:55,749 --> 00:04:53,759

i just felt like

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00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,759

you know some of it you know seemed

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00:04:59,830 --> 00:04:57,520

plausible but some of it didn't

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00:05:01,189 --> 00:04:59,840

and i kind of got discouraged and was

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00:05:03,270 --> 00:05:01,199

thinking well i hope

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00:05:04,870 --> 00:05:03,280

you know i'm not wasting my time here

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00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:04,880

and then that's when the second book i

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00:05:08,870 --> 00:05:06,720

found actually was leslie so

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00:05:11,110 --> 00:05:08,880

uh that kind of renewed my confidence

151
00:05:11,990 --> 00:05:11,120
but yeah it was tough back then there

152
00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:12,000
was no

153
00:05:16,230 --> 00:05:13,759
i didn't really know anybody in the

154
00:05:17,990 --> 00:05:16,240
topic there was no connecting not like

155
00:05:20,950 --> 00:05:18,000
on facebook that kind of thing

156
00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:20,960
it was really just on my own and and

157
00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:21,680
frankly

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00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:25,120
you know that process was difficult

159
00:05:29,270 --> 00:05:27,600
and it was random and it i was taking

160
00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:29,280
shots in the dark and so

161
00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:32,800
you know some stuff i i was just told

162
00:05:37,110 --> 00:05:35,440
you know nonsense and then other stuff

163
00:05:37,990 --> 00:05:37,120

was you know pretty factual and then

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00:05:40,469 --> 00:05:38,000

some of it

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00:05:42,550 --> 00:05:40,479

you know was really fascinating to me

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00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:42,560

you know very scientific and

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00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:46,320

and you know some really um you know

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00:05:49,990 --> 00:05:48,800

valid information you could just kind of

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00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:50,000

see

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00:05:54,150 --> 00:05:52,240

it almost like you know spread out

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

before me it was on the right hand you

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00:05:56,870 --> 00:05:54,800

had

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00:05:58,390 --> 00:05:56,880

wheat like good information and then on

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00:06:01,590 --> 00:05:58,400

the left you know

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00:06:03,189 --> 00:06:01,600

was chaff-like bad information and it

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00:06:03,830 --> 00:06:03,199

took a while to go through the process

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00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:03,840

to kind of

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00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:07,280

how to differentiate between the two but

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00:06:11,749 --> 00:06:09,759

you know eventually i got there but it

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00:06:13,270 --> 00:06:11,759

was a bit of a struggle and i feel bad

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00:06:16,309 --> 00:06:13,280

for people

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00:06:18,870 --> 00:06:16,319

trying to jump in on this even now

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00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:18,880

because there's just so much to wade

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00:06:21,270 --> 00:06:19,680

through

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00:06:23,430 --> 00:06:21,280

and you just don't even know where to

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00:06:25,029 --> 00:06:23,440

start and what's relevant and what's

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nonsense you know so

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00:06:28,790 --> 00:06:27,440

that that was kind of my journey or how

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00:06:30,550 --> 00:06:28,800

i got going

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00:06:31,990 --> 00:06:30,560

so as you were on your journey and you

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00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:32,000

decided to

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00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:35,039

you know take it further um

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00:06:38,710 --> 00:06:37,759

what was it about ufo investigations

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00:06:41,909 --> 00:06:38,720

specifically

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00:06:44,870 --> 00:06:41,919

that appealed to you yeah that that is

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00:06:45,110 --> 00:06:44,880

um that is the thing that appeals to me

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00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:45,120

i

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00:06:54,550 --> 00:06:52,639

people have

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00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:54,560

for me it was more the nuts and bolts

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00:06:59,909 --> 00:06:57,280

side it's like what is that machine

201
00:07:01,670 --> 00:06:59,919
in the air that is unexplained i gotta

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00:07:04,710 --> 00:07:01,680
find out what that is you know

