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00:00:08,570 --> 00:00:17,179

[Music]

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00:00:25,470 --> 00:00:20,670

welcome to shattered reality with your

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00:00:28,499 --> 00:00:25,480

hosts Kate Valentine and furs prepare to

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00:00:34,729 --> 00:00:28,509

have your paradigm shifted in the truths

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00:00:37,170 --> 00:00:34,739

questioned and now shattered reality

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00:00:39,210 --> 00:00:37,180

well here we are again ferocious thank

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00:00:41,790 --> 00:00:39,220

you for waiting I'm sorry I got held up

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00:00:42,210 --> 00:00:41,800

but you know not Jersey traffic not to

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00:00:45,150 --> 00:00:42,220

worry

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00:00:51,480 --> 00:00:45,160

um miss Kate Valentine here we are again

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00:00:55,410 --> 00:00:51,490

this is our 74th podcast oh yeah it is

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00:01:02,940 --> 00:00:55,420

it is honestly well and to slate today

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00:01:05,490 --> 00:01:02,950

is August 21st 2018 and we have just an

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00:01:08,429 --> 00:01:05,500

extraordinarily interesting guest but

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00:01:12,000 --> 00:01:08,439

before I introduce him I want to mention

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00:01:14,370 --> 00:01:12,010

to you that one of our earlier guests I

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00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:14,380

don't know if he was about number 5 or 7

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00:01:22,649 --> 00:01:18,640

or around then if you recall was Ross

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00:01:25,260 --> 00:01:22,659

dunseith from UVA mm-hm and he happened

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:25,270

to be speaking to us a lot about a

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00:01:30,270 --> 00:01:27,040

fellow named energy Edie

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00:01:33,200 --> 00:01:30,280

Edwards mhm and I had the pleasure of

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00:01:36,510 --> 00:01:33,210

meeting energy ed this past week and

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00:01:40,859 --> 00:01:36,520

while I was sitting in audience where he

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00:01:45,660 --> 00:01:40,869

was participating all of a sudden there

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00:01:48,240 --> 00:01:45,670

was shattered reality on on the on the

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00:01:51,330 --> 00:01:48,250

screen and he called a chatted reality

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00:01:53,910 --> 00:01:51,340

radio show but still nice but he still

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00:01:56,190 --> 00:01:53,920

he still put us up there on the screen

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00:01:59,370 --> 00:01:56,200

and I had to introduce myself as to who

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00:02:02,179 --> 00:01:59,380

I really was afterwards and he was he

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00:02:05,460 --> 00:02:02,189

was tickled that I had come come to his

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00:02:08,550 --> 00:02:05,470

demonstration as well so now that we've

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00:02:10,229 --> 00:02:08,560

got that squared away do you have

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00:02:12,119 --> 00:02:10,239

anything to start out with behold I'd

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00:02:14,369 --> 00:02:12,129

also like to say thank you to him that's

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00:02:17,550 --> 00:02:14,379

very nice yes yes he's an interesting

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00:02:19,559 --> 00:02:17,560

gentleman he's an interesting man runs

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00:02:21,449 --> 00:02:19,569

that electricity through his body

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00:02:26,149 --> 00:02:21,459

there's no doubt about that the other

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00:02:30,989 --> 00:02:26,159

stuff I cannot I cannot speak to but

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00:02:33,929 --> 00:02:30,999

Tesla want to be well anyway yes today

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00:02:38,000 --> 00:02:33,939

we have an extraordinarily interesting

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00:02:42,599 --> 00:02:38,010

man joining us his name is dr. James

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00:02:46,500 --> 00:02:42,609

McLennan he is a PhD sociology professor

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:46,510

and licensed clinical social worker he

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00:02:51,619 --> 00:02:49,290

has been the author of four books

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00:02:54,209 --> 00:02:51,629

deviant science the case for

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00:02:57,179 --> 00:02:54,219

parapsychology wondrous events

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00:03:00,390 --> 00:02:57,189

foundations of religious belief wondrous

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00:03:04,349 --> 00:03:00,400
healing shamanism human evolution and

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00:03:06,929 --> 00:03:04,359
the origin of religion and the book

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00:03:10,470 --> 00:03:06,939
we're going to talk about today the

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00:03:13,890 --> 00:03:10,480
entity letters a sociologist on the

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00:03:16,830 --> 00:03:13,900
trail of a supernatural mystery now

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00:03:21,209 --> 00:03:16,840
originally from Maryland Jim has lived

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00:03:23,520 --> 00:03:21,219
in Ecuador China Japan South Korea the

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00:03:27,300 --> 00:03:23,530
Philippines Australia and North Carolina

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00:03:32,309 --> 00:03:27,310
and travels extensively he I think he's

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00:03:35,149 --> 00:03:32,319
now in Virginia so without further ado I

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00:03:38,789 --> 00:03:35,159
would like to introduce dr. James

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00:03:40,770 --> 00:03:38,799
McLennan hi thank you for being with us

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00:03:42,869 --> 00:03:40,780

and welcome to the show yes well thank

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00:03:48,960 --> 00:03:42,879

you very much welcome to shattered

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00:03:53,550 --> 00:03:48,970

reality anyway I just was fascinated by

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00:03:57,929 --> 00:03:53,560

the entity Letters book and I would

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00:04:00,800 --> 00:03:57,939

start with saying that your statement

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00:04:04,229 --> 00:04:00,810

towards the beginning of the book

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00:04:09,209 --> 00:04:04,239

regarding suspending disbelief are

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00:04:11,789 --> 00:04:09,219

really resonated with me but perhaps you

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00:04:14,550 --> 00:04:11,799

would like to tell us two things that I

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00:04:18,779 --> 00:04:14,560

think are necessary for anyone listening

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00:04:23,459 --> 00:04:18,789

to this to understand could you explain

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00:04:28,140 --> 00:04:23,469

what Surratt is and B what a mini lab of

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00:04:30,060 --> 00:04:28,150

a dr. Cox was well Surratt stands for

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00:04:31,530 --> 00:04:30,070
Society for research on foreign

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00:04:33,810 --> 00:04:31,540
telekinesis

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00:04:37,470 --> 00:04:33,820
and the mini lab is something that

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00:04:39,630 --> 00:04:37,480
William had Edward Cox constructed to

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00:04:42,540 --> 00:04:39,640
test the para for the paranormal

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00:04:45,960 --> 00:04:42,550
phenomena that Surratt allegedly

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00:04:49,230 --> 00:04:45,970
produced and that that mini lab at the

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00:04:51,030 --> 00:04:49,240
mini lab it took various forms but one

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00:04:55,080 --> 00:04:51,040
form was kind of like an inverted

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00:04:58,110 --> 00:04:55,090
aquarium which was had metal bands which

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00:05:02,490 --> 00:04:58,120
bolted it down onto us a wooden platform

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00:05:04,740 --> 00:05:02,500
and in the platform where Mike received

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00:05:07,890 --> 00:05:04,750

within the mini lab then it would switch

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00:05:09,660 --> 00:05:07,900

on a camera so that was one of the ways

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00:05:13,860 --> 00:05:09,670

of testing this phenomenon associated

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00:05:17,370 --> 00:05:13,870

with Surratt now you have a number of

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00:05:22,290 --> 00:05:17,380

photographs in the book of the mini lab

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00:05:27,330 --> 00:05:22,300

and I recommend that people you know

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00:05:29,700 --> 00:05:27,340

refer to that in reading your book so

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00:05:33,300 --> 00:05:29,710

the Surratt group maybe you could go

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00:05:34,950 --> 00:05:33,310

into a little bit more depth as to where

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00:05:37,470 --> 00:05:34,960

they were who they were at the time

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00:05:41,910 --> 00:05:37,480

frame that sort of thing well the whole

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00:05:45,300 --> 00:05:41,920

thing started off in 1961 it was founded

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00:05:48,840 --> 00:05:45,310

by a very famous poet John G my heart

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00:05:51,480 --> 00:05:48,850

and and he was a he was the poet

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00:05:54,000 --> 00:05:51,490

laureate of the plains states and also

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00:05:56,940 --> 00:05:54,010

the author of a best-selling book Black

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00:06:00,960 --> 00:05:56,950

Elk speaks is he was very familiar with

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00:06:04,020 --> 00:06:00,970

Lakota Sioux shamanism and he befriended

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00:06:09,050 --> 00:06:04,030

this Native American Black Elk and this

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00:06:16,050 --> 00:06:12,240

demonstration or indication of of Native

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00:06:18,300 --> 00:06:16,060

American culture so in 1961 he was

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00:06:20,550 --> 00:06:18,310

pretty old and he was a professor at the

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00:06:22,350 --> 00:06:20,560

University of Missouri and he gathered

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00:06:25,410 --> 00:06:22,360

together college students there at the

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00:06:27,900 --> 00:06:25,420

college and the idea was to try to

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00:06:29,490 --> 00:06:27,910

recreate spirituous phenomena that they

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00:06:31,680 --> 00:06:29,500

were going to engage in table tipping

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00:06:34,530 --> 00:06:31,690

they they would gather together put

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00:06:36,690 --> 00:06:34,540

their hands on the table and in spirit

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:36,700

in the spiritualist era the table would

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00:06:40,409 --> 00:06:38,800

move around and they would hear raps

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00:06:43,260 --> 00:06:40,419

coming out of the floor and there's a

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00:06:44,780 --> 00:06:43,270

way of communicating with the spirits so

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00:06:48,560 --> 00:06:44,790

in 61 they stay at

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00:06:51,110 --> 00:06:48,570

to this in october and by late December

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00:06:53,510 --> 00:06:51,120

and early January they started getting

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00:06:56,270 --> 00:06:53,520

raps coming out of the floor and the and

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00:06:59,180 --> 00:06:56,280

the table seemed to be moving and then

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00:07:00,170 --> 00:06:59,190

the phenomena kept increasing they found

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00:07:02,150 --> 00:07:00,180

that the raps

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00:07:05,960 --> 00:07:02,160

could be communicated with one rap

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00:07:09,560 --> 00:07:05,970

equals yes - rappy raps equals no and

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00:07:13,010 --> 00:07:09,570

then later on they did they began to use

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00:07:17,180 --> 00:07:13,020

kind of a spiritualist code one rapping

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00:07:20,720 --> 00:07:17,190

will say - raps p3 up C for D so the

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00:07:25,520 --> 00:07:20,730

reps were able to spell out words and

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00:07:28,310 --> 00:07:25,530

can provide messages then as time passed

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00:07:30,410 --> 00:07:28,320

the table the table boom became more

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00:07:31,880 --> 00:07:30,420

vigorous and the table would get up in

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00:07:33,950 --> 00:07:31,890

the air and they take their hands away

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00:07:36,290 --> 00:07:33,960

from it and that would levitate up in

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00:07:37,790 --> 00:07:36,300

the air so they would they were they

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00:07:40,040 --> 00:07:37,800

were pretty cautious and they wanted to

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00:07:43,220 --> 00:07:40,050

verify the authenticity of the phenomena

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00:07:45,860 --> 00:07:43,230

so Neihardt had them Cape record this

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00:07:48,760 --> 00:07:45,870

each session and they also photographed

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00:07:52,580 --> 00:07:48,770

a table whenever it was levitating and

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00:07:55,880 --> 00:07:52,590

so this happened in in the nineteen or

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00:07:59,420 --> 00:07:55,890

1960s but there was a strong reaction

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00:08:01,490 --> 00:07:59,430

from the authorities I guess you might

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00:08:03,320 --> 00:08:01,500

say like for example the college of

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00:08:05,150 --> 00:08:03,330

authorities and they were began

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00:08:07,760 --> 00:08:05,160

investigating this and they expelled

151
00:08:11,870 --> 00:08:07,770
some of the students one student lost

152
00:08:13,640 --> 00:08:11,880
her her visa another student lost his

153
00:08:17,780 --> 00:08:13,650
month funding so he couldn't go to

154
00:08:19,550 --> 00:08:17,790
college and and so they and people were

155
00:08:22,490 --> 00:08:19,560
there the question is maybe this is

156
00:08:24,020 --> 00:08:22,500
demonic and we can't do this you know

157
00:08:27,890 --> 00:08:24,030
here in Missouri it's just not

158
00:08:30,470 --> 00:08:27,900
acceptable so they they kind of became

159
00:08:33,020 --> 00:08:30,480
less open and kind of went underground

160
00:08:35,240 --> 00:08:33,030
and they continued reading but they it

161
00:08:37,909 --> 00:08:35,250
wasn't they were careful who they

162
00:08:40,700 --> 00:08:37,919
invited and they continued meeting and

163
00:08:43,250 --> 00:08:40,710

so when I became involved in the case in

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00:08:48,650 --> 00:08:43,260

1981 they had been meeting for 20 years

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00:08:52,950 --> 00:08:48,660

and it was a it was a very strange thing

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00:08:57,540 --> 00:08:55,800

and indeed it was go ahead what do you

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00:08:59,490 --> 00:08:57,550

think strange what do you mean I mean

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00:09:02,250 --> 00:08:59,500

obviously table tipping to the average

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00:09:04,380 --> 00:09:02,260

person seemed strange but not to you I

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00:09:08,970 --> 00:09:04,390

mean what did you find strange about

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00:09:13,110 --> 00:09:08,980

well it does seem strange to me I hadn't

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00:09:16,710 --> 00:09:13,120

I had become curious about paranormal

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00:09:19,020 --> 00:09:16,720

phenomena and I had started reading the

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00:09:21,590 --> 00:09:19,030

pair of psychological literature and

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00:09:23,460 --> 00:09:21,600

during that era than 1980s

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00:09:26,400 --> 00:09:23,470

parapsychologists felt that they could

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00:09:29,240 --> 00:09:26,410

demonstrate extrasensory perception

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00:09:31,260 --> 00:09:29,250

under controlled conditions but

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00:09:33,900 --> 00:09:31,270

psychokinesis is something that most

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00:09:36,990 --> 00:09:33,910

people don't believe in it's it's kind

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00:09:39,450 --> 00:09:37,000

of like hauntings and poltergeists and

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00:09:42,540 --> 00:09:39,460

things like that why I decided I'd do my

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00:09:45,540 --> 00:09:42,550

