



Dr. Rupert Sheldrake

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00:00:04,579 --> 00:00:02,480
I sent to you a clip of part of the

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00:00:07,220 --> 00:00:04,589
interview that I had with dr. French and

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00:00:09,500 --> 00:00:07,230
I just wanted to get a brief response on

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00:00:12,680 --> 00:00:09,510
a couple of points I personally have

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00:00:15,259 --> 00:00:12,690
never had any success in replicating the

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00:00:19,070 --> 00:00:15,269
effect that Rupert is designed not only

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00:00:20,990 --> 00:00:19,080
that my project students who are not as

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00:00:23,779 --> 00:00:21,000
skeptical as I am in fact they usually

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00:00:26,750 --> 00:00:23,789
big fans of Rupert's they've also failed

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00:00:28,910 --> 00:00:26,760
to replicate the fact that Rupert got in

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00:00:31,220 --> 00:00:28,920
the past I've had project students

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00:00:33,380 --> 00:00:31,230
looking at the detection of staring kind

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:33,390

of paradigms again we didn't get over to

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00:00:37,790 --> 00:00:35,760

significant results let's talk a little

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00:00:40,850 --> 00:00:37,800

bit to begin with about some of the

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00:00:43,250 --> 00:00:40,860

replications that dr. French's group has

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00:00:45,319 --> 00:00:43,260

done of your experiments now he was

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00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:45,329

pretty direct and saying that he has

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00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:47,760

never nor have any of his students ever

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00:00:53,330 --> 00:00:50,239

been able to replicate any of your

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00:00:55,939 --> 00:00:53,340

experiments despite many attempts would

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00:00:59,119 --> 00:00:55,949

you have anything to comment on on that

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00:01:01,010 --> 00:00:59,129

statement but yes I mean it sounds as if

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00:01:02,630 --> 00:01:01,020

he's tried really hard over a long

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00:01:05,960 --> 00:01:02,640

period of time and nothing I do ever

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00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:05,970

works when they do it it's not quite

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00:01:10,700 --> 00:01:08,159

like that and custom all there haven't

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00:01:12,649 --> 00:01:10,710

been that many attempts he did a staring

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00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:12,659

experiment I think was the first thing

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00:01:17,330 --> 00:01:14,880

that he did that was related to my own

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00:01:20,570 --> 00:01:17,340

work he used different methods from one

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00:01:22,910 --> 00:01:20,580

side used and his student came up with

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:22,920

the result that was statistically

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00:01:28,490 --> 00:01:25,680

significant by one test and not

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00:01:30,380 --> 00:01:28,500

significant by another probably the one

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00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:30,390

that they used was the most appropriate

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00:01:34,340 --> 00:01:31,920

but it was on the borderline of

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00:01:37,399 --> 00:01:34,350

significance so I asked for the data to

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00:01:39,800 --> 00:01:37,409

analyze it using different statistical

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00:01:43,880 --> 00:01:39,810

procedures they had used a t-test and

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00:01:45,679 --> 00:01:43,890

and there were other ways of doing at

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00:01:47,929 --> 00:01:45,689

the analysis and I just wanted to see

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00:01:49,069 --> 00:01:47,939

how that would work and he said oh well

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00:01:52,280 --> 00:01:49,079

I couldn't do that because they

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00:01:54,469 --> 00:01:52,290

discarded the data so i wouldn't say

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00:01:56,840 --> 00:01:54,479

that was an unambiguous failure i think

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00:01:59,209 --> 00:01:56,850

that there was an interesting result and

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00:02:01,459 --> 00:01:59,219

it was on the borderline of significance

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00:02:04,330 --> 00:02:01,469

and it all depends on which tests you

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00:02:06,590 --> 00:02:04,340

did but the heads i win tails you lose

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00:02:09,109 --> 00:02:06,600