203
00:07:07,909 --> 00:07:04,720
that that certainly is what what had

204
00:07:10,110 --> 00:07:07,919
drove me to to look into it and then

205
00:07:12,390 --> 00:07:10,120
again having had the experience of

206
00:07:13,189 --> 00:07:12,400
consuming all this information and

207
00:07:16,309 --> 00:07:13,199
knowledge

208
00:07:20,790 --> 00:07:16,319
but nowhere to to use it or apply it was

209
00:07:22,309 --> 00:07:20,800
very frustrating to me and that's why i

210
00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:22,319
tended to gravitate toward the

211
00:07:26,469 --> 00:07:24,479
investigation side because

212
00:07:27,670 --> 00:07:26,479
here you can do something about it you

213
00:07:32,710 --> 00:07:27,680

know

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00:07:35,189 --> 00:07:32,720

and maybe help move this whole thing

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00:07:35,589 --> 00:07:35,199

forward so that's what attracted me most

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00:07:40,469 --> 00:07:35,599

and

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00:07:43,430 --> 00:07:40,479

you know the investigative side

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00:07:44,950 --> 00:07:43,440

where you're applying logic and reason

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00:07:47,909 --> 00:07:44,960

and deduction

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00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:47,919

and all of those things he said it's not

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00:07:51,350 --> 00:07:48,479

just

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00:07:53,270 --> 00:07:51,360

you know belief it's it's action and

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00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:53,280

it's you know evidence and it's proof

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00:07:55,029 --> 00:07:53,680

and

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00:07:57,510 --> 00:07:55,039

i don't know that just appeals to me

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00:08:01,830 --> 00:07:57,520

more yeah and here we are

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00:08:05,749 --> 00:08:01,840

in 2020 so you've got many years now

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00:08:09,350 --> 00:08:05,759

of ufo investigation under your belt

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but again it's 20 20. and we've talked

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00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:11,120

about this before on this show

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00:08:14,950 --> 00:08:13,680

but now that we're a couple more months

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00:08:17,749 --> 00:08:14,960

into it

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00:08:18,390 --> 00:08:17,759

what does the ufo investigation

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00:08:20,550 --> 00:08:18,400

landscape

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00:08:22,309 --> 00:08:20,560

look like during coped yeah that's

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00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:22,319

that's a rough one because it has

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00:08:28,390 --> 00:08:25,360

limited our ability to go

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00:08:29,110 --> 00:08:28,400

investigate in person which you know as

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00:08:31,749 --> 00:08:29,120

a mufon

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00:08:34,070 --> 00:08:31,759

investigator you do the majority of your

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00:08:34,550 --> 00:08:34,080

work on the computer and research that

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00:08:37,750 --> 00:08:34,560

way

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00:08:38,630 --> 00:08:37,760

however there is absolutely a percentage

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00:08:40,870 --> 00:08:38,640

of the time

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00:08:42,630 --> 00:08:40,880

that you go meet with people you go on

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00:08:45,590 --> 00:08:42,640

site in those locations

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00:08:47,190 --> 00:08:45,600

you know i've had had um cases where you

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00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:47,200

know we brought out our

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00:08:53,750 --> 00:08:50,480

our you know geiger counters and our

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00:08:56,310 --> 00:08:53,760

you know male meters and you know uh

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00:08:56,870 --> 00:08:56,320
you know a sextant and just you know i

252
00:08:58,870 --> 00:08:56,880
mean there

253
00:09:00,630 --> 00:08:58,880
are some really neat things that you can

254
00:09:01,509 --> 00:09:00,640
apply to a case but you have to be there

255
00:09:03,670 --> 00:09:01,519
and present

256
00:09:06,070 --> 00:09:03,680
and of course the the seriousness of the

257
00:09:09,190 --> 00:09:06,080
case dictates whether you do that but

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00:09:11,509 --> 00:09:09,200
even to interview someone you know to do

