



1  
00:00:24,990 --> 00:00:20,160  
welcome to shattered reality with your

2  
00:00:28,050 --> 00:00:25,000  
hosts Kate Valentine and furs prepare to

3  
00:00:32,580 --> 00:00:28,060  
add a paradigm shifted into truths

4  
00:00:35,640 --> 00:00:32,590  
questioned and now shattered reality

5  
00:00:38,040 --> 00:00:35,650  
well here we are again faroush a-- hey

6  
00:00:41,220 --> 00:00:38,050  
Kate it's really great to see you and

7  
00:00:42,690 --> 00:00:41,230  
hear you one more time here you

8  
00:00:44,910 --> 00:00:42,700  
certainly picked out a very interesting

9  
00:00:47,790 --> 00:00:44,920  
guest today why thank you

10  
00:00:51,600 --> 00:00:47,800  
but I want to say that today uh-huh is

11  
00:00:54,389 --> 00:00:51,610  
May 10th 2016 ok all right

12  
00:00:56,940 --> 00:00:54,399  
and our guest I guess I'll introduce him

13  
00:01:00,270 --> 00:00:56,950

ok but but there's nothing Supernatural

14

00:01:03,060 --> 00:01:00,280

about maintenance it just happens to be

15

00:01:06,120 --> 00:01:03,070

well I like to slate I see

16

00:01:07,920 --> 00:01:06,130

it's like my experience in the

17

00:01:09,719 --> 00:01:07,930

commercial field you always slate who

18

00:01:10,830 --> 00:01:09,729

you are and then they say would you take

19

00:01:12,330 --> 00:01:10,840

it is IC o----

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00:01:14,490 --> 00:01:12,340

worth like that but we only have one

21

00:01:17,550 --> 00:01:14,500

take we don't have one no no no this is

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00:01:21,120 --> 00:01:17,560

live this is it this is this is the way

23

00:01:22,920 --> 00:01:21,130

it is in any case we have a very very

24

00:01:25,560 --> 00:01:22,930

interesting guest for you today

25

00:01:29,010 --> 00:01:25,570

mm-hmm on a topic that we haven't even

26

00:01:31,830 --> 00:01:29,020

come close to covering before partially

27

00:01:34,109 --> 00:01:31,840

because I didn't even know exactly that

28

00:01:37,109 --> 00:01:34,119

it existed no I did not either I'm gonna

29

00:01:39,420 --> 00:01:37,119

say it like a couple of things that we

30

00:01:41,999 --> 00:01:39,430

all know about Mexico have you ever been

31

00:01:46,440 --> 00:01:42,009

to Mexico okay never want to go I have

32

00:01:48,300 --> 00:01:46,450

been to Mexico numerous times and I have

33

00:01:50,969 --> 00:01:48,310

gotten these little day of the dead

34

00:01:52,260 --> 00:01:50,979

figure it just freaks me out it freaks

35

00:01:54,450 --> 00:01:52,270

you out you're scared of those things

36

00:01:56,240 --> 00:01:54,460

not scary it's just disgusting I just

37

00:01:59,880 --> 00:01:56,250

don't like it the whole thing is just

38

00:02:02,190 --> 00:01:59,890

but I mean you know I but that is my

39

00:02:05,880 --> 00:02:02,200

take and you know obviously other people

40

00:02:09,630 --> 00:02:05,890

take it differently well I find that the

41

00:02:13,410 --> 00:02:09,640

sculptures very interesting and I have a

42

00:02:16,229 --> 00:02:13,420

couple of them in my house and one of

43

00:02:18,750 --> 00:02:16,239

them is a little guy on a motorcycle a

44

00:02:20,040 --> 00:02:18,760

skeleton on a motorcycle mhm and I think

45

00:02:21,660 --> 00:02:20,050

he's funny and cute

46

00:02:25,230 --> 00:02:21,670

and I never want to get on a motorcycle

47

00:02:27,060 --> 00:02:25,240

I am I am afraid of motorcycles you know

48

00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:27,070

the percentage on that in five years

49

00:02:30,060 --> 00:02:28,720

that's a hundred percent sure you're

50

00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:30,070

gonna have a major accident

51

00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:33,280

yeah well I'm afraid of this your

52

00:02:37,200 --> 00:02:34,720

skillet and have like a little bobble

53

00:02:39,710 --> 00:02:37,210

head as it goes along no no that's okay

54

00:02:45,060 --> 00:02:40,830

okay

55

00:02:46,440 --> 00:02:45,070

in any case when I no no I don't think

56

00:02:48,840 --> 00:02:46,450

something okay I have to think about

57

00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:48,850

that no I don't think he does but in any

58

00:02:56,760 --> 00:02:54,640

case when I saw the bride skeleton I

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00:02:59,250 --> 00:02:56,770

always just thought it was another day

60

00:03:01,610 --> 00:02:59,260

of the dead skeleton and I have even

61

00:03:05,010 --> 00:03:01,620

been in both Anika's in New York City

62

00:03:08,100 --> 00:03:05,020

where I have seen candles with the

63

00:03:11,940 --> 00:03:08,110

skeleton bride mhm and I just thought it

64

00:03:16,260 --> 00:03:11,950

was some day the dead thing but when I

65

00:03:18,620 --> 00:03:16,270

discovered our guests I discovered him

66

00:03:21,210 --> 00:03:18,630

through the morbid anatomy Museum in

67

00:03:23,520 --> 00:03:21,220

Brooklyn that that he was sewing in

68

00:03:25,380 --> 00:03:23,530

place that's great yeah that's good that

69

00:03:26,940 --> 00:03:25,390

that he was going to be a guest and I

70

00:03:28,680 --> 00:03:26,950

think he's going to be a guest in the

71

00:03:31,470 --> 00:03:28,690

future there shortly

72

00:03:33,150 --> 00:03:31,480

uh and I had to get in touch with him

73

00:03:36,860 --> 00:03:33,160

because it was such a fascinating

74

00:03:40,350 --> 00:03:36,870

subject so without any further ado I

75

00:03:43,430 --> 00:03:40,360

want to introduce the bishop Walter F

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00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:43,440

Sullivan chair in Catholic studies and

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00:03:49,550 --> 00:03:46,000

professor of Religious Studies at

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00:03:54,330 --> 00:03:49,560

Virginia Commonwealth University mr.

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00:03:57,870 --> 00:03:54,340

Andrew chestnut and his book devoted to

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00:04:01,890 --> 00:03:57,880

death sontham where they the skeleton

81

00:04:04,110 --> 00:04:01,900

st. welcome Andrew yes thank you it's a

82

00:04:06,480 --> 00:04:04,120

pleasure to be here and let me also say

83

00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:06,490

that the great significance of this date

84

00:04:12,870 --> 00:04:09,760

of May 10 yes in Mexico it's actually

85

00:04:15,060 --> 00:04:12,880

Mother's Day kit out really and so my

86

00:04:17,340 --> 00:04:15,070

wife is Mexican and my mother-in-law of

87

00:04:22,530 --> 00:04:17,350

course is Mexican so I had to do a

88

00:04:25,200 --> 00:04:22,540

Mother's Day 2.0 today oh well we're

89

00:04:27,960 --> 00:04:25,210

both mothers and uh-huh and so we're

90

00:04:32,250 --> 00:04:27,970

very happy to celebrate Mexican Mother's

91

00:04:34,020 --> 00:04:32,260

Day and your mother-in-law I wish them a

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00:04:38,010 --> 00:04:34,030

very happy Mother's Day for

93

00:04:40,230 --> 00:04:38,020

what you're gonna ask is but maybe that

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00:04:41,940 --> 00:04:40,240

was a little bit of psychic thinking for

95

00:04:44,100 --> 00:04:41,950

Asia maybe so

96

00:04:46,800 --> 00:04:44,110

yeah maybe okay so I usually don't

97

00:04:49,200 --> 00:04:46,810

mention the date well thank you thank

98

00:04:51,300 --> 00:04:49,210

you and again dr. Chester I have to

99

00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:51,310

confess my ignorance and I didn't

100

00:04:57,750 --> 00:04:53,440

realize the significance of Santa

101  
00:05:02,580 --> 00:04:57,760  
variety very fascinating really as I as

102  
00:05:05,700 --> 00:05:02,590  
a person who is a chair of Catholic

103  
00:05:07,920 --> 00:05:05,710  
studies and now knowing what I do know

104  
00:05:11,820 --> 00:05:07,930  
that the the Catholic Church isn't

105  
00:05:14,240 --> 00:05:11,830  
really very excited about this worship

106  
00:05:18,810 --> 00:05:14,250  
of Santa Muerte

107  
00:05:21,390 --> 00:05:18,820  
no and in fact so much so that when Pope

108  
00:05:24,680 --> 00:05:21,400  
Francis was in Mexico back in February

109  
00:05:28,380 --> 00:05:24,690  
he actually condemned Santa Muerte

110  
00:05:31,200 --> 00:05:28,390  
basically as a patron saint of narcos of

111  
00:05:33,060 --> 00:05:31,210  
the drug cartels in Mexico but the

112  
00:05:36,480 --> 00:05:33,070  
problem for the Catholic Church is that

113  
00:05:39,120 --> 00:05:36,490

the great majority of devotees of Santa

114

00:05:43,190 --> 00:05:39,130

Moorthy or Saint death in English still

115

00:05:49,110 --> 00:05:43,200

identify as Catholics hmm I say well how

116

00:05:53,850 --> 00:05:49,120

exactly did you come to be so fascinated

117

00:05:56,850 --> 00:05:53,860

with this cult figure I say that with

118

00:05:59,040 --> 00:05:56,860

respect in the sense that you know when

119

00:06:01,219 --> 00:05:59,050

I mean cult figure it just means to me

120

00:06:07,860 --> 00:06:01,229

not as a negative but more or less a

121

00:06:10,800 --> 00:06:07,870

kind of some new sort of subspecies yes

122

00:06:14,219 --> 00:06:10,810

I am I'm a specialist in Latin American

123

00:06:16,140 --> 00:06:14,229

religion and so I was about two years

124

00:06:19,110 --> 00:06:16,150

into research for what I thought would

125

00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:19,120

be my third book on the most important

126  
00:06:24,030 --> 00:06:21,520  
representation of the Virgin Mary in the

127  
00:06:26,520 --> 00:06:24,040  
entire world and that's Mexico's Virgin

128  
00:06:30,600 --> 00:06:26,530  
of Guadalupe love it love but I just

129  
00:06:33,390 --> 00:06:30,610  
didn't find the same type of motivation

130  
00:06:36,210 --> 00:06:33,400  
and passion that had buoyed my previous

131  
00:06:41,070 --> 00:06:36,220  
research and in that context of kind of

132  
00:06:44,430 --> 00:06:41,080  
research malaise in March 2009 I saw the

133  
00:06:47,100 --> 00:06:44,440  
news that the Mexican army had moved in

134  
00:06:50,010 --> 00:06:47,110  
with bulldozers and back home

135  
00:06:53,310 --> 00:06:50,020  
to demolish some forty Santa Muerte

136  
00:06:56,460 --> 00:06:53,320  
shrines haha the Texas Mexico and

137  
00:06:58,350 --> 00:06:56,470  
California Mexico border now I've been

138  
00:07:02,070 --> 00:06:58,360

going to Mexico for over thirty years

139

00:07:04,830 --> 00:07:02,080

first time I think was in 1983 so I was

140

00:07:07,680 --> 00:07:04,840

familiar with sontham worthy but I

141

00:07:10,650 --> 00:07:07,690

really wasn't aware that she had become

142

00:07:12,930 --> 00:07:10,660

kind of spiritual enemy number one for

143

00:07:15,540 --> 00:07:12,940

the Mexican government in their ongoing

144

00:07:17,490 --> 00:07:15,550

war against the drug cartels until I saw

145

00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:17,500

that news that the Mexican army had

146

00:07:22,020 --> 00:07:20,080

actually loved raised 40 of her shrines

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00:07:25,530 --> 00:07:22,030

