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Dramatic new video from Gulf Breeze, Florida

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demonstrates why that area has become the world's

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greatest UFO hotspot.

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Oh, no, no, stop!

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Oh, no, no, no, no!

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Startling first-person accounts of parents

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who communicated with their children

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years before they were ever born.

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The close-up of a little boy's face appeared,

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and he said,

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Mommy, I'm coming.

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England's chief of staff

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England's Chillingham Castle

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is everything a medieval castle should be,

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including haunted.

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It would be much more extraordinary

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to have no spirits floating around here.

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Find out how the internet

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can test your psychic abilities.

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The intuition about

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not putting the cartridge in the gun

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saved my life.

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And why does the mysterious Mayan calendar

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end in the year 2012?

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Welcome to Sightings.

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I'm Tim White.

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When Ed Walder snapped the first pictures of a UFO

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over Gulf Breeze, Florida in 1987,

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skeptics discounted the incident.

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There's just another paranormal parlor trick.

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But since then, the anomalous craft

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have kept coming.

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Hundreds of people have seen them,

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and Gulf Breeze is now the acknowledged world capital

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for professional investigators and sky watchers alike.

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But why Gulf Breeze?

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And why now?

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Who is that?

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Look, look, look!

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Yes!

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What a gift!

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If you look, you'll see them, because they're there.

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On vacation in 1991,

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Carolyn Ken Baker and their daughter Jennifer

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fell in love with the charm of Gulf Breeze, Florida,

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and decided to move here.

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The Bakers did not know that they were moving into

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UFO Centro, and frankly, at the time,

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they wouldn't have cared.

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My husband and I can discuss it,

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but we really can't remember having had a conversation

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about UFOs in our life.

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We weren't familiar with anything involving UFOs.

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We had no interest in UFOs.

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I don't even watch science fiction.

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All that changed, however,

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on a balmy April evening in 1994.

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Carol was driving Ken to work.

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I jammed the brakes on,

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and we were looking, you know, out of the side of the car at it.

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And it was like nothing I'd ever seen before.

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We couldn't tell if it was three-dimensional,

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but it did look like a sphere

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that was about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle.

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And there was some kind of swirling inside of it,

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like a gas.

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And the thing that struck us most was it was extremely bright.

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I felt it was my civic responsibility

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to actually report what I saw, because I didn't know what it was.

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Our first instinct was probably to call the police or the military.

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And then we thought, well, maybe, you know,

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that's not such a good idea.

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They'll think we're crazy.

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When my husband works at the post office,

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well, there's a UFO group in Pensacola.

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You should call them.

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Show me the area where you were.

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It was then that the bakers had their first contact

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with the local Pensacola chapter of Mufang.

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They filed a sighting report and heard about Shoreline Park,

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the now famous spot where thousands of amateur sky watchers

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have gathered to scan the heavens

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for signs of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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It all started with this photo,

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and the man who snapped it, Ed Walters.

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In 1987, Walters released supposed hard evidence

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of a craft witnessed by many others,

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including local Mufang president, Art Hufford.

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By the middle of 1988, there were some 500 witnesses

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who had also come forward with UFO sighting reports.

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So it became a real hot issue in the area.

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And by the middle of January of 1991,

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sky watches had become a seven night a week year-round activity.

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So we started to go, I guess, in May to Shoreline Park

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on a regular basis, maybe, you know, three nights a week,

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four nights a week sometimes.

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And it was August the 12th before we had a sighting

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at Shoreline Park, and it was very different

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to what we had seen.

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And we've been just at this ever since now.

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It's a consuming interest for both of us.

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At first, the bakers were simply curious,

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but it was not long after their sighting at Shoreline Park

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that Carolyn Ken began writing a weekly newspaper article

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about the Gulf Breeze UFO phenomenon.

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The island of newspaper.

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I started to ask why, you know, these things were occurring,

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and nobody wanted to write them.

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The island had published articles in the past,

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but there had been nobody that was able to do them.

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And I started in November 1994, and for all of 1995,

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it was almost a weekly occurrence.