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00:09:12,630 --> 00:09:11,519
so over the phone is fine or skype is

260
00:09:14,470 --> 00:09:12,640
fine but

261
00:09:15,829 --> 00:09:14,480
definitely in person you there's so much

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00:09:18,710 --> 00:09:15,839
more to communication than

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00:09:19,670 --> 00:09:18,720

than the words we utter right and so um

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00:09:21,750 --> 00:09:19,680

it is

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00:09:22,949 --> 00:09:21,760

better if you can do that in person and

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so a covid

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you know i've had a couple cases where

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boy i really wanted to go out there

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00:09:30,470 --> 00:09:29,040

and meet with the people and talk to

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00:09:33,110 --> 00:09:30,480

them and stuff where

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00:09:34,790 --> 00:09:33,120

we did it just wasn't safe to do so not

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00:09:38,150 --> 00:09:34,800

for them not for myself

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00:09:40,150 --> 00:09:38,160

and you know unfortunately that's

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00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:40,160

the world we're living in right now but

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00:09:42,389 --> 00:09:41,680

you know it's temporary we're going to

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00:09:45,430 --> 00:09:42,399

get through this

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00:09:48,829 --> 00:09:45,440

get around it and we'll be back to doing

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00:09:50,870 --> 00:09:48,839

you know in-person stuff i like your

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00:09:52,470 --> 00:09:50,880

optimism

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00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:52,480

all right well let's get into the book

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00:09:57,910 --> 00:09:54,720

now you totally have to be

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00:10:01,190 --> 00:09:57,920

all right let's jump into the book now

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what made you you know you got into ufo

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00:10:04,949 --> 00:10:02,240

research

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00:10:06,710 --> 00:10:04,959

made the jump to ufo investigation what

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00:10:07,670 --> 00:10:06,720

was it that made you decide to write a

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00:10:10,550 --> 00:10:07,680

book about your

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00:10:13,030 --> 00:10:10,560

ufo research yeah really two things of

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00:10:14,949 --> 00:10:13,040

course just the personal side of it that

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00:10:16,310 --> 00:10:14,959

hey i would like to be an author you

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00:10:19,350 --> 00:10:16,320

know and i would like to

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00:10:20,870 --> 00:10:19,360

record all of this information and

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00:10:22,630 --> 00:10:20,880

knowledge that i had gathered over the

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00:10:24,150 --> 00:10:22,640

years and kind of document it and leave

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00:10:26,230 --> 00:10:24,160

a legacy for my

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00:10:27,269 --> 00:10:26,240

granddaughters that kind of thing so

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00:10:28,870 --> 00:10:27,279

selfishly that

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00:10:31,110 --> 00:10:28,880

that definitely was part of my

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00:10:34,550 --> 00:10:31,120

motivation but the other side

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00:10:36,069 --> 00:10:34,560

and what really really what my focus is

301
00:10:37,190 --> 00:10:36,079
and it hasn't stopped with writing this

302
00:10:40,389 --> 00:10:37,200
book

303
00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:40,399
and that is is to educate people who are

304
00:10:45,670 --> 00:10:43,440
newly interested in this topic and why i

305
00:10:47,750 --> 00:10:45,680
think that's particularly

306
00:10:48,790 --> 00:10:47,760
important right now is a couple things

307
00:10:50,910 --> 00:10:48,800
one

308
00:10:52,870 --> 00:10:50,920
is we're living in a time of

309
00:10:56,069 --> 00:10:52,880
unprecedented release of

310
00:10:59,430 --> 00:10:56,079
information about ufos

311
00:11:01,030 --> 00:10:59,440
from the government a variety of

312
00:11:04,870 --> 00:11:01,040
agencies

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00:11:08,069 --> 00:11:04,880

and and then the mainstream media

314

00:11:11,430 --> 00:11:08,079

is taking it seriously so um

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00:11:12,630 --> 00:11:11,440