PhD dissertation on parapsychologist as

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00:09:47,250 --> 00:09:45,550

a form of deviant science to see how was

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00:09:48,930 --> 00:09:47,260

it that pair of psychologists could

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00:09:51,690 --> 00:09:48,940

continue for year after year and yet

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00:09:54,360 --> 00:09:51,700

never become accepted how could it

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00:09:56,910 --> 00:09:54,370

continue going on for such a long period

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00:09:58,860 --> 00:09:56,920

of time and not become acceptable

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00:10:00,240 --> 00:09:58,870

science so I went around the country I

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00:10:02,250 --> 00:10:00,250

interviewed all the pair of

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00:10:05,040 --> 00:10:02,260

psychologists in the US and most of them

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00:10:07,050 --> 00:10:05,050

in Europe and I worked on my

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00:10:09,990 --> 00:10:07,060

dissertation and the pair of

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00:10:11,940 --> 00:10:10,000

psychologists began contacting me and

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00:10:14,310 --> 00:10:11,950

suggesting that I investigate haunting

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00:10:17,250 --> 00:10:14,320

cases which were in Maryland where I was

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00:10:19,950 --> 00:10:17,260

and so I went out and I interviewed

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00:10:22,770 --> 00:10:19,960

people and I was amazed that sure enough

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00:10:26,910 --> 00:10:22,780

people have these kinds of experiences

201
00:10:28,830 --> 00:10:26,920
but that and then when I when I began

202
00:10:31,800 --> 00:10:28,840
attending the parapsychological meetings

203
00:10:36,120 --> 00:10:31,810
that's when I read into ed Cox and he

204
00:10:38,400 --> 00:10:36,130
had just completed a film his filming of

205
00:10:40,380 --> 00:10:38,410
this mini lab of the phenomena and he

206
00:10:43,380 --> 00:10:40,390
showed the mini lab film at the

207
00:10:47,130 --> 00:10:43,390
conference and I'm telling you it really

208
00:10:50,580 --> 00:10:47,140
looks bizarre it looks it looks stupid I

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00:10:53,150 --> 00:10:50,590
look silly looks silly it looks like it

210
00:10:56,070 --> 00:10:53,160
it looks like stop action photography

211
00:10:58,020 --> 00:10:56,080
the objects will be in one place and

212
00:11:00,000 --> 00:10:58,030
then the next frame there jump somewhere

213
00:11:02,910 --> 00:11:00,010

else and they go jumping through the

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00:11:05,040 --> 00:11:02,920

front of the glass the mini lab front of

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00:11:06,480 --> 00:11:05,050

the mini lab and things start levitating

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00:11:08,940 --> 00:11:06,490

floating up in the

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00:11:10,680 --> 00:11:08,950

and looks like I mean if you are a

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00:11:13,019 --> 00:11:10,690

magician you could create that you know

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00:11:16,380 --> 00:11:13,029

it looks like it could be done by fraud

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00:11:18,090 --> 00:11:16,390

without much effort except that there

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00:11:21,329 --> 00:11:18,100

were some scenes which were very bizarre

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00:11:24,240 --> 00:11:21,339

like a paper could burst into flames

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00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:24,250

spontaneously and though it looks like

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00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:25,839

there's wind blowing things around but

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00:11:29,100 --> 00:11:27,279

some things are going one way or other

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00:11:30,780 --> 00:11:29,110

should going out of the way so it it

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00:11:34,320 --> 00:11:30,790

would require a certain level of

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00:11:36,570 --> 00:11:34,330

expertise to fabricate it at more than

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00:11:38,389 --> 00:11:36,580

more than a normal person would have but

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00:11:39,510 --> 00:11:38,399

it was it seemed like it could be

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00:11:42,300 --> 00:11:39,520

fabricated

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00:11:43,680 --> 00:11:42,310

anyway Cox invited me to to just see

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00:11:47,820 --> 00:11:43,690

what was going on out there in Missouri

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00:11:49,740 --> 00:11:47,830

and in 1981 I went out there and that's

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00:11:51,930 --> 00:11:49,750

what that was the beginning of my

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00:11:54,870 --> 00:11:51,940

problem I guess you might say because

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00:11:56,910 --> 00:11:54,880

the there were rats coming out of the

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00:11:58,050 --> 00:11:56,920

floor they could they could the wraps

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00:11:59,910 --> 00:11:58,060

came out on the floor and that you could

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00:12:01,829 --> 00:11:59,920

have a conversation with them they would

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00:12:03,540 --> 00:12:01,839

make a wrapping something like say you

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00:12:12,540 --> 00:12:03,550

say to the refs hi when they just start

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00:12:14,970 --> 00:12:12,550

wrapping baby h-hi oh hi how do they say

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00:12:16,290 --> 00:12:14,980

hi back no and you could have a

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00:12:18,540 --> 00:12:16,300

conversation you could ask them a

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00:12:21,810 --> 00:12:18,550

question they would answer it and then

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00:12:24,240 --> 00:12:21,820

they would ask you questions so it so as

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00:12:27,690 --> 00:12:24,250

if you're communicating with something

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00:12:29,220 --> 00:12:27,700

you're not sure what but something and

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00:12:30,960 --> 00:12:29,230

then they did the table tipping

251
00:12:33,930 --> 00:12:30,970
phenomena you put your hands on the

252
00:12:35,730 --> 00:12:33,940
table and and it would move it wouldn't

253
00:12:37,980 --> 00:12:35,740
have like a vibration like there's

254
00:12:40,620 --> 00:12:37,990
electricity and or something it would

255
00:12:44,550 --> 00:12:40,630
seem impossible that a human could do it

256
00:12:47,340 --> 00:12:44,560
could produce that effect but but maybe

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00:12:50,760 --> 00:12:47,350
possible you know like maybe as possibly

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00:12:55,380 --> 00:12:50,770
it I mean I couldn't you couldn't be it

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00:12:57,389 --> 00:12:55,390
seems implausible but perhaps you know

260
00:12:59,760 --> 00:12:57,399
and and then one event after another

261
00:13:01,980 --> 00:12:59,770
would occur everything becomes more and

262
00:13:05,449 --> 00:13:01,990
more implausible it becomes becomes more

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00:13:08,010 --> 00:13:05,459

and more difficult but never it always

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00:13:11,250 --> 00:13:08,020

seemed like there was a possibility and

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00:13:13,500 --> 00:13:11,260

and it seemed the camera like for

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00:13:15,350 --> 00:13:13,510

example I interviewed the different

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00:13:19,720 --> 00:13:15,360

strapped members we're talking about Oh

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00:13:24,370 --> 00:13:19,730

dozens of people maybe thirty Tom

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00:13:27,490 --> 00:13:24,380

was dr. Nye Hart's research assistant he

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00:13:30,400 --> 00:13:27,500

was a graduate assistant and dr. Nahar

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00:13:32,650 --> 00:13:30,410

died in 1970s and so Richard the other

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00:13:35,560 --> 00:13:32,660

sucks right numbers they just continued

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00:13:38,260 --> 00:13:35,570

reading and they continued getting this

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00:13:41,710 --> 00:13:38,270