wow that was that was really the

148

00:07:27,990 --> 00:07:25,540

catalyst that that sparked my initial

149

00:07:31,470 --> 00:07:28,000

interest I consulted with with

150

00:07:33,480 --> 00:07:31,480

colleagues friends family and after a

151

00:07:37,410 --> 00:07:33,490

couple weeks I decided to temporarily

152

00:07:40,770 --> 00:07:37,420

turn my back on on the guadalupe project

153

00:07:43,230 --> 00:07:40,780

and plunge into into this project on

154

00:07:45,360 --> 00:07:43,240

santa muerte with the goal of publishing

155

00:07:47,250 --> 00:07:45,370

the first book in english and still four

156

00:07:49,740 --> 00:07:47,260

years later after was published it

157

00:07:53,070 --> 00:07:49,750

remains the sole academic book in

158

00:07:55,170 --> 00:07:53,080

english on on what is now the fastest

159

00:07:58,650 --> 00:07:55,180

growing new religious movement in the

160

00:08:01,860 --> 00:07:58,660

entire western hemisphere amazing Canada

161

00:08:04,380 --> 00:08:01,870

to Chile no other new religious movement

162

00:08:04,800 --> 00:08:04,390

is growing as fast as the cult of Santa

163

00:08:07,680 --> 00:08:04,810

Muerte

164

00:08:10,020 --> 00:08:07,690

okay wow that is that is just an amazing

165

00:08:12,870 --> 00:08:10,030

thing isn't it yeah well what exactly

166

00:08:15,480 --> 00:08:12,880

are usually any religious cult or

167

00:08:18,720 --> 00:08:15,490

sub-code will offer something what is

168

00:08:20,550 --> 00:08:18,730

the draw to sad what do people think you

169

00:08:23,910 --> 00:08:20,560

had was an excellent question there's

170

00:08:26,100 --> 00:08:23,920

multiple drawers but but I think the

171

00:08:29,480 --> 00:08:26,110

most important thing is that she has a

172

00:08:32,790 --> 00:08:29,490

reputation as a very speedy and

173

00:08:34,620 --> 00:08:32,800

efficacious miracle worker and that you

174

00:08:36,540 --> 00:08:34,630

know a lot of the Catholic saints tend

175

00:08:38,880 --> 00:08:36,550

to specialize in just one type of

176

00:08:41,850 --> 00:08:38,890

miracle or two at most

177

00:08:45,210 --> 00:08:41,860

right but Santa Muerte in kind of the

178

00:08:48,180 --> 00:08:45,220

spirit of the times is a multitasking

179

00:08:51,480 --> 00:08:48,190

worker she's she's an agent of

180

00:08:56,190 --> 00:08:51,490

prosperity she's a curandera or healer

181

00:08:57,430 --> 00:08:56,200

she is a she's also the black Santa

182

00:09:01,449 --> 00:08:57,440

Muerte of

183

00:09:04,569 --> 00:09:01,459

of vengeance and revenge hmm and she's

184

00:09:07,150 --> 00:09:04,579

also an agent of law and justice which

185

00:09:10,319 --> 00:09:07,160

would be her green votive candle and so

186

00:09:12,910 --> 00:09:10,329

it's kind of that multitasking molta

187

00:09:15,579 --> 00:09:12,920

miracle working persona that's a great

188

00:09:17,490 --> 00:09:15,589

attraction but at the same time since

189

00:09:20,519 --> 00:09:17,500

she does represent death

190

00:09:22,420 --> 00:09:20,529

she's proliferated in Mexico

191

00:09:26,800 --> 00:09:22,430

unfortunately during a time of great

192

00:09:31,269 --> 00:09:26,810

death and dying in which some 100,000

193

00:09:33,639 --> 00:09:31,279

Mexicans have been killed since 2006 in

194

00:09:36,069 --> 00:09:33,649

the ongoing drug violence that's

195

00:09:38,679 --> 00:09:36,079

plaguing the country and so ironically a

196

00:09:42,460 --> 00:09:38,689

lot of devotees actually look to the

197

00:09:45,939 --> 00:09:42,470

saint of death for more grains of of

198

00:09:50,290 --> 00:09:45,949

life in the hourglass of life that she

199

00:09:53,949 --> 00:09:50,300

holds interesting interesting I I had an

200

00:09:56,920 --> 00:09:53,959

in another question uh to bring things

201  
00:10:00,429 --> 00:09:56,930  
back a little bit to the Virgin of

202  
00:10:04,059 --> 00:10:00,439  
Guadalupe I did make a visit to the

203  
00:10:06,340 --> 00:10:04,069  
shrine of Guadalupe outside Mexico City

204  
00:10:08,800 --> 00:10:06,350  
I guess it is is it in the actual

205  
00:10:10,809 --> 00:10:08,810  
environs of Mexico City or is it it is

206  
00:10:13,269 --> 00:10:10,819  
it's quite it seems like a little bit on

207  
00:10:15,610 --> 00:10:13,279  
the outskirts it is on the outskirts yes

208  
00:10:17,620 --> 00:10:15,620  
uh and I did go there and I was

209  
00:10:21,160 --> 00:10:17,630  
incredibly impressed by the people

210  
00:10:25,210 --> 00:10:21,170  
coming from across Central America some

211  
00:10:29,410 --> 00:10:25,220  
of whom traveled the entire trip on

212  
00:10:32,650 --> 00:10:29,420  
their knees because they wanted to make

213  
00:10:38,769 --> 00:10:32,660

this pilgrimage to the Virgin of

214

00:10:43,660 --> 00:10:38,779

Guadalupe and I am drawn to equating the

215

00:10:49,749 --> 00:10:43,670

Virgin of Guadalupe with the corn maiden

216

00:10:51,970 --> 00:10:49,759

as opposed to the mother Mary I'm not

217

00:10:54,850 --> 00:10:51,980

saying that it's not both things at once

218

00:10:59,799 --> 00:10:54,860

but I sort of have the feeling of

219

00:11:03,509 --> 00:10:59,809

something older still and by the same

220

00:11:07,259 --> 00:11:03,519

token I understand that there is a

221

00:11:10,830 --> 00:11:07,269

correspondence to a Mayan or Aztec

222

00:11:13,980 --> 00:11:10,840

goddess of death with some

223

00:11:16,550 --> 00:11:13,990

birthday right right going back to

224

00:11:18,840 --> 00:11:16,560

Virgin of Guadalupe there's actually a

225

00:11:22,080 --> 00:11:18,850

correspondence to an Aztec goddess

226

00:11:25,110 --> 00:11:22,090

called Conan seen in fact at the very

227

00:11:28,530 --> 00:11:25,120

site that you visited at the hill of

228

00:11:30,600 --> 00:11:28,540

Tepeyac was exactly where the Aztec

229

00:11:33,870 --> 00:11:30,610

goddess tonin seen which which

230

00:11:36,030 --> 00:11:33,880

coincidentally means our mother was

231

00:11:37,680 --> 00:11:36,040

worshipped by the Aztecs and so there

232

00:11:39,480 --> 00:11:37,690

are many who argue that that actually

233

00:11:42,540 --> 00:11:39,490

the Virgin of Guadalupe is a type of

234

00:11:46,440 --> 00:11:42,550

syncretism with the Aztec goddess phone

235

00:11:49,050 --> 00:11:46,450

on scene our mother yeah yes and also

236

00:11:51,210 --> 00:11:49,060

that holds true for Santa Muerte there's

237

00:11:54,060 --> 00:11:51,220

definitely a correspondence with with

238

00:11:56,760 --> 00:11:54,070

certain Mayan and Aztec death deities

239

00:11:59,700 --> 00:11:56,770

and probably the closest correspondence

240

00:12:02,820 --> 00:11:59,710

is with the Aztec female the death

241

00:12:06,950 --> 00:12:02,830

goddess known as Makdessi wat oh now I

242

00:12:09,750 --> 00:12:06,960

can't say that after I read that and

243

00:12:12,540 --> 00:12:09,760

would you just say that once again just

244

00:12:13,290 --> 00:12:12,550

sounded great me that guy see what

245

00:12:16,770 --> 00:12:13,300

though

246

00:12:21,060 --> 00:12:16,780

sounds Klingon I think maybe they are

247

00:12:23,340 --> 00:12:21,070

from space somewhere no I had noticed

248

00:12:26,370 --> 00:12:23,350

that the correspondence between what

249

00:12:30,120 --> 00:12:26,380

Alipay and the corn maiden which is a

250

00:12:33,210 --> 00:12:30,130

Native American deity that a friend of

251  
00:12:36,330 --> 00:12:33,220  
mine made a mask of and so I guess that

252  
00:12:39,420 --> 00:12:36,340  
many of these things have you know are

253  
00:12:40,610 --> 00:12:39,430  
more what's the word I'm looking not

254  
00:12:46,140 --> 00:12:40,620  
prototypes

255  
00:12:48,450 --> 00:12:46,150  
what is Jung call them archetypes

256  
00:12:52,530 --> 00:12:48,460  
archetypes are exactly exactly the word

257  
00:12:56,160 --> 00:12:52,540  
I was looking for and what do you think

258  
00:13:01,010 --> 00:12:56,170  
about the idea that once we worship

259  
00:13:05,700 --> 00:13:01,020  
something as human beings that a kind of

260  
00:13:08,730 --> 00:13:05,710  
group energy could form a sort of Topa

261  
00:13:13,110 --> 00:13:08,740  
like character do you know what I'm

262  
00:13:15,420 --> 00:13:13,120  
saying yeah but if you don't I'll

263  
00:13:20,820 --> 00:13:15,430

explain yeah yeah why don't you explain

264

00:13:23,370 --> 00:13:20,830

what you mean in in Tibetan mysticism

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00:13:29,550 --> 00:13:23,380

it's possible to

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00:13:31,830 --> 00:13:29,560

on a being that doesn't yet exist and I

267

00:13:33,600 --> 00:13:31,840

might be slightly off on this but you

268

00:13:38,870 --> 00:13:33,610

actually with your mind

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00:13:42,450 --> 00:13:38,880

create a physical being you can create

270

00:13:46,350 --> 00:13:42,460

like a Menem a man in black or you can

271

00:13:49,080 --> 00:13:46,360

create a shadow person with your brain

272

00:13:52,260 --> 00:13:49,090

more or less with your mind maybe not

273

00:13:55,560 --> 00:13:52,270

your brain but your consciousness and I

274

00:13:59,130 --> 00:13:55,570

think that if you have a group of

275

00:14:02,760 --> 00:13:59,140

persons that decide to worship an

276

00:14:05,760 --> 00:14:02,770

archetype you can sort of bring that

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00:14:09,480 --> 00:14:05,770

archetype to life and make it like a

278

00:14:13,740 --> 00:14:09,490

Tulpa the topper is the Tibetan being

279

00:14:16,800 --> 00:14:13,750

that is brought into into being by by

280

00:14:21,540 --> 00:14:16,810

someone's meditation so I was just using

281

00:14:24,420 --> 00:14:21,550

that as a as an example as an example

282

00:14:26,790 --> 00:14:24,430

yes right yeah I think one of the really

283

00:14:30,260 --> 00:14:26,800

interesting things about Santa Muerte is

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00:14:34,140 --> 00:14:30,270

that she's clearly the result of

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00:14:39,150 --> 00:14:34,150

religious syncretism or fusion between

286

00:14:42,840 --> 00:14:39,160

the Grim Reaper as' because in Spain the

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00:14:45,210 --> 00:14:42,850

our our Western European Grim Reaper

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00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:45,220

more often was represented as the female

289

00:14:50,220 --> 00:14:47,440

Grim Reaper's called la potica in

290

00:14:52,920 --> 00:14:50,230

Spanish so so the Spanish Catholic

291

00:14:54,960 --> 00:14:52,930

Church brings over the figure of the

292

00:14:57,690 --> 00:14:54,970

Grim Reaper as' as a tool for

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00:14:59,700 --> 00:14:57,700

evangelization of the indigenous people

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00:15:03,360 --> 00:14:59,710

in Mexico and throughout the Americas

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00:15:05,490 --> 00:15:03,370