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We had so many sightings.

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Oh, my God, I just hovered right there.

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Then on July 21st, 1995, Ed Walters,

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the man who got Gulf Breeze residents searching the skies

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in the first place,

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captured another dramatic UFO appearance on videotape.

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I thought I saw from my office window

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that looks out over this sound a very fast UFO,

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something, streaked by.

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So I set up the camera, turned it on, went to work.

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Before I left, I came back in the room,

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and by God, there it was.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, there it is, up to the left, coming this way.

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So I just spoke aloud as to what I was seeing

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as the UFO maneuvered.

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Doing a loop, doing a loop.

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Didn't get a whole lot of it, but it caught it

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as it came in the field of view, turned, reversed its field,

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and swung around the left.

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This UFO looked fake,

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so Walters contacted UFO analyst Dr. Bruce McAbee.

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Dr. McAbee is a research physicist

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under contract of the U.S. Navy

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and is an expert photo analyst.

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He is also director of the Maryland chapter of MUFON.

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When Ed Walters first called Dr. McAbee,

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he explained why this video could not have been faked.

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As we talked, I noticed down below the UFO,

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along the tree line,

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you could see the movement of a shadow.

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That moved with the UFO.

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Coming back.

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Doing a loop, doing a loop.

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This videotape is very unique because of the fact

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that that shadow appears on a surface,

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which is so far away, it rules out the hopes.

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But when Jeff Signew, staff photo and video analyst

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for MUFON International, first saw the tape,

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he was far less impressed.

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My first impression on seeing the video is,

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this is a really poor fake.

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I was not impressed at all.

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What changed my mind regarding it was

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a careful frame-by-frame check.

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Up here we see the UFO in the enhanced version.

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And down here, with the background subtraction,

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you can see an enhanced version of the shadow,

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somewhat more clearly.

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So that complicates the fakery of this video.

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This video is the first time I've ever seen a shadow

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of a UFO on videotape.

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But then, so much of the video that comes out of golf breeze

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is one of a kind.

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I think definitely there are certain areas in the world

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that seem to have a higher frequency of sightings than others.

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I've had two daylight sightings,

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and I would say between 100 and 120 night time sightings

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since the first one.

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It is a very hot spot, so to speak,

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and I don't know why.

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Perhaps the same force that drew the baker's two golf breeze

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is also drawing in strange objects from another world.

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Because, for some reason, regular sky watchers here

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are rarely disappointed by their vigilance.

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Because most of the best UFO photographs and videos

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have come from one man, and Walters,

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skeptics charge that Walters is faking his famous evidence.

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But the jury's still out, because so far,

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none of his material has been proven to be a fake.

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Next, parents communicate with their children years before they're born.

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It's entirely possible for the children to contact a father

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or a mother before they're conceived.

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It's not unusual for prospective parents to dream about their child

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before it's born.

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Psychologists suggest that it's a natural reaction to the stress

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and anxiety of impending childbirth.

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However, more and more researchers are beginning to feel

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that dreams and visions of the unborn are proof of a psychic link

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between mother, father, and child.

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And if we listen, we may hear the future.

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I was just falling asleep one night, like any other night,

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and just when I was in that half-awake, half-asleep state,

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the close-up of a little boy's face appeared right in front of my face,

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and he said, Mommy, I'm coming.

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And then it just hit me that I'm seeing my son to be.

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At the time, writer Theresa Dana wasn't pregnant

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or even planning to have children.

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When I had that vision of my son,

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all of the priorities in my life just completely changed.

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All I wanted from that moment on was the opportunity to be his mother

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and to nurture him and to help him fulfill his purpose for coming.

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Theresa shared her life-changing vision

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in an open letter to a national magazine.

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The response was overwhelming.

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Theresa found out she was not alone.

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Dear Theresa, this is why I believe my children let me know

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they were on their way.

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In January 93, I began to hear a baby crying in my house.

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In the fall, I dreamt of a little girl with pigtails running up to me and smiling.

