

skeptiko science debated

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00:00:11,270 --> 00:00:08,839  
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:14,419 --> 00:00:11,280  
with journalist and author Steve Volk

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00:00:17,359 --> 00:00:14,429  
about developments in phrenology the

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00:00:20,269 --> 00:00:17,369  
real limit on materialism as it applies

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00:00:22,939 --> 00:00:20,279  
to science is the something else

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00:00:25,279 --> 00:00:22,949  
something more that a lot of

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00:00:28,849 --> 00:00:25,289  
consciousness research alludes to as

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00:00:32,510 --> 00:00:28,859  
soon as we have an X Factor a something

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00:00:35,569 --> 00:00:32,520  
more factor then everything turns on its

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00:00:39,830 --> 00:00:35,579  
head whether it be experimenter effect

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00:00:43,549 --> 00:00:39,840  
sigh effect consciousness effect we just

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:43,559  
have a whole broad huge swath of science

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00:00:47,600 --> 00:00:45,120

that we have to look at all of it and

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00:00:50,420 --> 00:00:47,610

say well yeah that's fine but did you

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00:00:52,459 --> 00:00:50,430

measure your x-factor correctly you know

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the entire scientific enterprise is

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based on this idea of being able to to

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00:01:00,770 --> 00:00:57,989

measure reality being able to know

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00:01:02,720 --> 00:01:00,780

reality it involves there being

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00:01:05,960 --> 00:01:02,730

something material and external and

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00:01:07,940 --> 00:01:05,970

measurable outside of ourselves and so

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00:01:10,160 --> 00:01:07,950

whenever we get into realms where we

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00:01:12,109 --> 00:01:10,170

can't actually perform those

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00:01:14,330 --> 00:01:12,119

measurements we can't actually perform

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00:01:16,580 --> 00:01:14,340

those tests it shows the limits of

26  
00:01:17,679 --> 00:01:16,590  
science we suddenly have a science and

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00:01:20,090 --> 00:01:17,689  
the science that can explain everything

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00:01:23,719 --> 00:01:20,100  
well the idea that maybe it won't

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00:01:26,149 --> 00:01:23,729  
because I think you can express you know

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00:01:28,010 --> 00:01:26,159  
actually to think that that the license

31  
00:01:29,990 --> 00:01:28,020  
of the world understand what's at stake

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00:01:32,510 --> 00:01:30,000  
and that's why they fight so hard you

33  
00:01:35,210 --> 00:01:32,520  
know the skeptic at prawns make

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00:01:49,730 --> 00:01:35,220  
arguments that are simply designed in

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00:01:53,669 --> 00:01:52,050  
welcome to skeptic aware we explore

36  
00:01:56,039 --> 00:01:53,679  
controversial science with leading

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00:01:58,410 --> 00:01:56,049  
researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:02:00,300 --> 00:01:58,420

i'm your host Alex Karras and on this

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00:02:04,020 --> 00:02:00,310

episode of skeptical we welcome back

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Steve Volk now as many of you know steve

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00:02:08,969 --> 00:02:06,039

is an investigative journalist in

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Philadelphia whose book on all manners

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00:02:13,259 --> 00:02:10,929

of the paranormal has kind of dragged

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00:02:16,500 --> 00:02:13,269

him somewhat kicking and screaming into

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00:02:19,440 --> 00:02:16,510

the world that were so interested here

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00:02:22,080 --> 00:02:19,450

in skeptical including consciousness

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00:02:24,539 --> 00:02:22,090

research medium researched near-death

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00:02:26,670 --> 00:02:24,549

experience research in all those related

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00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:26,680

topics I don't think this interview

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00:02:32,600 --> 00:02:28,720

requires a lot of introduction so let's

51  
00:02:35,039 --> 00:02:32,610  
go right to my dialogue with stevil

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00:02:37,380 --> 00:02:35,049  
today we welcome back to skeptical

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00:02:40,860 --> 00:02:37,390  
journalist and author of the still very

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00:02:43,380 --> 00:02:40,870  
popular book fringe ology mr. Steve oak

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00:02:46,830 --> 00:02:43,390  
Steve welcomes great to have you back on

56  
00:02:48,600 --> 00:02:46,840  
hey it's great to be here yeah I know

57  
00:02:52,199 --> 00:02:48,610  
because I just called you in for you

58  
00:02:54,300 --> 00:02:52,209  
forgot we had the interview okay I've

59  
00:02:56,610 --> 00:02:54,310  
been looking forward to it I did not

60  
00:02:59,550 --> 00:02:56,620  
employed you know I actually got an

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00:03:02,000 --> 00:02:59,560  
assignment yeah hey it is as a lot of

62  
00:03:05,580 --> 00:03:02,010  
folks who listen to skeptic oh no in

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00:03:08,580 --> 00:03:05,590

2011 you published fringy ology how I

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00:03:11,400 --> 00:03:08,590

try to explain away the unexplainable

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00:03:14,339 --> 00:03:11,410

and couldn't and now it's coming back

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00:03:16,789 --> 00:03:14,349

out on paper back which we have to get

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00:03:19,920 --> 00:03:16,799

our congratulations on that that's great

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yung Lee yeah they I think that's

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00:03:24,210 --> 00:03:22,090

terrific for you and but I think what a

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00:03:26,550 --> 00:03:24,220

lot of folks may not be aware of is that

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00:03:29,089 --> 00:03:26,560

you've been continuing to write some

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00:03:31,770 --> 00:03:29,099

really sensational blog posts as a

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follow-up to fringy ology and you've

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00:03:37,110 --> 00:03:34,959

been posting them on Steve volcom so I

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00:03:40,020 --> 00:03:37,120

thought we might take a couple of

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00:03:40,890 --> 00:03:40,030

minutes and catch up with you on some of

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00:03:42,240 --> 00:03:40,900

the stuff you've been writing about

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00:03:45,150 --> 00:03:42,250

because I think it's really great stuff

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00:03:47,430 --> 00:03:45,160

thank you very much I appreciate it you

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00:03:49,470 --> 00:03:47,440

know it's been a challenge for me as i

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00:03:52,349 --> 00:03:49,480

get back at the sort of you know mean

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00:03:54,150 --> 00:03:52,359

stream journalism I want to keep my hand

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00:03:56,399 --> 00:03:54,160

in things and so the blog has been a

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00:03:58,770 --> 00:03:56,409

really good outlet for me to do that

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00:04:00,390 --> 00:03:58,780

great well we won't be able to get to

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00:04:00,660 --> 00:04:00,400

all of these but that's great it will

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00:04:03,059 --> 00:04:00,670

just

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00:04:05,430 --> 00:04:03,069

give folks a reason to check you out and

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00:04:09,570 --> 00:04:05,440

go read all your posts but where I

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00:04:13,970 --> 00:04:09,580

thought we might start is false positive

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00:04:16,530 --> 00:04:13,980

psychology and this whole dust-up about

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00:04:18,990 --> 00:04:16,540

really I guess maybe started with Daryl

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00:04:21,870 --> 00:04:19,000

BEM or maybe start even before that but

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00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:21,880

but your take on what's going on in the

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00:04:27,080 --> 00:04:24,880

battle over parapsychology and how the

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00:04:30,060 --> 00:04:27,090

battlegrounds have even shifted to

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00:04:32,159 --> 00:04:30,070

psychology in general yeah I was gonna

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00:04:34,469 --> 00:04:32,169

say I think what's happened here is that

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00:04:38,940 --> 00:04:34,479

the Gold Coast has consistently been

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00:04:42,510 --> 00:04:38,950

moved when parapsychologists turn up any

101  
00:04:44,640 --> 00:04:42,520  
kind of positive data force I their

102  
00:04:46,890 --> 00:04:44,650  
different complaints that has been

103  
00:04:50,580 --> 00:04:46,900  
lodged depending on sort of what decade

104  
00:04:53,340 --> 00:04:50,590  
worried and so early on with jb wine it

105  
00:04:56,240 --> 00:04:53,350  
was methodology and then later on as the

106  
00:04:59,040 --> 00:04:56,250  
methodology started to get tightened

107  
00:05:00,830 --> 00:04:59,050  
they exist they basically the skeptics

108  
00:05:03,810 --> 00:05:00,840  
insisted on tighter and tighter

109  
00:05:06,050 --> 00:05:03,820  
protocols to the point where as i write

110  
00:05:08,460 --> 00:05:06,060  
about actually in the book

111  
00:05:10,260 --> 00:05:08,470  
parapsychology has some of the strictest

112  
00:05:12,750 --> 00:05:10,270  
protocols it's not be strict as

113  
00:05:16,440 --> 00:05:12,760

protocols in the entire field of

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00:05:18,930 --> 00:05:16,450

psychology to prevent fraud and sort of

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00:05:22,560 --> 00:05:18,940

contamination of data you know some way

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00:05:23,670 --> 00:05:22,570

for stated subject trying to to to read

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00:05:26,430 --> 00:05:23,680

something or pick something up

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00:05:28,860 --> 00:05:26,440

telepathically to do it through your

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00:05:31,170 --> 00:05:28,870

unconscious cues that might be pink

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00:05:34,469 --> 00:05:31,180

learn parapsychology it's been a really

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00:05:37,500 --> 00:05:34,479

good and rigorous job of controlling for

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00:05:39,450 --> 00:05:37,510

these things so a long-term Daryl BEM

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and you've covered you know kids

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00:05:45,090 --> 00:05:42,610

research extensively but a long-term

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00:05:48,440 --> 00:05:45,100