table movements and rats and table

275

00:13:43,660 --> 00:13:41,720

levitations and poltergeist phenomena

276

00:13:48,790 --> 00:13:43,670

and sometimes the whole room would shake

277

00:13:51,130 --> 00:13:48,800

like an earthquake so that's the kind of

278

00:13:52,870 --> 00:13:51,140

thing I'm confronting with except that

279

00:13:55,320 --> 00:13:52,880

when you they would show me their

280

00:13:57,610 --> 00:13:55,330

scrapbooks they all had scrapbooks

281

00:13:59,020 --> 00:13:57,620

because apparently for the last twenty

282

00:14:00,370 --> 00:13:59,030

years they had beginning a table to

283

00:14:02,200 --> 00:14:00,380

levitate then they grabbed their camera

284

00:14:04,750 --> 00:14:02,210

and take pictures of it they put it in

285

00:14:06,940 --> 00:14:04,760

the scrapbook but but they would also

286

00:14:08,350 --> 00:14:06,950

put pictures of it when it wasn't quite

287

00:14:09,910 --> 00:14:08,360

some people would have their hands on it

288

00:14:11,590 --> 00:14:09,920

and it looked like people had their

289

00:14:13,150 --> 00:14:11,600

thumbs underneath the top of the table

290

00:14:16,000 --> 00:14:13,160

like that maybe they were lifting it you

291

00:14:17,890 --> 00:14:16,010

know and so they said well you know

292

00:14:19,240 --> 00:14:17,900

that's just the way they the spirits

293

00:14:22,380 --> 00:14:19,250

they want to make you think it's

294

00:14:28,960 --> 00:14:22,390

fraudulent no are you familiar by chance

295

00:14:31,180 --> 00:14:28,970

with the practice of having a person lie

296

00:14:36,250 --> 00:14:31,190

down on a table or sit in a lounge chair

297

00:14:39,370 --> 00:14:36,260

and have six people or three on each

298

00:14:41,230 --> 00:14:39,380

side of the person and just putting the

299

00:14:47,350 --> 00:14:41,240

first two fingers of the right hand

300

00:14:50,350 --> 00:14:47,360

underneath alternately the armpits the

301
00:14:53,620 --> 00:14:50,360
knees and then somewhere Midway and that

302
00:14:55,660 --> 00:14:53,630
the person levitates yes I'm familiar

303
00:14:57,250 --> 00:14:55,670
with that a lot of people have done that

304
00:15:00,400 --> 00:14:57,260
haven't they a lot of people have tried

305
00:15:03,640 --> 00:15:00,410
that experiment and it seems it seems

306
00:15:06,010 --> 00:15:03,650
like something's going on doesn't it it

307
00:15:09,250 --> 00:15:06,020
certainly does I I did it when I was a

308
00:15:13,630 --> 00:15:09,260
teenager and it was just amazing because

309
00:15:15,880 --> 00:15:13,640
it felt like no weight on my fingers at

310
00:15:19,720 --> 00:15:15,890
all and I'm a small woman I've never

311
00:15:22,450 --> 00:15:19,730
been a strong woman and so given all of

312
00:15:25,660 --> 00:15:22,460
that it was not through the mighty use

313
00:15:28,120 --> 00:15:25,670

of my fingers or the mighty use of the

314

00:15:31,060 --> 00:15:28,130

fingers of the other girls around the

315

00:15:32,950 --> 00:15:31,070

the person being lifted and we tried the

316

00:15:35,590 --> 00:15:32,960

the heaviest person

317

00:15:37,570 --> 00:15:35,600

amongst us to lift after we had done it

318

00:15:41,710 --> 00:15:37,580

you know several times in it it was

319

00:15:45,190 --> 00:15:41,720

really no problem to to lift the people

320

00:15:48,280 --> 00:15:45,200

up and they seemed weightless what would

321

00:15:50,620 --> 00:15:48,290

you have a have a thought on that well

322

00:15:53,380 --> 00:15:50,630

there's theories which explain this type

323

00:15:55,540 --> 00:15:53,390

of thing for example there's a

324

00:15:59,980 --> 00:15:55,550

parapsychologist kenneth bachelor door

325

00:16:02,140 --> 00:15:59,990

who he argued that the reason why psy

326

00:16:03,880 --> 00:16:02,150

doesn't work very often or very

327

00:16:06,580 --> 00:16:03,890

effectively is because people have an

328

00:16:08,170 --> 00:16:06,590

inherent fear of psy how here they're

329

00:16:10,960 --> 00:16:08,180

afraid of incurring and they're afraid

330

00:16:13,630 --> 00:16:10,970

that they'll that they will be held

331

00:16:15,940 --> 00:16:13,640

responsible for it so he thinks that's

332

00:16:18,460 --> 00:16:15,950

that's innate in humans that we that we

333

00:16:22,000 --> 00:16:18,470

fought the phenomena because of our own

334

00:16:24,730 --> 00:16:22,010

inner fears and he argues that artifacts

335

00:16:27,490 --> 00:16:24,740

overcome these obstacles so when you

336

00:16:28,810 --> 00:16:27,500

lift up the person it could be your

337

00:16:31,960 --> 00:16:28,820

muscles that you just don't realize that

338

00:16:36,400 --> 00:16:31,970

you see and so but then once the person

339

00:16:39,130 --> 00:16:36,410

gets up people see is happening and that

340

00:16:42,040 --> 00:16:39,140

results in belief and then it allows the

341

00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:42,050

authentic PK to occur so that could

342

00:16:46,030 --> 00:16:43,760

that's a theory which could explain the

343

00:16:47,920 --> 00:16:46,040

Surat phenomenon now there's it could be

344

00:16:52,120 --> 00:16:47,930

people are pushing the table around in

345

00:16:53,140 --> 00:16:52,130

the darkness then it starts moving they

346

00:16:54,550 --> 00:16:53,150

don't realize that they're actually

347

00:16:56,800 --> 00:16:54,560

doing it but then that helps them

348

00:16:59,820 --> 00:16:56,810

overcome their fear so then that helps

349

00:17:02,410 --> 00:16:59,830

the table to rise up and then authentic

350

00:17:05,350 --> 00:17:02,420

phenomenon as possible to occur and they

351

00:17:07,900 --> 00:17:05,360

take pictures of it so this explains how

352

00:17:11,770 --> 00:17:07,910

this thing becomes possible is that it's

353

00:17:13,600 --> 00:17:11,780

a theory and it helps us you know we can

354

00:17:16,540 --> 00:17:13,610

work with that create hypotheses from

355

00:17:19,270 --> 00:17:16,550

that well that brings up something else

356

00:17:24,190 --> 00:17:19,280

that came into my mind as I was reading

357

00:17:27,400 --> 00:17:24,200

your book and that is that I was

358

00:17:30,370 --> 00:17:27,410

surprised that you exhibited no fear

359

00:17:35,980 --> 00:17:30,380

about bringing some of these things into

360

00:17:40,840 --> 00:17:35,990

your home or sleeping next to the the

361

00:17:45,340 --> 00:17:40,850

mini lab in the basement of of the Tom

362

00:17:46,810 --> 00:17:45,350

and Elaine because it would seem to me

363

00:17:50,049 --> 00:17:46,820

that before you

364

00:17:54,269 --> 00:17:50,059

have established what these entities are

365

00:17:56,200 --> 00:17:54,279

are they really the ghosts of departed

366

00:17:59,799 --> 00:17:56,210

individuals the spirits of departed

367

00:18:03,070 --> 00:17:59,809

individuals are they is it somebody's

368

00:18:06,100 --> 00:18:03,080

super sigh as it's called or is it some

369

00:18:08,950 --> 00:18:06,110

discarnate entity that was never really

370

00:18:11,940 --> 00:18:08,960

alive and we we never find that out for

371

00:18:15,580 --> 00:18:11,950

sure in life and neither did you I guess

372

00:18:18,669 --> 00:18:15,590

well I had done a number of haunting

373

00:18:20,139 --> 00:18:18,679

investigations previous to go out and

374

00:18:22,419 --> 00:18:20,149

talking with the sarasu and I had

375

00:18:26,230 --> 00:18:22,429

encountered all manner of different

376

00:18:30,509 --> 00:18:26,240

ghostly things but they never seemed to

377

00:18:35,110 --> 00:18:30,519

be able to verify themselves completely

378

00:18:38,200 --> 00:18:35,120

and even demonic some people hadn't even

379

00:18:41,740 --> 00:18:38,210

demonic things you know a malevolent

380

00:18:45,909 --> 00:18:41,750

spirits but you know I was a Vietnam

381

00:18:48,909 --> 00:18:45,919

veteran and I had I guess I fallen off

382

00:18:51,369 --> 00:18:48,919

the edge you know I think I think I've

383

00:18:53,889 --> 00:18:51,379

pretty much over I think I'm pretty much

384

00:18:55,840 --> 00:18:53,899

over the hill with regard to about being

385

00:18:58,450 --> 00:18:55,850

afraid I think I've been about as

386

00:19:00,190 --> 00:18:58,460

straight as the person can get and it

387

00:19:01,570 --> 00:19:00,200

seemed to me I know I've had a lot of

388

00:19:04,330 --> 00:19:01,580

discussions with a lot of different

389

00:19:06,909 --> 00:19:04,340

people and some of my Surratt friends

390

00:19:09,700 --> 00:19:06,919

have asked well this is could this

391

00:19:11,320 --> 00:19:09,710

actually be demonic and I said well if

392

00:19:13,269 --> 00:19:11,330

you think if that were the devil we'd

393

00:19:17,110 --> 00:19:13,279

have a little more ability to verify

394

00:19:19,360 --> 00:19:17,120

himself you know this this it's kind of

395

00:19:20,499 --> 00:19:19,370

like putting salt on a bird's tail or

396

00:19:23,680 --> 00:19:20,509

something

397

00:19:26,019 --> 00:19:23,690

spirits kind of lose in the face of

398

00:19:29,049 --> 00:19:26,029

skepticism date they they seem to lose

399

00:19:31,149 --> 00:19:29,059

their power uh-huh got that

400

00:19:33,970 --> 00:19:31,159

and you're right I guess I perhaps I

401
00:19:37,830 --> 00:19:33,980
should have perhaps I should have been

402
00:19:40,659 --> 00:19:37,840
more worried and my my lack of fear

403
00:19:42,129 --> 00:19:40,669
destroyed my academic career knows I

404
00:19:44,129 --> 00:19:42,139
have it wasn't able to teach her to

405
00:19:46,810 --> 00:19:44,139
Harvard or Yale or any important place

406
00:19:49,119 --> 00:19:46,820
so certainly I perhaps I should have

407
00:19:51,159 --> 00:19:49,129
been more afraid and I recognized that

408
00:19:52,899 --> 00:19:51,169
the thing I was the thing that I was

409
00:19:57,159 --> 00:19:52,909
worried about was my reputation and

410
00:19:59,500 --> 00:19:57,169
losing credibility that bacchus that was

411
00:20:00,310 --> 00:19:59,510
the thing which I was most cost the most

412
00:20:03,310 --> 00:20:00,320
anxiety

413
00:20:10,029 --> 00:20:03,320

for me I didn't feel that the phenomena

414

00:20:12,539 --> 00:20:10,039

could harm me I don't I guess you know I

415

00:20:14,950 --> 00:20:12,549

guess I have I guess I have a kind of a

416

00:20:18,909 --> 00:20:14,960

religious foundation or a Christian

417

00:20:22,899 --> 00:20:18,919

foundation and I don't think that the

418

00:20:25,180 --> 00:20:22,909

devil can hurt me you know well no I

419

00:20:27,220 --> 00:20:25,190

agree with hell now but I think the fear

420

00:20:29,590 --> 00:20:27,230

is not so much us but the fear of the

421

00:20:32,019 --> 00:20:29,600

people who are in established places

422

00:20:35,440 --> 00:20:32,029

because anything you're investigating

423

00:20:40,269 --> 00:20:35,450

you know you sort of have that in common

424

00:20:46,779 --> 00:20:42,970

people really are afraid of the

425

00:20:49,360 --> 00:20:46,789

disruption you know the order that

426
00:20:51,690 --> 00:20:49,370
they've already created and you know

427
00:20:57,700 --> 00:20:51,700
you're a direct threat to that of course

428
00:21:01,360 --> 00:20:57,710
well I've talked about saying prayers

429
00:21:08,830 --> 00:21:01,370
and burning candles or they do rituals

430
00:21:11,919 --> 00:21:08,840
and I I wanted the phenomenon to occur I

431
00:21:13,799 --> 00:21:11,929
was just very very curious yeah I was

432
00:21:15,970 --> 00:21:13,809
very curious and I wanted to see it and

433
00:21:17,710 --> 00:21:15,980
that's the bottom I guess that's the

434
00:21:19,680 --> 00:21:17,720
bottom line that was so that was my main

435
00:21:22,539 --> 00:21:19,690
motivation I think that was curiosity

436
00:21:24,430 --> 00:21:22,549
yeah are you capable of creating these

437
00:21:29,320 --> 00:21:24,440
events yourself or were you just a

438
00:21:31,330 --> 00:21:29,330

witness I'm sorry you're the audio it's

439

00:21:33,249 --> 00:21:31,340

not perfectly clear okay yeah it sounds

440

00:21:37,619 --> 00:21:33,259

was a Laden is I was just saying are you

441

00:21:39,730 --> 00:21:37,629

uh did you were you able to create these

442

00:21:44,230 --> 00:21:39,740

events yourself or where you were