this has in effect been a signal to the

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00:11:15,829 --> 00:11:12,640

general public

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00:11:18,949 --> 00:11:15,839

that the taboo of

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00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:18,959

demonstrating an interest in ufos has

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00:11:23,030 --> 00:11:21,839

if not been eliminated at least reduced

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00:11:26,790 --> 00:11:23,040

greatly

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00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:26,800

so that you know a person can inquire

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00:11:30,710 --> 00:11:28,880

and learn about it and not fear that

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00:11:32,630 --> 00:11:30,720

ridicule and so on

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00:11:34,550 --> 00:11:32,640

my thinking is is that as these

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00:11:35,670 --> 00:11:34,560

revelations continue to come in that

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00:11:38,630 --> 00:11:35,680

we've seen through

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00:11:40,949 --> 00:11:38,640

ttsa and in the navy and the department

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00:11:44,550 --> 00:11:40,959

of defense and all these things

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00:11:45,350 --> 00:11:44,560

um it's really a special time we we're

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00:11:47,990 --> 00:11:45,360

just

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00:11:49,750 --> 00:11:48,000

you know it's been 75 years of the lid

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00:11:51,110 --> 00:11:49,760

being clamped down tight now it's it's

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00:11:53,110 --> 00:11:51,120

come off

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00:11:54,150 --> 00:11:53,120

it's really wonderful it is it's so

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00:11:56,230 --> 00:11:54,160

fascinating

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00:11:58,150 --> 00:11:56,240

and i think it's going to draw a lot

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00:11:59,110 --> 00:11:58,160

more people to the field and that being

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:59,120

said

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00:12:02,550 --> 00:12:01,600

i would hope that my book could help

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00:12:04,629 --> 00:12:02,560

them

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00:12:06,150 --> 00:12:04,639

not have the experience i had up front

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00:12:07,509 --> 00:12:06,160

and the frustration with

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00:12:09,190 --> 00:12:07,519

determining you know what's good

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00:12:09,990 --> 00:12:09,200

information and bad information where

345

00:12:11,590 --> 00:12:10,000

are good sources

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00:12:13,430 --> 00:12:11,600

motor bad sources and how do you tell

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00:12:15,269 --> 00:12:13,440

the difference and all those sorts of

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00:12:17,269 --> 00:12:15,279

things what are the big issues in

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00:12:19,430 --> 00:12:17,279

in ufology what are the minor issues

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00:12:21,110 --> 00:12:19,440

what are the politics of it and

351

00:12:23,110 --> 00:12:21,120

it kind of goes on and on but all of

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00:12:25,590 --> 00:12:23,120

these are important

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00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:25,600

um you know to get a good understanding

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00:12:28,790 --> 00:12:27,680

of the topic and to begin to educate

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00:12:31,110 --> 00:12:28,800

yourself so

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00:12:32,629 --> 00:12:31,120

that that's really the point of my book

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00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:32,639

is really is to help

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00:12:36,310 --> 00:12:35,519

newly interested people wade through the

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00:12:39,030 --> 00:12:36,320

crap

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00:12:39,430 --> 00:12:39,040

not fall down rabbit holes but get a

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00:12:42,790 --> 00:12:39,440

good

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00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:42,800

solid lock on on what ufology is all

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00:12:46,389 --> 00:12:43,519

about

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00:12:46,949 --> 00:12:46,399

uh so that they can you know be educated

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00:12:49,670 --> 00:12:46,959

with good

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00:12:50,790 --> 00:12:49,680

high quality information versus you know

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00:12:51,590 --> 00:12:50,800

having to wade through a lot of the

368

00:12:55,269 --> 00:12:51,600

nonsense

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00:12:56,550 --> 00:12:55,279

first you include some classic ufo cases

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00:12:58,710 --> 00:12:56,560

in the book

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00:12:59,829 --> 00:12:58,720

do you think that having a familiarity

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00:13:02,310 --> 00:12:59,839