and there's no doubt that the indigenous

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00:15:09,240 --> 00:15:05,500

people of course already have their own

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00:15:11,280 --> 00:15:09,250

death deities and while in Europe the

298

00:15:14,300 --> 00:15:11,290

figure of the Grim Reaper had never been

299

00:15:16,710 --> 00:15:14,310

a supernatural figure only a mere

300

00:15:18,600 --> 00:15:16,720

representation or personification of

301  
00:15:22,080 --> 00:15:18,610  
death which actually emerged out of the

302  
00:15:24,540 --> 00:15:22,090  
Black Plague of the 14th century which

303  
00:15:27,360 --> 00:15:24,550  
sent about you know one third of of

304  
00:15:29,940 --> 00:15:27,370  
Europeans to an early grave yes so it's

305  
00:15:33,660 --> 00:15:29,950  
clear that that some of the indigenous

306  
00:15:37,140 --> 00:15:33,670  
people in Mexico Guatemala Argentina and

307  
00:15:39,570 --> 00:15:37,150  
Paraguay kind of take the figure of the

308  
00:15:42,060 --> 00:15:39,580  
Spanish Grim Reaper's to be a holy

309  
00:15:45,380 --> 00:15:42,070  
miracle working figure because they

310  
00:15:48,690 --> 00:15:45,390  
already have their own religious

311  
00:15:50,850 --> 00:15:48,700  
cultural context of having death deities

312  
00:15:53,220 --> 00:15:50,860  
and so what had simply been a

313  
00:15:57,560 --> 00:15:53,230

personification of death for the Western

314

00:15:59,940 --> 00:15:57,570

Europeans morphs into this supernatural

315

00:16:02,640 --> 00:15:59,950

miracle-working figure that we know as

316

00:16:05,160 --> 00:16:02,650

Santa Muerte and so there's a lot of

317

00:16:08,730 --> 00:16:05,170

Mexicans who like to say oh no she is

318

00:16:11,280 --> 00:16:08,740

kind of the latest incarnation if you

319

00:16:13,680 --> 00:16:11,290

will or manifestation of the Aztec

320

00:16:15,840 --> 00:16:13,690

goddess miktex I see well but but you

321

00:16:18,000 --> 00:16:15,850

can't ignore the role of Spain without

322

00:16:19,800 --> 00:16:18,010

the Spanish medieval Catholic Church

323

00:16:21,900 --> 00:16:19,810

coming over with their figure of the

324

00:16:24,750 --> 00:16:21,910

Grim Reaper's there is no Santa Muerte

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00:16:28,100 --> 00:16:24,760

in Mexico or the US for that matter

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00:16:31,920 --> 00:16:28,110

right right and and of course in Spanish

327

00:16:34,230 --> 00:16:31,930

the word for death worth that is is

328

00:16:38,070 --> 00:16:34,240

female yes yes and all the Romance

329

00:16:40,050 --> 00:16:38,080

language is it's female however we can't

330

00:16:44,400 --> 00:16:40,060

take that too far because Santa Muerte

331

00:16:47,700 --> 00:16:44,410

has two male cousins one in Argentina

332

00:16:50,580 --> 00:16:47,710

and his name is Santa Muerte and another

333

00:16:53,220 --> 00:16:50,590

in Guatemala who is called Pasquale or

334

00:16:55,800 --> 00:16:53,230

King Pasquale and those two skeleton

335

00:16:59,640 --> 00:16:55,810

Saints are actually male unlike female

336

00:17:01,710 --> 00:16:59,650

Santa Muerte so yes it is female LA

337

00:17:04,530 --> 00:17:01,720

birthday or death is female in Spanish

338

00:17:07,440 --> 00:17:04,540

but that didn't influence the fact that

339

00:17:08,850 --> 00:17:07,450

to two of the three skeletal Saints are

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00:17:11,850 --> 00:17:08,860

death Saints in the Americas are

341

00:17:15,600 --> 00:17:11,860

actually male I have at this point I

342

00:17:17,870 --> 00:17:15,610

think we usually save questions for

343

00:17:20,850 --> 00:17:17,880

listener from listeners for the end

344

00:17:25,380 --> 00:17:20,860

however I think it's an appropriate time

345

00:17:28,800 --> 00:17:25,390

to make mention of this question from

346

00:17:31,650 --> 00:17:28,810

our listener Roxanne who has been on the

347

00:17:36,240 --> 00:17:31,660

show and it's because it's something

348

00:17:40,200 --> 00:17:36,250

that had come to my mind as well do you

349

00:17:45,900 --> 00:17:40,210

believe that the popularity of this

350

00:17:48,960 --> 00:17:45,910

saint has to do to some extent with not

351

00:17:52,590 --> 00:17:48,970

only the deaths from that the drug war

352

00:17:55,800 --> 00:17:52,600

but the the problems of ecology that are

353

00:18:01,100 --> 00:17:55,810

out there going on you may like the

354

00:18:08,340 --> 00:18:04,770

I think less directly much because

355

00:18:12,600 --> 00:18:08,350

because the the violence is so horrific

356

00:18:16,350 --> 00:18:12,610

in Mexico that that most people are

357

00:18:21,150 --> 00:18:16,360

looking for very immediate solutions and

358

00:18:23,940 --> 00:18:21,160

and you know death and contamination due

359

00:18:27,810 --> 00:18:23,950

to environmental factors is usually kind

360

00:18:29,760 --> 00:18:27,820

of a slower and less acute problem than

361

00:18:32,160 --> 00:18:29,770

hey you know maybe there's this drug

362

00:18:34,890 --> 00:18:32,170

cartel around the quarter who might kill

363

00:18:37,230 --> 00:18:34,900

me at any moment so yeah so yeah I mean

364

00:18:40,650 --> 00:18:37,240

that could be relevant but I don't think

365

00:18:43,320 --> 00:18:40,660

it's as relevant as the horrific ongoing

366

00:18:47,850 --> 00:18:43,330

drug war that's just kind of engulfed

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00:18:50,910 --> 00:18:47,860

Mexico and and all those students those

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00:18:54,150 --> 00:18:50,920

university students the university

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00:18:57,630 --> 00:18:54,160