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After that letter was published, I received letters from people all over the country

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explaining very similar instances where people had seen visions

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or a dream of a child, and they have since had those children,

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and those children look just like the children in their vision.

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We're not talking about just one or two cases here.

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We're talking about what I think is really sort of the front,

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the leading edge of exploration or of scientific discovery.

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Dr. David Chamberlain is the president of the Association for Pre-imperonatal Psychology and Health.

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He has devoted the past 20 years to the study of infant development.

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The new evidence is overwhelming as far as I'm concerned

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for the great intelligence and wisdom of these babies long before they should have any at all.

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It's entirely possible for the children to exert their influence

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and make an appearance and contact a father or a mother before they're conceived.

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One of the things that brought Aaron and Jeanette Potties together 24 years ago

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was their dream of a home full of children.

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But medical complications during the birth of their first daughter, Angie,

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forced the young couple to reevaluate their life plan.

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It was always a dramatic experience for me,

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and so it made it hard to even consider having another child.

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Even though mother and daughter pulled through fine,

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it was still something you just don't forget.

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Since then, the Potties have had more children,

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and each birth has taken its toll on Jeanette.

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After four children, all girls, doctors warned that another childbirth would be extremely risky.

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But then Jeanette had a premonition.

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I was sitting there looking through this family history.

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It was a definite clear message to me that we would have a son and his name would be Michael.

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Despite what Jeanette felt was a clear message from her unborn son, her health was failing.

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Jeanette's doctors warned her again about the dangers of childbirth

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and recommended surgery that would prevent Jeanette from having any more children.

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Reluctantly, Jeanette called to schedule the surgery.

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As my hand touched the phone, I looked up, and across the room stood this very cute little red-headed boy with the saddest face.

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He appeared to be about three years of age.

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He never said a word, but the message was on his face,

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why don't you want me?

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I took a step towards where he was, as I did this.

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He took a step backwards, and as he stepped backwards, he just faded and disappeared, and he was gone.

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I think these mothers and fathers that are in touch with their babies by one means or another,

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a vision or a dream, are exercising psychic ability.

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It's telepathy. It's beyond the ordinary senses.

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Although he didn't call it telepathy, Aaron too experienced a strange sense that his family was incomplete.

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Several times at the dinner table, we'd all sit down to have dinner.

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There would be the four girls, my wife and I, and I'd say, well, who's missing?

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It was an unconscious thing that I would say.

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It was never intentional, and I said it several times, I guess, more than I really remember.

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But it was the pottiest children who saw Michael most clearly and claimed to have made contact with their brother.

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The next morning after I had seen Michael, I was in my living room, and Heather came running down the hall,

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and she was really excited and in a hurry, and she says, come quick, hurry and come play with Michael before he leaves.

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Heather, now 17, vividly recalls that first extraordinary encounter.

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He was in Indian style, and had his arms down on his knees, and he just had this like little smile on his face.

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And we ran down the hall along with my mom following us, and by the time we had all gotten in the room, he had just disappeared.

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I wasn't scared or anything. I felt that he was there for good reason, not to harm us.

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The following night, Karen woke up in the middle of the night just hysterical or something.

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She explained how she had been laying there in bed, and she could see this boy over the foot of her bed.

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And when we asked her where this boy went, her explanation was exactly this.

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She says he didn't hop, he didn't skip, and he didn't jump, but he just went up, and he disappeared.

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And she pointed to the ceiling, and she said he was gone.

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Of course, I was a little bit stunned by what she was explaining, and I very carefully asked Karen, I said, what was this boy's name?

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And she says, Michael.

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And so I thought, well, I give up. There must be a boy.

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And so I finally accepted the idea that we were to have a boy.

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For the Potious family, listening to their hearts was a gamble that paid off.

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Michael Potious was born 15 months later, with no complications.

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It makes me feel very special and important to be down here.

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I think I'm down here for a very special reason, to do something for somebody or just to be down here, to help my family.

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The little boy that I saw that day is just identical to what our son Michael looked at age three.