with classic cases

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00:13:04,470 --> 00:13:02,320

and ufo history in general is important

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00:13:07,269 --> 00:13:04,480

when it comes to researching this topic

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00:13:08,310 --> 00:13:07,279

absolutely essential uh and it's it's

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00:13:10,790 --> 00:13:08,320

like any topic

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00:13:12,790 --> 00:13:10,800

you know history matters and it can

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00:13:14,870 --> 00:13:12,800

guide and direct you in

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00:13:17,430 --> 00:13:14,880

in terms of the present and the future

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00:13:19,269 --> 00:13:17,440

and so what these cases do for us

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00:13:21,430 --> 00:13:19,279

i mean first of all we've that's all

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00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:21,440

we've had for those 75 years right or

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00:13:28,150 --> 00:13:22,000

these

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00:13:31,670 --> 00:13:28,160

they all yield uh

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00:13:34,629 --> 00:13:31,680

information about ufos and they they

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00:13:37,350 --> 00:13:34,639

have different strengths

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00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:37,360

in terms of each case so for example one

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00:13:41,269 --> 00:13:38,720

classic case might

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00:13:42,790 --> 00:13:41,279

you know have really good photographic

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00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:42,800

evidence you know especially like you

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00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:44,800

know from the 50s and 60s where you

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00:13:50,150 --> 00:13:46,639

didn't have computers and you can

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00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:50,160

fake photos more easily that kind of

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00:13:53,910 --> 00:13:50,480

thing

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00:13:56,470 --> 00:13:53,920

or you know some cases have super strong

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00:13:57,910 --> 00:13:56,480

um witness testimony and you know the

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00:14:01,350 --> 00:13:57,920

credentials of the people

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00:14:03,269 --> 00:14:01,360

you know involved really add add to it

399

00:14:05,509 --> 00:14:03,279

some of it is like mass sightings you

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00:14:08,470 --> 00:14:05,519

know that's that's a rare thing and

401
00:14:09,110 --> 00:14:08,480
and it's incredibly powerful and so what

402
00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:09,120
what

403
00:14:15,189 --> 00:14:12,160
the historical cases do is acquaint

404
00:14:17,430 --> 00:14:15,199
us with what is again good and relevant

405
00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:17,440
information versus what isn't

406
00:14:22,790 --> 00:14:20,000
and it educates people about the

407
00:14:24,710 --> 00:14:22,800
investigative process you know

408
00:14:26,230 --> 00:14:24,720
it's it's a difficult thing when you're

409
00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:26,240
not there and you didn't see it or have

410
00:14:31,189 --> 00:14:28,560
that experience but you're charged with

411
00:14:32,310 --> 00:14:31,199
investigating it and you know and trying

412
00:14:33,829 --> 00:14:32,320
to determine

413
00:14:35,509 --> 00:14:33,839

what it was if it was something

414

00:14:36,949 --> 00:14:35,519

otherworldly or if it was something

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00:14:39,030 --> 00:14:36,959

prosaic i mean

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00:14:41,189 --> 00:14:39,040

and and the only way to get there is you

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00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:41,199

know eyewitness testimony and

418

00:14:44,870 --> 00:14:43,760

trace evidence and video evidence and in

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00:14:47,350 --> 00:14:44,880

a process of

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00:14:49,030 --> 00:14:47,360

uh elimination and just there's all

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00:14:51,350 --> 00:14:49,040

these moving pieces

422

00:14:52,790 --> 00:14:51,360

all of the time to these cases and

423

00:14:54,470 --> 00:14:52,800

sometimes they're strong

424

00:14:55,990 --> 00:14:54,480

and sometimes they're weak but you you

425

00:14:57,990 --> 00:14:56,000

know as an investigator you

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00:15:01,189 --> 00:14:58,000

you have to follow the evidence that you

427

00:15:03,910 --> 00:15:01,199

have and make a conclusion based on that

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00:15:04,389 --> 00:15:03,920