students as well exactly yeah that's

370

00:19:01,950 --> 00:18:57,640

it's just it's it's just been you know

371

00:19:04,080 --> 00:19:01,960

ten years of just horrific violence and

372

00:19:05,970 --> 00:19:04,090

and you know a lot of people at Hope

373

00:19:08,850 --> 00:19:05,980

with the current president coming in a

374

00:19:16,130 --> 00:19:08,860

few years ago but the violence just

375

00:19:19,830 --> 00:19:16,140

continues unabated so um your book has

376

00:19:23,150 --> 00:19:19,840

the chapters divided up by the different

377

00:19:26,700 --> 00:19:23,160

color of the candles that could be lit

378

00:19:30,810 --> 00:19:26,710

in devotion to something more I think do

379

00:19:33,630 --> 00:19:30,820

you want to yes yes in studying and

380

00:19:37,920 --> 00:19:33,640

researching it it just became kind of a

381

00:19:40,680 --> 00:19:37,930

natural organic organizational framework

382

00:19:44,190 --> 00:19:40,690

for my book the fact that really the

383

00:19:46,860 --> 00:19:44,200

most important kind of paraphernalia of

384

00:19:49,280 --> 00:19:46,870

devotion for Santa Muerte are these

385

00:19:52,440 --> 00:19:49,290

colored votive candles and and

386

00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:52,450

particularly in economies of scarcity in

387

00:19:57,390 --> 00:19:54,640

Mexico these candles usually only cost

388

00:19:59,340 --> 00:19:57,400

between adoptees jar candles only cost

389

00:20:02,880 --> 00:19:59,350

between \$1 in two dollars so if you

390

00:20:03,990 --> 00:20:02,890

can't afford a 50 or \$100 statue you

391

00:20:06,030 --> 00:20:04,000

probably can scrape

392

00:20:08,100 --> 00:20:06,040

gather enough cash to buy one of the

393

00:20:10,380 --> 00:20:08,110

votive candles and so yeah there's a

394

00:20:13,500 --> 00:20:10,390

whole series of different colors and

395

00:20:17,760 --> 00:20:13,510

they eat symbolize a major theme in the

396

00:20:20,220 --> 00:20:17,770

cult for example I found that the number

397

00:20:23,460 --> 00:20:20,230

one selling colored votive candle in

398

00:20:25,620 --> 00:20:23,470

Mexico is the red candle not a mat of

399

00:20:29,130 --> 00:20:25,630

blood and murder but the red candle of

400

00:20:31,350 --> 00:20:29,140

love and passion and in indeed what we

401  
00:20:34,380 --> 00:20:31,360  
know Santa Murthy has been doing for the

402  
00:20:36,590 --> 00:20:34,390  
longest time in Mexico going back to the

403  
00:20:39,180 --> 00:20:36,600  
field notes of Mexican and American

404  
00:20:42,900 --> 00:20:39,190  
anthropologists going back to the 1940s

405  
00:20:45,660 --> 00:20:42,910  
is love magic love sorcery particularly

406  
00:20:47,490 --> 00:20:45,670  
for aggrieved Mexican women who believe

407  
00:20:50,190 --> 00:20:47,500  
that their husbands or boyfriends are

408  
00:20:53,280 --> 00:20:50,200  
cheating on them and indeed the oldest

409  
00:20:58,170 --> 00:20:53,290  
known prayer to Santa Muerte is a prayer

410  
00:21:01,470 --> 00:20:58,180  
to ask the the cheating husband to come

411  
00:21:04,050 --> 00:21:01,480  
back humbled at at the devotees knees

412  
00:21:06,840 --> 00:21:04,060  
and to take out the other woman from his

413  
00:21:09,870 --> 00:21:06,850

path and in fact that's what I'll be

414

00:21:12,270 --> 00:21:09,880

speaking about at morbid amor 'but

415

00:21:15,720 --> 00:21:12,280

anatomy on May 30th about Santa Muerte

416

00:21:21,230 --> 00:21:15,730

the the love sorcerer's and you thought

417

00:21:28,020 --> 00:21:24,120

another popular candle is the gold

418

00:21:31,050 --> 00:21:28,030

candle symbolizing prosperity and

419

00:21:34,170 --> 00:21:31,060

abundance and indeed a lot of small

420

00:21:36,720 --> 00:21:34,180

businesses throughout Mexico that don't

421

00:21:39,210 --> 00:21:36,730

necessarily sell Santa Muerte products

422

00:21:41,670 --> 00:21:39,220

will have a little in store altar to

423

00:21:43,800 --> 00:21:41,680

Santa Muerte as a way to grow and

424

00:21:47,100 --> 00:21:43,810

prosper their business so she's also

425

00:21:48,600 --> 00:21:47,110

kind of a strong agent of prosperity and

426  
00:21:51,510 --> 00:21:48,610  
there's this kind of really strong

427  
00:21:53,610 --> 00:21:51,520  
current of prosperity theology and the

428  
00:21:55,710 --> 00:21:53,620  
cult that somewhat mirrors what you see

429  
00:21:59,610 --> 00:21:55,720  
an evangelical Christianity in our

430  
00:22:02,790 --> 00:21:59,620  
country as well another candle I think

431  
00:22:06,090 --> 00:22:02,800  
about is the green candle of both law

432  
00:22:08,760 --> 00:22:06,100  
and justice and this is really important

433  
00:22:12,300 --> 00:22:08,770  
in Mexico where Santa Muerte is

434  
00:22:14,760 --> 00:22:12,310  
basically become the patron saint of the

435  
00:22:16,800 --> 00:22:14,770  
Mexican penal system not only of

436  
00:22:17,580 --> 00:22:16,810  
prisoners locked up mostly on drug

437  
00:22:20,370 --> 00:22:17,590  
crimes

438  
00:22:23,250 --> 00:22:20,380

but even prison guards in fact what my

439

00:22:25,470 --> 00:22:23,260

nephew in the western state of michoacán

440

00:22:27,900 --> 00:22:25,480

is a prison guard who estimates that

441

00:22:30,590 --> 00:22:27,910

about 1/4 of his fellow prison guards

442

00:22:33,990 --> 00:22:30,600

are devotees of Santa Muerte

443

00:22:35,610 --> 00:22:34,000

amazing amazing so that's sort of an

444

00:22:38,010 --> 00:22:35,620

interesting side note on human

445

00:22:40,830 --> 00:22:38,020

psychology - the number one thing is

446

00:22:43,620 --> 00:22:40,840

love marriage and so on and secondly

447

00:22:45,900 --> 00:22:43,630

money and third justice that's sort of

448

00:22:48,780 --> 00:22:45,910

that's very like that actually sort of

449

00:22:55,050 --> 00:22:48,790

sums up most of the legal codes in most

450

00:22:57,060 --> 00:22:55,060

countries handle exactly and and you

451  
00:22:59,970 --> 00:22:57,070  
know she's particularly important also

452  
00:23:03,060 --> 00:22:59,980  
as as a supernatural advocate or

453  
00:23:06,450 --> 00:23:03,070  
attorney because the the judicial system

454  
00:23:08,460 --> 00:23:06,460  
in Mexico is so dysfunctional yes I'm

455  
00:23:10,350 --> 00:23:08,470  
sure that a lot of people a lot of

456  
00:23:12,780 --> 00:23:10,360  
people think that their only help can

457  
00:23:17,220 --> 00:23:12,790  
come from the supernatural they're

458  
00:23:19,470 --> 00:23:17,230  
probably right too big well you there's

459  
00:23:21,750 --> 00:23:19,480  
a black candle there is a black candle

460  
00:23:25,220 --> 00:23:21,760  
oh yes I'm sound good yes there's the

461  
00:23:29,820 --> 00:23:25,230  
black candle which is both for

462  
00:23:31,770 --> 00:23:29,830  
protection from from black magic or for

463  
00:23:36,090 --> 00:23:31,780

those who might want to come against you

464

00:23:38,790 --> 00:23:36,100

but also for works of harm injury and

465

00:23:42,450 --> 00:23:38,800

vengeance against others and indeed

466

00:23:46,440 --> 00:23:42,460

because she is a a folk saint and not a

467

00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:46,450

canonized Catholic saint she is open to

468

00:23:50,900 --> 00:23:49,120

those type of petitions I think and so I

469

00:23:54,660 --> 00:23:50,910

think there's a fair amount of Mexicans

470

00:23:57,000 --> 00:23:54,670

who find it easier to bring those type

471

00:23:58,920 --> 00:23:57,010

of perhaps from the Christian

472

00:24:02,220 --> 00:23:58,930

perspective kind of morally dubious

473

00:24:04,500 --> 00:24:02,230

petitions to her then they might want to

474

00:24:05,970 --> 00:24:04,510

bring to the Catholic saints not saying

475

00:24:09,360 --> 00:24:05,980

that they don't do it I know they do it

476

00:24:11,520 --> 00:24:09,370

but probably more frequently to Santa

477

00:24:14,040 --> 00:24:11,530

Muerte since at the end of the day she's

478

00:24:16,200 --> 00:24:14,050

not Christian right and it's sort of

479

00:24:18,270 --> 00:24:16,210

like going to your mom - as opposed to

480

00:24:20,310 --> 00:24:18,280

going to the church you know like I know

481

00:24:22,110 --> 00:24:20,320

it's not right but I'd really like to

482

00:24:25,440 --> 00:24:22,120

settle this matter so can't you take

483

00:24:28,530 --> 00:24:25,450

care of it for me you know it seems like

484

00:24:30,510 --> 00:24:28,540

a very informal sort of uh exactly and

485

00:24:31,320 --> 00:24:30,520

I'm so glad you rinse and you mentioned

486

00:24:34,950 --> 00:24:31,330

mother because

487

00:24:37,770 --> 00:24:34,960

for a lot of devotees she kind of plays

488

00:24:40,140 --> 00:24:37,780

that role of a maternal figure I've even

489

00:24:42,270 --> 00:24:40,150

heard women say you know I lost my

490

00:24:44,370 --> 00:24:42,280

mother but but I still have suntan

491

00:24:46,290 --> 00:24:44,380

worthy and so I mean that was something

492

00:24:49,110 --> 00:24:46,300

that really surprised me when I started

493

00:24:52,170 --> 00:24:49,120

my research I had no idea that she was

494

00:24:55,650 --> 00:24:52,180

this kind of maternal figure akin to the

495

00:24:58,230 --> 00:24:55,660

burgeoning while looping and she has a

496

00:25:01,230 --> 00:24:58,240

lot of epithets like the pretty girl

497

00:25:03,210 --> 00:25:01,240

though oh right hundreds but yeah some

498

00:25:05,670 --> 00:25:03,220

of the most popular translating into

499

00:25:07,740 --> 00:25:05,680

English would be the white girl

500

00:25:13,350 --> 00:25:07,750

of course she's bones right so white

501  
00:25:17,250 --> 00:25:13,360  
girl the pretty girl the skinny girl the

502  
00:25:21,980 --> 00:25:17,260  
bald lady the powerful lady the lady of

503  
00:25:27,450 --> 00:25:21,990  
the shadows interesting interesting and

504  
00:25:32,820 --> 00:25:27,460  
just as many people of the Catholic

505  
00:25:36,510 --> 00:25:32,830  
faith dress up the infant the infant of

506  
00:25:39,000 --> 00:25:36,520  
Prague I guess they have dolls of the

507  
00:25:40,770 --> 00:25:39,010  
Christ child as a as a toddler or

508  
00:25:45,300 --> 00:25:40,780  
something and they just scented dress

509  
00:25:50,520 --> 00:25:45,310  
him up I understand that the Mexican

510  
00:25:53,840 --> 00:25:50,530  
devotees also dress up these statues of

511  
00:25:57,900 --> 00:25:53,850  
Santa Muerte with all kinds of things

512  
00:26:00,720 --> 00:25:57,910  
exactly in fact the most famous effigy

513  
00:26:03,600 --> 00:26:00,730

of Santa Muerte which is one of the most

514

00:26:04,230 --> 00:26:03,610

notorious varios of mexico city called

515

00:26:06,090 --> 00:26:04,240

Tepito

516

00:26:09,060 --> 00:26:06,100

actually that's that's where the cult

517

00:26:12,390 --> 00:26:09,070

willy emerges in public forum in the

518

00:26:12,840 --> 00:26:12,400

first time in 2001 every 1st of the

519

00:26:15,480 --> 00:26:12,850

month

520

00:26:18,660 --> 00:26:15,490

Santa Muerte gets a wardrobe change and

521

00:26:21,540 --> 00:26:18,670

and here kind of I mean that that's it

522

00:26:23,880 --> 00:26:21,550

that's a good a good analogy you made

523

00:26:26,340 --> 00:26:23,890

with with the holy child of Prague or

524

00:26:28,740 --> 00:26:26,350

actually we have in in New Mexico we

525

00:26:31,550 --> 00:26:28,750

have the holy child of Atocha close to

526

00:26:34,260 --> 00:26:31,560

Santa Fe but but the more direct

527

00:26:37,080 --> 00:26:34,270

correlation Mexico is the way they dress

528

00:26:39,630 --> 00:26:37,090

up the various representations of the

529

00:26:41,220 --> 00:26:39,640

Virgin most importantly Guadalupe so

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00:26:43,140 --> 00:26:41,230

yeah yeah in fact there's there's

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00:26:45,430 --> 00:26:43,150

there's a bunch of small businesses in

532

00:26:48,519 --> 00:26:45,440

Mexico City that Kate

533

00:26:50,379 --> 00:26:48,529

exclusively to dressing up effigies of

534

00:26:52,539 --> 00:26:50,389

Santa Muerte it's become a thriving

535

00:26:56,049 --> 00:26:52,549

business because now there's millions of

536

00:26:58,899 --> 00:26:56,059

devotees and Mexicans are really big on

537

00:27:00,730 --> 00:26:58,909

dressing colors and such so that's

538

00:27:03,460 --> 00:27:00,740

become an important kind of small

539

00:27:06,789 --> 00:27:03,470

business particularly in Mexico City and

540

00:27:12,430 --> 00:27:06,799

and the bridal of the bridal outfit how

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00:27:15,100 --> 00:27:12,440

did that emerge I don't know when that

542

00:27:18,100 --> 00:27:15,110

first emerged but yeah dressing her as

543

00:27:22,680 --> 00:27:18,110

the bride who's eternally waiting for

544

00:27:25,899 --> 00:27:22,690

the perfect groom who never shows up and

545

00:27:28,090 --> 00:27:25,909

sometimes a sexy bride as well I mean

546

00:27:31,600 --> 00:27:28,100

last few years I've seen the sexy scent

547

00:27:34,570 --> 00:27:31,610

that were thin as well so yeah the bride

548

00:27:36,759 --> 00:27:34,580

the bride in Waiting I don't know when

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00:27:39,180 --> 00:27:36,769

that first emerges but yeah that's

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00:27:41,799 --> 00:27:39,190