443

00:21:46,960 --> 00:21:44,240

witness to them oh I don't know thus

444

00:21:49,749 --> 00:21:46,970

arrests seemed like such regular normal

445

00:21:52,720 --> 00:21:49,759

people and when I they they're very

446

00:21:54,100 --> 00:21:52,730

regular normal people Tom Richards and

447

00:21:57,070 --> 00:21:54,110

his wife go to the Methodist Church

448

00:21:59,590 --> 00:21:57,080

across the street the other young people

449

00:22:02,139 --> 00:21:59,600

were like me some more graduate students

450

00:22:06,039 --> 00:22:02,149

some more students the people were just

451
00:22:08,169 --> 00:22:06,049
so absolutely normal that the the

452
00:22:12,369 --> 00:22:08,179
thought that this could be something

453
00:22:14,140 --> 00:22:12,379
malevolent didn't cross my my mind now

454
00:22:15,970 --> 00:22:14,150
the idea is maybe

455
00:22:17,890 --> 00:22:15,980
we're creating the the phenomenon

456
00:22:19,840 --> 00:22:17,900
ourselves in fact that seemed to be a

457
00:22:22,570 --> 00:22:19,850
very logical hypothesis it seemed that

458
00:22:25,000 --> 00:22:22,580
that was happening the people present

459
00:22:27,520 --> 00:22:25,010
were affecting the phenomena the people

460
00:22:29,830 --> 00:22:27,530
who were there we were shaping that

461
00:22:32,230 --> 00:22:29,840
seemed to me to my mind what was going

462
00:22:35,350 --> 00:22:32,240
on and I think my skepticism was

463
00:22:37,300 --> 00:22:35,360

thwarted the phenomena well that's what

464

00:22:38,620 --> 00:22:37,310

happened with the Philipp experiments no

465

00:22:41,860 --> 00:22:38,630

yes

466

00:22:46,260 --> 00:22:41,870

yeah that that that just to recap a

467

00:22:50,410 --> 00:22:46,270

group of interested individuals fairly

468

00:22:53,860 --> 00:22:50,420

intellectual decided to create in their

469

00:22:56,980 --> 00:22:53,870

mind this character from the past called

470

00:22:59,800 --> 00:22:56,990

Philip and they gave him a complete

471

00:23:04,360 --> 00:22:59,810

identity and then he seemed to continue

472

00:23:06,370 --> 00:23:04,370

to exist after they went away I mean

473

00:23:07,990 --> 00:23:06,380

that's a very encapsulated and perhaps

474

00:23:11,470 --> 00:23:08,000

you want to speak to that a little bit

475

00:23:13,450 --> 00:23:11,480

well but they found that that entity was

476
00:23:18,160 --> 00:23:13,460
unable to come up with information that

477
00:23:19,990 --> 00:23:18,170
was not inside their minds this the

478
00:23:23,140 --> 00:23:20,000
phenomena the surratt phenomena wasn't

479
00:23:27,100 --> 00:23:23,150
controlled by the belief by that belief

480
00:23:29,250 --> 00:23:27,110
the as founded by JG Neihardt the idea

481
00:23:32,110 --> 00:23:29,260
was that the syrettes would allow the

482
00:23:35,470 --> 00:23:32,120
phenomenon to be however it was and that

483
00:23:37,960 --> 00:23:35,480
then by observing it we could increase

484
00:23:40,480 --> 00:23:37,970
our scientific understanding of it so

485
00:23:42,220 --> 00:23:40,490
the threats were open to the idea that

486
00:23:44,470 --> 00:23:42,230
they could be spirits and many Scots

487
00:23:46,630 --> 00:23:44,480
believe that it was spirits others

488
00:23:48,580 --> 00:23:46,640

thought it was their mind and they were

489

00:23:50,650 --> 00:23:48,590

open to the idea that of it coming

490

00:23:52,810 --> 00:23:50,660

through the mind I think Tom Richards

491

00:23:55,270 --> 00:23:52,820

was willing just to allow it he was

492

00:23:57,940 --> 00:23:55,280

going to his feeling was that we just

493

00:24:01,090 --> 00:23:57,950

accept it the way that it was and the

494

00:24:05,350 --> 00:24:01,100

way that it was was very had very high

495

00:24:07,810 --> 00:24:05,360

level of trickster qualities it was a it

496

00:24:11,230 --> 00:24:07,820

was like there's something non-human

497

00:24:12,180 --> 00:24:11,240

about it or something very strange sense

498

00:24:16,780 --> 00:24:12,190

of humor

499

00:24:19,780 --> 00:24:16,790

a almost a cheating characteristic a

500

00:24:23,500 --> 00:24:19,790

hiding characteristic it was hiding from

501
00:24:25,720 --> 00:24:23,510
verification so I think you know you've

502
00:24:27,100 --> 00:24:25,730
had George Hansen on your program Jordan

503
00:24:27,730 --> 00:24:27,110
I think that's AB where George got the

504
00:24:29,919 --> 00:24:27,740
idea

505
00:24:32,380 --> 00:24:29,929
his encounter with the Surat phenomena

506
00:24:34,180 --> 00:24:32,390
it was very very clear that we were

507
00:24:37,380 --> 00:24:34,190
dealing with it with kind of a trickster

508
00:24:41,680 --> 00:24:37,390
mm-hmm he dedication

509
00:24:45,610 --> 00:24:41,690
Adcox I believe yeah and Cox himself was

510
00:24:48,280 --> 00:24:45,620
a was a quirky fellow he had done a lot

511
00:24:51,010 --> 00:24:48,290
of research a previous field research

512
00:24:54,160 --> 00:24:51,020
and and now I have come to learn in my

513
00:24:56,860 --> 00:24:54,170

over the years the more person exposes

514

00:25:00,370 --> 00:24:56,870

themselves the higher their level of

515

00:25:01,990 --> 00:25:00,380

belief becomes and so he he was very he

516

00:25:03,790 --> 00:25:02,000

had a high level of certainty that there

517

00:25:06,070 --> 00:25:03,800

was the phenomenon is quite possible and

518

00:25:08,410 --> 00:25:06,080

I think that facilitated it he

519

00:25:11,560 --> 00:25:08,420

facilitated the phenomena occurring

520

00:25:18,040 --> 00:25:11,570

because he accepted it he didn't know

521

00:25:20,950 --> 00:25:18,050

what it was but he accepted it and what

522

00:25:24,190 --> 00:25:20,960

the way you describe ed Cox's is it's

523

00:25:28,030 --> 00:25:24,200

really annoying because he was truly the

524

00:25:30,330 --> 00:25:28,040

attic scientist and before all these

525

00:25:33,400 --> 00:25:30,340

sort of commercial scientific

526

00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:33,410

investigations got started that was the

527

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:35,600

early science and I mean the fact that

528

00:25:43,630 --> 00:25:41,360

they were so I don't know smug about him

529

00:25:45,100 --> 00:25:43,640

and laughing about him and I mean the

530

00:25:49,510 --> 00:25:45,110

man was actually doing very good work

531

00:25:52,540 --> 00:25:49,520

with a very limited budget and yeah it

532

00:25:55,030 --> 00:25:52,550

was very the the attitude that he came

533

00:25:56,950 --> 00:25:55,040

up against was I I mean I wasn't annoy

534

00:25:59,110 --> 00:25:56,960

it was Cox I don't even know him but the

535

00:26:00,450 --> 00:25:59,120

attitude I'm sort of familiar with and

536

00:26:03,370 --> 00:26:00,460

it's extremely annoying

537

00:26:06,640 --> 00:26:03,380

the attitude of other scientists and and

538

00:26:10,120 --> 00:26:06,650

we only have to look at the dr. john

539

00:26:12,610 --> 00:26:10,130

mack the late dr. john mack who was it

540

00:26:15,280 --> 00:26:12,620

opposed surprise winner I believe and a

541

00:26:18,370 --> 00:26:15,290

Harvard tenured professor and they

542

00:26:20,260 --> 00:26:18,380

really really did badly by hand boy they

543

00:26:22,600 --> 00:26:20,270

try to rip him up to shreds but he

544

00:26:25,900 --> 00:26:22,610

fought back you do not threaten the

545

00:26:31,990 --> 00:26:25,910

orthodoxy no science advances one

546

00:26:35,350 --> 00:26:32,000

funeral at a time hope it's not mine so

547

00:26:36,970 --> 00:26:35,360

onward and upward I I know that I had

548

00:26:39,669 --> 00:26:36,980

mentioned to you and I am going to

549

00:26:41,020 --> 00:26:39,679

mention just a single interesting

550

00:26:44,550 --> 00:26:41,030

corollary from my

551
00:26:50,140 --> 00:26:44,560
own life when I was a teenager I found

552
00:26:54,730 --> 00:26:50,150
the book Black Elk speaks by John

553
00:26:56,740 --> 00:26:54,740
Neihardt on my bookshelf it was a used

554
00:26:58,630 --> 00:26:56,750
book clearly used book it might have

555
00:27:02,560 --> 00:26:58,640
even had a piece of tape on it I'm not

556
00:27:04,600 --> 00:27:02,570
sure and I was busy trying to graduate

557
00:27:08,200 --> 00:27:04,610
from high school and first starting

558
00:27:11,970 --> 00:27:08,210
college and it was before I had taken

559
00:27:14,110 --> 00:27:11,980
any anthropology classes so I did not

560
00:27:16,300 --> 00:27:14,120
attempt to read it I was kind of

561
00:27:17,710 --> 00:27:16,310
inundated with the idea of getting out

562
00:27:20,500 --> 00:27:17,720
of high school and getting into college

563
00:27:22,990 --> 00:27:20,510

and doing what was necessary for that so

564

00:27:25,750 --> 00:27:23,000

my intellectual curiosity did not allow

565

00:27:28,420 --> 00:27:25,760

me to to look much at it but I did it

566

00:27:30,430 --> 00:27:28,430

did puzzle me it puzzled me at the time

567

00:27:34,750 --> 00:27:30,440

because I don't remember having

568

00:27:36,820 --> 00:27:34,760

purchased the book and my father who was

569

00:27:39,280 --> 00:27:36,830

interested in Native Americans to some

570

00:27:41,800 --> 00:27:39,290

extent he could have put it there but he

571

00:27:44,230 --> 00:27:41,810

never mentioned it and I don't believe I

572

00:27:46,180 --> 00:27:44,240

ever asked him and he didn't just put

573

00:27:48,460 --> 00:27:46,190

most things on my bookshelf he would if

574

00:27:50,320 --> 00:27:48,470

he had purchased a book or something and

575

00:27:54,220 --> 00:27:50,330

was giving it to me he would say here it

576

00:27:57,340 --> 00:27:54,230

is you know and then later on it

577

00:28:00,790 --> 00:27:57,350

appeared again in an apartment that I

578

00:28:03,790 --> 00:28:00,800

lived on in on 12th Street in Manhattan

579

00:28:06,130 --> 00:28:03,800

and I still have some access to that

580

00:28:07,750 --> 00:28:06,140

apartment and I have been meaning to try

581

00:28:10,030 --> 00:28:07,760

to look for it because I don't believe I

582

00:28:12,190 --> 00:28:10,040

transported it between the two places

583

00:28:14,770 --> 00:28:12,200

because it wasn't really quote-unquote

584

00:28:17,260 --> 00:28:14,780

my book so I'm going to continue to look

585

00:28:20,890 --> 00:28:17,270

for it but I was I found that to be

586

00:28:24,370 --> 00:28:20,900

passing strange given the the stories in

587

00:28:28,110 --> 00:28:24,380

your book about entity letters and the

588

00:28:30,850 --> 00:28:28,120

fact that John Neihart had signed

589

00:28:32,890 --> 00:28:30,860

posthumously had signed some of the

590

00:28:35,680 --> 00:28:32,900

books that were out there do you want to

591

00:28:40,090 --> 00:28:35,690

speak to that a little bit yes my heart

592

00:28:42,400 --> 00:28:40,100

was a very interesting fellow a very if

593

00:28:44,200 --> 00:28:42,410

you have time is it might be fun to look

594

00:28:46,510 --> 00:28:44,210

up some of his poems they're there

595

00:28:49,720 --> 00:28:46,520

they're powerful poems about the Old

596

00:28:54,049 --> 00:28:49,730

West most of them and Locke elk was also

597

00:28:57,499 --> 00:28:54,059

a very charismatic powerful medicine man

598

00:28:59,840 --> 00:28:57,509

capable of summoning rain when when when

599

00:29:03,080 --> 00:28:59,850

the when the his people needed rain for

600

00:29:04,879 --> 00:29:03,090

example and Raquel had been exposed to

601
00:29:07,070 --> 00:29:04,889
these things by hanging out with

602
00:29:08,570 --> 00:29:07,080
blackout I mean excuse me now hard I've

603
00:29:10,909 --> 00:29:08,580
been exposed to this by hanging out with

604
00:29:13,489 --> 00:29:10,919
blackout and I think what happened was

605
00:29:15,830 --> 00:29:13,499
Tom Richards in the early syrettes they

606
00:29:17,899 --> 00:29:15,840
were exposed to it and that that allowed

607
00:29:19,639 --> 00:29:17,909
them to do what they're doing and notice

608
00:29:21,979 --> 00:29:19,649
what's what's they saw it and

609
00:29:23,930 --> 00:29:21,989
experienced it then they could carry on

610
00:29:26,810 --> 00:29:23,940
and the phenomena could go on for a year

611
00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:26,820
after year so they were contacting and