Daryl BEM and you stand some sort of old

126  
00:05:51,890 --> 00:05:48,450  
psychology experiments on their head

127  
00:05:54,900 --> 00:05:51,900  
gets positive results for seemingly

128  
00:05:57,719 --> 00:05:54,910  
precognition and now it seems like we're

129  
00:06:00,420 --> 00:05:57,729  
skeptics are moving a debate as well if

130  
00:06:02,700 --> 00:06:00,430  
we can't sort of undermine crowd

131  
00:06:06,690 --> 00:06:02,710  
psychology by showing how their

132  
00:06:10,050 --> 00:06:06,700  
protocols aren't up with the highest

133  
00:06:12,060 --> 00:06:10,060  
standards in science we just have to

134  
00:06:14,550 --> 00:06:12,070  
assault the entire field of psychology

135  
00:06:18,330 --> 00:06:14,560  
and the way statistics are hand

136  
00:06:21,750 --> 00:06:18,340  
across the board and so you've got the

137  
00:06:26,070 --> 00:06:21,760  
the Wiseman French Richie paper which

138  
00:06:27,930 --> 00:06:26,080

comes out and some statistical some

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00:06:29,879 --> 00:06:27,940

statistician statisticians laying and

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00:06:33,090 --> 00:06:29,889

saying that essentially the entire field

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00:06:36,629 --> 00:06:33,100

of psychology is digna Kaling its

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00:06:38,180 --> 00:06:36,639

specific and this is a radical in a lot

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00:06:41,220 --> 00:06:38,190

of ways to mean it's kind of a radical

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00:06:43,140 --> 00:06:41,230

moving of the of the go code well it's

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00:06:45,210 --> 00:06:43,150

kind of like though the poison pill

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00:06:48,510 --> 00:06:45,220

isn't it but let's make sure that we

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00:06:51,600 --> 00:06:48,520

differentiate because Wiseman French

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00:06:54,270 --> 00:06:51,610

Richie also came out and said hey

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00:06:56,219 --> 00:06:54,280

there's no replication here and we kind

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00:06:57,900 --> 00:06:56,229

of covered that whole thing in a

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00:07:00,510 --> 00:06:57,910

previous interview with Daryl BEM

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00:07:03,780 --> 00:07:00,520

himself where he said you know come on

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00:07:05,129 --> 00:07:03,790

you can't just say okay you've done 10

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00:07:06,780 --> 00:07:05,139

years worth of research okay for the

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00:07:08,340 --> 00:07:06,790

next six month anyone wants replicated

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00:07:09,990 --> 00:07:08,350

can do it and okay I did all mine and

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00:07:13,170 --> 00:07:10,000

they didn't work and a story you know

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00:07:15,210 --> 00:07:13,180

the quick close of the of the chapter

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00:07:17,210 --> 00:07:15,220

and moving on which Wiseman did but

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00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:17,220

that's really kind of separate from this

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00:07:22,890 --> 00:07:20,080

false positive psychology thing that you

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00:07:27,360 --> 00:07:22,900

just let into which kind of calls into

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00:07:29,730 --> 00:07:27,370

question really beyond psychology all

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00:07:31,770 --> 00:07:29,740

the social sciences and how statistics

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00:07:35,070 --> 00:07:31,780

are used because I think you could take

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00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:35,080

that same critique as they'd have and

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00:07:41,400 --> 00:07:37,120

apply it just across the board at a

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00:07:42,990 --> 00:07:41,410

large swath of research so what I wonder

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00:07:46,830 --> 00:07:43,000

is kind of taking it one step further

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00:07:49,469 --> 00:07:46,840

and say you know isn't this just more

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00:07:52,170 --> 00:07:49,479

theater and and isn't what's is really

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00:07:54,120 --> 00:07:52,180

about and you alluded to this in either

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00:07:56,159 --> 00:07:54,130

this post or another post but it's

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00:07:59,370 --> 00:07:56,169

really about materialism and it's about

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00:08:01,830 --> 00:07:59,380

the end of materialism is essentially

176  
00:08:04,590 --> 00:08:01,840  
the end of science as we know it I mean

177  
00:08:06,750 --> 00:08:04,600  
we can still move forward with good

178  
00:08:09,330 --> 00:08:06,760  
engineering and make iPhones prettier

179  
00:08:12,750 --> 00:08:09,340  
and more powerful but don't we have a

180  
00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:12,760  
real fear raat theoretical underpinnings

181  
00:08:17,969 --> 00:08:16,000  
of science dilemma when we get rid of

182  
00:08:20,190 --> 00:08:17,979  
materialism and isn't that what's really

183  
00:08:22,950 --> 00:08:20,200  
behind this in terms of clutching on to

184  
00:08:25,920 --> 00:08:22,960  
it there is no question that were a we

185  
00:08:28,920 --> 00:08:25,930  
are involved in a propaganda war right

186  
00:08:30,510 --> 00:08:28,930  
we're wife energy first

187  
00:08:33,450 --> 00:08:30,520  
bench for instance you know they got

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00:08:36,029 --> 00:08:33,460

huge publicity ultimately for their

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00:08:38,670 --> 00:08:36,039

study in which they have failed to

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00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:38,680

replicate bunch results and they don't

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mention any of the interviews they don't

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00:08:44,370 --> 00:08:41,740

mention the literature review in their

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00:08:47,070 --> 00:08:44,380

paper that some positive replications

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00:08:49,800 --> 00:08:47,080

have been done license my knowledge have

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00:08:53,550 --> 00:08:49,810

never given an explanation for why a

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good explanation anyway for why the

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00:08:58,949 --> 00:08:55,360

window should only be left open for six

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00:09:01,320 --> 00:08:58,959

months for people to to do replication

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00:09:05,250 --> 00:09:01,330

that is really it's ridiculous in

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00:09:07,800 --> 00:09:05,260

arbitrary time frame and it it does sort

201  
00:09:11,460 --> 00:09:07,810  
of reveal his agenda right out of the

202  
00:09:14,190 --> 00:09:11,470  
gate you know let's let's treat this as

203  
00:09:17,639 --> 00:09:14,200  
dismissively as possible and I don't

204  
00:09:20,639 --> 00:09:17,649  
think you have to have actually any

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00:09:22,350 --> 00:09:20,649  
point of view there you know in terms of

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00:09:24,960 --> 00:09:22,360  
how it's all going to shake out as I

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00:09:27,120 --> 00:09:24,970  
real or it's not to see that that's what

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00:09:29,880 --> 00:09:27,130  
Wiseman is doing to see that what he's

209  
00:09:31,829 --> 00:09:29,890  
doing there is inherently unfair out of

210  
00:09:33,240 --> 00:09:31,839  
the geek I think you should go to

211  
00:09:36,540 --> 00:09:33,250  
acknowledge that whichever side you're

212  
00:09:38,490 --> 00:09:36,550  
on and then that's a and then be you

213  
00:09:42,900 --> 00:09:38,500

know yeah without question you know

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00:09:46,500 --> 00:09:42,910

thigh is largely seen as a massive

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00:09:49,980 --> 00:09:46,510

threat to materialism and there are

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00:09:51,480 --> 00:09:49,990

people who will do whatever it takes you

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00:09:54,630 --> 00:09:51,490

want to know intellectual level at least

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00:09:56,430 --> 00:09:54,640

to protect the the boundaries of their

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00:09:58,230 --> 00:09:56,440

worldview yeah but what I was hoping to

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00:10:00,810 --> 00:09:58,240

do and we've hammered on that enough I

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was hoping to move past that a little

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00:10:04,980 --> 00:10:03,010

bit because I feel like you started to

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your starting to move past that in your

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00:10:10,829 --> 00:10:07,510

post and that is to say you know what

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00:10:14,100 --> 00:10:10,839

with the real limit on materialism as it

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00:10:18,480 --> 00:10:14,110

applies to science is the something else

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00:10:20,910 --> 00:10:18,490

something more thats I alludes to that a

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00:10:23,699 --> 00:10:20,920

lot of consciousness research alludes to

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00:10:26,850 --> 00:10:23,709

and the implications for science really

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00:10:30,900 --> 00:10:26,860

are that as soon as we have an X Factor

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00:10:33,180 --> 00:10:30,910

of something more factor then everything

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00:10:36,540 --> 00:10:33,190

turns on its head and I don't think

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00:10:39,150 --> 00:10:36,550

we're always necessarily as explicit as

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we need to be when we say that you know

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when I talked to Daryl BEM the way it

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came up was the experimenter

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affect the fact that different

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00:10:49,590 --> 00:10:46,990

experimenters and this has really been

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00:10:52,110 --> 00:10:49,600

proven more or less over time since the

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00:10:55,590 --> 00:10:52,120

60s when we had mice running through

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00:10:57,960 --> 00:10:55,600

mazes that experimenters can have

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different effects and can affect the

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outcome so but as soon as we have any X

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00:11:08,730 --> 00:11:04,240

Factor whether it be experimenter effect

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sigh effect consciousness effect then we

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just have a whole broad huge swath of

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00:11:16,379 --> 00:11:14,440

science that we all have to we have to

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00:11:18,810 --> 00:11:16,389

look at all of it and say well yeah

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00:11:21,870 --> 00:11:18,820

that's fine but did you measure your X

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00:11:24,120 --> 00:11:21,880

Factor correctly and I think that's what

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00:11:25,560 --> 00:11:24,130

you're kind of getting at I just want to

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00:11:27,900 --> 00:11:25,570

draw it out and make it more explicit in

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00:11:29,730 --> 00:11:27,910

terms of that is the threat to science

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00:11:32,550 --> 00:11:29,740

yeah well and I even take the

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00:11:36,090 --> 00:11:32,560

predecessor than that I guess if there's

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a real if materialism multi-million is

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00:11:44,430 --> 00:11:40,660

undermined right then the whole facade

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00:11:46,590 --> 00:11:44,440

science is in some trouble because you

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00:11:49,590 --> 00:11:46,600

know the entire scientific enterprise is

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based on this idea of being able to to