that's one of the more popular ways to

551  
00:27:45,869 --> 00:27:41,809  
represent her in fact in fact there's

552  
00:27:50,049 --> 00:27:45,879  
even a temple in Los Angeles that offers

553  
00:27:55,360 --> 00:27:50,059  
temporary six-month wedding to Santa

554  
00:27:59,169 --> 00:27:55,370  
Muerte for male devotees hmm I have in

555  
00:28:03,369 --> 00:27:59,179  
my limited research on the subject

556  
00:28:09,789 --> 00:28:03,379  
before the interview I saw a number of

557  
00:28:13,539 --> 00:28:09,799  
tattoos on mostly on men of Santa Muerte

558  
00:28:17,320 --> 00:28:13,549  
with some of them the skeletal and

559  
00:28:20,830 --> 00:28:17,330  
others looking like sort of a very

560  
00:28:24,340 --> 00:28:20,840  
beautiful but gaunt woman so there are a

561  
00:28:26,350 --> 00:28:24,350  
lot of a lot of things going on in this

562  
00:28:28,720 --> 00:28:26,360  
this worship of Santa Muerte

563  
00:28:31,269 --> 00:28:28,730

oh yeah the tattoos are so important

564

00:28:34,029 --> 00:28:31,279

because it's it's kind of seen as the

565

00:28:36,759 --> 00:28:34,039

ultimate you are giving her a piece of

566

00:28:39,610 --> 00:28:36,769

your personal real estate and so the

567

00:28:42,220 --> 00:28:39,620

tattoo the tattoos are usually made as

568

00:28:45,159 --> 00:28:42,230

part of a vow to Santa Muerte you know

569

00:28:48,310 --> 00:28:45,169

Santa Muerte if you come through and

570

00:28:50,860 --> 00:28:48,320

give me that new job that I'm offer that

571

00:28:53,110 --> 00:28:50,870

I promise I'll tattoo you on my back so

572

00:28:57,430 --> 00:28:53,120

yeah that's really really important and

573

00:28:58,870 --> 00:28:57,440

and again in Mexican prisons the number

574

00:29:02,290 --> 00:28:58,880

one tattoo is

575

00:29:07,690 --> 00:29:02,300

is the bony lady interesting I think on

576

00:29:10,840 --> 00:29:07,700

the on the very maximum-security prisons

577

00:29:13,690 --> 00:29:10,850

in the United States there are tattoos

578

00:29:16,410 --> 00:29:13,700

born to lose is that isn't that the case

579

00:29:20,020 --> 00:29:16,420

came I think so that like serial killers

580

00:29:25,690 --> 00:29:20,030

tend to have that tattooed on their body

581

00:29:29,370 --> 00:29:25,700

somewhere born to lose in any case given

582

00:29:34,930 --> 00:29:29,380

that we here at shattered reality are

583

00:29:36,610 --> 00:29:34,940

something of a paranormal podcast

584

00:29:41,140 --> 00:29:36,620

working with a lot of different

585

00:29:45,730 --> 00:29:41,150

phenomena that occurs in the world could

586

00:29:48,940 --> 00:29:45,740

you give us some form of an account of

587

00:29:52,050 --> 00:29:48,950

something sort of paranormal that you

588

00:29:55,330 --> 00:29:52,060

have found in your research that

589

00:29:57,850 --> 00:29:55,340

something worth they has delivered yeah

590

00:30:01,300 --> 00:29:57,860

sure I never forget kind of one of the

591

00:30:02,980 --> 00:30:01,310

most compelling stories I was told early

592

00:30:06,850 --> 00:30:02,990

on in my research this must have been

593

00:30:09,460 --> 00:30:06,860

summer 2010 when I was interviewing a

594

00:30:13,480 --> 00:30:09,470

lot of devotees at the famous shrine in

595

00:30:17,650 --> 00:30:13,490

Tepito in Mexico City I met a young goth

596

00:30:20,640 --> 00:30:17,660

looking teen girl probably 18 or 19 and

597

00:30:24,220 --> 00:30:20,650

I said well you know is there any

598

00:30:26,920 --> 00:30:24,230

particularly important miracle that that

599

00:30:29,320 --> 00:30:26,930

Santa Muerte has worked for you and so

600

00:30:32,110 --> 00:30:29,330

she told me yeah about six months ago I

601  
00:30:35,080 --> 00:30:32,120  
was involved in a gang knife fight and

602  
00:30:38,020 --> 00:30:35,090  
just as one of the rival gang members

603  
00:30:41,770 --> 00:30:38,030  
was about to thrust a six-inch

604  
00:30:44,620 --> 00:30:41,780  
switchblade into my abdomen Santa Muerte

605  
00:30:47,620 --> 00:30:44,630  
appeared as this kind of spectral figure

606  
00:30:50,770 --> 00:30:47,630  
grabbed me by the by the arms and pulled

607  
00:30:54,220 --> 00:30:50,780  
me back saving me from the switchblade

608  
00:30:57,900 --> 00:30:54,230  
and so that you know that that's always

609  
00:31:00,840 --> 00:30:57,910  
remained with me but but those type of

610  
00:31:03,520 --> 00:31:00,850  
manifestations kind of spectral

611  
00:31:06,520 --> 00:31:03,530  
manifestations particularly for mexican

612  
00:31:11,560 --> 00:31:06,530  
devotees are really common currency she

613  
00:31:12,520 --> 00:31:11,570

also she also appears to devotees and

614

00:31:16,149 --> 00:31:12,530

dreams

615

00:31:19,600 --> 00:31:16,159

and and and we'll give them advice or

616

00:31:24,190 --> 00:31:19,610

maybe warnings about something that they

617

00:31:28,390 --> 00:31:24,200

should avoid do you have an example of

618

00:31:31,570 --> 00:31:28,400

that I can't think of any particular

619

00:31:33,970 --> 00:31:31,580

German off the top of my head now but

620

00:31:37,870 --> 00:31:33,980

yeah it's it just I mean that also is

621

00:31:39,850 --> 00:31:37,880

common currency interesting I don't know

622

00:31:42,460 --> 00:31:39,860

just that reminded me fast of like

623

00:31:45,520 --> 00:31:42,470

Chorus Line with that one woman is

624

00:31:47,470 --> 00:31:45,530

trying to become an actress and they try

625

00:31:52,750 --> 00:31:47,480

to run her out of the acting class and

626

00:31:55,539 --> 00:31:52,760

she goes to Santa Maria and just prays

627

00:31:58,600 --> 00:31:55,549

to her and then the answer comes to her

628

00:32:00,430 --> 00:31:58,610

this man is no good and you are good and

629

00:32:05,740 --> 00:32:00,440

just ignore him and go on with your

630

00:32:08,169 --> 00:32:05,750

career and she thank you thank you that

631

00:32:11,080 --> 00:32:08,179

a lot of devotees will tell you that

632

00:32:14,350 --> 00:32:11,090

they're their statues and their

633

00:32:17,770 --> 00:32:14,360

statuettes will turn their heads

634

00:32:20,230 --> 00:32:17,780

sometimes hmm they they actually drank

635

00:32:23,230 --> 00:32:20,240

the tequila and water that's offered to

636

00:32:26,049 --> 00:32:23,240

them and and and so there's that they

637

00:32:32,350 --> 00:32:26,059

really view their their effigies as

638

00:32:34,720 --> 00:32:32,360

adamant mm-hmm it's just I think it you

639

00:32:36,789 --> 00:32:34,730

find this type of religious belief

640

00:32:39,970 --> 00:32:36,799

throughout all cultures and ethnicities

641

00:32:42,250 --> 00:32:39,980

I mean it's I think it's just more a

642

00:32:45,580 --> 00:32:42,260

reflection of the human psychology more

643

00:32:48,700 --> 00:32:45,590

than an actual religious event don't you

644

00:32:50,950 --> 00:32:48,710

I mean for example how nice 'In where

645

00:32:53,289 --> 00:32:50,960

they carve elves onto rocks and a new

646

00:32:56,950 --> 00:32:53,299

leaf cookies there for them and then the

647

00:32:59,560 --> 00:32:56,960

cookies are eaten in the morning I mean

648

00:33:02,140 --> 00:32:59,570

you hear these type of stories all over

649

00:33:05,350 --> 00:33:02,150

we were looking for a real red-blooded

650

00:33:07,720 --> 00:33:05,360

miracle like like the volcano went off

651  
00:33:10,210 --> 00:33:07,730  
and Santa Maria put a cork in it or

652  
00:33:13,690 --> 00:33:10,220  
something of that nature well right

653  
00:33:17,470 --> 00:33:13,700  
right but there's also there's also kind

654  
00:33:20,919 --> 00:33:17,480  
of a kind of class basis to this because

655  
00:33:23,940 --> 00:33:20,929  
a lot of times for the more working

656  
00:33:26,200 --> 00:33:23,950  
classes religion tends to be much more

657  
00:33:30,310 --> 00:33:26,210  
tangible

658  
00:33:34,420 --> 00:33:30,320  
a lot of touching involved and also much

659  
00:33:36,340 --> 00:33:34,430  
more utilitarian or pragmatically

660  
00:33:38,860 --> 00:33:36,350  
oriented and so when I'm talking about

661  
00:33:40,840 --> 00:33:38,870  
you know matters of law and justice and

662  
00:33:42,880 --> 00:33:40,850  
love and health and wealth it's because

663  
00:33:46,480 --> 00:33:42,890

a lot of the devotees have hard lives

664

00:33:49,930 --> 00:33:46,490

yeah yeah they're looking for quick and

665

00:33:52,240 --> 00:33:49,940

immediate solutions to things and so so

666

00:33:55,330 --> 00:33:52,250

it's it's very much kind of the the

667

00:33:58,000 --> 00:33:55,340

opposite of what tends to be kind of a

668

00:34:01,270 --> 00:33:58,010

much more abstract and intellectual

669

00:34:04,750 --> 00:34:01,280

istic religious orientation of the elite

670

00:34:07,570 --> 00:34:04,760

of any given society well I would I

671

00:34:12,520 --> 00:34:07,580

would tend to agree with you on that

672

00:34:14,740 --> 00:34:12,530

Andrew insofar as I think here in the

673

00:34:16,540 --> 00:34:14,750

northeast of the United States and

674

00:34:19,540 --> 00:34:16,550

you're almost in the northeast of the

675

00:34:21,130 --> 00:34:19,550

United States being here almost here

676

00:34:24,970 --> 00:34:21,140

just a little south of the mason-dixon

677

00:34:29,490 --> 00:34:24,980

line right now but I think that there is

678

00:34:32,560 --> 00:34:29,500

a worship of scientism and this kind of

679

00:34:36,970 --> 00:34:32,570

everything can be explained sort of head

680

00:34:40,420 --> 00:34:36,980

set which does not exist south of the

681

00:34:42,430 --> 00:34:40,430

border to any extent whatsoever except

682

00:34:44,580 --> 00:34:42,440

as you say and you know maybe at the

683

00:34:48,420 --> 00:34:44,590

University of Mexico City or something

684

00:34:51,190 --> 00:34:48,430

in my experiences in Brazil and in

685

00:34:53,320 --> 00:34:51,200

Panama and Mexico and a few other of the

686

00:34:58,140 --> 00:34:53,330

latin-american countries I visited is

687

00:35:03,160 --> 00:34:58,150

that there's still of the same degree of

688

00:35:06,250 --> 00:35:03,170

belief in the supernatural and belief

689

00:35:09,610 --> 00:35:06,260

that matter can be compromised by

690

00:35:12,940 --> 00:35:09,620

consciousness and frankly although I may

691

00:35:16,860 --> 00:35:12,950

not agree with the particulars of of

692

00:35:20,080 --> 00:35:16,870

that I do agree in general that it

693

00:35:22,270 --> 00:35:20,090

matters can matter can be compromised by

694

00:35:24,190 --> 00:35:22,280

consciousness if you know what I mean

695

00:35:26,080 --> 00:35:24,200

yeah sure and you can even include the

696

00:35:28,990 --> 00:35:26,090

United States in that because we're a

697

00:35:31,120 --> 00:35:29,000

much much more religious country than

698

00:35:34,410 --> 00:35:31,130

Western Europe I mean Western Europe is

699

00:35:37,330 --> 00:35:34,420

kind of the greatest bastion of of

700

00:35:40,089 --> 00:35:37,340

disbelief and SEC secularism in the

701  
00:35:42,039 --> 00:35:40,099  
entire world so even even large

702  
00:35:44,469 --> 00:35:42,049  
swass of the United States you can clued

703  
00:35:47,799 --> 00:35:44,479  
in that that's true actually the whole

704  
00:35:51,969 --> 00:35:47,809  
voice I agree that the United States is

705  
00:35:58,749 --> 00:35:51,979  
a very religious country but I don't

706  
00:36:02,529 --> 00:35:58,759  
know how much general America tends to

707  
00:36:06,279 --> 00:36:02,539  
believe that matter is compromised by

708  
00:36:09,370 --> 00:36:06,289  
consciousness just believing in a God

709  
00:36:14,130 --> 00:36:09,380  
which you may petition or you may have

710  
00:36:16,539 --> 00:36:14,140  
certain rituals or beliefs around the

711  
00:36:19,180 --> 00:36:16,549  
supernatural quality I think is is

712  
00:36:20,710 --> 00:36:19,190  
stronger in the latin-american countries

713  
00:36:22,839 --> 00:36:20,720

I mean it's maybe it's not true but

714

00:36:24,969 --> 00:36:22,849

seems that way to me I think because

715

00:36:27,579 --> 00:36:24,979

they still have a strong native culture

716

00:36:29,829 --> 00:36:27,589

underneath it are natives unfortunately

717

00:36:33,160 --> 00:36:29,839

that culture disappeared to a great

718

00:36:36,069 --> 00:36:33,170

extent but I may be wrong to bail those

719

00:36:39,460 --> 00:36:36,079

people in the southwest back no you know

720

00:36:42,670 --> 00:36:39,470

what I'm saying no I hear ya let me

721

00:36:45,309 --> 00:36:42,680

point out that you know Pentecostalism

722

00:36:48,099 --> 00:36:45,319

uh-huh which is the great kind of spirit

723

00:36:50,709 --> 00:36:48,109

centered Christianity was born in the

724

00:36:53,410 --> 00:36:50,719

United States and it's very much

725

00:36:56,019 --> 00:36:53,420

centered on being kind of possessed and

726

00:36:58,709 --> 00:36:56,029

given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and

727

00:37:00,640 --> 00:36:58,719

that really quickly took off among

728

00:37:03,190 --> 00:37:00,650

african-americans in this country and

729

00:37:05,829 --> 00:37:03,200

it's thriving in Brazil in the Caribbean

730

00:37:09,039 --> 00:37:05,839

and such - so so there still are very

731

00:37:10,959 --> 00:37:09,049

strong strains United States maybe not

732

00:37:12,459 --> 00:37:10,969

to the extent is Latin America but again

733

00:37:15,309 --> 00:37:12,469

compared to Western Europe

734

00:37:18,670 --> 00:37:15,319

I mean we're religious fanatics yes yes

735

00:37:21,039 --> 00:37:18,680

well so a lot of the people in on both

736

00:37:23,559 --> 00:37:21,049

coasts were basically their religion did

737

00:37:25,200 --> 00:37:23,569

come from Western Europe and so it you

738

00:37:27,219 --> 00:37:25,210

know it lacked that underlying

739

00:37:28,779 --> 00:37:27,229

supernatural quality I mean obviously

740

00:37:30,789 --> 00:37:28,789

all religions have supernatural

741

00:37:32,170 --> 00:37:30,799

qualities but I don't it's just I don't

742

00:37:36,789 --> 00:37:32,180

know what you're saying it just seems

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00:37:39,700 --> 00:37:36,799

more natural more just stronger and in

744

00:37:41,890 --> 00:37:39,710

other areas and we do you have to

745

00:37:43,450 --> 00:37:41,900

convince people here that there are such

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00:37:45,849 --> 00:37:43,460

thing as ghosts or supernatural

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00:37:48,249 --> 00:37:45,859

happenings whereas I think in South

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00:37:50,259 --> 00:37:48,259