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His hair, the coloring, the shape of his face, everything.

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I believe that these children can make themselves known before they're born, if it's even necessary.

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I think it happens when the parents, to be, need to be woke up and say, look alive, here we are. We need to be taken care of.

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Although Michael believes that he was put on the earth for special purpose and continues to wonder what that will be,

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his parents believe that he's already fulfilled his destiny to be part of a loving family.

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And since his birth, the visions and dreams have stopped.

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Next, a rash of sightings in the Lone Star State.

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Later, the frightening secret of England's Chillingham Castle.

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Here are some of the stories sightings is following in the news.

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For years, mysterious lights over Marfa, Texas had locals convinced that they were Grand Central Station for flying saucers.

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The Marfa lights have since been explained away as natural phenomenon, but new lights in Texas cannot be written off so easily.

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In Houston, Texas, in fact, throughout the Lone Star State, an unprecedented wave of UFO sightings have sky watchers here on alert.

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Wow, that's an ink-o airplane.

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There is a possibility that what's taking place right now could be the beginning of a large UFO flap.

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Dale Musser is senior investigator for the Houston branch of the Mutual UFO Network.

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For the past two years, Musser has seen a dramatic increase in UFO activity in Texas, especially now.

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Most recently, there have been video-taped sightings in Cleveland, West Columbia and New Braunfels.

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See it?

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Yeah, what is it?

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I don't know.

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It's off Ohio, whatever it is.

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Musser believes that the arrival of these UFOs are part of a pattern of visitation.

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Figure out the pattern, he says, and we may be able to predict and prepare for future contact.

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We have noticed a pattern that does occur.

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It's very difficult to map out, but what we're beginning to see is that if you can catch when a flap first starts,

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that it will go on for several months, and then usually there's a big pause,

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and almost a year to the day later there will be another flap.

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If Musser's theory is correct, the fall of 1997 should be prime time for UFO sightings in Texas.

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Regardless of what happens, we're going to continue to watch the skies, and we plan to keep our eyes open.

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In San Diego, California, at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography,

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the aliens have landed, buried deep inside these innocuous looking rocks.

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The rocks come from this crater near Sudbury, Ontario, Canada,

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created after meteorite the size of Manhattan impacted Earth 2 billion years ago.

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Analyzing the rocks at Scripps, Dr. Luanne Becker made a startling discovery.

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Dr. Becker found carbon, an element of all life on Earth,

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but the carbon in these rocks may have come from someplace else.

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The reason that we believe that the carbon in the Sudbury rocks may be extraterrestrial in origin

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is because we have discovered this rather new form of carbon called fullerenes or buckyballs.

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Buckyballs, because the uniquely shaped molecules, resemble Buckminster Fuller's geodesic domes.

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It's literally a soccer ball shaped form of carbon.

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It's hollow, and it does have the potential to hold other atoms inside of it.

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Dr. Becker discovered the buckyballs during a routine carbon test on the Sudbury rocks.

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One of the first indications I had that we had something very interesting

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was that after I had extracted the rock and concentrated up the solution,

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I had kind of a nice wine red colored solution,

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which typically is characteristic of what fullerenes look like.

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So that was really pretty exciting.

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Because these molecules can carry and preserve other elements inside them,

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buckyballs have been likened to a kind of extraterrestrial Tupperware,

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carrying oxygen, helium, and other building blocks of life from galaxy to galaxy.

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There could be potential possibility that life absolutely was facilitated

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by something that didn't actually originate on the Earth.

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Inside the buckyballs, inside the Sudbury rocks,

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Dr. Becker has found helium that is older than the Earth, older than the Sun, or it's unknown.

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Certainly there might be life on other planets, that's something we've always been curious about.

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Perhaps this too suggests the same sort of scenario.

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We'll have more stories in the news next time.

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Now here's what's coming up as sightings continues.

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Chillingham Castle on the windswept moors of Northern England is a monument to just how dark the dark ages could be.

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There's hardly been a renovation since the 1200s that hasn't uncovered at least one twisted, haunting skeleton.