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measure reality being able to know

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reality it involves there being

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something material and external and

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00:12:08,819 --> 00:12:06,610

measurements we can't actually perform

268

00:12:11,069 --> 00:12:08,829

those tests it shows the limits of

269

00:12:12,059 --> 00:12:11,079

science we suddenly had a science and

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00:12:16,290 --> 00:12:12,069

the science that can explain everything

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00:12:18,059 --> 00:12:16,300

which is sort of the product of science

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00:12:20,009 --> 00:12:18,069

for material is the faith that they

273

00:12:23,309 --> 00:12:20,019

invest in it this can explain and

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00:12:25,980 --> 00:12:23,319

ultimately will explain everything well

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00:12:29,250 --> 00:12:25,990

the idea that maybe it won't you think

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00:12:30,600 --> 00:12:29,260

you de-stress a huge threat and and yeah

277

00:12:33,120 --> 00:12:30,610

they're gonna they're going to slice out

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00:12:35,040 --> 00:12:33,130

any any stuff they can now you know I

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00:12:36,870 --> 00:12:35,050

said this before Alex I mean a lot of

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00:12:39,240 --> 00:12:36,880

pair of psychologists are working on

281

00:12:41,579 --> 00:12:39,250

periods that would it in a way you know

282

00:12:44,040 --> 00:12:41,589

as be physical right I mean I've always

283

00:12:46,220 --> 00:12:44,050

held out room that metaphysics in

284

00:12:48,360 --> 00:12:46,230

materialism might ultimately not be

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00:12:51,329 --> 00:12:48,370

correct to one another there might be

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00:12:53,069 --> 00:12:51,339

some sort of you know material basis for

287

00:12:55,079 --> 00:12:53,079

all of the paranormal claims including

288

00:12:56,340 --> 00:12:55,089

an afterlife but that's a little bit

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00:12:59,250 --> 00:12:56,350

above my pay grade

290

00:13:01,110 --> 00:12:59,260

well in and also I mean I think okay

291

00:13:04,620 --> 00:13:01,120

let's put that on the table of

292

00:13:06,660 --> 00:13:04,630

possibilities but but to me even that is

293

00:13:10,350 --> 00:13:06,670

a way of trying to circle back around

294

00:13:12,360 --> 00:13:10,360

and accommodate the materialist and what

295

00:13:13,860 --> 00:13:12,370

I think is is interesting about what

296

00:13:16,650 --> 00:13:13,870

you're doing and what we're both trying

297

00:13:20,580 --> 00:13:16,660

to do here is is really lay bare and

298

00:13:24,750 --> 00:13:20,590

make explicit that that problem with

299

00:13:28,280 --> 00:13:24,760

science because i think it underlies a

300

00:13:32,040 --> 00:13:28,290

lot of these debates in a way that is

301

00:13:34,200 --> 00:13:32,050

unconscious to the debaters so I don't

302

00:13:37,740 --> 00:13:34,210

know that everyone in the field of

303

00:13:41,610 --> 00:13:37,750

parapsychology really understands the

304

00:13:43,080 --> 00:13:41,620

threat that they are imposing on science

305

00:13:44,040 --> 00:13:43,090

and I hear that over and over again I

306

00:13:45,900 --> 00:13:44,050

mean you'll hear that from

307

00:13:47,280 --> 00:13:45,910

parapsychologists and you've talked to

308

00:13:49,680 --> 00:13:47,290

enough of them to know where they say

309

00:13:52,350 --> 00:13:49,690

you know this really this really doesn't

310

00:13:54,840 --> 00:13:52,360

upset science this really doesn't change

311

00:13:56,400 --> 00:13:54,850

everything and I always want to say what

312

00:13:58,500 --> 00:13:56,410

do you mean it doesn't of course it does

313

00:14:02,190 --> 00:13:58,510

and I think similarly from the skeptics

314

00:14:04,200 --> 00:14:02,200

they attack it you know on all sorts of

315

00:14:06,120 --> 00:14:04,210

grounds on spiritual grounds or they

316

00:14:09,210 --> 00:14:06,130

just throw woo woo out there or they

317

00:14:11,700 --> 00:14:09,220

anyway but to them they haven't really

318

00:14:14,460 --> 00:14:11,710

made the full connection in their mind

319

00:14:16,590 --> 00:14:14,470

to what's really at stake here so I

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00:14:19,140 --> 00:14:16,600

wonder who among these players out there

321

00:14:21,120 --> 00:14:19,150

really understands what's at stake you

322

00:14:23,100 --> 00:14:21,130

know actually do you think that the

323

00:14:24,780 --> 00:14:23,110

license of the world understand what's

324

00:14:27,140 --> 00:14:24,790

at stake and that's why they fight so

325

00:14:29,940 --> 00:14:27,150

hard and that's why they end up being

326

00:14:31,560 --> 00:14:29,950

deceitful it's such a supercharged word

327

00:14:34,290 --> 00:14:31,570

but you know them kind of went there

328

00:14:36,060 --> 00:14:34,300

last time I mean there are there are

329

00:14:37,920 --> 00:14:36,070

certainly you know it doesn't have to be

330

00:14:41,520 --> 00:14:37,930

limited to live in I mean you know the

331

00:14:44,700 --> 00:14:41,530

skeptics at crimes make arguments that

332

00:14:47,670 --> 00:14:44,710

are simply designed in this lead you

333

00:14:49,980 --> 00:14:47,680

know and i think that indicates that on

334

00:14:51,900 --> 00:14:49,990

some level they must be perceiving a

335

00:14:55,500 --> 00:14:51,910

threat or they wouldn't part from their

336

00:14:56,790 --> 00:14:55,510

stated values so drastically that's an

337

00:14:59,760 --> 00:14:56,800

interesting thought and it's kind of a

338

00:15:02,970 --> 00:14:59,770

lead-in to another very interesting blog

339

00:15:05,700 --> 00:15:02,980

post you have on James Rahon can you

340

00:15:08,520 --> 00:15:05,710

ignore them what's that I thought I knew

341

00:15:10,140 --> 00:15:08,530

we'd get here oh yeah yeah because it's

342

00:15:12,780 --> 00:15:10,150

it's a fascinating post

343

00:15:15,600 --> 00:15:12,790

just it's just very well written and its

344

00:15:17,880 --> 00:15:15,610

really up front about the situation do

345

00:15:21,870 --> 00:15:17,890

you want to maybe fill folks in a little

346

00:15:25,020 --> 00:15:21,880

bit on what you did how underreported it

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00:15:26,970 --> 00:15:25,030

is and maybe an update on what's going

348

00:15:28,020 --> 00:15:26,980

on in that case yeah I mean I like you

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00:15:29,070 --> 00:15:28,030

in a little bit of a different order

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00:15:31,980 --> 00:15:29,080

than you've laid it out here but

351

00:15:33,900 --> 00:15:31,990  
essentially one of randy's great

352

00:15:36,720 --> 00:15:33,910  
victories that he's claimed over the

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00:15:39,930 --> 00:15:36,730  
years is what you know largely known as

354

00:15:44,900 --> 00:15:39,940  
the Carlos affair he went to Australia

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00:15:49,260 --> 00:15:44,910  
and he and he acted as the manager

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00:15:51,120 --> 00:15:49,270  
supposedly to a psychic a channeler a

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00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:51,130  
guy who was supposedly channeling

358

00:15:57,360 --> 00:15:53,680  
spirits from some other realm who could

359

00:16:00,450 --> 00:15:57,370  
impart wisdom and you his name was

360

00:16:02,340 --> 00:16:00,460  
carlos and randy has consistently

361

00:16:04,470 --> 00:16:02,350  
claimed over the years you know that he

362

00:16:07,590 --> 00:16:04,480  
showed with this experiment how easily

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00:16:09,450 --> 00:16:07,600

it is it is to fool people just announce

364

00:16:12,060 --> 00:16:09,460

you're a psychic and the media comes out

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00:16:14,670 --> 00:16:12,070

and everybody feel gullible they all

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00:16:16,170 --> 00:16:14,680

they'll buy in now there's problem for

367

00:16:18,870 --> 00:16:16,180

that story which I won't bother get into

368

00:16:20,970 --> 00:16:18,880

here which is mainly to the Australian

369

00:16:24,120 --> 00:16:20,980

media pretty much pilloried the whole

370

00:16:26,070 --> 00:16:24,130

thing and never bought into it at all so

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00:16:29,820 --> 00:16:26,080

there's deception there whatever landing

372

00:16:34,140 --> 00:16:29,830

visa scale the way does but more than

373

00:16:38,610 --> 00:16:34,150

that it turns out that Carlos was sort

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00:16:44,990 --> 00:16:38,620

of a Chinese box of a person on Carlos

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00:16:47,700 --> 00:16:45,000

was a a guy named jose luis alvarez

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00:16:51,450 --> 00:16:47,710

supposedly pretending to be Carlos but

377

00:16:53,640 --> 00:16:51,460

it turns out that he really wasn't jose

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00:16:55,140 --> 00:16:53,650