America it's more or less accepted yes I

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00:37:53,490 --> 00:37:50,269

mean look at UFOs everyone believes in

750

00:37:56,490 --> 00:37:53,500

UFOs in Mexico City and here's like an

751  
00:37:59,220 --> 00:37:56,500  
in Argentina and yeah and here you have

752  
00:38:01,260 --> 00:37:59,230  
to you know you come off as an idiot if

753  
00:38:03,720 --> 00:38:01,270  
you think you believe in UFOs which of

754  
00:38:07,010 --> 00:38:03,730  
course is my parents used to live in New

755  
00:38:11,910 --> 00:38:07,020  
Mexico a lot of people there oh yeah

756  
00:38:16,740 --> 00:38:11,920  
that's the heartland well in New Mexico

757  
00:38:19,460 --> 00:38:16,750  
it's hard to tell ours from theirs in

758  
00:38:23,130 --> 00:38:19,470  
other words there are a lot of military

759  
00:38:25,980 --> 00:38:23,140  
installations around that area that may

760  
00:38:27,210 --> 00:38:25,990  
be flying advanced craft all right but

761  
00:38:29,460 --> 00:38:27,220  
you still have a lot of the American

762  
00:38:31,080 --> 00:38:29,470  
natives like the various Indians in that

763  
00:38:34,230 --> 00:38:31,090

area I mean look at their religious

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00:38:39,060 --> 00:38:34,240

things they're largely supernatural and

765

00:38:40,380 --> 00:38:39,070

I mean yeah they are they do believe in

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00:38:43,050 --> 00:38:40,390

date it's a whole different approach

767

00:38:44,250 --> 00:38:43,060

than Western religions I was I was I'm

768

00:38:47,250 --> 00:38:44,260

telling you this I mean you're the

769

00:38:49,500 --> 00:38:47,260

professor I was fascinated

770

00:38:54,870 --> 00:38:49,510

over the weekend I happened to stay at a

771

00:38:59,820 --> 00:38:54,880

hotel in Pennsylvania and opened the

772

00:39:03,360 --> 00:38:59,830

drawer to find of course Gideon's Bible

773

00:39:05,880 --> 00:39:03,370

as in the Beatles song but next to

774

00:39:09,330 --> 00:39:05,890

Gideon's Bible was the Book of Mormon

775

00:39:13,140 --> 00:39:09,340

and I almost fell over I was so

776

00:39:16,650 --> 00:39:13,150

surprised but when you consider that the

777

00:39:20,940 --> 00:39:16,660

Mormon religion is founded on a certain

778

00:39:22,860 --> 00:39:20,950

amount of a UFO lore I don't know if

779

00:39:26,640 --> 00:39:22,870

you're staying in a Marriott because the

780

00:39:31,070 --> 00:39:26,650

Marriott okay there you go that's the

781

00:39:33,990 --> 00:39:31,080

reason thank you I didn't know that yeah

782

00:39:39,570 --> 00:39:34,000

so but anyway getting back to Santa

783

00:39:41,250 --> 00:39:39,580

morta more thing you know okay yeah but

784

00:39:44,040 --> 00:39:41,260

you know you can see that where it would

785

00:39:46,170 --> 00:39:44,050

come out of sort of of people in the

786

00:39:49,410 --> 00:39:46,180

barrios in Mexico I mean their lives are

787

00:39:52,350 --> 00:39:49,420

desperate and I I would imagine I mean

788

00:39:54,690 --> 00:39:52,360

happily I don't know for sure but I mean

789

00:39:56,640 --> 00:39:54,700

if your life is so miserable you start

790

00:39:58,800 --> 00:39:56,650

the worship death I mean it seems like a

791

00:40:02,070 --> 00:39:58,810

relief you know exactly and I think it's

792

00:40:05,520 --> 00:40:02,080

really telling that the the most popular

793

00:40:07,220 --> 00:40:05,530

Catholic saint in both Mexico and among

794

00:40:10,700 --> 00:40:07,230

Catholic Latinos and I

795

00:40:13,580 --> 00:40:10,710

States is st. Jude who of course is the

796

00:40:15,700 --> 00:40:13,590

patron of lost causes yeah yeah I've

797

00:40:19,609 --> 00:40:15,710

found that a lot of Santa Muerte

798

00:40:22,340 --> 00:40:19,619

devotees in Mexico before were devotees

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00:40:25,130 --> 00:40:22,350

of Saint Jude and they would say oh you

800

00:40:27,349 --> 00:40:25,140

know I was asking Saint Jude for this

801  
00:40:30,620 --> 00:40:27,359  
favor for three months he never came

802  
00:40:33,950 --> 00:40:30,630  
through my aunt recommended that I check

803  
00:40:36,320 --> 00:40:33,960  
out Santa Muerte and within three days I

804  
00:40:39,200 --> 00:40:36,330  
got the new job that I was asking for

805  
00:40:41,750 --> 00:40:39,210  
and so you know if you can't if you

806  
00:40:44,270 --> 00:40:41,760  
can't get the patron saint of lost

807  
00:40:47,390 --> 00:40:44,280  
causes to come to you then then who else

808  
00:40:51,500 --> 00:40:47,400  
to go to well fantomworks birthday well

809  
00:40:53,720 --> 00:40:51,510  
what is the story with making a promise

810  
00:40:57,109 --> 00:40:53,730  
and if you don't keep the promise there

811  
00:41:00,740 --> 00:40:57,119  
could be dire results can you that would

812  
00:41:04,250 --> 00:41:00,750  
beYOU listen on that yeah yeah actually

813  
00:41:06,590 --> 00:41:04,260

actually that also corresponds with

814

00:41:10,010 --> 00:41:06,600

Catholic saints as well a lot of people

815

00:41:12,710 --> 00:41:10,020

will approach favors and asking for

816

00:41:16,220 --> 00:41:12,720

miracles of the Catholic saints in kind

817

00:41:20,270 --> 00:41:16,230

of a contractual relationship Oh st.

818

00:41:26,540 --> 00:41:20,280

Jude if you heal my daughter of her

819

00:41:31,520 --> 00:41:26,550

illness then I will light 12 candles to

820

00:41:33,890 --> 00:41:31,530

you for 12 straight days now if st. Jude

821

00:41:36,230 --> 00:41:33,900

comes through with a miracle and you

822

00:41:39,800 --> 00:41:36,240

don't fulfill your vow to light those

823

00:41:42,320 --> 00:41:39,810

candles then even st. Jude might exact

824

00:41:44,480 --> 00:41:42,330

some type of retribution or punishment

825

00:41:46,070 --> 00:41:44,490

well the same works with Santa Muerte

826

00:41:49,070 --> 00:41:46,080

but of course since she has the

827

00:41:52,790 --> 00:41:49,080

reputation of being so powerful and she

828

00:41:56,000 --> 00:41:52,800

has that larger than life size then if

829

00:41:57,950 --> 00:41:56,010

you don't fulfill a vow that you made

830

00:42:00,920 --> 00:41:57,960

her and she comes through on the miracle

831

00:42:04,040 --> 00:42:00,930

then then yeah I mean it's possible she

832

00:42:06,349 --> 00:42:04,050

might seek retribution and kind of the

833

00:42:09,470 --> 00:42:06,359

the myth that you'll hear in Mexico

834

00:42:12,500 --> 00:42:09,480

particularly among non-believers is that

835

00:42:16,690 --> 00:42:12,510

she actually might seek retribution in

836

00:42:17,870 --> 00:42:16,700

taking your entire family with her oh

837

00:42:20,840 --> 00:42:17,880

that's

838

00:42:22,790 --> 00:42:20,850

quite something but of course most

839

00:42:25,160 --> 00:42:22,800

devotees will tell you though that's not

840

00:42:29,300 --> 00:42:25,170

true that's just that's just lie spread

841

00:42:32,150 --> 00:42:29,310

by non-believers you know what what fer

842

00:42:35,750 --> 00:42:32,160

Shur was mentioning before was mind over

843

00:42:39,590 --> 00:42:35,760

matter and how much is that you know if

844

00:42:40,100 --> 00:42:39,600

you're that firm a believer in Santa

845

00:42:43,940 --> 00:42:40,110

Muerte

846

00:42:46,400 --> 00:42:43,950

if you're that firm a believer perhaps

847

00:42:48,650 --> 00:42:46,410

you yourself create your own miracles I

848

00:42:49,370 --> 00:42:48,660

mean that would be your take on it right

849

00:42:52,910 --> 00:42:49,380

for Russia

850

00:42:56,060 --> 00:42:52,920

uh you know my my jury is out as to

851

00:43:01,910 --> 00:42:56,070

whether we are contacting our higher

852

00:43:05,120 --> 00:43:01,920

selves or a third a third party and

853

00:43:08,000 --> 00:43:05,130

whether on some level if you know we're

854

00:43:11,510 --> 00:43:08,010

all one whether it actually matters yeah

855

00:43:14,780 --> 00:43:11,520

I mean it's it's beyond me in in my

856

00:43:17,270 --> 00:43:14,790

human right thank you you feel that's

857

00:43:19,210 --> 00:43:17,280

really possible it you have let's say

858

00:43:22,580 --> 00:43:19,220

twenty people really praying for

859

00:43:24,800 --> 00:43:22,590

something right and they're very they're

860

00:43:27,320 --> 00:43:24,810

very serious they really want this and

861

00:43:30,050 --> 00:43:27,330

they're very sincere in their request do

862

00:43:33,590 --> 00:43:30,060

you think dr chesson that that might

863

00:43:36,950 --> 00:43:33,600

have some sort of an effect and other

864

00:43:39,230 --> 00:43:36,960

than st. doing it for them just the fact

865

00:43:43,340 --> 00:43:39,240

of you know this psychic ability in

866

00:43:46,070 --> 00:43:43,350

humans to create things to give you an

867

00:43:51,500 --> 00:43:46,080

example like home team advantage in in

868

00:43:54,920 --> 00:43:51,510

sports yeah yeah yeah that's a tough

869

00:43:58,060 --> 00:43:54,930

question because in my own research I

870

00:44:04,010 --> 00:43:58,070

don't usually get into you know

871

00:44:11,770 --> 00:44:04,020

explaining or analyzing the validity of

872

00:44:15,110 --> 00:44:11,780

miracles I don't see it as my charge to

873

00:44:17,480 --> 00:44:15,120

to kind of scientifically debunk

874

00:44:20,420 --> 00:44:17,490

miracles right that's not exactly the

875

00:44:22,280 --> 00:44:20,430

bunking it no no it's not it's not yes

876

00:44:26,380 --> 00:44:22,290

but but but it's not really something

877

00:44:31,000 --> 00:44:26,390

that I get into into this kind of

878

00:44:33,640 --> 00:44:31,010

genesis of miracles in my research so i

879

00:44:35,710 --> 00:44:33,650

no I guess I'd rather refrain from okay

880

00:44:39,040 --> 00:44:35,720

finding on that particular matter

881

00:44:42,460 --> 00:44:39,050

well the miracles I mean in terms of the

882

00:44:45,490 --> 00:44:42,470

Catholic Church isn't it that they're it

883

00:44:47,650 --> 00:44:45,500

has to go before a Council of Bishops

884

00:44:50,110 --> 00:44:47,660

and they decide whether it's a miracle

885

00:44:52,120 --> 00:44:50,120

or not depending on certain things I

886

00:44:54,580 --> 00:44:52,130

mean I gotta I'm not a Catholic scholars

887

00:44:56,590 --> 00:44:54,590

yeah yeah particularly if somebody's

888

00:44:59,890 --> 00:44:56,600

being considered for beatification and

889

00:45:02,350 --> 00:44:59,900

canonization yeah they they need proof

890

00:45:04,440 --> 00:45:02,360

of that yes so so why do you think

891

00:45:07,000 --> 00:45:04,450

they'd object-- so much to Santa Muerte

892

00:45:09,460 --> 00:45:07,010

since you've what what's their

893

00:45:10,960 --> 00:45:09,470

objections there yeah there's two major

894

00:45:14,920 --> 00:45:10,970

reasons mm-hmm

895

00:45:18,070 --> 00:45:14,930

first there's competition okay the

896

00:45:21,000 --> 00:45:18,080

Catholic Church in Mexico is the second

897

00:45:24,070 --> 00:45:21,010

largest in the world second to Brazil's

898

00:45:25,540 --> 00:45:24,080

and it's in decline as all Catholic

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00:45:27,430 --> 00:45:25,550