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The history of Chillingham Castle has been written in blood, and so the legend goes,

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there are many restless spirits here with unfinished business.

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It's not a feeling that there's somebody there, it's a feeling that you're not alone, but you're slightly different.

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I've never seen any ghost, but you don't have to see a thing to believe.

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You can know a thing is there without seeing it.

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This cold and imposing edifice on the border between England and Scotland is Chillingham Castle.

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Built by the descendants of William the Conqueror, the castle is inextricably bound to the warfare, torture and murderous passion of British history.

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In a letter dated 1520, even the mighty Spanish Armada is warned to stay away from Chillingham, or come prepared to fight to the death.

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The family crest reflects the dark and dangerous forces that are the legacy of Chillingham.

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The Wakefield bat flies over the castle, and real bats fly around within.

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And even the present day owner, Sir Humphrey Wakefield, admits there is an air of evil here.

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The atmosphere is right for ghosts in a way. To me, it would be much more extraordinary to have no spirits floating around here,

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after all the excitement and the horror and the glory and the glamour and the history and the heartache that's been here sort of understood.

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The castle staff have grown accustomed to the eerie atmosphere of an 800-year-old castle, complete with dungeons and torture chambers.

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There's quite a lot of eerie places, quite a lot of places that have a funny feel about them,

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and there's many times you get a certain feeling and a certain part that there's somebody behind you or there's somebody there.

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These are the skeletons in Chillingham's closet, the real remains of countless enemies who endured torture so unspeakable

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that the screams of prisoners begging for death could be heard throughout the castle.

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This dungeon was called the Oobliette, from the French word for forgotten, because that is precisely what happened to prisoners who marked their final days here.

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The Chillingham castle certainly was torture within the walls, and the main one really was, if they were taken prisoner for information,

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in which case they would be taken into the dungeon above the Oobliette, then they'd lifted the lid of the Oobliette and threw them down.

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They'd fall onto dead bodies that had been there for a while, they knew that an Oobliette was to forget, so they were forgotten about.

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They got neither food nor water, and they were left to starve to death.

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Tony Cornell is the UK's preeminent ghost investigator, and has spent more than 30 years trying to develop the study of spiritual contact into a bonafide science.

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Citing's asked Cornell to inspect Chillingham for hard evidence of paranormal activity.

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As for Chillingham, is it haunted? Good question. I don't think there's any doubt about it. Yes, it is. Very haunted.

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In over 800 investigations, Cornell has searched for scientific methods to quantify decidedly unscientific phenomena.

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And I think that the scientist attitude that it's rubbish, which a lot of them think it is, is a very unscientific attitude.

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If you take the kind of thing we're investigating, apparitions, ghosts, setters, it's been going on pretty well since recorded history.

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Cornell began his survey with the search for Lady Grey. Her haunting presence has been reportedly felt for more than a century in halls, towers and stairways throughout the castle.

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She was married to this very able, but curious fellow who went often had a fling with his sister-in-law, who was very pretty.

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The sister-in-law was called Lady Henrietta Barkley.

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Poor old Lady Grey was devastated by her husband running off like that.

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And throughout the centuries, she famously climbed out of that painting, wandered up and down the stairs, moaning and crying and ringing her hands and looking for her husband.

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I think I've heard the footsteps of Lady Marie about three times in different parts of the castle.

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And you can hear it's a fairly heavy female footstep.

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It's not a very dainty little one, but definitely female and not male.

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And it's accompanied by the swish of material, which I'm very sure is tough at her.

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Cornell also searched for evidence of the ghostly child known as the Radiant Boy.

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Childish laughter has been heard, and a child bathed in ethereal blue light has been cited here by residents and staff.

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In the pink room, the temperature used to drop.

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And then a bright light started to build up in one corner beside the fireplace.

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And in the center of the light, you start to make out the shape of a boy.

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And he was dressed in pureed garments in sort of a apparently blue, silky type of material with knee-bitches.

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And all he did, he just walked across the room and went through the wall.