luis alvarez that was in fact an

379

00:16:57,780 --> 00:16:55,150

identity and i guess i can just go ahead

380

00:17:01,680 --> 00:16:57,790

and say it now because we've since pled

381

00:17:06,060 --> 00:17:01,690

guilty was an identity he stole and his

382

00:17:08,910 --> 00:17:06,070

real name was Bob you Kenya and he's

383

00:17:11,010 --> 00:17:08,920

from Venezuela and he stole the identity

384

00:17:13,440 --> 00:17:11,020

of a teacher's aide in the Bronx named

385

00:17:16,790 --> 00:17:13,450

jose luis alvarez and so that's the

386

00:17:19,830 --> 00:17:16,800

basic you know setup and promise of this

387

00:17:23,730 --> 00:17:19,840

right we have to add that this is this

388

00:17:25,770 --> 00:17:23,740

is a longtime lover partner on magic

389

00:17:28,890 --> 00:17:25,780

yeah okay so I mean that's who this guy

390

00:17:31,680 --> 00:17:28,900

is so he comes over and it's unclear to

391

00:17:33,720 --> 00:17:31,690

what extent Randy helped him set up this

392

00:17:36,810 --> 00:17:33,730

fake identity which we have to add by

393

00:17:39,150 --> 00:17:36,820

the way has caused enormous problems for

394

00:17:42,090 --> 00:17:39,160

this teacher's aide in Bronx who had his

395

00:17:43,620 --> 00:17:42,100

identity stolen and this IRS afterman

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00:17:45,450 --> 00:17:43,630

credit cards after me can't get a

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00:17:49,160 --> 00:17:45,460

passport and has all this other problems

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00:17:52,140 --> 00:17:49,170

but we don't know to what extent Randy

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00:17:54,180 --> 00:17:52,150

helped but we certainly know that Randy

400

00:17:57,960 --> 00:17:54,190

was aware that this was going on well

401  
00:18:01,740 --> 00:17:57,970  
with Randy Randy um came out as gay I

402  
00:18:04,049 --> 00:18:01,750  
guess a few years ago and yea tanya has

403  
00:18:06,390 --> 00:18:04,059  
been his longtime live-in lover over 20

404  
00:18:08,730 --> 00:18:06,400  
years they've lived together in Fort

405  
00:18:12,000 --> 00:18:08,740  
Lauderdale so there's a romance there

406  
00:18:14,280 --> 00:18:12,010  
and Randy I think to the stage has never

407  
00:18:17,490 --> 00:18:14,290  
actually admitted I hadn't looked into

408  
00:18:20,100 --> 00:18:17,500  
it Alex for a Chloe but I've been trying

409  
00:18:22,770 --> 00:18:20,110  
to keep up with it and Randy I don't

410  
00:18:26,400 --> 00:18:22,780  
think has gets admitted publicly that he

411  
00:18:28,500 --> 00:18:26,410  
knew that the identity had been stolen

412  
00:18:30,930 --> 00:18:28,510  
but it seems by you know we add up the

413  
00:18:33,330 --> 00:18:30,940

facts and you look at the timeline it

414

00:18:35,610 --> 00:18:33,340

seems that he did and it leaves us with

415

00:18:37,280 --> 00:18:35,620

a question here which is he to me it

416

00:18:40,890 --> 00:18:37,290

kind of the by any means necessary

417

00:18:43,410 --> 00:18:40,900

question that exactly comes up with

418

00:18:46,830 --> 00:18:43,420

Randy all the time which is you know

419

00:18:49,860 --> 00:18:46,840

where did this guy if ever draw a line

420

00:18:53,460 --> 00:18:49,870

in his attacks on parapsychology I mean

421

00:18:57,660 --> 00:18:53,470

is it possible that this lion supposed

422

00:19:00,890 --> 00:18:57,670

Lion of truth-telling and skepticism had

423

00:19:03,600 --> 00:19:00,900

in fact you know facilitated and aided

424

00:19:06,330 --> 00:19:03,610

the theft of another human beings

425

00:19:07,860 --> 00:19:06,340

identity well clearly he did I mean

426

00:19:09,330 --> 00:19:07,870

let's not let's not play around with

427

00:19:11,820 --> 00:19:09,340

that I think the larger question that

428

00:19:15,270 --> 00:19:11,830

you're hinting at is that can we really

429

00:19:18,510 --> 00:19:15,280

expect to find truth and honesty through

430

00:19:20,580 --> 00:19:18,520

dishonesty and that is the the pill that

431

00:19:22,440 --> 00:19:20,590

that Randy has been selling for the

432

00:19:25,049 --> 00:19:22,450

longest time and so many people line up

433

00:19:29,220 --> 00:19:25,059

and swallow it and I think it it really

434

00:19:33,000 --> 00:19:29,230

gets to the moral issues behind not only

435

00:19:36,270 --> 00:19:33,010

science and skepticism but also atheism

436

00:19:37,560 --> 00:19:36,280

and that if you really don't have any

437

00:19:41,190 --> 00:19:37,570

morals and you're making

438

00:19:43,290 --> 00:19:41,200

up it's very easy to fall into this well

439

00:19:45,270 --> 00:19:43,300

I just have to win at all costs and it's

440

00:19:47,820 --> 00:19:45,280

about winning and and it has very good

441

00:19:50,370 --> 00:19:47,830

in a very poignant dramatic way Alex I

442

00:19:52,860 --> 00:19:50,380

mean you know the atheist crowd likes to

443

00:19:54,690 --> 00:19:52,870

make these arguments about what people

444

00:19:57,840 --> 00:19:54,700

will do in the field filled with

445

00:20:01,170 --> 00:19:57,850

self-righteous deal that you know they

446

00:20:04,440 --> 00:20:01,180

are you comes from religion right and

447

00:20:06,720 --> 00:20:04,450

that it leads to use kinds of holy wars

448

00:20:09,780 --> 00:20:06,730

and a lot of death and destruction and I

449

00:20:13,380 --> 00:20:09,790

do think here we have an example of how

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00:20:15,330 --> 00:20:13,390