churches are throughout Latin America

900

00:45:29,650 --> 00:45:27,440

which of course it historically has been

901  
00:45:32,530 --> 00:45:29,660  
the most Catholic region on earth mm-hm

902  
00:45:34,470 --> 00:45:32,540  
and the real the most important reason

903  
00:45:36,730 --> 00:45:34,480  
they're in decline is because

904  
00:45:39,430 --> 00:45:36,740  
Pentecostalism which I mentioned before

905  
00:45:42,520 --> 00:45:39,440  
is surging throughout Latin America so

906  
00:45:44,650 --> 00:45:42,530  
so many many Catholics have left the

907  
00:45:47,290 --> 00:45:44,660  
church to become Pentecostals that's the

908  
00:45:50,200 --> 00:45:47,300  
main reason so for example Brazil is now

909  
00:45:53,350 --> 00:45:50,210  
only sixty-one percent Catholic Wow if

910  
00:45:55,630 --> 00:45:53,360  
the trend continues by 2030 Brazil the

911  
00:45:58,440 --> 00:45:55,640  
largest Catholic nation on earth will no

912  
00:46:01,180 --> 00:45:58,450  
longer be a Catholic majority nation

913  
00:46:02,830 --> 00:46:01,190

Mexico has held its own better but it's

914

00:46:06,220 --> 00:46:02,840

still down to about eighty percent

915

00:46:09,640 --> 00:46:06,230

Catholic and so Santa Muerte presents

916

00:46:12,670 --> 00:46:09,650

serious competition particularly when

917

00:46:16,090 --> 00:46:12,680

most of the devotees are people who do

918

00:46:18,670 --> 00:46:16,100

identify as Catholics yet most of them

919

00:46:20,800 --> 00:46:18,680

really are nominal or cultural Catholics

920

00:46:22,780 --> 00:46:20,810

who probably haven't set foot and

921

00:46:25,980 --> 00:46:22,790

haven't attended a Catholic Mass for

922

00:46:28,870 --> 00:46:25,990

many years so there's competition and

923

00:46:33,070 --> 00:46:28,880

there's also on the theological plane

924

00:46:35,260 --> 00:46:33,080

the argument that as a Christian you

925

00:46:39,100 --> 00:46:35,270

should not be venerating a figure of

926

00:46:41,980 --> 00:46:39,110

death if Jesus Christ came sacrifice

927

00:46:43,720 --> 00:46:41,990

himself on the cross to give us the the

928

00:46:44,750 --> 00:46:43,730

promise of eternal life eternal

929

00:46:47,540 --> 00:46:44,760

salvation

930

00:46:50,540 --> 00:46:47,550

then in a way death is really the last

931

00:46:53,630 --> 00:46:50,550

enemy that was vanquished by by Christ

932

00:46:56,120 --> 00:46:53,640

and in venerating death you're really

933

00:46:58,660 --> 00:46:56,130

venerating the antithesis of Christ and

934

00:47:03,050 --> 00:46:58,670

so it's really tantamount to an

935

00:47:06,970 --> 00:47:03,060

unintentional Satanism oh my yeah you're

936

00:47:11,750 --> 00:47:06,980

quite right well things seem to work

937

00:47:15,530 --> 00:47:11,760

pretty comfortably together in places in

938

00:47:20,000 --> 00:47:15,540

the Caribbean that have Santeria and

939

00:47:24,890 --> 00:47:20,010

their counterparts you know with folk

940

00:47:27,830 --> 00:47:24,900

Saints in in that area so I I could see

941

00:47:31,450 --> 00:47:27,840

where people could both think of

942

00:47:34,880 --> 00:47:31,460

themselves as Catholic and also have a

943

00:47:38,060 --> 00:47:34,890

devotion to Santa Muerte right right of

944

00:47:40,640 --> 00:47:38,070

course yeah most most Mexican devotees

945

00:47:42,680 --> 00:47:40,650

don't even don't know that the church is

946

00:47:45,680 --> 00:47:42,690

condemned Santa Marta or they don't care

947

00:47:47,840 --> 00:47:45,690

because it kind of fits in fits in with

948

00:47:51,740 --> 00:47:47,850

their kind of larger larger folk

949

00:47:53,180 --> 00:47:51,750

Catholic worldview so yeah I think you

950

00:47:54,520 --> 00:47:53,190

know the Vatican and it really is

951  
00:47:56,960 --> 00:47:54,530  
extraordinary that Pope Francis

952  
00:48:00,080 --> 00:47:56,970  
condemned her and actually one of his

953  
00:48:03,080 --> 00:48:00,090  
colleagues Italian Cardinal who's the

954  
00:48:05,510 --> 00:48:03,090  
president of the Pontifical Council of

955  
00:48:08,090 --> 00:48:05,520  
culture condemned Santa Muerte three

956  
00:48:10,700 --> 00:48:08,100  
years ago he was in Mexico City for a

957  
00:48:11,690 --> 00:48:10,710  
visit and I'm each to the four days in

958  
00:48:14,330 --> 00:48:11,700  
Mexico City

959  
00:48:16,100 --> 00:48:14,340  
he condemned Santa Martha by name so you

960  
00:48:18,800 --> 00:48:16,110  
know it's not every day that the Vatican

961  
00:48:22,220 --> 00:48:18,810  
is actually issuing condemnation of folk

962  
00:48:24,110 --> 00:48:22,230  
sings well why oh I was gonna say why

963  
00:48:26,540 --> 00:48:24,120

did they kit I mean what reasons did

964

00:48:28,880 --> 00:48:26,550

they give did they have to give a reason

965

00:48:32,690 --> 00:48:28,890

or did they you say I condemn you

966

00:48:35,240 --> 00:48:32,700

yeah well they called her blasphemy okay

967

00:48:38,420 --> 00:48:35,250

anti religion and when the Pope was

968

00:48:40,520 --> 00:48:38,430

there in February basically condemned

969

00:48:45,020 --> 00:48:40,530

her as kind of the what did he call it

970

00:48:50,690 --> 00:48:45,030

the McCobb symbol of of narcos of drug

971

00:48:56,210 --> 00:48:50,700

traffickers well Andrew I am a something

972

00:48:58,309 --> 00:48:56,220

of a devotee of another folk saint that

973

00:49:01,099 --> 00:48:58,319

was condemned by the Catholic

974

00:49:03,620 --> 00:49:01,109

and I don't know if you're familiar with

975

00:49:07,519 --> 00:49:03,630

her but she wouldn't go away

976

00:49:11,209 --> 00:49:07,529

and she just kept coming back so much so

977

00:49:14,539 --> 00:49:11,219

that they had to install her in the

978

00:49:18,109 --> 00:49:14,549

cathedral of short in France and that's

979

00:49:20,209 --> 00:49:18,119

no true Dom Sue's tere are you familiar

980

00:49:23,089 --> 00:49:20,219

with her I am I am

981

00:49:26,209 --> 00:49:23,099

and I am you know I went over there and

982

00:49:29,289 --> 00:49:26,219

I spent a lot of time in the Crypt with

983

00:49:33,919 --> 00:49:29,299

her where she's underneath the earth and

984

00:49:37,519 --> 00:49:33,929

they couldn't keep her down or the black

985

00:49:40,999 --> 00:49:37,529

Isis of of Poland you know the Black

986

00:49:44,979 --> 00:49:41,009

Madonna which was Isis and Isis statue

987

00:49:47,870 --> 00:49:44,989

and I don't know no relationship to the

988

00:50:00,229 --> 00:49:47,880

disgusting immoral beasts in the Middle

989

00:50:01,849 --> 00:50:00,239

East they punished for using her name is

990

00:50:04,219 --> 00:50:01,859

a good example because over the

991

00:50:06,109 --> 00:50:04,229

centuries there have been there have

992

00:50:08,899 --> 00:50:06,119

been kind of folks saying to have been

993

00:50:11,089 --> 00:50:08,909

incorporated and canonized but I can

994

00:50:14,409 --> 00:50:11,099

firmly guarantee that that's never ever

995

00:50:19,519 --> 00:50:17,569

so what is your next project

996

00:50:21,019 --> 00:50:19,529

actually I don't I think we should

997

00:50:23,029 --> 00:50:21,029

announce your book at this yes you

998

00:50:26,149 --> 00:50:23,039

should announce your book I Andrews yeah

999

00:50:28,909 --> 00:50:26,159

yeah my book is called devoted to deaths

1000

00:50:32,109 --> 00:50:28,919

anthem worthless skeleton Saint was

1001  
00:50:34,729 --> 00:50:32,119  
published by Oxford University Press

1002  
00:50:36,409 --> 00:50:34,739  
2012 and so actually right now I'm

1003  
00:50:41,029 --> 00:50:36,419  
writing the new edition the second

1004  
00:50:43,339 --> 00:50:41,039  
edition which should be out mid 2017 so

1005  
00:50:44,479 --> 00:50:43,349  
that's what I'm working on now and then

1006  
00:50:46,579 --> 00:50:44,489  
when I'm done with that I'll probably

1007  
00:50:48,559 --> 00:50:46,589  
move on to a second book on Santa Muerte

1008  
00:50:51,529 --> 00:50:48,569  
because there's so many themes I haven't

1009  
00:50:55,039 --> 00:50:51,539  
covered like her name also means holy

1010  
00:50:58,640 --> 00:50:55,049  
death and this concept of having a good

1011  
00:51:01,640 --> 00:50:58,650  
death or a holy death in a Mexico beset

1012  
00:51:03,949 --> 00:51:01,650  
by so much bad death yeah it was really

1013  
00:51:06,109 --> 00:51:03,959

powerful as well and that's not a theme

1014

00:51:08,149 --> 00:51:06,119

that I really worked too much and in

1015

00:51:10,789 --> 00:51:08,159

devoted to death so there's a she's also

1016

00:51:12,859 --> 00:51:10,799

grown a lot among african-american

1017

00:51:15,799 --> 00:51:12,869

and euro-americans here in the united

1018

00:51:18,640 --> 00:51:15,809

states i'm on four or five facebook

1019

00:51:21,859 --> 00:51:18,650

pages of devotees or almost exclusively

1020

00:51:25,279 --> 00:51:21,869

white americans so i want to write about

1021

00:51:28,219 --> 00:51:25,289

her her kind of surging popularity among

1022

00:51:29,900 --> 00:51:28,229

african and euro-american so interesting

1023

00:51:32,660 --> 00:51:29,910

a lot of themes that i haven't touched

1024

00:51:35,359 --> 00:51:32,670

on yet i'd like to explore in the near

1025

00:51:37,039 --> 00:51:35,369

future so a lot of people obviously are

1026  
00:51:39,890 --> 00:51:37,049  
buying your books that are interested in

1027  
00:51:41,900 --> 00:51:39,900  
this is unless until faroush you brought

1028  
00:51:42,259 --> 00:51:41,910  
it up I had actually never even heard of

1029  
00:51:44,779 --> 00:51:42,269  
it

1030  
00:51:46,939 --> 00:51:44,789  
so yeah yeah I mean again I don't really

1031  
00:51:49,489 --> 00:51:46,949  
talk about competition I don't have any

1032  
00:51:52,640 --> 00:51:49,499  
because yeah four years later it's the

1033  
00:51:54,799 --> 00:51:52,650  
only study in English so yeah for an

1034  
00:51:57,169 --> 00:51:54,809  
academic book it's done very well how

1035  
00:51:59,779 --> 00:51:57,179  
about in Mexico ins and that was

1036  
00:52:02,509 --> 00:51:59,789  
published in Mexico two years ago also

1037  
00:52:03,380 --> 00:52:02,519  
also published in Poland last year

1038  
00:52:08,630 --> 00:52:03,390

Poland

1039

00:52:11,479 --> 00:52:08,640

yeah estimated how I polled I mean a in

1040

00:52:13,819 --> 00:52:11,489

a cult press that was in Austin yeah I

1041

00:52:16,519 --> 00:52:13,829

was thinking wow Poland is really the

1042

00:52:19,749 --> 00:52:16,529

last bastion yeah house ISM in in Europe

1043

00:52:23,599 --> 00:52:19,759

yet there it is in in Polish as well

1044

00:52:26,630 --> 00:52:23,609

well that's that's wonderful Andrew yeah

1045

00:52:28,549 --> 00:52:26,640

in fact I'll also be also be giving

1046

00:52:31,130 --> 00:52:28,559

three book talks in London and early

1047

00:52:34,549 --> 00:52:31,140

July so I'm looking forward to that as

1048

00:52:39,949 --> 00:52:34,559

well and well what what type of people

1049

00:52:45,880 --> 00:52:39,959

are do you find in the audience well in

1050