612
00:29:31,009 --> 00:29:28,080
they were interacting with Black Elk

613
00:29:34,210 --> 00:29:31,019

they also interacted with John King a

614

00:29:39,680 --> 00:29:34,220

16th century Buccaneer and spiritualists

615

00:29:42,859 --> 00:29:39,690

era entity and patience worth she's a

616

00:29:45,950 --> 00:29:42,869

famous spirit from from st. Louis and

617

00:29:48,349 --> 00:29:45,960

after my heart died my heart himself

618

00:29:51,109 --> 00:29:48,359

would come through and make raps and

619

00:29:54,950 --> 00:29:51,119

communicate with people and so in that

620

00:29:57,440 --> 00:29:54,960

when I first again in 1981 in 1982 it

621

00:29:59,570 --> 00:29:57,450

seemed I had experience with haunting

622

00:30:02,749 --> 00:29:59,580

cases and I had I had the theory that

623

00:30:05,239 --> 00:30:02,759

you should allow the spirits to express

624

00:30:07,580 --> 00:30:05,249

themselves you should allow the people

625

00:30:11,239 --> 00:30:07,590

we should allow the people to manifest

626

00:30:13,339 --> 00:30:11,249

their their creativity that that in some

627

00:30:17,119 --> 00:30:13,349

cases this is kind of a some type of

628

00:30:19,159 --> 00:30:17,129

blockage going on and it's it's good for

629

00:30:21,080 --> 00:30:19,169

people to say what they really think so

630

00:30:23,629 --> 00:30:21,090

I left paper out for them to write on

631

00:30:26,479 --> 00:30:23,639

and they they they wrote letters and

632

00:30:31,089 --> 00:30:26,489

left messages and then they were able to

633

00:30:34,039 --> 00:30:31,099

send things to the mail and so Neihart

634

00:30:37,549 --> 00:30:34,049

was was writing letters to me and

635

00:30:38,450 --> 00:30:37,559

signing his name and I thought well he

636

00:30:42,379 --> 00:30:38,460

amazing

637

00:30:44,839 --> 00:30:42,389

yeah recruiting new poems and and then

638

00:30:47,210 --> 00:30:44,849

he was signed books from other Surratt

639

00:30:49,759 --> 00:30:47,220

members that that had been published

640

00:30:52,940 --> 00:30:49,769

after his death so I collected the

641

00:30:55,039 --> 00:30:52,950

signature okay and so I was in I was

642

00:30:56,930 --> 00:30:55,049

caught in this rat thing and and of

643

00:30:59,889 --> 00:30:56,940

course the major hypothesis is that the

644

00:31:02,029 --> 00:30:59,899

people are engaging in fraud and that we

645

00:31:04,220 --> 00:31:02,039

parapsychologists are supposed to verify

646

00:31:07,190 --> 00:31:04,230

the phenomenon well I thought well we'll

647

00:31:09,470 --> 00:31:07,200

take the signatures to a handwriting

648

00:31:12,230 --> 00:31:09,480

Excursion see whether they're authentic

649

00:31:15,019 --> 00:31:12,240

or not so I live in the Washington to

650

00:31:17,480 --> 00:31:15,029

here seriously I went down to the FBI

651
00:31:21,310 --> 00:31:17,490
and they sent me to this handwriting

652
00:31:24,289 --> 00:31:21,320
expert that they used and he looked at

653
00:31:27,919 --> 00:31:24,299
him with the signatures that I had and

654
00:31:29,779 --> 00:31:27,929
he asked me to bring him authentic

655
00:31:31,970 --> 00:31:29,789
signatures from different eras in

656
00:31:34,100 --> 00:31:31,980
Nayar's life which turned out not to be

657
00:31:35,960 --> 00:31:34,110
too difficult because it was a very

658
00:31:38,899 --> 00:31:35,970
public person that had had written

659
00:31:40,759 --> 00:31:38,909
extensively on his life so I brought him

660
00:31:43,159 --> 00:31:40,769
the signatures from every decade of my

661
00:31:45,649 --> 00:31:43,169
heart's life and he wrote this report up

662
00:31:47,509 --> 00:31:45,659
and said that one of my signatures was

663
00:31:50,539 --> 00:31:47,519

obvious he was certain that it was a

664

00:31:54,710 --> 00:31:50,549

fraud but that the two other signatures

665

00:31:56,750 --> 00:31:54,720

had been had been done so skillfully

666

00:31:59,120 --> 00:31:56,760

they could not pass judgment as to

667

00:32:01,580 --> 00:31:59,130

whether it was fraudulent or not but if

668

00:32:03,769 --> 00:32:01,590

it was fraudulent whoever had done it

669

00:32:08,690 --> 00:32:03,779

whoever had created his signature was

670

00:32:10,820 --> 00:32:08,700

very very skillful forger so that just

671

00:32:14,210 --> 00:32:10,830

adds to the repertoire of behavior that

672

00:32:16,460 --> 00:32:14,220

were attributing so fraudulent then I

673

00:32:18,560 --> 00:32:16,470

guess Tom and his wife Elaine Richards

674

00:32:21,019 --> 00:32:18,570

or some of the other strats i guess they

675

00:32:22,639 --> 00:32:21,029

are also expert forgers as well as

676

00:32:24,200 --> 00:32:22,649

magicians right yeah

677

00:32:26,720 --> 00:32:24,210

not only are they thought to be

678

00:32:28,850 --> 00:32:26,730

incredible musician magicians better

679

00:32:31,549 --> 00:32:28,860

than any professional in existence but

680

00:32:34,070 --> 00:32:31,559

they're also able to do this forgery

681

00:32:37,100 --> 00:32:34,080

kind of thing I was a little unclear

682

00:32:39,080 --> 00:32:37,110

where was the paper at this time I mean

683

00:32:41,240 --> 00:32:39,090

you left on top of your desk and in the

684

00:32:46,009 --> 00:32:41,250

morning it was there or the writing was

685

00:32:48,649 --> 00:32:46,019

there or was mail some of it didn't have

686

00:32:51,019 --> 00:32:48,659

a return yes yes I mean not to be

687

00:32:56,810 --> 00:32:51,029

ridiculous but uh but we're ticket to

688

00:32:58,220 --> 00:32:56,820

stamp from spirits yeah

689

00:33:00,529 --> 00:32:58,230

people would provide them with

690

00:33:02,960 --> 00:33:00,539

self-addressed stamped envelopes okay

691

00:33:05,990 --> 00:33:02,970

but but they would get stamps they would

692

00:33:08,090 --> 00:33:06,000

get foreign stamps from all different

693

00:33:10,430 --> 00:33:08,100

countries and put them on the envelopes

694

00:33:12,620 --> 00:33:10,440

just as an extra and they would also put

695

00:33:15,230 --> 00:33:12,630

all kinds of quirky stickers and they

696

00:33:17,060 --> 00:33:15,240

would put medium stickers that you put

697

00:33:20,060 --> 00:33:17,070

in stakes and include that in the

698

00:33:21,980 --> 00:33:20,070

envelope so that's fun good includes

699

00:33:24,710 --> 00:33:21,990

fortune-telling messages from fortune

700

00:33:27,980 --> 00:33:24,720

cookies and put that inside and all

701
00:33:29,950 --> 00:33:27,990
kinds of strange things about tricks

702
00:33:34,070 --> 00:33:29,960
they're often and had a strangely

703
00:33:35,390 --> 00:33:34,080
strangely meaningful objects like for

704
00:33:38,360 --> 00:33:35,400
example they once sent me an

705
00:33:41,930 --> 00:33:38,370
advertisement for Japanese plates and

706
00:33:43,880 --> 00:33:41,940
that that at the time I was I was very

707
00:33:46,100 --> 00:33:43,890
curious as to where I would get my first

708
00:33:49,210 --> 00:33:46,110
job after I got my PhD and it turned out

709
00:33:53,990 --> 00:33:49,220
that my first job was in Japan I went to

710
00:33:57,530 --> 00:33:54,000
nice and that sometimes it was a

711
00:34:01,940 --> 00:33:57,540
predated right the the stamp on the

712
00:34:05,150 --> 00:34:01,950
letter was prior to but I'm still not

713
00:34:10,910 --> 00:34:05,160

clear what where was this paper I mean

714

00:34:13,040 --> 00:34:10,920

you had it in your desk or okay okay it

715

00:34:15,920 --> 00:34:13,050

started out inside the Benny lab like I

716

00:34:17,600 --> 00:34:15,930

I bought a postcard I put a stamp on it

717

00:34:20,180 --> 00:34:17,610

I dressed it to myself and I'm what it

718

00:34:22,910 --> 00:34:20,190

is I had Edie Cox put it inside his mini

719

00:34:24,770 --> 00:34:22,920

lab and they had no problem with getting

720

00:34:26,660 --> 00:34:24,780

things in and out of the many lab so it

721

00:34:28,910 --> 00:34:26,670

disappeared from the mini lab and then

722

00:34:32,510 --> 00:34:28,920

it came to my house in Maryland oh so

723

00:34:34,220 --> 00:34:32,520

then so then I sent back a letter with

724

00:34:36,110 --> 00:34:34,230

enough self-addressed envelope and that

725

00:34:37,790 --> 00:34:36,120

saved then that came back to me and then

726

00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:37,800

other Surratt started writing letters

727

00:34:43,880 --> 00:34:40,800

and they and I was considered to be the

728

00:34:45,860 --> 00:34:43,890

the organizer in the experiment so they

729

00:34:48,410 --> 00:34:45,870

would then send copies of their letters

730

00:34:50,510 --> 00:34:48,420

and that they would they typically would

731

00:34:52,640 --> 00:34:50,520

send the letter to the wrong person

732

00:34:54,050 --> 00:34:52,650

whoever had written the letter wouldn't

733

00:34:55,790 --> 00:34:54,060

receive it it would go to somebody else

734

00:34:56,870 --> 00:34:55,800

and that caused the Surratt numbers to

735

00:35:00,890 --> 00:34:56,880

interact with each other

736

00:35:02,660 --> 00:35:00,900

continually that because the the the

737

00:35:04,850 --> 00:35:02,670

mechanism that helps the phenomenon

738

00:35:06,890 --> 00:35:04,860

occur is rapport so the more people

739

00:35:09,830 --> 00:35:06,900

communicate with each other and interact

740

00:35:11,390 --> 00:35:09,840

and the higher the level of rapport so

741

00:35:13,760 --> 00:35:11,400

we were writing all these letters that

742

00:35:18,620 --> 00:35:13,770

it was at some stages

743

00:35:22,370 --> 00:35:18,630

I couldn't count it would be like maybe

744

00:35:24,140 --> 00:35:22,380

20 30 letters in one week on average is

745

00:35:26,930 --> 00:35:24,150

probably about a hundred letters a year

746

00:35:31,430 --> 00:35:26,940

that were mailed out over over decades

747

00:35:33,810 --> 00:35:31,440

over many decades so it almost seems

748

00:35:36,560 --> 00:35:33,820

like you have I mean obviously

749

00:35:38,670 --> 00:35:36,570

a lot of different forms of

750

00:35:40,770 --> 00:35:38,680

parapsychology but you seem to imply

751
00:35:43,610 --> 00:35:40,780
that there's a force behind all of them

752
00:35:46,590 --> 00:35:43,620
that just manifests itself differently

753
00:35:51,240 --> 00:35:46,600
I'm sorry the audio is not very good

754
00:35:55,110 --> 00:35:51,250
it's some kind of lack of clarity I can

755
00:35:57,230 --> 00:35:55,120
hear both of you but this microphone

756
00:35:59,520 --> 00:35:57,240
sounds funny to me does it really yeah

757
00:36:02,130 --> 00:35:59,530
Kate I think something wrong with your

758
00:36:06,030 --> 00:36:02,140
microphone rice okay okay we have to

759
00:36:08,490 --> 00:36:06,040
wait for bill to fix that but in the

760
00:36:11,490 --> 00:36:08,500
interim could you answer just answer the

761
00:36:14,580 --> 00:36:11,500
question that is having to do with this

762
00:36:18,210 --> 00:36:14,590
that is that there were some letters

763
00:36:21,360 --> 00:36:18,220

that had the postmark prior to when the

764

00:36:25,560 --> 00:36:21,370

letter was written so that seems very

765

00:36:27,540 --> 00:36:25,570

anomalous to me yes they claimed the

766

00:36:31,470 --> 00:36:27,550

ability to move backward and forward

767

00:36:33,420 --> 00:36:31,480

through time yes and so of course the

768

00:36:37,800 --> 00:36:33,430

alternate theory would be perhaps the

769

00:36:40,530 --> 00:36:37,810

postmaster had put a incorrect postmark

770

00:36:43,530 --> 00:36:40,540

on the letter hmm that somehow perhaps

771

00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:43,540

the postmaster had been bribed and had

772

00:36:47,130 --> 00:36:45,760

been bribed in such a way that he or she

773

00:36:51,000 --> 00:36:47,140

would be willing to put the incorrect

774

00:36:54,660 --> 00:36:51,010

postmark on the letter and so then as as

775

00:36:57,090 --> 00:36:54,670

the experiment continued then petcocks

776

00:37:01,200 --> 00:36:57,100

received something a mis-sent letter

777

00:37:03,300 --> 00:37:01,210

that the the the address label had

778

00:37:04,680 --> 00:37:03,310

fallen off and the letter came back to

779

00:37:06,360 --> 00:37:04,690

him and it contained it was a letter

780

00:37:09,480 --> 00:37:06,370

which contained all the entity letters

781

00:37:13,140 --> 00:37:09,490

with a note inside to the postmaster

782

00:37:16,350 --> 00:37:13,150

asking him to to put a postmark on that

783

00:37:20,550 --> 00:37:16,360

all these letters but not asking them to

784

00:37:23,640 --> 00:37:20,560

to pre to put it at a previous date just

785

00:37:25,710 --> 00:37:23,650

put just post-market because that well

786

00:37:28,080 --> 00:37:25,720

that only happened maybe two three four

787

00:37:29,970 --> 00:37:28,090

or five times but but all the time they

788

00:37:32,070 --> 00:37:29,980

were sending letter with they were

789

00:37:35,820 --> 00:37:32,080

sending letters with strange postmarks

790

00:37:39,390 --> 00:37:35,830

like Truth or Consequences Arizona or

791

00:37:42,600 --> 00:37:39,400

Bethlehem Pennsylvania or no just quirky

792

00:37:44,880 --> 00:37:42,610

postmark and so that the letter inside

793

00:37:46,890 --> 00:37:44,890

which was in the entity's handwriting by

794

00:37:49,440 --> 00:37:46,900

the way asked

795

00:37:51,870 --> 00:37:49,450

that said that this is for my post smart

796

00:37:53,760 --> 00:37:51,880

collector that is that they were a smart

797

00:37:56,670 --> 00:37:53,770

collector and so they're asking the

798

00:37:58,890 --> 00:37:56,680

postmaster to to postmark these letters

799

00:38:00,510 --> 00:37:58,900

and then mail them out and then so when

800

00:38:02,339 --> 00:38:00,520

the entities were asked about that they

801

00:38:03,990 --> 00:38:02,349

said well this is easier for us to do it

802

00:38:06,029 --> 00:38:04,000

this way it saves a lot of energy we

803

00:38:07,799 --> 00:38:06,039

don't have to use the psychic energy and

804

00:38:10,440 --> 00:38:07,809

we can use the psychic energy for a

805

00:38:12,599 --> 00:38:10,450

better purposes like healing and maybe

806

00:38:16,620 --> 00:38:12,609

so this is just we have to do this is

807

00:38:21,299 --> 00:38:16,630

what we do you know well it's all in all

808

00:38:24,390 --> 00:38:21,309

extraordinarily amazing at this point

809

00:38:28,380 --> 00:38:24,400

where you're looking back on this from

810

00:38:31,529 --> 00:38:28,390

our primarily about 30 years back into

811

00:38:33,450 --> 00:38:31,539

this correct yes you may have done stuff

812

00:38:37,769 --> 00:38:33,460

in between and in fact I know you have

813

00:38:40,319 --> 00:38:37,779

but what where do you come down with

814

00:38:43,410 --> 00:38:40,329

this I mean it I'm gonna just throw it

815

00:38:45,029 --> 00:38:43,420

out there like my thoughts first and and

816

00:38:45,870 --> 00:38:45,039

you can tell me where you come down on

817

00:38:48,630 --> 00:38:45,880

it

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00:38:50,640 --> 00:38:48,640

I am aware that there are all kinds of

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00:38:53,670 --> 00:38:50,650

fraudulent things going on in the area

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00:38:55,589 --> 00:38:53,680

of mediumship etc it's common there are

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00:38:58,260 --> 00:38:55,599

two kinds of fraud people who are trying

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00:39:00,660 --> 00:38:58,270

to be fraudulent and a lot of goodwill

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00:39:02,579 --> 00:39:00,670

people who want to tell you everything's

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00:39:05,160 --> 00:39:02,589

going great with your grandmother in

825

00:39:06,839 --> 00:39:05,170

heaven and they're just you know they

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00:39:09,690 --> 00:39:06,849

want the best for everybody and they're

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00:39:12,210 --> 00:39:09,700

not trying to perpetrate a terrible

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00:39:15,089 --> 00:39:12,220

fraud but if you we leave that aside

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00:39:16,829 --> 00:39:15,099

some of the things that I have witnessed

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00:39:20,010 --> 00:39:16,839

in my life and have experienced in my

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00:39:22,289 --> 00:39:20,020

life leads me to to conclude through

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00:39:25,230 --> 00:39:22,299

experience not through some blind belief

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00:39:29,519 --> 00:39:25,240

but experience that some of these

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00:39:31,410 --> 00:39:29,529

phenomena actually do happen and the

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00:39:34,559 --> 00:39:31,420

place where I can't make a decision

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00:39:36,900 --> 00:39:34,569

because it I I'm not a believer

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00:39:40,529 --> 00:39:36,910

I always suspend disbelief and I'm not

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00:39:42,779 --> 00:39:40,539

quote-unquote a believer is that there

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00:39:46,650 --> 00:39:42,789

is something beyond the can of human

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00:39:49,769 --> 00:39:46,660

beings that we live in a universe where

841

00:39:52,019 --> 00:39:49,779

we only see less than 1% of the

842

00:39:54,299 --> 00:39:52,029

electromagnetic spectrum and there's all

843

00:39:56,549 --> 00:39:54,309

kinds of stuff going on around us which

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00:39:59,589 --> 00:39:56,559

probably does include some intelligent

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00:40:02,170 --> 00:39:59,599

entities in some lower

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00:40:04,540 --> 00:40:02,180

but I'm saying probably because I can't

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00:40:06,579 --> 00:40:04,550

prove that but that's where my thinking

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00:40:09,060 --> 00:40:06,589

goes now whether or not this is the

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00:40:13,030 --> 00:40:09,070

ghost of your grandmother Hattie or

850

00:40:15,010 --> 00:40:13,040

whether or not it is something demonic I

851
00:40:18,060 --> 00:40:15,020
don't come down on that because gotta

852
00:40:23,020 --> 00:40:18,070
say I don't know so what about you Jim

853
00:40:25,210 --> 00:40:23,030
well I haven't received was began this

854
00:40:27,790 --> 00:40:25,220
as a sociological observer of a

855
00:40:29,980 --> 00:40:27,800
sociologist and so I was doing what we

856
00:40:31,690 --> 00:40:29,990
refer to as participant observation I

857
00:40:34,230 --> 00:40:31,700
was participating in the group and then

858
00:40:37,480 --> 00:40:34,240
I was observing the group and my

859
00:40:39,910 --> 00:40:37,490
observation was that every single person

860
00:40:42,970 --> 00:40:39,920
who participated in the group was

861
00:40:46,210 --> 00:40:42,980
absolutely certain that the phenomena

862
00:40:49,890 --> 00:40:46,220
had a degree of authenticity and that

863
00:40:52,240 --> 00:40:49,900

was also my experience but all the

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00:40:55,630 --> 00:40:52,250

skeptical people and all the parish

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00:40:58,630 --> 00:40:55,640

psychologists were totally in unable to

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00:41:01,300 --> 00:40:58,640

verify the phenomena they were that that

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00:41:03,550 --> 00:41:01,310

not a single person who didn't was not

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00:41:07,380 --> 00:41:03,560

participating in the group could gain

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00:41:10,510 --> 00:41:07,390

even the slightest semblance of

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00:41:13,000 --> 00:41:10,520

understanding about the the degree of

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00:41:18,250 --> 00:41:13,010

power of what was going on within that

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00:41:20,740 --> 00:41:18,260

group and so in 1982 soon after I began

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00:41:23,260 --> 00:41:20,750

studying strat I got the job in Japan

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00:41:24,970 --> 00:41:23,270

and I lived in Asia for four years and I

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00:41:28,990 --> 00:41:24,980

had a chance to interview many many

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00:41:32,770 --> 00:41:29,000

shamanic practices and I got to a feel

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00:41:34,839 --> 00:41:32,780

for what shamanism works it seemed to me

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00:41:37,630 --> 00:41:34,849

I came to the realization that that

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00:41:40,240 --> 00:41:37,640

Surat was very much like a shamanic

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00:41:42,460 --> 00:41:40,250

group that the kind of thing which is

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00:41:46,050 --> 00:41:42,470

going all going on all over the world

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00:41:49,420 --> 00:41:46,060

and it was this is humankind's first

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00:41:51,250 --> 00:41:49,430

religious form this is what humans did

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00:41:53,050 --> 00:41:51,260

when they were hunting and gatherers

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00:41:56,099 --> 00:41:53,060

hunters and gatherers all over the world

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00:41:59,200 --> 00:41:56,109

was engaged in this kind of behavior

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00:42:02,530 --> 00:41:59,210

gathering in groups doing rituals and

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00:42:05,530 --> 00:42:02,540

having unusual experiment and unusual

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00:42:08,020 --> 00:42:05,540

experiences and it takes all kinds of

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00:42:11,109 --> 00:42:08,030

different forms but it has basic

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00:42:11,840 --> 00:42:11,119

physiological apparently physiological

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00:42:14,990 --> 00:42:11,850

foundation

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00:42:17,480 --> 00:42:15,000

to it so I would I came to the

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00:42:20,990 --> 00:42:17,490

realization that this type of phenomenon

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00:42:23,330 --> 00:42:21,000

is beneficial for people it can have the

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00:42:25,130 --> 00:42:23,340

perfect provides hypnotic suggestions

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00:42:28,340 --> 00:42:25,140

which could be beneficial and it

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00:42:31,220 --> 00:42:28,350

provides placebo effects and and that

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00:42:34,130 --> 00:42:31,230

helps people survive so it would have us

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00:42:36,380 --> 00:42:34,140

so it would provide humans with survival

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00:42:39,260 --> 00:42:36,390
benefits and so that's why we see

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00:42:40,130 --> 00:42:39,270
religion having that it has a genetic

903
00:42:42,050 --> 00:42:40,140
basis to it

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00:42:44,510 --> 00:42:42,060
it's inherent that exists in every

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00:42:47,020 --> 00:42:44,520
society on the faces there so it gives