that same kind of self-righteous veal in

451

00:20:17,910 --> 00:20:15,340

fact James Randi there are a lot of

452

00:20:20,820 --> 00:20:17,920

examples of gravy but the same spell

453

00:20:23,250 --> 00:20:20,830

prices real infection Randy and in this

454

00:20:26,760 --> 00:20:23,260

case did do a lot of damage to the real

455

00:20:28,260 --> 00:20:26,770

jose luis alvarez and it does raise the

456

00:20:30,270 --> 00:20:28,270

question when you have people who are

457

00:20:33,840 --> 00:20:30,280

passionately invested in their point of

458

00:20:35,070 --> 00:20:33,850

view can they be trusted at all and i

459

00:20:38,190 --> 00:20:35,080

think there's certain numbers of them

460

00:20:40,260 --> 00:20:38,200

that can't be yeah well and I think it

461

00:20:42,200 --> 00:20:40,270

also draws us back to the first point

462

00:20:46,110 --> 00:20:42,210

that we're talking about and that's that

463

00:20:48,030 --> 00:20:46,120

you know we really can measure folks by

464

00:20:49,920 --> 00:20:48,040

nothing else than their than their

465

00:20:51,540 --> 00:20:49,930

actions what they say what they do and

466

00:20:53,640 --> 00:20:51,550

that's really we can't get inside their

467

00:20:57,240 --> 00:20:53,650

head and know what their true intentions

468

00:20:59,970 --> 00:20:57,250

are so we're left with measuring the the

469

00:21:01,320 --> 00:20:59,980

product of that internal process that

470

00:21:03,570 --> 00:21:01,330

they're going through and in this case

471

00:21:04,770 --> 00:21:03,580

the it's it's horrible I mean it's in

472

00:21:07,590 --> 00:21:04,780

well as you point out I think you did a

473

00:21:10,320 --> 00:21:07,600

great job in the post is pointing out

474

00:21:13,080 --> 00:21:10,330

the reaction from the skeptical

475

00:21:15,600 --> 00:21:13,090

community and there hasn't been any

476  
00:21:17,700 --> 00:21:15,610  
there really hasn't been any critique

477  
00:21:22,130 --> 00:21:17,710  
there really hasn't been any call for

478  
00:21:25,200 --> 00:21:22,140  
truth logic critical thinking at all and

479  
00:21:27,330 --> 00:21:25,210  
again there really isn't an easy way to

480  
00:21:28,770 --> 00:21:27,340  
explain that and there isn't an easy way

481  
00:21:31,200 --> 00:21:28,780  
to gloss over it I don't think we should

482  
00:21:34,530 --> 00:21:31,210  
and I don't think your article no no and

483  
00:21:36,270 --> 00:21:34,540  
look there's a massive bias in in the

484  
00:21:38,340 --> 00:21:36,280  
field of psychology toward toward

485  
00:21:41,220 --> 00:21:38,350  
looking at the people who claim

486  
00:21:45,060 --> 00:21:41,230  
paranormal experiences or who claim

487  
00:21:48,000 --> 00:21:45,070  
beliefs in paranormal experiences as if

488  
00:21:50,970 --> 00:21:48,010

this absolutely has to be representative

489

00:21:51,539 --> 00:21:50,980

of some dysfunction I some this should

490

00:21:53,430 --> 00:21:51,549

be died

491

00:21:55,590 --> 00:21:53,440

noticeable there should be a name to put

492

00:21:59,479 --> 00:21:55,600

on this and we should put it in the in

493

00:22:02,609 --> 00:21:59,489

the diagnostician you know manual right

494

00:22:05,720 --> 00:22:02,619

so that we know who these people are and

495

00:22:10,109 --> 00:22:05,730

what exactly is going on with them and

496

00:22:14,479 --> 00:22:10,119

the fact is that the same sort of sucky

497

00:22:17,909 --> 00:22:14,489

could easily be done on hardcore

498

00:22:21,029 --> 00:22:17,919

skeptics there is a kind of almost like

499

00:22:23,970 --> 00:22:21,039

a pathology I think when it's at its

500

00:22:26,759 --> 00:22:23,980

worst and I I guess the other thing that

501  
00:22:29,369 --> 00:22:26,769  
I'd have to say in in my opinion in my

502  
00:22:31,889 --> 00:22:29,379  
view in terms of working with or in in

503  
00:22:33,989 --> 00:22:31,899  
terms of talking to folks who consider

504  
00:22:37,169 --> 00:22:33,999  
them some skeptics and these folks who

505  
00:22:40,470 --> 00:22:37,179  
consider themselves proponents I just

506  
00:22:44,399 --> 00:22:40,480  
have to say there does seem to be a lack

507  
00:22:48,720 --> 00:22:44,409  
of integrity in a lot of cases and and

508  
00:22:51,570 --> 00:22:48,730  
and i can't imagine Dean Radin being

509  
00:22:54,989 --> 00:22:51,580  
exposed as a complete fraud and then I

510  
00:22:57,180 --> 00:22:54,999  
can't imagine folks who were formerly

511  
00:22:59,580 --> 00:22:57,190  
associated with Dean Radin coming out

512  
00:23:01,289 --> 00:22:59,590  
and not saying anything or just saying

513  
00:23:03,299 --> 00:23:01,299

Newt I mean maybe they would but yeah I

514

00:23:05,999 --> 00:23:03,309

don't think it would happen at all Alex

515

00:23:08,879 --> 00:23:06,009

and in the reason is because the

516

00:23:11,669 --> 00:23:08,889

parapsychology has responded to me so

517

00:23:14,419 --> 00:23:11,679

resolute Lee and for the most part with

518

00:23:16,680 --> 00:23:14,429

a kind of they've been so determined

519

00:23:19,139 --> 00:23:16,690

over the decades and I think it's was

520

00:23:21,869 --> 00:23:19,149

dissipating right but so determine over

521

00:23:24,239 --> 00:23:21,879

the decades sponded if the skeptics are

522

00:23:25,680 --> 00:23:24,249

watching every move right and that in

523

00:23:29,519 --> 00:23:25,690

that ultimately they're trying to

524

00:23:32,909 --> 00:23:29,529

satisfy their most skeptical potential

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00:23:35,389 --> 00:23:32,919

consumers you know and I think that for

526

00:23:38,369 --> 00:23:35,399

parapsychology if they found somebody a

527

00:23:41,729 --> 00:23:38,379

luminary like Dean Radin in their midst

528

00:23:44,489 --> 00:23:41,739

i behaving fraudulently they would be

529

00:23:48,989 --> 00:23:44,499

the first out him as fast as they could

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00:23:52,200 --> 00:23:48,999

to try and you know limit the damage to

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00:23:54,720 --> 00:23:52,210

the field and be responsible whereas

532

00:23:57,389 --> 00:23:54,730

skeptics have had James Randi you know

533

00:24:01,769 --> 00:23:57,399

quotes on their side for a long time now

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00:24:04,980 --> 00:24:01,779

and they very rarely smack him down and

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00:24:05,490 --> 00:24:04,990

and ultimately that's what the guy needs

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00:24:07,830 --> 00:24:05,500

you

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00:24:10,080 --> 00:24:07,840

to be smacked down he's never been a

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00:24:12,960 --> 00:24:10,090

good spokesperson for critical thinking

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00:24:14,970 --> 00:24:12,970

and rationality he's never really come

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00:24:17,550 --> 00:24:14,980

close you're there are certainly

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00:24:20,370 --> 00:24:17,560

instances right where this guy or that

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00:24:23,370 --> 00:24:20,380

guy today debunk you know he was right

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00:24:26,130 --> 00:24:23,380

yeah that certainly exists but over all

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00:24:28,200 --> 00:24:26,140

over the fatality of his career he seems

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00:24:33,060 --> 00:24:28,210

to need a kind of figured with signing

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00:24:36,270 --> 00:24:33,070

conversations and hurt progress almost

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00:24:39,510 --> 00:24:36,280

at every turn and it's hard to argue

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00:24:42,240 --> 00:24:39,520

that that wasn't the intended goal all

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00:24:44,400 --> 00:24:42,250

along in the book and physiology there's

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00:24:45,630 --> 00:24:44,410

a long section I won't get into here

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00:24:48,570 --> 00:24:45,640

because we discussed it before but

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00:24:50,190 --> 00:24:48,580

there's a long section on how yeah you

553

00:24:51,630 --> 00:24:50,200

know the sort of man sure that's been

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00:24:54,540 --> 00:24:51,640

described in here is we can't let the

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00:24:57,390 --> 00:24:54,550

Mystics rejoice and so is that if you

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00:24:59,400 --> 00:24:57,400

enter into the field with that is from

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00:25:03,630 --> 00:24:59,410

marching order i think it's awfully hard

558

00:25:05,250 --> 00:25:03,640

to even begin to claim objectivity you

559

00:25:07,110 --> 00:25:05,260

know in the time that we have left let's

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00:25:10,260 --> 00:25:07,120

try and tackle one more of your post

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00:25:12,690 --> 00:25:10,270

very interesting at steve volcom you'll

562

00:25:15,510 --> 00:25:12,700

find all these again and that's near

563

00:25:18,510 --> 00:25:15,520

death experience in the news what's

564

00:25:21,930 --> 00:25:18,520

going on there and what are our friends

565

00:25:24,540 --> 00:25:21,940

the skeptics saying yeah you know it's

566

00:25:27,150 --> 00:25:24,550

funny I almost have to go back and look

567

00:25:28,350 --> 00:25:27,160

at I think that was number six my or

568

00:25:31,350 --> 00:25:28,360

number too many the near-death

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00:25:32,880 --> 00:25:31,360

experience is still alive but i have to

570

00:25:35,610 --> 00:25:32,890

tell you what's been on my mind lately

571

00:25:37,770 --> 00:25:35,620

and we can we can get more explicitly to

572

00:25:40,710 --> 00:25:37,780

the post in a moment but what's been on

573

00:25:44,610 --> 00:25:40,720

my mind lately is the aware study which

574

00:25:48,450 --> 00:25:44,620

i don't think ever had a significant

575

00:25:49,860 --> 00:25:48,460

chance of working and whenever dr. Parr

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00:25:53,820 --> 00:25:49,870

Nia release with the results will

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00:25:56,460 --> 00:25:53,830

probably get more play than oh gosh

578

00:25:59,160 --> 00:25:56,470

almost anything else maybe in the field

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00:26:02,220 --> 00:25:59,170

since it first opened up and I I think

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00:26:03,780 --> 00:26:02,230

that you know for people who don't know

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00:26:07,350 --> 00:26:03,790

although your listeners Paula where I

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00:26:11,520 --> 00:26:07,360

mean me aware study the the idea is to

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00:26:13,260 --> 00:26:11,530

place a random target in the room where

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00:26:15,180 --> 00:26:13,270

only somebody who has left their body

585

00:26:18,060 --> 00:26:15,190

and floated up to the ceiling could see

586

00:26:19,230 --> 00:26:18,070

it and they're hoping that somebody

587

00:26:21,570 --> 00:26:19,240

who's revived

588

00:26:24,810 --> 00:26:21,580

I'll come back report seeing that symbol

589

00:26:26,730 --> 00:26:24,820

and reported accurately but my criticism

590

00:26:29,280 --> 00:26:26,740

of this thing has always been that I'm

591

00:26:31,620 --> 00:26:29,290

you know it does seem that people report

592

00:26:34,290 --> 00:26:31,630

having a point of consciousness in the

593

00:26:36,299 --> 00:26:34,300

room meaning that there is still assume

594

00:26:38,820 --> 00:26:36,309

some sort of limited perspective on

595

00:26:40,500 --> 00:26:38,830

what's in the room so they'd have to be

596

00:26:44,310 --> 00:26:40,510

in an angle at which they would see with

597

00:26:46,890 --> 00:26:44,320

target whatever it is and secondly that

598

00:26:48,390 --> 00:26:46,900

on if one of the things happening in the

599

00:26:49,680 --> 00:26:48,400

room is that there is some strange

600

00:26:51,360 --> 00:26:49,690

object in the room and the other thing

601  
00:26:53,850 --> 00:26:51,370  
happening is you're dead bodies beneath

602  
00:26:55,560 --> 00:26:53,860  
you and there's a tunnel opening up in

603  
00:26:57,690 --> 00:26:55,570  
the corner of the room what are most

604  
00:27:00,810 --> 00:26:57,700  
people going to look at even that

605  
00:27:03,120 --> 00:27:00,820  
framing of the question I think limits

606  
00:27:05,010 --> 00:27:03,130  
our ability to really ask the right

607  
00:27:06,870 --> 00:27:05,020  
questions as is so often the case you

608  
00:27:09,090 --> 00:27:06,880  
know that's the problem or the challenge

609  
00:27:12,000 --> 00:27:09,100  
with science it's not just the science

610  
00:27:14,610 --> 00:27:12,010  
you do it's the science you don't do so

611  
00:27:17,730 --> 00:27:14,620  
sampar Nia deciding to frame up this

612  
00:27:20,730 --> 00:27:17,740  
experiment the way that it does to me in

613  
00:27:22,560 --> 00:27:20,740

a lot of ways is like Richard Wiseman

614

00:27:24,120 --> 00:27:22,570

saying you know okay well we're going to

615

00:27:26,520 --> 00:27:24,130

have six months here to do this let's

616

00:27:28,020 --> 00:27:26,530

get closure on this and then you can

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00:27:30,630 --> 00:27:28,030

move on because it's clearly the null

618

00:27:33,690 --> 00:27:30,640

hypothesis and I'm not saying that did

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00:27:38,430 --> 00:27:33,700