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Photographing a ghost here should be like shooting fish in a barrel, but Sir Humphrey has no such illusions.

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It's quite difficult to get Chillingham Castle a ghost to perform when an expert is there.

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Because normally I think the spirits shy off and say we don't want to play games.

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Cornell knows that ghosts don't perform on demand, but he's prepared in case one does during his overnight vigil.

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What we want to do is get it on record, get it on other instrumentation.

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Now I surround myself with equipment.

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I'll use a tape recorder in case there's any footsteps or sound.

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I'll use a video camera which will be switched on by infrared if there's any interference with the infrared.

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What I want to do is find out whether or any cold spots.

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So I've got to measure the temperature.

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I shall also try and use some form of electrical detection because the ghosts may be generated by some form of electrical disturbance.

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And the whole idea is to put it on record.

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This investigation was only preliminary, more of a fact-finding mission than a ghost hunt.

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Cornell now believes it will take much more equipment and an army of volunteers to ferret out the restless spirits of Chillingham Castle.

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There's no doubt in my mind that this castle's got a lot of genuine hauntings and spirits and ghosts, whatever you want to call them.

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And I think what we've got to do is come back, spend more time and see if we can get more positive readings.

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But I'm absolutely convinced that this castle is worthwhile investigating.

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Because of the castle's isolated location, the Sightings Investigative Team was invited to stay at Chillingham overnight.

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Even though the hospitality was impeccable and our team had investigated dozens of haunted sites just like this one,

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each member reported feeling very uneasy at Chillingham, unable to sleep, and more than a little relieved when the investigation was over.

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Next, a website designed to test your psychic ability.

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We believe that ESP not only exists, but it's something that everyone experiences in their lifetime.

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Parapsychology is a controversial science with a short and troubled history.

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This science of the paranormal has been in and out of favor as many times as Saturday Night Live.

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And history will no doubt record the early 1990s as the nader of the parapsychology movement.

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Dr. Dean Raiden wants to change all that.

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His Consciousness Research Lab at UNLV is designing new scientific tests that could make believers out of us all.

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Volunteers wanted, experience with ESP, premonition, and the paranormal a plus.

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Report to Room 114, Consciousness Research Lab.

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This is where Dr. Dean Raiden and his UNLV team are trying to put the science back into side phenomena.

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The overall goal of our lab is to try to get a better understanding of the phenomena that people report out there in the real world,

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but which are not yet recognized by mainstream science.

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Dr. Raiden's most recent study concentrates on the two types of ESP that seem to touch the most people, presentiment and precognition.

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Presentiment is literally a pre-feeling. It's a feeling about something in the future.

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So for example, you may be going along the road and suddenly you get a bad feeling about the road you're on.

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You decide because of that bad feeling to get off the road and try a different route.

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And later you hear that there was an accident that occurred moments after you left that road and you may have been involved in it.

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Pre-cognition is pre-knowledge in which you know what's going to happen in the future.

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Pre-cognition is a case where you're preparing the cross of streets, say, and you put a foot out and suddenly something flashes in your mind

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where you get this image of a truck just barreling past you all of a sudden.

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And in this case you have some message, some knowledge of the future and so you don't cross the street and sure enough the truck suddenly barrels past you.

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So the case of presentiment, it's the feeling which caused you to make a different decision and precognition.

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It's the knowledge or the vision of the future which causes you to make a difference.

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Claims of seeing or feeling the future are widespread but entirely anecdotal and so easily dismissed by mainstream science.

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Dr. Raiden's goal is to design a test to measure ESP empirically.

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With the presentiment test what we do is wire up somebody to look at their electrodermal response, also their heart rate and their blood pressure.

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The subject is then presented with a random sample of shocking or calming photographs with five seconds of black in between.

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What we're looking at then is during those first five seconds before the person knows what the picture is, does their physiology change differentially?

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Such that if they're about to see an emotional target or an emotional picture they're already becoming aroused.

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Whereas if they're going to see a calm picture they stay calm.