906
00:42:49,790 --> 00:42:47,030
us an understanding of that some

907
00:42:56,630 --> 00:42:49,800
foundation to that process to that

908
00:43:00,350 --> 00:42:56,640
sociological phenomena so I understood

909
00:43:03,890 --> 00:43:00,360
everything that you said perfectly but

910
00:43:06,140 --> 00:43:03,900
what I didn't get was you've dis way you

911
00:43:08,620 --> 00:43:06,150
have come down on it is that I

912
00:43:12,700 --> 00:43:08,630
understand the the origin of religion

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00:43:15,470 --> 00:43:12,710

and so forth but in the final outcome

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00:43:19,900 --> 00:43:15,480

would it be correct to say that you

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00:43:25,490 --> 00:43:19,910

perceive this as being accomplished by

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00:43:31,220 --> 00:43:25,500

benevolent entities well I don't know

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00:43:35,120 --> 00:43:31,230

how to define the word entity I don't

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00:43:36,740 --> 00:43:35,130

know what they are and I suppose they

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00:43:38,870 --> 00:43:36,750

didn't harm I don't feel like they

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00:43:40,940 --> 00:43:38,880

harmed me physically they certainly

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00:43:43,250 --> 00:43:40,950

certainly did a job on my reputation

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00:43:46,910 --> 00:43:43,260

just damaged my career as a sociologist

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00:43:49,250 --> 00:43:46,920

they certainly were tricksters I came to

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00:43:51,650 --> 00:43:49,260

regard that my whole this endeavor is a

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00:43:54,950 --> 00:43:51,660

kind of religious or spiritual exercise

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00:43:56,690 --> 00:43:54,960
and the message that they gave was that

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00:44:00,530 --> 00:43:56,700
the whole purpose of life is to raise

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00:44:03,200 --> 00:44:00,540
your spiritual level and I certainly I

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00:44:06,170 --> 00:44:03,210
certainly came to realize that by

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00:44:08,120 --> 00:44:06,180
thinking about your afterlife and by

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00:44:10,910 --> 00:44:08,130
thinking about what it means to develop

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00:44:12,740 --> 00:44:10,920
with rapport with other people and the

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00:44:15,650 --> 00:44:12,750
what the real meaning of life is that

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00:44:18,140 --> 00:44:15,660
that this this thing can be it could be

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00:44:20,600 --> 00:44:18,150
regarded as kind of a spiritual endeavor

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00:44:23,030 --> 00:44:20,610
and that you can benefit from it you can

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00:44:23,960 --> 00:44:23,040
become a more well-rounded and happier

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00:44:27,200 --> 00:44:23,970

and more

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00:44:29,180 --> 00:44:27,210

psychologically healthy person and so I

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00:44:31,849 --> 00:44:29,190

think that's that's where the whole

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00:44:33,589 --> 00:44:31,859

thing is going it certainly I don't it

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00:44:36,280 --> 00:44:33,599

certainly has not had a bunch of an

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00:44:40,160 --> 00:44:36,290

impact on the scientific community as

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00:44:42,800 --> 00:44:40,170

the early syrettes expected she says so

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00:44:45,790 --> 00:44:42,810

so we have to deal with the reality the

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00:44:48,109 --> 00:44:45,800

way that it is I think it's funny that

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00:44:49,160 --> 00:44:48,119

sociologists look down on you because

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00:44:52,880 --> 00:44:49,170

let me tell you if you go to a

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00:44:55,609 --> 00:44:52,890

biochemist a conference or a triple AES

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00:44:59,800 --> 00:44:55,619

conference sociology is not really

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00:45:06,380 --> 00:45:03,410
so I mean it's sort of like the pot

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00:45:09,380 --> 00:45:06,390
calling the kettle black that that's I

953
00:45:11,570 --> 00:45:09,390
think why I was so annoyed with the

954
00:45:14,839 --> 00:45:11,580
attitude toward ed Cox because there was

955
00:45:17,660 --> 00:45:14,849
a man who is really doing exemplary

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00:45:21,020 --> 00:45:17,670
scientific research and that he was

957
00:45:27,200 --> 00:45:21,030
treated that way it was ridiculous well

958
00:45:30,050 --> 00:45:27,210
having gone to a number of SSE meetings

959
00:45:33,589 --> 00:45:30,060
Society for scientific exploration and

960
00:45:37,520 --> 00:45:33,599
some other kind of parapsychology events

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00:45:40,250 --> 00:45:37,530
I am often troubled because there is a

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00:45:43,370 --> 00:45:40,260
big argument if certain phenomena are

963
00:45:45,890 --> 00:45:43,380

produced by super SCI or as it produced

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00:45:48,430 --> 00:45:45,900

by the spirits of the dead and I'm

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00:45:53,660 --> 00:45:48,440

sitting there thinking that they have

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00:45:55,880 --> 00:45:53,670

created a binary option there where

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00:45:57,470 --> 00:45:55,890

where it doesn't have to be binary you

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00:46:01,640 --> 00:45:57,480

know it could be something else it could

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00:46:03,230 --> 00:46:01,650

be visitors from outer space or entities

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00:46:06,440 --> 00:46:03,240

or disincarnate

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00:46:09,560 --> 00:46:06,450

beings that we're never incarnate on the

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00:46:12,160 --> 00:46:09,570

earth but I just object always to the

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00:46:14,000 --> 00:46:12,170

binary conclusions of the

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00:46:16,660 --> 00:46:14,010

parapsychologists it's either this or

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00:46:20,120 --> 00:46:16,670

that but it might not be this or that

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00:46:23,630 --> 00:46:20,130
after all yes I think that's a pretty

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00:46:25,339 --> 00:46:23,640
good way of it's a good perspective of

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00:46:27,710 --> 00:46:25,349
recognizing

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00:46:30,380 --> 00:46:27,720
also also that issue that they've

980
00:46:32,329 --> 00:46:30,390
developed it's not something that

981
00:46:35,660 --> 00:46:32,339
they're able to resolve scientifically

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00:46:37,640 --> 00:46:35,670
so as a I think as a sociologist I I'm

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00:46:41,720 --> 00:46:37,650
trying to think along the lines of

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00:46:45,010 --> 00:46:41,730
of trying to do research which can be

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00:46:47,390 --> 00:46:45,020
resolved or can be tested and and

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00:46:51,260 --> 00:46:47,400
Neihart I think diehard has an

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00:46:53,599 --> 00:46:51,270
interesting position that well rapport

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00:46:56,510 --> 00:46:53,609

certainly very important and it seems to

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00:46:58,519 --> 00:46:56,520

be related with psychological health so

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00:47:01,819 --> 00:46:58,529

which I think we should might think

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00:47:04,460 --> 00:47:01,829

about psychological health and what

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00:47:06,710 --> 00:47:04,470

contributes to that what when groups get

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00:47:08,960 --> 00:47:06,720

together and they developed rapport

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00:47:12,589 --> 00:47:08,970

that's very psychologically healthy for

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00:47:16,069 --> 00:47:12,599

them and we can measure psychological

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00:47:18,079 --> 00:47:16,079

health so that's that's at least that's

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00:47:20,150 --> 00:47:18,089

a variable that makes sense for looking

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00:47:22,309 --> 00:47:20,160

at and we can think about spiritual

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00:47:24,829 --> 00:47:22,319

healing that's something that also can

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00:47:27,170 --> 00:47:24,839

be measured because some people some

1001
00:47:29,510 --> 00:47:27,180
people recover no people are faced with

1002
00:47:32,690 --> 00:47:29,520
it's very severe problems when when a

1003
00:47:34,640 --> 00:47:32,700
person gets a diagnosis of cancer as you

1004
00:47:36,289 --> 00:47:34,650
know not everyone recovers a certain

1005
00:47:39,650 --> 00:47:36,299
percentage of people die and not some

1006
00:47:41,690 --> 00:47:39,660
certain percentage recover and certainly

1007
00:47:44,900 --> 00:47:41,700
you would like to be one who recovers

1008
00:47:48,470 --> 00:47:44,910
now and we wonder what what helps that

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00:47:52,279 --> 00:47:48,480
what what what facilitates that and I

1010
00:47:55,609 --> 00:47:52,289
think this spirituality does contribute

1011
00:48:00,200 --> 00:47:55,619
to that can it can severe it can have it

1012
00:48:03,470 --> 00:48:00,210
be a very useful factor and Neihardt use

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00:48:06,829 --> 00:48:03,480

the term pragmatic mysticism it's nice

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00:48:09,799 --> 00:48:06,839

to be a mystical person but it would be

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00:48:12,319 --> 00:48:09,809

nice to derive some kind of benefit from

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00:48:15,829 --> 00:48:12,329

it so we want to keep your feet on the

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00:48:18,769 --> 00:48:15,839

ground yeah well that's one of the

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00:48:21,200 --> 00:48:18,779

problems with UF ology too I mean this

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00:48:23,960 --> 00:48:21,210

stuff cannot be canned labeled and sold

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00:48:29,569 --> 00:48:23,970

so not a lot of money coming in from

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00:48:32,480 --> 00:48:29,579

research I whole thing like you almost

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00:48:34,940 --> 00:48:32,490

seem to imply that all these phenomena

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00:48:37,400 --> 00:48:34,950

are just emergent qualities of a group

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00:48:43,269 --> 00:48:37,410

of humans like a psychological energy

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00:48:46,760 --> 00:48:43,279

that presents itself as consciousness no

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00:48:48,559 --> 00:48:46,770
yes yes the quality of consciousness and

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00:48:50,720 --> 00:48:48,569
then there are certain things that we

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00:48:51,530 --> 00:48:50,730
can count pretty clearly like for

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00:48:53,360 --> 00:48:51,540
example there

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00:48:55,460 --> 00:48:53,370
experiences that people have all over

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00:48:57,680 --> 00:48:55,470
the world apparitions paranormal dreams

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00:49:00,320 --> 00:48:57,690
and waking extrasensory perception

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00:49:01,970 --> 00:49:00,330
psychokinesis out-of-body experience

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00:49:05,630 --> 00:49:01,980
near-death experience

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00:49:08,870 --> 00:49:05,640
synchronicity spiritual healing ufos and

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00:49:12,380 --> 00:49:08,880
perhaps these large footed animals you

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00:49:14,900 --> 00:49:12,390
know are unexplained animals people

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00:49:17,170 --> 00:49:14,910

people there's a the person who has one

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00:49:19,670 --> 00:49:17,180

of these experiences has a far higher

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00:49:22,370 --> 00:49:19,680

probability of having another experience

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00:49:24,680 --> 00:49:22,380

and at these and that propensity is

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00:49:28,690 --> 00:49:24,690

associated with disassociation and

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00:49:31,070 --> 00:49:28,700

absorption so which which has which is

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00:49:34,760 --> 00:49:31,080

psychologically healthy it can it can

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00:49:37,790 --> 00:49:34,770

provide benefits to people so so there

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00:49:41,420 --> 00:49:37,800

seems to be a kind of a cycle going on

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00:49:44,840 --> 00:49:41,430

and and these that that those factors

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00:49:47,240 --> 00:49:44,850

absorption and dissociation seem to be

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00:49:49,160 --> 00:49:47,250

triggered by childhood trauma

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00:49:51,230 --> 00:49:49,170

a person who's that exposed to high

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00:49:54,910 --> 00:49:51,240
levels of childhood stress and childhood

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00:49:57,800 --> 00:49:54,920
trauma then has a higher level of of

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00:50:01,400 --> 00:49:57,810
propensity for the paranormal experience

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00:50:04,940 --> 00:50:01,410
and and that those experiences are kind

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00:50:07,220 --> 00:50:04,950
of a seed or a kernel which when when

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00:50:10,640 --> 00:50:07,230
the person comes to terms with it and

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00:50:13,400 --> 00:50:10,650
and integrates it into their life it can

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00:50:17,510 --> 00:50:13,410
result in in a belief system which is

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00:50:20,830 --> 00:50:17,520
very very beneficial and it could also

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00:50:24,920 --> 00:50:20,840
work the other way too i some people

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00:50:27,710 --> 00:50:24,930
sort of create a evil type side to

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00:50:31,430 --> 00:50:27,720
themselves and believe in it you know

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00:50:33,130 --> 00:50:31,440

like sauna salmon so i guess in some

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00:50:36,050 --> 00:50:33,140

ways it's not always good just

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00:50:38,090 --> 00:50:36,060

self-fulfilling prophecy i suspect hmm

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00:50:40,430 --> 00:50:38,100

if you think something's gonna happen

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00:50:42,860 --> 00:50:40,440

it's more likely to happen and going

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00:50:45,650 --> 00:50:42,870

back to that the cancer situation if you

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00:50:48,350 --> 00:50:45,660

believe you can heal you're more likely

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

to heal but if with so many people i

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00:50:53,090 --> 00:50:50,370

think today they go to a doctor and the

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00:50:55,820 --> 00:50:53,100

doctor says you have cancer and it's

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00:50:59,300 --> 00:50:55,830

cancer of the toe and the life

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00:51:01,340 --> 00:50:59,310

expectancy is two weeks if you believe

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00:51:02,840 --> 00:51:01,350

in that if you buy into the fact that

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00:51:04,520 --> 00:51:02,850

you got a tumor on your toe and you're

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00:51:06,980 --> 00:51:04,530

going to die in two weeks well

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00:51:09,530 --> 00:51:06,990

it's more likely to happen that's that

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00:51:12,680 --> 00:51:09,540

seems to be the case that there that the

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00:51:16,490 --> 00:51:12,690

oncologists are sometimes our unwitting

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00:51:18,230 --> 00:51:16,500

witch doctors most definitely and some

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00:51:21,140 --> 00:51:18,240

of them are very good at it and others

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00:51:22,820 --> 00:51:21,150

not so good it's a strange situation now

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00:51:26,110 --> 00:51:22,830

here's something that I found I've been

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00:51:29,060 --> 00:51:26,120

during my academic career I gathered

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00:51:31,550 --> 00:51:29,070

spontaneous experiences I would ask and

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00:51:33,740 --> 00:51:31,560

have my students ask if you have had an

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00:51:36,290 --> 00:51:33,750

unusual experience would you describe it

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00:51:38,810 --> 00:51:36,300

so we collected a large number of these

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00:51:41,570 --> 00:51:38,820

stories and and the spiritual healing

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00:51:44,090 --> 00:51:41,580

stories were the one type of story which

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00:51:47,330 --> 00:51:44,100

elicited positive emotions more than any

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00:51:51,790 --> 00:51:47,340

other kind of experience and I found

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00:51:54,830 --> 00:51:51,800

that there are two basic kinds of

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00:51:59,960 --> 00:51:54,840

categories of spiritual healing and one

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00:52:03,860 --> 00:51:59,970

category seemed to revolve around burns

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00:52:06,740 --> 00:52:03,870

and skin disease and warts and things

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00:52:09,440 --> 00:52:06,750

like that and those types of disorders

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00:52:12,410 --> 00:52:09,450

would respond very well to a folk healer

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00:52:16,250 --> 00:52:12,420

folk practitioner and another kind of

1101
00:52:18,860 --> 00:52:16,260
disorder bike would be cancer and some

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00:52:21,980 --> 00:52:18,870
kind of an cure we'll illness and those