Sam party is on the same level in terms

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00:27:40,440 --> 00:27:38,440

of trust that but Richard Wiseman is but

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00:27:43,049 --> 00:27:40,450

there are some of those same elements to

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00:27:45,240 --> 00:27:43,059

that and I guess that I'd also i'll read

623

00:27:47,180 --> 00:27:45,250

a little bit from your post where I

624

00:27:51,030 --> 00:27:47,190

think you really captured the issue

625

00:27:54,090 --> 00:27:51,040

quite brilliantly and succinctly and you

626  
00:27:56,210 --> 00:27:54,100  
say until skeptics deliver a working

627  
00:27:58,890 --> 00:27:56,220  
model explaining how the different

628  
00:28:00,299 --> 00:27:58,900  
circumstances in the ears find

629  
00:28:02,850 --> 00:28:00,309  
themselves in at the time of their

630  
00:28:04,980 --> 00:28:02,860  
experience produce predictable changes

631  
00:28:06,990 --> 00:28:04,990  
in the content and character of what

632  
00:28:09,570 --> 00:28:07,000  
they report then they have yet to

633  
00:28:12,870 --> 00:28:09,580  
produce any significant explanation at

634  
00:28:14,970 --> 00:28:12,880  
all well I think in the rust this post

635  
00:28:18,510 --> 00:28:14,980  
really gets on to expel that out further

636  
00:28:22,530 --> 00:28:18,520  
and explain how that that skeptics have

637  
00:28:26,520 --> 00:28:22,540  
offered 0none in terms of an explanatory

638  
00:28:30,150 --> 00:28:26,530

model for what we've already all agreed

639

00:28:31,950 --> 00:28:30,160

that we observe so we are having people

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00:28:33,030 --> 00:28:31,960

are having these near-death experiences

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00:28:35,310 --> 00:28:33,040

we can measure

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00:28:38,390 --> 00:28:35,320

he's in any number of ways and you

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00:28:41,160 --> 00:28:38,400

there's tons of there's been numerous

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00:28:44,040 --> 00:28:41,170

peer-reviewed papers studied and yet

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00:28:46,500 --> 00:28:44,050

where we we always kind of are letting

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00:28:49,560 --> 00:28:46,510

the skeptics go without presenting any

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00:28:51,870 --> 00:28:49,570

kind of alternative explanation for this

648

00:28:53,940 --> 00:28:51,880

so again it's a sleight of hand and

649

00:28:56,340 --> 00:28:53,950

that's the problem i had i see with

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00:28:59,370 --> 00:28:56,350

partitas why would we move on to aware

651  
00:29:02,310 --> 00:28:59,380  
when we have the big problem getting

652  
00:29:05,250 --> 00:29:02,320  
over present to us how we would

653  
00:29:08,390 --> 00:29:05,260  
understand what we already know in terms

654  
00:29:11,880 --> 00:29:08,400  
of your model of consciousness you being

655  
00:29:13,260 --> 00:29:11,890  
materialist reductionist you you think I

656  
00:29:15,300 --> 00:29:13,270  
think that from the point i was working

657  
00:29:16,890 --> 00:29:15,310  
toward making there with you said

658  
00:29:18,540 --> 00:29:16,900  
there's gonna be all this focus in the

659  
00:29:21,090 --> 00:29:18,550  
aware study and i think what people are

660  
00:29:22,200 --> 00:29:21,100  
going to lose sight house is that that

661  
00:29:26,490 --> 00:29:22,210  
doesn't mean that there's an explanation

662  
00:29:29,550 --> 00:29:26,500  
for it you know so no no winning

663  
00:29:33,000 --> 00:29:29,560

scientific explanation no model has been

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00:29:35,130 --> 00:29:33,010

put forward and in that sense the

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00:29:40,410 --> 00:29:35,140

skeptics really are kind of bankrupt and

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00:29:41,970 --> 00:29:40,420

this is now 13 seven years since the CME

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00:29:44,100 --> 00:29:41,980

first exploded in the public

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00:29:46,110 --> 00:29:44,110

consciousness you know that's getting to

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00:29:49,020 --> 00:29:46,120

be a long time and and yet they still

670

00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:49,030

come up short but I do think you know I

671

00:29:53,310 --> 00:29:51,130

think it's unlikely that the fewer study

672

00:29:56,880 --> 00:29:53,320

whatever just turn that around and say

673

00:30:00,690 --> 00:29:56,890

they've won I mean if you can if you can

674

00:30:02,820 --> 00:30:00,700

tread water for 37 years and still keep

675

00:30:05,700 --> 00:30:02,830

it where it's at then there's no reason

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00:30:08,340 --> 00:30:05,710

to think you can't tread water like this

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00:30:11,340 --> 00:30:08,350

for another hundred years as they have

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00:30:13,770 --> 00:30:11,350

with other kinds of paranormal phenomena

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00:30:15,600 --> 00:30:13,780

that William James described a hundred

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00:30:18,120 --> 00:30:15,610

years ago you know I just completed an

681

00:30:19,560 --> 00:30:18,130

interview with dr. Melvin Morris and its

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00:30:22,260 --> 00:30:19,570

really when my favorite skeptical

683

00:30:23,970 --> 00:30:22,270

interviews ever and what I in of course

684

00:30:26,550 --> 00:30:23,980

he's a famous near-death experience

685

00:30:29,040 --> 00:30:26,560

researcher very very competent guy who

686

00:30:31,620 --> 00:30:29,050

focused on pediatrics and near-death

687

00:30:33,780 --> 00:30:31,630

experiences with kids but there was a

688

00:30:36,450 --> 00:30:33,790

certain sense of frustration in his

689

00:30:38,880 --> 00:30:36,460

voice along these lines saying look this

690

00:30:42,600 --> 00:30:38,890

is scientific fact it's already been

691

00:30:46,630 --> 00:30:42,610

proven I proved it 35 years ago how can

692

00:30:48,010 --> 00:30:46,640

it be that nothing has changed so I

693

00:30:50,890 --> 00:30:48,020

look at that differently and say you

694

00:30:52,870 --> 00:30:50,900

know the fact that these guys have you

695

00:30:56,290 --> 00:30:52,880

can say they're bankrupt but they've

696

00:30:59,410 --> 00:30:56,300

continued to gonna float their economy

697

00:31:01,990 --> 00:30:59,420

for 35 years in this sense yeah they're

698

00:31:05,530 --> 00:31:02,000

like running out I mean II and and you

699

00:31:08,530 --> 00:31:05,540

know a guy who is bankrupt like a little

700

00:31:09,460 --> 00:31:08,540

rich for a long long time and and yes I

701  
00:31:12,160 --> 00:31:09,470  
mean I agree with you a hundred percent

702  
00:31:14,380 --> 00:31:12,170  
I wouldn't dispute a word of what you

703  
00:31:16,120 --> 00:31:14,390  
just said but it doesn't change the fact

704  
00:31:18,580 --> 00:31:16,130  
that if somebody really goes looking

705  
00:31:22,210 --> 00:31:18,590  
right they look like the winner but if

706  
00:31:24,880 --> 00:31:22,220  
somebody really goes looking for you

707  
00:31:26,260 --> 00:31:24,890  
know what is the substance of this what

708  
00:31:28,390 --> 00:31:26,270  
would have they actually have to save up

709  
00:31:29,920 --> 00:31:28,400  
near death experience I really do think

710  
00:31:33,690 --> 00:31:29,930  
they'd have to walk away saying WOW they

711  
00:31:36,040 --> 00:31:33,700  
they haven't got it not and and yet yeah

712  
00:31:38,740 --> 00:31:36,050  
within the mainstream media certainly

713  
00:31:41,530 --> 00:31:38,750

the impression that the near-death

714

00:31:43,900 --> 00:31:41,540

experience has been explained and they

715

00:31:45,520 --> 00:31:43,910

and it is weird how you would think that

716

00:31:47,980 --> 00:31:45,530

you know and i'm a member of the media

717

00:31:51,610 --> 00:31:47,990

as you know I'm a journalist you would

718

00:31:54,430 --> 00:31:51,620

think that people would jump on stories

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00:31:57,700 --> 00:31:54,440

and heavily publicized stories you need

720

00:31:59,320 --> 00:31:57,710

to indicate some kind of reality to the

721

00:32:02,080 --> 00:31:59,330

near-death experience that you know our

722

00:32:05,130 --> 00:32:02,090

consciousness exists after we die but it

723

00:32:07,210 --> 00:32:05,140

seems like the media really pounces on

724

00:32:10,240 --> 00:32:07,220

skeptical potential skeptical

725

00:32:13,450 --> 00:32:10,250

explanations and trumpets those at least

726

00:32:16,330 --> 00:32:13,460

as loudly as any stories that ever come

727

00:32:18,580 --> 00:32:16,340

up at the 40 m de you know dr. Mario

728

00:32:21,820 --> 00:32:18,590

Beauregard wrote a letter i think the

729

00:32:24,550 --> 00:32:21,830

journal resuscitation just it got

730

00:32:27,880 --> 00:32:24,560

published at me this year january and at

731

00:32:30,190 --> 00:32:27,890

the back of luck but cleaning a new

732

00:32:33,340 --> 00:32:30,200

patient it had turned up who had an

733

00:32:36,040 --> 00:32:33,350

operation similar to the cam Reynolds

734

00:32:38,260 --> 00:32:36,050

standstill operation but had been able

735

00:32:39,970 --> 00:32:38,270

to report a lot of details of what

736

00:32:42,330 --> 00:32:39,980

happened you know when their eyes were

737

00:32:46,420 --> 00:32:42,340

taped shut you know he should suspect

738

00:32:47,980 --> 00:32:46,430

accurately and yet that didn't really

739

00:32:51,310 --> 00:32:47,990

make its way into the mainstream media

740

00:32:53,890 --> 00:32:51,320

at all but I saw well that gets to this

741

00:32:55,990 --> 00:32:53,900

gets a for any of it that you allude to

742

00:33:00,159 --> 00:32:56,000

in this article in the media and there's

743

00:33:03,659 --> 00:33:00,169

a schizophrenia between a welcoming of

744

00:33:07,210 --> 00:33:03,669

de accounts if we can frame them in the

745

00:33:08,859 --> 00:33:07,220

religious section you know or the human

746

00:33:12,279 --> 00:33:08,869

interest section so if we can put them

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00:33:14,739 --> 00:33:12,289

in Oprah or the religious section the

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00:33:17,109 --> 00:33:14,749