so every case is unique and different

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00:15:06,629 --> 00:15:04,399

and

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00:15:07,590 --> 00:15:06,639

some are really fun because you get a

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00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:07,600

lot of stuff and

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00:15:11,110 --> 00:15:09,040

others are kind of boring because you

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00:15:13,910 --> 00:15:11,120

just don't have much to go on some are

434

00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:13,920

super frustrating because you you know

435

00:15:18,550 --> 00:15:14,880

you

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00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:18,560

what it wasn't

437

00:15:22,310 --> 00:15:20,720

so what are you left with so i mean that

438

00:15:23,750 --> 00:15:22,320

that's the topsy-turvy world of

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00:15:27,110 --> 00:15:23,760

investigating but

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00:15:29,509 --> 00:15:27,120

again classic cases and our history is

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00:15:30,629 --> 00:15:29,519

is a big part of it and it's absolutely

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00:15:32,389 --> 00:15:30,639

essential so

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00:15:34,150 --> 00:15:32,399

that's why i include that in the book to

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00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:34,160

acquaint people with here's

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00:15:38,230 --> 00:15:37,120

and and i selected cases that i thought

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00:15:40,069 --> 00:15:38,240

were strong

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00:15:42,550 --> 00:15:40,079

you know and i think they're generally

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00:15:44,870 --> 00:15:42,560

agreed upon as very strong cases in in

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00:15:46,790 --> 00:15:44,880

the ufo community so

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00:15:48,470 --> 00:15:46,800

again a person just getting acquainted

451
00:15:50,389 --> 00:15:48,480
with this they need to understand the

452
00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:50,399
history of it as well

453
00:15:54,550 --> 00:15:52,079
yeah really well south and i completely

454
00:15:56,710 --> 00:15:54,560
agree with you on that

455
00:15:57,910 --> 00:15:56,720
you point out various obstacles that

456
00:15:58,870 --> 00:15:57,920
researchers are almost certain to

457
00:16:02,069 --> 00:15:58,880
encounter like

458
00:16:05,829 --> 00:16:02,079
hoaxes misidentifications disinformation

459
00:16:08,150 --> 00:16:05,839
disagreements among researchers and more

460
00:16:09,509 --> 00:16:08,160
so was there an obstacle that was more

461
00:16:11,189 --> 00:16:09,519
prevalent than others

462
00:16:13,269 --> 00:16:11,199
uh to you personally when you were

463
00:16:15,749 --> 00:16:13,279

beginning your journey into ufo research

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00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:15,759

yeah i think it was the ridicule factor

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00:16:18,870 --> 00:16:16,560

because

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00:16:19,910 --> 00:16:18,880

you know i had a a strong religious

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00:16:22,389 --> 00:16:19,920

background

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00:16:23,910 --> 00:16:22,399

and i knew that that my interest in this

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00:16:26,230 --> 00:16:23,920

would have been pooh-poohed

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00:16:27,990 --> 00:16:26,240

yeah um so that's one aspect of it of

471

00:16:29,590 --> 00:16:28,000

course i was concerned what my family

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00:16:31,910 --> 00:16:29,600

would think and my friends and

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00:16:33,590 --> 00:16:31,920

and then again my career i'm still still

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00:16:36,629 --> 00:16:33,600

in the midst of my career

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00:16:37,269 --> 00:16:36,639

and you know it's um it's a technical

476
00:16:39,829 --> 00:16:37,279
career

477
00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:39,839
and the by far the majority of people