1103
00:52:26,270 --> 00:52:21,990
kinds of disorders often responded to a

1104
00:52:29,540 --> 00:52:26,280
group prayer and a church activity and

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00:52:31,190 --> 00:52:29,550
that type of thing so I don't I'm not

1106
00:52:32,360 --> 00:52:31,200
quite sure what to make of it but it's

1107
00:52:34,880 --> 00:52:32,370
interesting to think about

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00:52:36,890 --> 00:52:34,890
you better believe if I were had cancer

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00:52:39,950 --> 00:52:36,900
I'm gonna have asked my church to pray

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00:52:43,400 --> 00:52:39,960
now Handa and if you have some emergency

1111
00:52:46,100 --> 00:52:43,410
situation you might try self hypnosis or

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00:52:49,190 --> 00:52:46,110
hypnosis to relieve the pain and to

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00:52:53,000 --> 00:52:49,200

reduce the inflammation and you know

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00:52:56,440 --> 00:52:53,010

prevent a blood loss which in this that

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00:52:59,470 --> 00:52:56,450

kind of modality can be very valuable

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00:53:03,800 --> 00:52:59,480

well that is for sure

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00:53:05,780 --> 00:53:03,810

moving up to the present time Jim

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00:53:08,750 --> 00:53:05,790

could you tell us a little bit about

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00:53:10,340 --> 00:53:08,760

maybe what you might be proposing for

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00:53:13,100 --> 00:53:10,350

yourself for the present and the future

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00:53:15,890 --> 00:53:13,110

what you've been working on if anything

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00:53:17,680 --> 00:53:15,900

or are you writing are you experimenting

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00:53:22,539 --> 00:53:17,690

what's up today for you

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00:53:24,940 --> 00:53:22,549

well I'm I am working very intensely on

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00:53:28,000 --> 00:53:24,950

a project right now that involves the

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00:53:30,779 --> 00:53:28,010

Surat notes that dr. John Thomas

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00:53:36,789 --> 00:53:30,789

Richards kept during his life he died in

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00:53:39,010 --> 00:53:36,799

2015 and in 2017 I went out to Missouri

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00:53:40,870 --> 00:53:39,020

and I collected all the available notes

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00:53:42,640 --> 00:53:40,880

that I could find in the house as his

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00:53:46,329 --> 00:53:42,650

widow has pretty much left everything

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00:53:48,250 --> 00:53:46,339

just sitting around in his office and so

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00:53:52,150 --> 00:53:48,260

all these notes are available there's

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00:53:54,250 --> 00:53:52,160

notes from over 700 experiments probably

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00:53:56,380 --> 00:53:54,260

over a thousand but I've categorized

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00:53:58,839 --> 00:53:56,390

them and put them on my computer here

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00:54:01,920 --> 00:53:58,849

and I'm doing a statistical analysis

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00:54:05,170 --> 00:54:01,930

because I'm curious I have I have two

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00:54:08,470 --> 00:54:05,180

basic actually three basic hypotheses

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00:54:11,559 --> 00:54:08,480

that I'm testing statistically because

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00:54:13,359 --> 00:54:11,569

the notes described all the people who

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00:54:16,180 --> 00:54:13,369

have participated in every single group

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00:54:19,180 --> 00:54:16,190

meeting they described the place where

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00:54:22,240 --> 00:54:19,190

the meeting occurred tells the number of

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00:54:24,849 --> 00:54:22,250

people present it tells the degree that

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00:54:27,190 --> 00:54:24,859

the the outcome experimental outcome

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00:54:29,559 --> 00:54:27,200

whether the table levitated whether it

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00:54:31,329 --> 00:54:29,569

levitated after every state remained

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00:54:34,450 --> 00:54:31,339

levitating after they remove their hands

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00:54:37,089 --> 00:54:34,460

whether it fell it describes whether

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00:54:38,980 --> 00:54:37,099
there's a photograph taken and what the

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00:54:42,250 --> 00:54:38,990
effect of the photograph was on the

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00:54:44,799 --> 00:54:42,260
levitating object and it gives all the

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00:54:47,829 --> 00:54:44,809
trance messages that occurred then for

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00:54:50,289 --> 00:54:47,839
the spirits provided so that my theory

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00:54:53,049 --> 00:54:50,299
is if the spatula or theory is correct

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00:54:56,740 --> 00:54:53,059
that a large crowd of people should

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00:54:59,200 --> 00:54:56,750
reduce the probability of levitation

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00:55:02,500 --> 00:54:59,210
success as compared to a small

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00:55:04,120 --> 00:55:02,510
probability and and so that that's would

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00:55:06,160 --> 00:55:04,130
be one hypothesis that we can test with

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00:55:08,559 --> 00:55:06,170
this type of data and then another

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00:55:11,380 --> 00:55:08,569

theory The Bachelor were offered offers

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00:55:14,140 --> 00:55:11,390

to us is that it's possible for people

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00:55:15,700 --> 00:55:14,150

to overcome their fear or sigh so the

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00:55:17,620 --> 00:55:15,710

theory is is that if a person

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00:55:19,690 --> 00:55:17,630

participates on a large number of

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00:55:22,720 --> 00:55:19,700

experiments they should have a higher

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00:55:25,059 --> 00:55:22,730

probability of the success than a person

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00:55:28,690 --> 00:55:25,069

who only participates in one experiment

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00:55:30,320 --> 00:55:28,700

or two or three or like that so we can

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00:55:32,060 --> 00:55:30,330

test those hypotheses with the

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00:55:36,710 --> 00:55:32,070

stata that's what I'm working on right

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00:55:39,230 --> 00:55:36,720

now and actually the the the hypotheses

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00:55:42,170 --> 00:55:39,240

have been supported by the data but

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00:55:44,810 --> 00:55:42,180

there is a the best powerful propensity

1177

00:55:47,600 --> 00:55:44,820

is for the phenomena to decline over

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00:55:50,510 --> 00:55:47,610

time it seems to it seems to have

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00:55:52,160 --> 00:55:50,520

diminished during each and is there's a

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00:55:54,980 --> 00:55:52,170

tendency for it to diminish during each

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00:55:58,070 --> 00:55:54,990

individual's interaction within the

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00:56:00,290 --> 00:55:58,080

group and so I think the tricksters the

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00:56:03,650 --> 00:56:00,300

tricksters probably more powerful than

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00:56:08,690 --> 00:56:03,660

then these other hypotheses that I've

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00:56:10,930 --> 00:56:08,700

offered Wow so anything happened that

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00:56:14,000 --> 00:56:10,940

sounds very interesting and useful

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00:56:18,230 --> 00:56:14,010

scientifically is there anything that

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00:56:22,460 --> 00:56:18,240

you're doing now with actual

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00:56:25,640 --> 00:56:22,470

participation in purported sight a

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00:56:29,360 --> 00:56:25,650

psychic side phenomena

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00:56:33,650 --> 00:56:29,370

I meditate that's all that's the main

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00:56:36,740 --> 00:56:33,660

thing and I I am I am I'm thinking that

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00:56:40,580 --> 00:56:36,750

the actual siphon Amon eyes just a

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00:56:43,700 --> 00:56:40,590

stepping stone so it's like a sign on on

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00:56:46,130 --> 00:56:43,710

on the spiritual pathway it's not it's

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00:56:49,190 --> 00:56:46,140

not the main things not the real event

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00:56:51,170 --> 00:56:49,200

that the interaction of the people the

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00:56:54,950 --> 00:56:51,180

rapport between people is the most

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00:56:57,560 --> 00:56:54,960

important thing and the the loss the

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00:57:00,230 --> 00:56:57,570

emptying of yourself the forgetting of

1201
00:57:02,660 --> 00:57:00,240
yourself and becoming a selfless person

1202
00:57:06,620 --> 00:57:02,670
I think is that it's the way to go is

1203
00:57:10,760 --> 00:57:06,630
the direction simplicity patience and

1204
00:57:14,180 --> 00:57:10,770
compassion I think it's it's where this

1205
00:57:16,970 --> 00:57:14,190
is leading well those are very nice

1206
00:57:20,660 --> 00:57:16,980
things well but yet you keep talking

1207
00:57:23,690 --> 00:57:20,670
about fear what why do you think people

1208
00:57:25,970 --> 00:57:23,700
your opinion why do you think people

1209
00:57:28,640 --> 00:57:25,980
fear sigh but to be honest when I

1210
00:57:32,290 --> 00:57:28,650
applied for college I applied to Duke

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00:57:35,180 --> 00:57:32,300
because they had a parasite ecology

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00:57:36,950 --> 00:57:35,190
undergraduate study and I was accepted

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00:57:40,580 --> 00:57:36,960

and then I turned it down because I was

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00:57:42,890 --> 00:57:40,590

afraid to be honest I chickened out but

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00:57:43,520 --> 00:57:42,900

what what do you think what is that fear

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00:57:46,880 --> 00:57:43,530

I mean

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00:57:50,930 --> 00:57:46,890

I really had no bad experiences nothing

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00:57:52,430 --> 00:57:50,940

to be afraid of okay so Kate I'm unable

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00:57:54,410 --> 00:57:52,440

to hear it real clearly but I heard you

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00:57:57,950 --> 00:57:54,420

asked the question why do people fear

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00:58:00,560 --> 00:57:57,960

sigh is that pretty much yes yeah so so

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00:58:02,900 --> 00:58:00,570

here's a here's a theory I'm offering

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00:58:05,780 --> 00:58:02,910

okay if there is this thing called

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00:58:08,330 --> 00:58:05,790

collective consciousness it's a very

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00:58:09,860 --> 00:58:08,340

it's a very important for all of us the

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00:58:12,230 --> 00:58:09,870

collective consciousness is very

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00:58:15,710 --> 00:58:12,240

important for us to communicate and for

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00:58:18,230 --> 00:58:15,720

living our lives and and it creates this

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00:58:20,630 --> 00:58:18,240

reality that we're living in and it's

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00:58:24,140 --> 00:58:20,640

interesting that the name of your your

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00:58:27,590 --> 00:58:24,150

program is shattered reality because if

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00:58:30,650 --> 00:58:27,600

when people who are say levitating

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00:58:33,320 --> 00:58:30,660

tables or doing some type of strange

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00:58:35,570 --> 00:58:33,330

magic or whatever that it's that's

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00:58:37,100 --> 00:58:35,580

threatening to the consensual reality

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00:58:39,800 --> 00:58:37,110

that's damaging to the consensual

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00:58:44,750 --> 00:58:39,810

realities it's uh it upsets the apple

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00:58:46,720 --> 00:58:44,760

cart and who can say it allows both the

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00:58:50,270 --> 00:58:46,730

very positive and the very negative

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00:58:52,700 --> 00:58:50,280

phenomena and the hierarchy and the

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00:58:54,620 --> 00:58:52,710

normal people the powerful people in our

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00:58:58,340 --> 00:58:54,630

consensual reality have no control over

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00:59:00,920 --> 00:58:58,350

that that that that could damage and it

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00:59:05,240 --> 00:59:00,930

could damage our 401ks no I mean I'm

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00:59:06,860 --> 00:59:05,250

being facetious here but if you start

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00:59:09,320 --> 00:59:06,870

knowing what's going to happen next in

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00:59:12,080 --> 00:59:09,330

the stock market and only ten people

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00:59:13,490 --> 00:59:12,090

know that then the stock market is sort

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00:59:16,310 --> 00:59:13,500

of screwed for the rest of the people

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00:59:18,890 --> 00:59:16,320

yes some people went and other people

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00:59:20,720 --> 00:59:18,900
lose and so so there is a threat and

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00:59:24,290 --> 00:59:20,730
then but the second thing which I've

1253
00:59:26,150 --> 00:59:24,300
come to to believe or think is a valid

1254
00:59:30,110 --> 00:59:26,160
way of thinking about things is that

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00:59:32,240 --> 00:59:30,120
these the pathway towards pick the

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00:59:34,910 --> 00:59:32,250
paranormal involves a disruption of

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00:59:36,830 --> 00:59:34,920
normal consciousness like when I sit at

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00:59:38,510 --> 00:59:36,840
meditate I'm disrupting my normal

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00:59:41,180 --> 00:59:38,520
consciousness and then that that

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00:59:43,520 --> 00:59:41,190
probably facilitates paranormal

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00:59:45,440 --> 00:59:43,530
experience but there's many other ways

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00:59:47,810 --> 00:59:45,450
of disrupting normal consciousness and