Christian section then they pass over

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00:33:20,649 --> 00:33:17,119

there but then there's this huge wall

750

00:33:22,690 --> 00:33:20,659

that is science and over there we have

751

00:33:24,460 --> 00:33:22,700

to kind of present it in a completely

752

00:33:26,349 --> 00:33:24,470

different way and it's it's it

753

00:33:29,889 --> 00:33:26,359

schizophrenic I mean we never even try

754

00:33:32,409 --> 00:33:29,899

and match those two up even if the

755

00:33:34,690 --> 00:33:32,419

credentials of the people reporting on

756

00:33:36,759 --> 00:33:34,700

both sides are identical so it doesn't

757

00:33:38,379 --> 00:33:36,769

matter if you have an anesthesiologist

758

00:33:40,269 --> 00:33:38,389

reporting over here and a neurosurgeon

759

00:33:42,879 --> 00:33:40,279

reporting over here there's never any

760

00:33:45,639 --> 00:33:42,889

need to to kind of resolve the the

761

00:33:47,499 --> 00:33:45,649

completely contradictory worldviews you

762

00:33:49,859 --> 00:33:47,509

know there's there's also so much for us

763

00:33:52,779 --> 00:33:49,869

going on here psychologically Alex

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00:33:55,299 --> 00:33:52,789

whether we believe or disbelieve or

765

00:33:58,869 --> 00:33:55,309

we're stuck somewhere in the middle you

766

00:34:02,590 --> 00:33:58,879

know death is the biggest subject we

767

00:34:05,529 --> 00:34:02,600

ever have to face and and somehow rizal

768

00:34:07,869 --> 00:34:05,539

for ourselves and you know just to open

769

00:34:09,309 --> 00:34:07,879

up a little bit about myself my own you

770

00:34:13,780 --> 00:34:09,319

know journey writing a book I mean

771

00:34:16,629 --> 00:34:13,790

there's a myriad things that go on and

772

00:34:19,149 --> 00:34:16,639

myself when I look at these issues and

773

00:34:22,510 --> 00:34:19,159

one of them is even the too good to be

774

00:34:24,520 --> 00:34:22,520

true factor the near-death experience

775

00:34:26,260 --> 00:34:24,530

when you just read these account but I

776

00:34:29,289 --> 00:34:26,270

would urge people to just like go to

777

00:34:32,559 --> 00:34:29,299

Jeffrey Wong's website at Endor and just

778

00:34:35,260 --> 00:34:32,569

read accounts they're like you know

779

00:34:38,109 --> 00:34:35,270

literary potato chips you can just one

780

00:34:40,839 --> 00:34:38,119

they're beautiful they're really really

781

00:34:42,520 --> 00:34:40,849

beautiful and in addition to all the

782

00:34:44,319 --> 00:34:42,530

other things that go on inside me when I

783

00:34:47,740 --> 00:34:44,329

read them there's a part of me that

784

00:34:50,859 --> 00:34:47,750

instinctively resists them because the

785

00:34:53,829 --> 00:34:50,869

world I have been living in is tough and

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00:34:57,039 --> 00:34:53,839

this suggests these experiences suggest

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00:35:01,480 --> 00:34:57,049

that that's okay and I have a hard time

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00:35:05,170 --> 00:35:01,490

allowing myself to even begin to accept

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00:35:06,789 --> 00:35:05,180

that and so I think when we look at you

790

00:35:08,349 --> 00:35:06,799

know the world of people out there with

791

00:35:10,420 --> 00:35:08,359

all the different experiences we bring

792

00:35:12,400 --> 00:35:10,430

these things and the professional

793

00:35:14,020 --> 00:35:12,410

demands made on us I'm not family

794

00:35:15,880 --> 00:35:14,030

demands in the

795

00:35:20,740 --> 00:35:15,890

good journey of just getting through

796

00:35:23,940 --> 00:35:20,750

each 24 hour a day who knows why people

797

00:35:26,980 --> 00:35:23,950

are behaving in such a schizophrenic

798

00:35:28,360 --> 00:35:26,990

fashion right but we need to find a way

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00:35:30,790 --> 00:35:28,370

and that's what I was trying to do with

800

00:35:34,270 --> 00:35:30,800

the book to just sort of start to tell

801  
00:35:37,120 --> 00:35:34,280  
these stories and find a place in

802  
00:35:40,450 --> 00:35:37,130  
ourselves and in society where we can

803  
00:35:45,910 --> 00:35:40,460  
meet and talk about them and is rational

804  
00:35:48,610 --> 00:35:45,920  
and calm and and clearly as possible and

805  
00:35:50,020 --> 00:35:48,620  
and make the effort because it's really

806  
00:35:52,660 --> 00:35:50,030  
really hard when we're dealing with

807  
00:35:54,880 --> 00:35:52,670  
being against essential issues to not

808  
00:35:57,120 --> 00:35:54,890  
just muck it all up right with our own

809  
00:35:59,470 --> 00:35:57,130  
emotions that are owned by abhijit

810  
00:36:00,940 --> 00:35:59,480  
that's an interesting point in it and I

811  
00:36:03,700 --> 00:36:00,950  
love what you're saying they're about

812  
00:36:05,050 --> 00:36:03,710  
the nde accounts because for a long time

813  
00:36:07,480 --> 00:36:05,060

and I've gotten out of the habit lately

814

00:36:10,330 --> 00:36:07,490

but I kind of made it a point on my

815

00:36:12,610 --> 00:36:10,340

to-do list to read one or two in de

816

00:36:14,200 --> 00:36:12,620

accounts a day and just take them in

817

00:36:16,990 --> 00:36:14,210

without a lot of judgment or without a

818

00:36:19,360 --> 00:36:17,000

lot of fanfare just kind of take it in

819

00:36:21,280 --> 00:36:19,370

and see where it where it takes me and I

820

00:36:23,410 --> 00:36:21,290

agree with you it takes you in a

821

00:36:26,740 --> 00:36:23,420

different place in a much better place

822

00:36:28,540 --> 00:36:26,750

but I'd also take what you're saying and

823

00:36:30,310 --> 00:36:28,550

maybe turn it a little bit because again

824

00:36:32,980 --> 00:36:30,320

it relates back to this conversation

825

00:36:34,870 --> 00:36:32,990

that I had with dr. melvin morse and

826

00:36:37,660 --> 00:36:34,880

that's it you know the other message

827

00:36:40,780 --> 00:36:37,670

that we get out of all that is that life

828

00:36:44,230 --> 00:36:40,790

isn't that complicated it's pretty darn

829

00:36:47,770 --> 00:36:44,240

simple it's about taking care of other

830

00:36:50,320 --> 00:36:47,780

people taking care of yourself doing the

831

00:36:53,740 --> 00:36:50,330

best that you can and let him go with

832

00:36:56,740 --> 00:36:53,750

the rest and I think that there is this

833

00:36:58,810 --> 00:36:56,750

gets into I guess maybe some it's a

834

00:37:00,820 --> 00:36:58,820

little bit too soft and fuzzy for a lot

835

00:37:03,130 --> 00:37:00,830

of people but at the end of the day I

836

00:37:06,670 --> 00:37:03,140

think it's what we all really want out

837

00:37:08,470 --> 00:37:06,680

of this investigation and out of science

838

00:37:10,750 --> 00:37:08,480

in general then that's a deeper

839

00:37:12,880 --> 00:37:10,760

understanding about how to live our

840

00:37:16,630 --> 00:37:12,890

lives that's what we're looking for yeah

841

00:37:19,480 --> 00:37:16,640

and I do think we can nudge a little bit

842

00:37:21,070 --> 00:37:19,490

closer by looking at this science and

843

00:37:22,870 --> 00:37:21,080

and that's one of the takeaways for me

844

00:37:25,570 --> 00:37:22,880

is it's it really isn't that difficult

845

00:37:27,160 --> 00:37:25,580

and to the extent that I make it super

846

00:37:31,210 --> 00:37:27,170

complicated you

847

00:37:33,730 --> 00:37:31,220

there's a part of my mind my nature that

848

00:37:35,620 --> 00:37:33,740

I can see that makes everything kind of

849

00:37:37,630 --> 00:37:35,630

complicated and maybe I need to let go

850

00:37:39,789 --> 00:37:37,640

of that right and you know one of the

851  
00:37:42,220 --> 00:37:39,799  
fascinating things with the ndu Streeter

852  
00:37:43,990 --> 00:37:42,230  
talks about using science to look at it

853  
00:37:46,120 --> 00:37:44,000  
is i think that you know obviously as

854  
00:37:48,539 --> 00:37:46,130  
you know in so many respects the science

855  
00:37:51,700 --> 00:37:48,549  
that tells you to look at it closely

856  
00:37:53,440 --> 00:37:51,710  
take it seriously i just had a

857  
00:37:56,319 --> 00:37:53,450  
conversation with a reporter from

858  
00:37:58,180 --> 00:37:56,329  
another city under leave him on name who

859  
00:38:01,329 --> 00:37:58,190  
had done a story that kind of touched

860  
00:38:06,549 --> 00:38:01,339  
upon these issues and had been invited

861  
00:38:08,589 --> 00:38:06,559  
to speak at a near-death groups meeting

862  
00:38:10,809 --> 00:38:08,599  
their monthly meeting and here's a guy

863  
00:38:12,520 --> 00:38:10,819

who has no belief in these things

864

00:38:14,620 --> 00:38:12,530

whatsoever but you happen to do a

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00:38:16,599 --> 00:38:14,630