478
00:16:44,470 --> 00:16:41,600
that i work with

479
00:16:44,870 --> 00:16:44,480
uh are are highly educated you know

480
00:16:51,990 --> 00:16:44,880
their

481
00:16:54,710 --> 00:16:52,000
thing so people who

482
00:16:55,269 --> 00:16:54,720
you know think critically and get it and

483
00:16:57,749 --> 00:16:55,279
so

484
00:16:59,590 --> 00:16:57,759
i you know i was concerned how it might

485
00:17:01,269 --> 00:16:59,600
reflect on me that you know i'm going to

486
00:17:04,390 --> 00:17:01,279
be a kook or something because i'm

487
00:17:05,990 --> 00:17:04,400
into ufos but you know gladly it

488
00:17:07,510 --> 00:17:06,000

none of that transpired the way i

489

00:17:09,350 --> 00:17:07,520

thought it would and

490

00:17:11,510 --> 00:17:09,360

and in fact i've got nothing but

491

00:17:13,590 --> 00:17:11,520

positive comments and support so

492

00:17:15,590 --> 00:17:13,600

for me that was the challenge and again

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00:17:16,309 --> 00:17:15,600

with this book i'm hoping that people

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00:17:18,870 --> 00:17:16,319

will

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00:17:19,909 --> 00:17:18,880

you know understand that if you if you

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00:17:23,029 --> 00:17:19,919

educate yourself

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00:17:25,990 --> 00:17:23,039

and you have facts um when people

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00:17:27,990 --> 00:17:26,000

you know do a pose pose it or ridicule

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00:17:30,310 --> 00:17:28,000

in some way you can come back with

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00:17:31,669 --> 00:17:30,320

you know good solid information because

501
00:17:33,909 --> 00:17:31,679
anybody

502
00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:33,919
you know ridiculous not ridiculing you

503
00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:34,960
because

504
00:17:38,230 --> 00:17:36,960
they know more facts than you they don't

505
00:17:39,669 --> 00:17:38,240
know anything they're totally ignorant

506
00:17:40,870 --> 00:17:39,679
they're just making fun of you you know

507
00:17:42,390 --> 00:17:40,880
they think that they have

508
00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:42,400
a case to make fun of you but when you

509
00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:44,400
come back and defend yourself

510
00:17:50,390 --> 00:17:47,919
um with fact and good information

511
00:17:52,230 --> 00:17:50,400
that that usually shuts that kind of

512
00:17:54,390 --> 00:17:52,240
stuff down right away so

513
00:17:55,350 --> 00:17:54,400

to me it's all about education and

514

00:17:56,710 --> 00:17:55,360

understanding

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00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:56,720

and that way you can protect yourself

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00:18:00,789 --> 00:17:58,720

and move forward that really

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00:18:02,150 --> 00:18:00,799

goes right into the book's final chapter

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00:18:03,909 --> 00:18:02,160

the book's final chapter is called

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00:18:05,990 --> 00:18:03,919

follow the evidence

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00:18:07,029 --> 00:18:06,000

and i mean that would seem like a

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00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:07,039

no-brainer

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00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:09,600

but tell me why you thought it was and

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00:18:12,789 --> 00:18:10,160

is

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00:18:14,310 --> 00:18:12,799

important to remind ufo researchers to

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00:18:16,870 --> 00:18:14,320

follow the evidence

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00:18:18,230 --> 00:18:16,880

yeah i think it's it's just such an

527

00:18:20,789 --> 00:18:18,240

important thing

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00:18:21,270 --> 00:18:20,799

the fact is there's more information out

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00:18:24,630 --> 00:18:21,280

there than

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00:18:28,310 --> 00:18:24,640

you could you know amass or digest

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00:18:30,789 --> 00:18:28,320

in a lifetime and a lot of it is

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00:18:32,549 --> 00:18:30,799

not good information but there is good

533

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:32,559

information there's mountains

534

00:18:37,909 --> 00:18:36,240

mountains of good evidence to support

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00:18:40,950 --> 00:18:37,919

the view that ufos

536

00:18:42,070 --> 00:18:40,960

are real and and that's that there's

537

00:18:44,549 --> 00:18:42,080

there's no question about

538

00:18:45,909 --> 00:18:44,559

it but yeah the problem is is people

539

00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:45,919

develop their own

540

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:48,320

um thinking about what this is and why

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00:18:51,909 --> 00:18:48,960