00:52:50,689 --> 00:52:45,890

London they'll probably be neo-pagans

1051  
00:52:53,029 --> 00:52:50,699  
University people people maybe people

1052  
00:52:55,279 --> 00:52:53,039  
with an interest in Latin America uh-huh

1053  
00:52:56,959 --> 00:52:55,289  
and then you know and and when I go to

1054  
00:52:59,599 --> 00:52:56,969  
New York I've spoke it more of an

1055  
00:53:02,199 --> 00:52:59,609  
anatomy two times already and so you

1056  
00:53:04,880 --> 00:53:02,209  
know kind of the whole you know Brooklyn

1057  
00:53:07,579 --> 00:53:04,890  
hipster crowd shows up these types of

1058  
00:53:10,009 --> 00:53:07,589  
things well I hope to see you there I

1059  
00:53:14,539 --> 00:53:10,019  
hope so it made it again where y'all day

1060  
00:53:17,120 --> 00:53:14,549  
ah so we want to thank you very very

1061  
00:53:19,579 --> 00:53:17,130  
much for joining us here on shattered

1062  
00:53:21,079 --> 00:53:19,589  
reality especially on my part because I

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00:53:23,029 --> 00:53:21,089

had never heard of any of this so it's

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00:53:24,650 --> 00:53:23,039

all brand new thank you so much it's

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00:53:26,750 --> 00:53:24,660

really been wonderful

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00:53:28,099 --> 00:53:26,760

speaking with you and we hope that

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00:53:30,349 --> 00:53:28,109

perhaps you'll join us again

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00:53:32,839 --> 00:53:30,359

particularly when you come out with your

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00:53:35,299 --> 00:53:32,849

second edition oh I'd love to it's been

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00:53:38,630 --> 00:53:35,309

a great pleasure and I really thank you

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00:53:39,849 --> 00:53:38,640

for the the wonderful incisive questions

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00:53:43,670 --> 00:53:39,859

as well

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00:53:48,020 --> 00:53:43,680

thank you so we're gonna say goodbye to

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00:53:51,500 --> 00:53:48,030

you and move on to the end part of the

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00:53:55,690 --> 00:53:51,510

show where we had a very nice letter

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00:53:59,420 --> 00:53:55,700

we had asked our we had asked our

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00:54:03,920 --> 00:53:59,430

listeners to perhaps give us some

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00:54:05,089 --> 00:54:03,930

accounts of events with pets psychic

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00:54:08,000 --> 00:54:05,099

events with pets

1080

00:54:10,099 --> 00:54:08,010

I don't think experiences with pets and

1081

00:54:12,559 --> 00:54:10,109

so I don't know

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00:54:14,599 --> 00:54:12,569

since this letter was really written by

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00:54:17,809 --> 00:54:14,609

somebody who was a particular fan of

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00:54:20,480 --> 00:54:17,819

yours Kate and formerly the Kate

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00:54:23,450 --> 00:54:20,490

Valentine UFO show perhaps you would

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00:54:27,799 --> 00:54:23,460

like to read what our listeners

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00:54:30,170 --> 00:54:27,809

certainly ferocious okay so it's the

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00:54:32,720 --> 00:54:30,180

listener rode in I've never left a

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00:54:34,640 --> 00:54:32,730

comment before but I love the show you

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00:54:36,670 --> 00:54:34,650

both have a wonderful way with guests

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00:54:39,650 --> 00:54:36,680

and with the making the subject matter

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00:54:41,690 --> 00:54:39,660

understandable I feel a very strong bond

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00:54:44,870 --> 00:54:41,700

with animals and nature for various

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00:54:47,960 --> 00:54:44,880

reasons and have had a number of unusual

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00:54:50,690 --> 00:54:47,970

and quotes experiences wonder stands out

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00:54:54,410 --> 00:54:50,700

involved my dog Wiley who Kate may

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00:54:56,510 --> 00:54:54,420

remember and yes I do he used to lay at

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00:54:58,700 --> 00:54:56,520

the top of my basement stairs while I

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00:55:01,730 --> 00:54:58,710

cleaned the cat litter boxes and watch

1100

00:55:04,760 --> 00:55:01,740

me one week after I had to put him down

1101  
00:55:06,829 --> 00:55:04,770  
due to cancer I was and that was sad I

1102  
00:55:09,260 --> 00:55:06,839  
did anyway I was in the basement and

1103  
00:55:11,450 --> 00:55:09,270  
happened to glance at the stairs there

1104  
00:55:14,269 --> 00:55:11,460  
was Wiley hanging his head over the top

1105  
00:55:16,400 --> 00:55:14,279  
stair watching me as usual I turned away

1106  
00:55:19,940 --> 00:55:16,410  
thinking nothing of it and then realized

1107  
00:55:22,700 --> 00:55:19,950  
oh wait that can't be when I looked

1108  
00:55:24,920 --> 00:55:22,710  
again there was nothing there I guess it

1109  
00:55:28,819 --> 00:55:24,930  
can be explained away as simply a type

1110  
00:55:30,740 --> 00:55:28,829  
of photographic memory and yet I know it

1111  
00:55:32,660 --> 00:55:30,750  
was more than that I think he was

1112  
00:55:37,099 --> 00:55:32,670  
checking to make sure I kept my promise

1113  
00:55:37,910 --> 00:55:37,109

to him to rescue another dog lol which I

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00:55:39,920 --> 00:55:37,920

did

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00:55:42,559 --> 00:55:39,930

and that involves another whole series

1116

00:55:44,829 --> 00:55:42,569

of coincidences thanks again for the

1117

00:55:47,510 --> 00:55:44,839

great show and keep up the good work

1118

00:55:50,120 --> 00:55:47,520

well thank you so much for such a lovely

1119

00:55:53,660 --> 00:55:50,130

letter yes it was very nice to receive

1120

00:55:56,630 --> 00:55:53,670

that account of psychic pet experience

1121

00:55:58,430 --> 00:55:56,640

and you know just recently there was a

1122

00:56:00,859 --> 00:55:58,440

talk-show host that was talking about

1123

00:56:03,770 --> 00:56:00,869

the relationship between humans and dogs

1124

00:56:06,049 --> 00:56:03,780

and how you know obviously it's it's a

1125

00:56:08,569 --> 00:56:06,059

close bond and we do have other pets but

1126

00:56:11,030 --> 00:56:08,579

there's something a little bit closer a

1127

00:56:13,309 --> 00:56:11,040

little bit more attuned to humans with

1128

00:56:16,460 --> 00:56:13,319

dogs and with any other species I think

1129

00:56:18,410 --> 00:56:16,470

I think anyway that's well I've had a

1130

00:56:20,900 --> 00:56:18,420

couple of dogs and I felt very very

1131

00:56:24,680 --> 00:56:20,910

close to them three dogs in all in my

1132

00:56:27,079 --> 00:56:24,690

life but as you know I'm a cat owner and

1133

00:56:30,620 --> 00:56:27,089

I feel very very close to some of my

1134

00:56:33,710 --> 00:56:30,630

cats some of my cats that I've had over

1135

00:56:36,650 --> 00:56:33,720

the course of time and they I am as much

1136

00:56:38,599 --> 00:56:36,660

their servant as vice versa certainly

1137

00:56:42,380 --> 00:56:38,609

towards five owners cats have staff

1138

00:56:46,069 --> 00:56:42,390

that's right I'm the cat staff and but

1139

00:56:48,620 --> 00:56:46,079

some of them seem to be more involved

1140

00:56:50,900 --> 00:56:48,630

with human interaction than others yeah

1141

00:56:53,660 --> 00:56:50,910

but you know cats don't hunt with you

1142

00:56:57,260 --> 00:56:53,670

dogs do you know cats don't really watch

1143

00:56:58,910 --> 00:56:57,270

the front door dogs do you know cats may

1144

00:57:01,400 --> 00:56:58,920

sleep at the pillow but that's only

1145

00:57:03,470 --> 00:57:01,410

because they allow you there yeah where

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00:57:05,359 --> 00:57:03,480

is the dog sort of sort of hangs out and

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00:57:07,849 --> 00:57:05,369

looks around I don't know I just feel

1148

00:57:09,859 --> 00:57:07,859

that there's more of a human dog

1149

00:57:11,450 --> 00:57:09,869

interaction than human cat there do

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00:57:13,940 --> 00:57:11,460

obviously there's a human cat

1151  
00:57:16,339 --> 00:57:13,950  
interaction as well but it's a different

1152  
00:57:19,309 --> 00:57:16,349  
type well you've had both at the same

1153  
00:57:21,980 --> 00:57:19,319  
time more often than myself so I will I

1154  
00:57:24,230 --> 00:57:21,990  
will defer to your I know there was the

1155  
00:57:26,059 --> 00:57:24,240  
bird too which is another whole thing

1156  
00:57:28,010 --> 00:57:26,069  
well birds are amazing the way they can

1157  
00:57:31,520 --> 00:57:28,020  
pick out colors and they're so smart and

1158  
00:57:34,809 --> 00:57:31,530  
rows and so forth but yes listeners

1159  
00:57:37,640 --> 00:57:34,819  
listeners yes please send us your

1160  
00:57:40,280 --> 00:57:37,650  
experiences and maybe if you'd like to

1161  
00:57:44,000 --> 00:57:40,290  
be on at the end of the show recounting

1162  
00:57:47,839 --> 00:57:44,010  
your experience yourself well that can

1163  
00:57:51,839 --> 00:57:47,849

be arranged and so I just like to take

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00:57:55,890 --> 00:57:51,849

this moment to thank mr. bill

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00:58:00,120 --> 00:57:55,900

our wonderful sound engineer and just a

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00:58:02,789 --> 00:58:00,130

nod to Nate Duffy who recorded our intro

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00:58:06,150 --> 00:58:02,799

which we still use and very much

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00:58:10,469 --> 00:58:06,160

appreciate so thanks to both of those

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00:58:13,140 --> 00:58:10,479

guys and I guess is this a rep it's a

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00:58:17,479 --> 00:58:13,150

wrap I think so shall we say goodbye