straight intersected with them and he

866

00:38:19,630 --> 00:38:16,609

did it in such a respectful sort of

867

00:38:22,990 --> 00:38:19,640

fashion that they were I guess attracted

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00:38:25,539 --> 00:38:23,000

to him and wanted to invite him over but

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00:38:26,559 --> 00:38:25,549

he's not a believer and I said too much

870

00:38:28,030 --> 00:38:26,569

and how much do you really know about

871

00:38:30,160 --> 00:38:28,040

near-death experiences you ever looked

872

00:38:32,500 --> 00:38:30,170

at it he could no not at all and I said

873

00:38:35,319 --> 00:38:32,510

we'll just just rethink one thing before

874

00:38:39,130 --> 00:38:35,329

you go in there doctors use a diagnostic

875

00:38:41,049 --> 00:38:39,140

tool the degree of memory loss to assess

876

00:38:42,460 --> 00:38:41,059

either how long someone was unconscious

877

00:38:44,500 --> 00:38:42,470

or how severely their you know their

878

00:38:47,289 --> 00:38:44,510

brain was injured it was a TBI traumatic

879

00:38:49,809 --> 00:38:47,299

brain injury involved and that this has

880

00:38:53,230 --> 00:38:49,819

been a really reliable means for dr. to

881

00:38:55,210 --> 00:38:53,240

know how how long someone was out right

882

00:38:57,160 --> 00:38:55,220

and how seriously they were compromised

883

00:38:59,200 --> 00:38:57,170

and hurt because there's memory loss

884

00:39:01,180 --> 00:38:59,210

associated with with these things but

885

00:39:05,740 --> 00:39:01,190

with near-death experiences that's not

886

00:39:07,960 --> 00:39:05,750

what you find we find memory and when

887

00:39:10,750 --> 00:39:07,970

memory where memory shouldn't exist and

888

00:39:13,690 --> 00:39:10,760

that's a really that's a really weird

889

00:39:15,460 --> 00:39:13,700

thing and and so there you do find an

890

00:39:17,650 --> 00:39:15,470

area where like you look science is

891

00:39:19,930 --> 00:39:17,660

telling us take a good look at this this

892

00:39:21,700 --> 00:39:19,940

is this is more important than you

893

00:39:25,000 --> 00:39:21,710

generally are you know in the mainstream

894

00:39:26,500 --> 00:39:25,010

media lat all excellent hey Steve in the

895

00:39:28,420 --> 00:39:26,510

little bit of time we have left tell us

896

00:39:29,859 --> 00:39:28,430

what else is going on with you what else

897

00:39:32,170 --> 00:39:29,869

you're working on and what's interesting

898

00:39:34,900 --> 00:39:32,180

to you right now I'm really really

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00:39:37,569 --> 00:39:34,910

attracted to the whole of format of what

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00:39:38,920 --> 00:39:37,579

they call the e single these stories

901  
00:39:40,150 --> 00:39:38,930  
that are much longer than magazine

902  
00:39:40,570 --> 00:39:40,160  
pieces which are what I wouldn't

903  
00:39:42,730 --> 00:39:40,580  
normally

904  
00:39:44,830 --> 00:39:42,740  
but much shorter than books which is

905  
00:39:46,860 --> 00:39:44,840  
what i did with friends ology and i see

906  
00:39:49,150 --> 00:39:46,870  
it as a great way for me to keep my hand

907  
00:39:50,530 --> 00:39:49,160  
sort of in the paranormal field and

908  
00:39:53,110 --> 00:39:50,540  
continue to explore these sorts of

909  
00:39:55,710 --> 00:39:53,120  
stories and so I actually made my first

910  
00:39:58,350 --> 00:39:55,720  
call this week it was very exciting on

911  
00:40:01,060 --> 00:39:58,360  
what I hope will be you know my first

912  
00:40:02,590 --> 00:40:01,070  
single and it's been it's right here in

913  
00:40:06,970 --> 00:40:02,600

the sweet spot of all this stuff that's

914

00:40:08,950 --> 00:40:06,980

about a medical doctor who fought off a

915

00:40:11,500 --> 00:40:08,960

very own brain tumor that should have

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00:40:14,280 --> 00:40:11,510

killed him within a year he's actually a

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00:40:16,390 --> 00:40:14,290

med student wing was diagnosed and

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00:40:19,870 --> 00:40:16,400

instead he just said I'm not going to

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00:40:22,270 --> 00:40:19,880

die he stayed in school he lived for 10

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00:40:25,030 --> 00:40:22,280

or 12 years he was a mindfulness

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00:40:27,610 --> 00:40:25,040

practitioner I'm totally apparently

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00:40:29,230 --> 00:40:27,620

believed in reincarnation these things

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00:40:31,420 --> 00:40:29,240

were really important to him and he

924

00:40:33,850 --> 00:40:31,430

started trying to develop a really

925

00:40:35,950 --> 00:40:33,860

holistic approach to medicine and I

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00:40:38,470 --> 00:40:35,960

think that his life span sort of

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00:40:41,470 --> 00:40:38,480

encompasses a pivot point we're at now

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00:40:43,030 --> 00:40:41,480

as in society where yes there's a lot of

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00:40:44,740 --> 00:40:43,040

great things about Western science of

930

00:40:47,590 --> 00:40:44,750

medicine but there's also things we can

931

00:40:50,230 --> 00:40:47,600

pick up from the heat and you know sort

932

00:40:52,000 --> 00:40:50,240

of alternative modalities and I do think

933

00:40:54,190 --> 00:40:52,010

that were kind of undergoing a shift in

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00:40:56,020 --> 00:40:54,200

medicine towards being a little moral

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00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:56,030

demanding so we're a lot more money

936

00:41:00,550 --> 00:40:57,920

really so that's what I'm working on

937

00:41:02,920 --> 00:41:00,560

next victim great great well sounds

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00:41:05,290 --> 00:41:02,930

exciting and we'll certainly stay tuned

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00:41:08,860 --> 00:41:05,300

on that and maybe even coerce you into

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00:41:10,270 --> 00:41:08,870

doing another guest podcast for us here

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00:41:12,400 --> 00:41:10,280

or there if you have the time i'd love

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00:41:14,620 --> 00:41:12,410

that can we do interviews for you and

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00:41:18,280 --> 00:41:14,630

and i hope you love post things

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00:41:20,680 --> 00:41:18,290

regularly volcom awesome okay Steve

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00:41:23,110 --> 00:41:20,690

thanks a lot thanks Alex for having me I

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00:41:24,970 --> 00:41:23,120

appreciate it thanks again to Steve vote

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00:41:27,040 --> 00:41:24,980

for joining me today on skeptic oh I

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00:41:30,040 --> 00:41:27,050

really would encourage you to check out

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00:41:32,470 --> 00:41:30,050

his blog at Steve volcom and read some

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00:41:35,380 --> 00:41:32,480

of those excellent posts we were talking

951  
00:41:37,000 --> 00:41:35,390  
about there's actually several more that

952  
00:41:38,650 --> 00:41:37,010  
are just as good that we didn't get a

953  
00:41:40,900 --> 00:41:38,660  
chance to talk about now as you're

954  
00:41:43,180 --> 00:41:40,910  
mulling over what we talked about here

955  
00:41:45,850 --> 00:41:43,190  
there's a couple of topics that i guess

956  
00:41:47,970 --> 00:41:45,860  
i tee up for discussion on our forum or

957  
00:41:51,010 --> 00:41:47,980  
in the comments section of the website

958  
00:41:53,650 --> 00:41:51,020  
number one would be of course do you

959  
00:41:54,420 --> 00:41:53,660  
think's I that is parapsychology

960  
00:41:58,260 --> 00:41:54,430  
research

961  
00:42:00,750 --> 00:41:58,270  
really undermines fundamentally science

962  
00:42:03,180 --> 00:42:00,760  
do you think this x factor we were

963  
00:42:07,140 --> 00:42:03,190

talking about makes it impossible to

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00:42:09,420 --> 00:42:07,150

measure and therefore to do science and

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00:42:12,420 --> 00:42:09,430

I guess the second question i tee up is

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00:42:14,730 --> 00:42:12,430

one that has really been on my mind for

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00:42:16,770 --> 00:42:14,740

quite a few months and that is if we

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00:42:19,890 --> 00:42:16,780

turn this near-death experience science

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around and we ask the question has

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skeptical science provided any

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reasonable explanatory model for what is

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at this point well understood about the

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near death experience phenomena how

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00:42:36,930 --> 00:42:34,030

would we evaluate their results that is

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00:42:40,349 --> 00:42:36,940

what if skeptical scientists provided in

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00:42:43,500 --> 00:42:40,359

the last 35 years in terms of some kind

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of explanation for near-death experience

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00:42:48,720 --> 00:42:46,300

in what way have they gotten us closer

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00:42:51,660 --> 00:42:48,730

to some kind of answer that would fit

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00:42:53,400 --> 00:42:51,670

inside of the predominant paradigm that

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00:42:56,130 --> 00:42:53,410

your mind is nothing more than your

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00:42:58,740 --> 00:42:56,140

brain something to think about something

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to get back to me about and the way of

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00:43:02,849 --> 00:43:00,940

course you get back to me is through the

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00:43:05,130 --> 00:43:02,859

skeptical form or right there on the

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comment section the website and you will

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find the website at skeptic Oh com

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00:43:15,210 --> 00:43:12,790

that's ske pti k 0 calm and there you'll

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find of course all our previous shows an

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email facebook link domain and all sorts

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of other good stuff have a number of

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interesting interviews coming up I'm

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excited to get to them and to bring them

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to you I hope you'll stay with me for