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And the results of these experiments show very clearly that people do get some aspect of their future emotional experience.

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Alex Heinle, a curator at UNLV's Museum of Natural History, was asked to participate in a consciousness research lab experiment after he told Dr. Raiden about a chilling psychic experience he had had as a young man.

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Several years ago I was up visiting the family of my then-fiance and while I was cleaning my revolver, her father asked me if I would take a look at the revolver he had in the house

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and see if it needed cleaning.

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And I said sure.

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I opened the cylinder on it and I removed four cartridges from the cylinder, cleaned the gun, I put the four cartridges that had been in it and back in it.

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And in the box there were a number of loose cartridges lying around.

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One of them was different from the rest.

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I picked that one up, I started to put it in the fifth empty chamber.

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When the alarms went off in the back of my head and something was saying don't put that bullet in the gun.

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I listened to that warning, I simply closed the revolver up with the four cartridges in it, leaving the hammer resting on an empty chamber.

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Some weeks later I was up again visiting.

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I was there when my fiance's father realized that his wife had just filed for divorce, he came home, he was obviously upset.

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He went in and he got the revolver and he was waving it around.

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At one point he asked me if I knew that his wife was going to file and I said yes I had known.

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And at that point he stuck the revolver in my face and pulled the trigger.

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The cylinder rotated so the hammer fell on the chamber that I had almost put the fifth cartridge in.

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And had I put it in there you and I would not be having this conversation today.

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So it's basically my feeling that the intuition about not putting the cartridge in the gun saved my life.

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I would say in the case of Alex's story that it was presentiment and the reason is that he had a bad feeling but he didn't know what it pertained to.

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He knew it had something to do with the bullet and so he acted on that feeling.

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In order to reach more volunteers like Alex, Jeanine Rebman, a UNLV research fellow, has designed a modified online version of the ESP test performed in the consciousness research laboratory.

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Our worldwide website has allowed many people in the world to explore our laboratory and take a peek into the research that we're conducting and it helps them understand a little more about ESP.

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Similar to the CRL program, the online test is based on viewing a series of random photographs.

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Only this time the subject is asked to describe the picture before viewing the actual image.

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And that way we can see if what they recorded about the picture actually matches what the picture is and that's how we test whether they've pre-cognized the picture or not.

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Over 7,000 people from around the world have already participated in consciousness research testing.

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The website is still operational and soon Dr. Raden's department will begin to compile the data from this first groundbreaking online experiment.

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We have had so much research that points to the fact that ESP is a legitimate sensory function that we, at least in the field of parapsychology, certainly believe that ESP not only exists but it's something that everyone experiences in their lifetime.

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If you're interested in participating in UNLV's Internet ESP test, you can access their website on the World Wide Web by typing consciousness research laboratory.

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Next, why the Maya thought time would run out in the year 2012.

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At the end of the age there would be a period of chaos and then there would be a period of rebuilding.

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Ready or not, here comes the year 2000.

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But among many millennium watchers, the real fireworks won't begin until the year 2012.

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That's the magic year the ancient Mayas predicted would transform the world as we know it.

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But exactly what those changes will be isn't known and 2012 could just as easily be heaven as Armageddon.

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In the last millennium, a great civilization of scientists, artists and warriors more than 12 million strong abruptly abandoned their world.

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They were the Maya, a people of prodigious vision whose great cities and temples along the present day Yucatan Peninsula were swallowed up by the jungle after an unknown catastrophe.

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The Maya left behind great civic centers, temples of worship, houses, apartment buildings.

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They buried great works of art, pottery, plows and this, the crowning achievement of Maya culture, their calendar.

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To this day it is a puzzle and a passion for modern scholars.

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The Maya calendar is one of the wonders of the world in the fact that it is so accurate in terms of its counting ability.

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To the Maya time was cyclical, so you return and you cycle back.

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They have one major cycle that started in 3113 BC that is going to come to an end in the year 2012.

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Arlan and Diane Chase are directors of the Caracol Archaeology Project.