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00:59:50,300 --> 00:59:47,820

psychosis is the most common way that

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00:59:53,060 --> 00:59:50,310

normal consciousness is disrupted a

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00:59:55,520 --> 00:59:53,070

person who is psychotic doesn't have

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00:59:57,410 --> 00:59:55,530

control over whether it he or she can

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00:59:59,930 --> 00:59:57,420

turn it on or off like I can when

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01:00:02,660 --> 00:59:59,940

meditating but yet normal consciousness

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01:00:05,980 --> 01:00:02,670

of that person is very disrupted and is

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01:00:09,109 --> 01:00:05,990

similar to a mystical person

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01:00:10,370 --> 01:00:09,119

consciousness they've entered into some

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01:00:13,130 --> 01:00:10,380

kind of altered state of consciousness

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01:00:16,750 --> 01:00:13,140

and it's a disruption of the normal

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01:00:19,370 --> 01:00:16,760

consciousness so so this form of

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01:00:22,670 --> 01:00:19,380

interest in the paranormal it's a it's a

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01:00:24,650 --> 01:00:22,680

cousin of psychosis which is there's a

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01:00:26,960 --> 01:00:24,660

there's a real stigma connected to

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01:00:29,900 --> 01:00:26,970

psychosis that's that's what the real

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01:00:33,620 --> 01:00:29,910

problem is because you're you're dealing

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01:00:36,530 --> 01:00:33,630

with the actual craziness it's fun to to

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01:00:38,930 --> 01:00:36,540

be slightly crazy but it's not so fun to

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01:00:42,079 --> 01:00:38,940

be really crazy and that's where the

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01:00:45,260 --> 01:00:42,089

compassion is needed to help people find

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01:00:47,450 --> 01:00:45,270

their way and to to make the changes

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01:00:49,880 --> 01:00:47,460

that are required to lead a more happy

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01:00:51,500 --> 01:00:49,890

and productive life and so I think we

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01:00:54,140 --> 01:00:51,510

might just mention people who are

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01:00:56,120 --> 01:00:54,150

listening to this it'd be good to look

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01:00:57,859 --> 01:00:56,130

inside yourself and see what what could

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01:01:00,140 --> 01:00:57,869

you do to lead a more happy and

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01:01:03,530 --> 01:01:00,150

productive life but what steps should

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01:01:05,710 --> 01:01:03,540

you take and the paranormal phenomena is

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01:01:09,559 --> 01:01:05,720

nice but it's really just a guide post

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01:01:12,650 --> 01:01:09,569

it's just a way marker on this pathway

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01:01:14,960 --> 01:01:12,660

towards towards achieving the the

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01:01:18,319 --> 01:01:14,970

rapport and the feeling of connectedness

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01:01:20,660 --> 01:01:18,329

that that involves some kind of a deeper

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01:01:23,780 --> 01:01:20,670

reality than the mundane reality that

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01:01:25,690 --> 01:01:23,790

we're living in that was really very

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01:01:29,900 --> 01:01:25,700

nicely put yes it certainly was

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01:01:33,440 --> 01:01:29,910

inspiring but I want to just bring one

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01:01:37,250 --> 01:01:33,450

thought into that and is that is it true

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01:01:40,880 --> 01:01:37,260

as I have read and you have studied some

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01:01:44,630 --> 01:01:40,890

shamanistic cultures that in some of the

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01:01:48,289 --> 01:01:44,640

indigenous shamanistic cultures the

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01:01:50,150 --> 01:01:48,299

people who are the shaman are often

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01:01:55,309 --> 01:01:50,160

would often be considered to be

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01:01:58,099 --> 01:01:55,319

psychotic in the Western world well I've

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01:02:00,530 --> 01:01:58,109

talked to psychiatrists in like in

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01:02:03,799 --> 01:02:00,540

Okinawa and they said well there are

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01:02:08,780 --> 01:02:03,809

some people who they if the psychosis

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01:02:10,520 --> 01:02:08,790

fits the folklore of shamanism then it

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01:02:13,460 --> 01:02:10,530

can be cured

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01:02:15,770 --> 01:02:13,470

so so yes they might be considered to be

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01:02:18,500 --> 01:02:15,780

psychotic but they but you know

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01:02:21,410 --> 01:02:18,510

psychosis is really just a continuum and

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01:02:23,030 --> 01:02:21,420

the people who end up in a psychiatric

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01:02:25,010 --> 01:02:23,040

hospital they're the people who have

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01:02:26,870 --> 01:02:25,020

attempted suicide or they're unable to

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01:02:28,970 --> 01:02:26,880

take care of themselves or their danger

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01:02:31,970 --> 01:02:28,980

to themselves or to other people there's

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01:02:33,830 --> 01:02:31,980

many people who we've had many unusual

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01:02:38,720 --> 01:02:33,840

experiences but they're not actually

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01:02:40,340 --> 01:02:38,730

psychotic it's just that they are there

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01:02:43,250 --> 01:02:40,350

they're there people who are being who

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01:02:46,580 --> 01:02:43,260

have been called to this pathway you

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01:02:48,410 --> 01:02:46,590

know and and if they put some effort

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01:02:51,410 --> 01:02:48,420

into it they can develop their

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01:02:53,270 --> 01:02:51,420

psychological health and they can they

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01:02:56,420 --> 01:02:53,280

can be a beneficial to others who are

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01:02:58,700 --> 01:02:56,430

struggling because childhood trauma and

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01:03:01,310 --> 01:02:58,710

childhood difficulty that for many

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01:03:03,500 --> 01:03:01,320

people that's it sticks with you you

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01:03:07,520 --> 01:03:03,510

know and it it's not an easy thing to

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01:03:08,930 --> 01:03:07,530

overcome and adult trauma say in my

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01:03:11,330 --> 01:03:08,940

experiences in Vietnam for example

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01:03:12,950 --> 01:03:11,340

that's not easy it's not easy to get

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01:03:15,650 --> 01:03:12,960

over that and it is something that

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01:03:18,620 --> 01:03:15,660

you're going to to be carrying with you

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01:03:21,590 --> 01:03:18,630

but with a little bit of effort and a

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01:03:24,800 --> 01:03:21,600

little bit of focusing of the mind you

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01:03:26,930 --> 01:03:24,810

can become much more psychologically

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01:03:29,750 --> 01:03:26,940

healthy a lot of times it's just common

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01:03:32,990 --> 01:03:29,760

sense if you're drinking too much give

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01:03:35,180 --> 01:03:33,000

it up you know if you're angry if you're

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01:03:37,040 --> 01:03:35,190

angry all the time you're gonna have to

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01:03:38,900 --> 01:03:37,050

figure out how to get it up if you if

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01:03:41,450 --> 01:03:38,910

you can't get along with people you'll

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01:03:44,660 --> 01:03:41,460

have to figure out how to do that know

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01:03:46,610 --> 01:03:44,670

so so a lot of times it's easy for

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01:03:48,560 --> 01:03:46,620

outsiders to tell you what you do but it

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01:03:52,670 --> 01:03:48,570

you need to be able to tell yourself

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01:03:55,220 --> 01:03:52,680

what to do well I think that we have

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01:03:59,050 --> 01:03:55,230

come through the full hour here and

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01:04:02,420 --> 01:03:59,060

should probably be bidding you adieu

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01:04:05,210 --> 01:04:02,430

however I cannot begin to thank you but

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01:04:07,580 --> 01:04:05,220

I will thank you very much I think that

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01:04:10,970 --> 01:04:07,590

you should mention the name of your book

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01:04:13,340 --> 01:04:10,980

and on the publishing company just so

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01:04:17,000 --> 01:04:13,350

people can go out and buy the book and

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01:04:20,120 --> 01:04:17,010

you could become more successful as we

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01:04:21,770 --> 01:04:20,130

all want to be okay well the title of

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01:04:23,390 --> 01:04:21,780

the book is the entity letters of

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01:04:24,349 --> 01:04:23,400

sociologists on the trail of a

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01:04:26,359 --> 01:04:24,359

supernatural

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01:04:29,120 --> 01:04:26,369

Street the most common way people get

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01:04:31,309 --> 01:04:29,130

the book is they go onto Amazon and they

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01:04:34,039 --> 01:04:31,319

type in the entity letters and James

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01:04:37,630 --> 01:04:34,049

McLennan or it'll come right up

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01:04:41,059 --> 01:04:37,640

the publishers anomalous anomalous books

1371

01:04:43,400 --> 01:04:41,069

an anomalous books calm but I think

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01:04:46,279 --> 01:04:43,410

Amazon probably the easiest way to get

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01:04:48,620 --> 01:04:46,289

it okay thank you so very much for

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01:04:50,390 --> 01:04:48,630

having me well thank you so much I know

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01:04:52,519 --> 01:04:50,400

you probably can't hear me but thank you

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01:04:52,759 --> 01:04:52,529

it's been a great discussion yes thank

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01:04:55,789 --> 01:04:52,769

you

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01:04:58,370 --> 01:04:55,799

F on behalf of ourselves here

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01:05:01,029 --> 01:04:58,380

Kate bill and Ferruccio we want to thank

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01:05:04,069 --> 01:05:01,039

you for being on the show and we hope to

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01:05:07,160 --> 01:05:04,079

invite you back at some time perhaps

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01:05:11,809 --> 01:05:07,170

when you finish with your next your next

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01:05:16,039 --> 01:05:11,819

book which is going to correlate all of

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01:05:18,079 --> 01:05:16,049

the letters and the experiences of the

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01:05:22,160 --> 01:05:18,089

gentlemen of all the sudden wise my

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01:05:23,660 --> 01:05:22,170

brain Richards Richards yes tell us

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01:05:25,670 --> 01:05:23,670

about that it talks about the letters

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01:05:27,589 --> 01:05:25,680

actually I have another book about the

1389

01:05:29,839 --> 01:05:27,599

Vietnam War where I'm going to I compare

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01:05:33,890 --> 01:05:29,849

my stories with an Iranian guy who's a

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01:05:35,479 --> 01:05:33,900

veteran of an Iraq Iran Iraq war and but

1392

01:05:37,670 --> 01:05:35,489

there's a little bit of paranormal

1393

01:05:40,549 --> 01:05:37,680

phenomena in there so don't worry it's

1394

01:05:43,519 --> 01:05:40,559

still there we'll see how that one comes

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01:05:45,019 --> 01:05:43,529

out okay okay once again thanks so much

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01:05:48,440 --> 01:05:45,029

and bye for now

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01:05:51,890 --> 01:05:48,450

take care for now thank you so much okay

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01:05:53,960 --> 01:05:51,900

wasn't that interesting yeah it was I'll

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01:05:56,299 --> 01:05:53,970

tell you talk about EVP have you heard a

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01:05:58,519 --> 01:05:56,309

lot of crackles and stuff yes I did open

1401

01:06:01,549 --> 01:05:58,529

a lot of crackles and stuff mom and I

1402

01:06:03,609 --> 01:06:01,559

don't know whether dr. McLennan was

1403

01:06:15,499 --> 01:06:03,619

moving papers on his desk

1404

01:06:16,220 --> 01:06:15,509

oh ma B he was moving papers owner of a

1405

01:06:21,589 --> 01:06:16,230

gun okay

1406

01:06:25,789 --> 01:06:21,599

but in any case in any case we just

1407

01:06:28,849 --> 01:06:25,799

finished episode 74 I want to invite our

1408

01:06:31,970 --> 01:06:28,859

listeners to comment on any of our

1409

01:06:34,309 --> 01:06:31,980

platforms and I will remind you that we

1410

01:06:36,890 --> 01:06:34,319

can be found at shattered reality

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01:06:41,050 --> 01:06:36,900

podcast wordpress.com

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01:06:45,920 --> 01:06:41,060

shattered reality podcast.com on

1413

01:06:48,440 --> 01:06:45,930

Facebook and also on YouTube where we

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01:06:51,530 --> 01:06:48,450

are amassing a number of followers so

1415

01:06:55,880 --> 01:06:51,540

you can comment on any of those sites

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01:06:59,780 --> 01:06:55,890

I would also invite you listeners if you

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01:07:01,970 --> 01:06:59,790

have had a paranormal experience that

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01:07:04,970 --> 01:07:01,980

you would like to share with us here at

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01:07:11,440 --> 01:07:04,980

shattered reality that you would contact

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01:07:15,200 --> 01:07:11,450

me and/or shared reality podcast and

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01:07:17,980 --> 01:07:15,210

tell us what it is that you experienced

1422

01:07:20,870 --> 01:07:17,990

and whether you would like to be on

1423

01:07:26,720 --> 01:07:20,880

personally or you would like me or Kate

1424

01:07:28,790 --> 01:07:26,730

to read your experience email but I'd

1425

01:07:32,330 --> 01:07:28,800

like to make a point on that too is that

1426

01:07:34,130 --> 01:07:32,340

we have gazillion experiences every day

1427

01:07:36,740 --> 01:07:34,140

but when if something is strange how it

1428

01:07:39,830 --> 01:07:36,750

stays with you through the years you

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01:07:43,310 --> 01:07:39,840

don't forget it very vivid memory yes

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01:07:45,560 --> 01:07:43,320

just even in regards to this gentleman

1431

01:07:48,020 --> 01:07:45,570

and the book that started the whole

1432

01:07:49,160 --> 01:07:48,030

thing black kettle's speaks for whatever

1433

01:07:51,110 --> 01:07:49,170

reason yes

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01:07:53,150 --> 01:07:51,120

stayed in my mind that it appeared

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01:07:55,130 --> 01:07:53,160

mysteriously on my bookshelf you know I

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01:07:56,540 --> 01:07:55,140

don't claim there's no way to prove and

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01:07:59,540 --> 01:07:56,550

I don't claim that this was paranormal

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01:08:02,540 --> 01:07:59,550

but the fact that it was odd odd not

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01:08:04,730 --> 01:08:02,550

once but twice it showed up it stayed

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01:08:07,130 --> 01:08:04,740

with me mm-hmm anything that's out of

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01:08:10,810 --> 01:08:07,140

the ordinary always does you just don't

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01:08:13,340 --> 01:08:10,820

forget it it's like huh do you have any

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01:08:15,260 --> 01:08:13,350

anything that you want to share with us

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01:08:17,000 --> 01:08:15,270

now Kate no nope I'm good

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01:08:20,480 --> 01:08:17,010

oh one more thing to mention to

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01:08:24,410 --> 01:08:20,490

everybody is that our next podcast is

1447

01:08:29,170 --> 01:08:24,420

likely to be on or around September 11th

1448

01:08:32,420 --> 01:08:29,180

and in order to sort of commemorate that

1449

01:08:34,730 --> 01:08:32,430

experience which all of us here in the

1450

01:08:38,120 --> 01:08:34,740

New York area certainly had some very

1451

01:08:40,880 --> 01:08:38,130

strange experiences if we could get a

1452

01:08:45,110 --> 01:08:40,890

few listeners to write down their

1453

01:08:47,990 --> 01:08:45,120

experiences the odd experiences around

1454

01:08:49,880 --> 01:08:48,000

9/11 that they would like to share with

1455

01:08:50,810 --> 01:08:49,890

us I know that I had some strange

1456

01:08:54,080 --> 01:08:50,820

experience

1457

01:08:57,530 --> 01:08:54,090

prior to 9/11 and I know of some kids

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01:09:02,440 --> 01:08:57,540

who drew pictures of planes hitting the

1459

01:09:06,530 --> 01:09:02,450

buildings before 9/11 so if you have had

1460

01:09:08,840 --> 01:09:06,540

some anomalous experience around 9/11

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01:09:10,270 --> 01:09:08,850

please write it down and send it to us

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01:09:22,490 --> 01:09:10,280

thank you