Chris French says that psychic

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00:02:12,440 --> 00:02:09,119

researchers do this and actually I think

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00:02:13,220 --> 00:02:12,450

skeptics do it more if they get a result

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00:02:14,809 --> 00:02:13,230

that shows

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00:02:16,910 --> 00:02:14,819

in effect then they say oh well it

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00:02:19,640 --> 00:02:16,920

hasn't worked there's no phenomenon here

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00:02:21,949 --> 00:02:19,650

if there's a positive result as there

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00:02:23,780 --> 00:02:21,959

are many of my own experiments then they

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00:02:27,619 --> 00:02:23,790

say all the experiments must be flawed

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00:02:29,869 --> 00:02:27,629

in some way so I think this way of

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00:02:32,420 --> 00:02:29,879

arguing works absolutely both ways

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00:02:34,039 --> 00:02:32,430

naturally crisp when she admits that but

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00:02:36,759 --> 00:02:34,049

when we come to one of the most

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00:02:40,100 --> 00:02:36,769

important replications he's tried to do

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00:02:41,809 --> 00:02:40,110

my work telephone telepathy experiments

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00:02:44,960 --> 00:02:41,819

these have been done under very tightly

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00:02:47,809 --> 00:02:44,970

controlled conditions and Chris French

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00:02:49,850 --> 00:02:47,819

tried to replicate this he got a couple

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00:02:51,770 --> 00:02:49,860

of students on the case they only

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00:02:53,569 --> 00:02:51,780

managed to recruit 10 subjects and

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00:02:55,220 --> 00:02:53,579

actually I recruited nine of them for

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00:02:58,490 --> 00:02:55,230

them because I wanted to help them out

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00:03:00,830 --> 00:02:58,500

and Chris insisted on a procedure

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00:03:02,210 --> 00:03:00,840

whereby all the people who were calling

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00:03:04,280 --> 00:03:02,220

them had to be in a particular place

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00:03:07,330 --> 00:03:04,290

particular time they all had to be

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00:03:10,220 --> 00:03:07,340

filmed the subjects had to be filmed and

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00:03:13,610 --> 00:03:10,230

the in these experiments the results

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00:03:15,650 --> 00:03:13,620

were pretty declared chance he would say

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00:03:18,319 --> 00:03:15,660

this is because when you do it really

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00:03:20,990 --> 00:03:18,329

rigorously the effect goes away I would

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00:03:23,390 --> 00:03:21,000

say that if you get people doing

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00:03:25,819 --> 00:03:23,400

something very sensitive like telepathy

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00:03:28,250 --> 00:03:25,829

which worked unconsciously you get

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00:03:30,080 --> 00:03:28,260

everyone on edge you get getting really

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00:03:32,750 --> 00:03:30,090

nervous feeling they're being treated

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00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,760

with their cheating everyone involved is

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00:03:37,069 --> 00:03:35,040

treated as a ver cheat then you create

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00:03:38,809 --> 00:03:37,079

conditions of nervousness that interfere

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00:03:41,720 --> 00:03:38,819

with the phenomenon I think that

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00:03:44,059 --> 00:03:41,730

skeptics doing the experiments in a way

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00:03:46,309 --> 00:03:44,069

that implies extreme distrust of

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00:03:48,589 --> 00:03:46,319

everyone involved is likely to be

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00:03:50,120 --> 00:03:48,599

inhibitory of the phenomenon now when

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00:03:53,270 --> 00:03:50,130

Chris French and I discussed this

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00:03:54,620 --> 00:03:53,280

experiment before they did it we said to

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00:03:56,089 --> 00:03:54,630

each other what we'd probably say I'm a

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00:03:58,580 --> 00:03:56,099

today k Chris well if it gives

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00:04:01,129 --> 00:03:58,590

non-significant results I'm probably

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00:04:04,580 --> 00:04:01,139

going to say that you know these this

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00:04:06,710 --> 00:04:04,590
extreme skeptical leaning on everybody

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00:04:08,900 --> 00:04:06,720
involved in a way that treats them as if

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00:04:11,059 --> 00:04:08,910
they're under suspicion of cheating all

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00:04:13,069 --> 00:04:11,069
the time is going to inhibit the effect

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00:04:15,710 --> 00:04:13,079
and I said what are you gain safe as a

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00:04:17,479 --> 00:04:15,720
positive effect and he said I'm going to

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00:04:19,039 --> 00:04:17,489
say that the controls weren't rigorous

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00:04:21,529 --> 00:04:19,049
enough and we have to do it with even

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00:04:24,110 --> 00:04:21,539
more rigorous control Chris and I both

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00:04:26,060 --> 00:04:24,120
of us in advance realized that whatever

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00:04:26,900 --> 00:04:26,070
the result neither of us are going to