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For the past 10 years they have been unearthing many of the lost treasures of the Maya, developing a rare understanding of the ways of the Maya calendar.

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Because Maya time was cyclical, events were conceived of as potentially repeating themselves.

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So you have all of these various cycles that fit together, certain days were considered to be unlucky.

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Other days were considered to be very good, it's like looking in your horoscope.

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Well the Maya had that same kind of relationship with the calendar.

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Certain days were good, certain days were bad, certain years were bad, certain blocks of 20 years were good and bad.

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Each block of time and its so-called personality, whether good or bad, feast or famine, were the teeth on the cogs of the calendar.

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In this way the Maya could see not only what day it was, or year or 20 year period, called a katul.

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They could also see what was to come, so the demise of the Maya may have been foretold, or it may have been a self-fulfilling prophecy.

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Now to some extent you could argue that the Maya collapse itself was a process of the view of Maya time.

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That they foretold that there was going to be a major problem and they couldn't survive that problem.

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The Maya collapse is tied into a cartoon of change called an Eta Howe.

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And another Eta Howe, a time of change by earth, fire or water, is coming in 2012.

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That's also the year, according to the Maya, that a new age begins, a fact of great significance to millennial scholars.

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In the West we have our own millennial feelings, we're expecting the return of a Messiah, we're expecting everything wonderful that might happen after that,

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but we're also expecting a sort of judgement day.

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The Mayans had a similar kind of conception that at the end of the age there would be a period of chaos and then there would be a period of rebuilding.

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Who knows exactly what's going to happen.

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Adrian Gilbert is the co-author of the Mayan prophecies and has found astounding parallels between the Maya and the Christian world view of the fate of humankind.

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We have our flood myth, you know, about Noah and so on, and we also have myths about the destruction of Solomon Gomorrah in our Western tradition.

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They had similar sorts of myths.

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They believed that the world had been destroyed four times before.

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The first time by water, another time by winds, the third time by fire and earth.

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So it seems like we're coming up for another big change in 2012.

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While Gilbert stops short of saying 2012 will be the end of the world, he does believe that earth is in for a very bumpy ride.

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Well we seem to be reaching some sort of crescendo, don't we?

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Our population levels keep rising inextricably.

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Our demands on our environment keep rising all the time.

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We're depleting the reserves.

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I mean even the fish seem to be fished out of the sea now.

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We're getting to a point where it seems we can't carry on the way we are.

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Realistically, what relevance does the Maya culture or Maya calendar in this case have for our civilization?

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The Maya calendar encompasses the Maya worldview.

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We come from a very different worldview.

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Should their prophecies be the same ones as ours?

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I would doubt that very much.

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It is Professor Chase's opinion that gloom and doom predictions based on the Maya calendar are little more than New Age musings.

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But his conclusions based on science and scholarship echo the same sentiment.

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Learned from the Maya, so history does not repeat itself.

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The lesson that we learn from archaeology is that the Maya were living on their ecological edge.

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They've exploited the countryside, their population base is huge.

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All it would take is a sudden little imbalance in the system for the system to begin falling apart.

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And you throw in warfare, I think that you see that you have a very volatile mix which could have led to their rapid decline in a situation that we consider to be a collapse.

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New Age messenger or traditional scientist.

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What seems most interesting about their interpretations of the Maya prophecy is that both sides have taken different paths to the same end.

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Although the date December 22nd 2012 is literally etched in stone, most Maya scholars believe the Maya were offering a warning, not a prophecy.

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It's not too late to change the course of history, the Maya seem to be saying, but time is running out.

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If you've had a paranormal experience, please write to us at Sightings.

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Sightings can also be contacted at America Online at keyword Sightings.

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Download images, sounds and quick time clips from Sightings episodes.

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On the internet, access information about Sightings and the paranormal at sci-fi.com.

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Until next time, remember, no mystery is closed to an open mind.

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For Sightings, I'm Tim White.

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Next on Sci-Fi Dark Shadows.

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This is freighter number 17. We assume that we've been listed as missing in any search for us ended months ago.

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