they're here

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00:18:52,390 --> 00:18:51,919

and all of those things which is natural

543

00:18:54,390 --> 00:18:52,400

and i

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00:18:55,990 --> 00:18:54,400

understand that but that's putting the

545

00:18:58,710 --> 00:18:56,000

cart before the horse

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00:18:59,350 --> 00:18:58,720

you know i i talk about the the five w's

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00:19:02,070 --> 00:18:59,360

you know

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00:19:04,150 --> 00:19:02,080

what where and when which to me that's

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00:19:06,549 --> 00:19:04,160

what we need to focus on because that

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00:19:08,789 --> 00:19:06,559

yields actionable data we can measure

551
00:19:11,110 --> 00:19:08,799
that you know what date what

552
00:19:12,630 --> 00:19:11,120
time what geographic location what

553
00:19:16,390 --> 00:19:12,640
happened blah blah blah

554
00:19:18,549 --> 00:19:16,400
you can aggregate that you can you know

555
00:19:19,909 --> 00:19:18,559
use that to study with you can draw

556
00:19:22,070 --> 00:19:19,919
conclusions from it

557
00:19:23,029 --> 00:19:22,080
and i think those are the things that

558
00:19:26,710 --> 00:19:23,039
you can treat

559
00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:26,720
um in a scientific way you know

560
00:19:29,830 --> 00:19:28,960
you can apply the scientific method to

561
00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:29,840
the what where and

562
00:19:35,029 --> 00:19:32,960
when now the who and the y which is

563
00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:35,039

you know ultimately where we want to go

564

00:19:38,789 --> 00:19:36,080

of course

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00:19:40,630 --> 00:19:38,799

you know it's too soon for that um but i

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00:19:43,110 --> 00:19:40,640

i think if we really do get a handle on

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00:19:45,029 --> 00:19:43,120

what where when and how type stuff

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00:19:46,950 --> 00:19:45,039

the the who and the why will either

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00:19:49,990 --> 00:19:46,960

become self-evident

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00:19:52,870 --> 00:19:50,000

or we can make some really strong

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00:19:53,990 --> 00:19:52,880

theories that are supportable or maybe

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00:19:56,150 --> 00:19:54,000

if there isn't

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some others that at that point they'll

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make themselves known to us so

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um so i think that's the danger is that

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we

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some people allow their belief

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um and what or who or why this is

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happening to

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to cloud the the use of

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evidence which is the what where in the

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wind side so

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i i think that's always where the slope

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gets slippery

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uh for researchers and you know and it

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it's okay it's okay to speculate and

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kind of have fun with the idea but you

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know we gotta act responsibly and

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we gotta make sure if we're if we're

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spouting stuff off

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that we're what we're spouting off is

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you know evidence and fact

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and proof um and then anything else

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going to make

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really clear that that is our opinion

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or our theory and one of many

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well shane thanks a bunch for sharing

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this insight into your book and i hope

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people who are interested in ufo

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research check it out

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shane's book unidentified aerial

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phenomena a beginner's guide to

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researching ufos

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is available now on amazon

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well citizens that's gonna do it for

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and you can always find this show and

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our other shows at rogueplanet.tv

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because unknown is a rogue planet

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strange feel free to reach out to us if

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you've got a story you want to share

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if there's a story or topic you'd like

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us to cover on this show or anything

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else

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you can find us on social media or

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simply email us at contact

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rogueplanet.tv thanks again for hanging

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out with us today

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i'm jason mcclellan i'm shane hurd do us

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a favor friends

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always treat the ufo subject with the

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cautious and responsible skepticism it

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deserves

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question everything have the courage to

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form your own opinions

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keep truth as the focus of your quest

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even if the truth conflicts with your