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00:00:12,339 --> 00:00:08,990
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:12,349
with Robert Perry about his book signs a

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CMP II which stands for a conjunction of

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meaningfully parallel events

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00:00:23,090 --> 00:00:20,520
it's basically an extreme form of

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00:00:25,970 --> 00:00:23,100
synchronicity most of our paranormal

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00:00:27,859 --> 00:00:25,980
events that we're studying now their

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00:00:30,560 --> 00:00:27,869
inner experiences with hopefully a

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00:00:32,269 --> 00:00:30,570
political component but in the end they

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00:00:36,020 --> 00:00:32,279
say they seem stiffening about our

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00:00:38,420 --> 00:00:36,030
abilities or our ultimate nature being

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00:00:39,380 --> 00:00:38,430
perhaps immaterial but with science or

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00:00:41,720 --> 00:00:39,390

CMPs

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they their statements seem to be more

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about something other than us that seems

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to be you know giving us messages I'm

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just not quite sure that we can make

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that last leap because there's this

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whole idea one of time that we talked

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00:00:59,569 --> 00:00:55,860

about and precognition but also just in

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terms of being you and I and whoever

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being co-creators of our reality so we

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get back to this idea of what's reality

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and how is reality being created and

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experienced and again what's our

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00:01:14,060 --> 00:01:11,880

relationship to time are we in the

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future creating our reality of the past

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00:01:19,429 --> 00:01:16,590

I mean you know we shouldn't act like

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anything's percentages yet however I

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think that there is a contemporary bias

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even among those of us who were into the

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paranormal a bias against sort of agents

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that will be on the human you know maybe

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if we take NDE seriously for instance it

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looks like that experience involves a

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certain amount of initiatives from the

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other side maybe something coming to the

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00:01:47,539 --> 00:01:45,090

human level from the other side is part

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00:01:58,940 --> 00:01:47,549

of how life works stay with us

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00:02:02,670 --> 00:02:01,110

welcome to skeptical where we explore

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00:02:04,830 --> 00:02:02,680

controversial science with leading

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00:02:06,810 --> 00:02:04,840

researchers thinkers and their critics

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I'm your host Aleksic Harrison on this

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episode of skeptic oh we're going to

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look at synchronicity in a new way in a

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scientific way our guest is Robert Perry

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I think the interviews pretty

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self-explanatory let's get right to it

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today we welcome back to skeptic Oh

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Robert Perry Roberts here to talk about

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his book signs a new approach to

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00:02:33,530 --> 00:02:30,689
coincidence

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00:02:36,890 --> 00:02:33,540
synchronicity guidance life purpose and

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00:02:39,619 --> 00:02:36,900
God's plan and he's also here to tell us

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00:02:42,259 --> 00:02:39,629
about a pilot study he's done about this

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00:02:45,619 --> 00:02:42,269
work along with dr. Bruce Grayson

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00:02:49,069 --> 00:02:45,629
that is suggestive that he really is on

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00:02:51,740 --> 00:02:49,079
to something here so Robert thank you

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00:02:53,119 --> 00:02:51,750
for joining me welcome back oh it's a

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00:02:55,429 --> 00:02:53,129
great pleasure I'm very honored to be

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00:02:58,099 --> 00:02:55,439
here I love the show and listen every

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00:03:00,289 --> 00:02:58,109
week super in I I really appreciate

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00:03:03,379 --> 00:03:00,299

you've made some great contributions on

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inform and on the Ansem on the comments

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00:03:05,720 --> 00:03:04,530
section of the website I always look

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00:03:08,839 --> 00:03:05,730
forward to reading your posts so it's

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00:03:10,729 --> 00:03:08,849
great to have you back on so I have to

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00:03:12,679 --> 00:03:10,739
say this book you've written it's

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00:03:15,440 --> 00:03:12,689
amazing it's kind of startling when you

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00:03:18,259 --> 00:03:15,450
get into it because you claim you've

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00:03:22,119 --> 00:03:18,269
uncovered a rather remarkable new

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00:03:25,550 --> 00:03:22,129
paranormal phenomena that you've coined

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00:03:28,399 --> 00:03:25,560
CMP II so there's a lot here to kind of

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wrap our arms around why don't you start

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00:03:37,819 --> 00:03:30,750
by telling us what you think you've

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uncovered here okay basically a CMP II

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which stands for a conjunction of

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meaningfully parallel events I call it a

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sign for short but because I used that

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word in a very non-standard way anybody

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else cause of those CMP II seems to be

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the the handle of choice

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it's basically an extreme form of

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synchronicity now synchronicity tends to

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be extremely subjective thing there's

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almost no rule for what constitutes a

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synchronicity but the pattern that we

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typically associate with synchronicity

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it is two events coming together and

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sharing some striking similarity the the

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classic case is Carl Jung's scarab story

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where a patient is telling him about a

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dream in which she's given a gold scarab

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and as she does a gold scarab beetle is

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tapping at the window of Jung's office

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so there you have two events her telling

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the dream the appearance of the Scarab

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and they both share one striking

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parallel which is a golden scarab right

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in and on the more just kind of

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00:04:51,740 --> 00:04:50,010
day-to-day synchronicities that we're

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00:04:55,909 --> 00:04:51,750
all familiar with so but you're gonna

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00:04:58,430 --> 00:04:55,919
take this way beyond that right it's a

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much more extreme version of that basic

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pattern you still have two events that

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00:05:04,909 --> 00:05:03,930
just happened to come together in time

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00:05:06,529 --> 00:05:04,919
they aren't brought together

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00:05:08,959 --> 00:05:06,539
intentionally because of their

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00:05:10,939 --> 00:05:08,969
similarity and with this phenomenon

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there are rules about how close together

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in time didn't need to be these two

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events are still strikingly similar but

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00:05:20,959 --> 00:05:18,630

rather than one parallel between them

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00:05:23,810 --> 00:05:20,969

like the golden scarab they actually

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00:05:26,899 --> 00:05:23,820

share a long list of parallels that are

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00:05:29,360 --> 00:05:26,909

objective that any observer can see and

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00:05:30,519 --> 00:05:29,370

on average I find they share about eight

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00:05:34,570 --> 00:05:30,529

or nine parallels

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00:05:36,800 --> 00:05:34,580

examples go ahead give us a couple

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00:05:39,290 --> 00:05:36,810

they're kind of long in the telling

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00:05:43,879 --> 00:05:39,300

because of all the similarities between

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00:05:47,060 --> 00:05:43,889

the events but one example is last

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August I was finishing the draft of the

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paper our pilot study that you mentioned

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00:05:56,420 --> 00:05:54,360

on CMPs and the the paper reports on us

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00:05:58,850 --> 00:05:56,430

taking a paranormal experience and

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00:06:01,189 --> 00:05:58,860

chronicity that's extremely difficult to

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study because of how subjects subjective

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00:06:06,560 --> 00:06:03,960

it is and finding a way to objectively

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00:06:09,409 --> 00:06:06,570

measure it so that we can then do an

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00:06:11,180 --> 00:06:09,419

initial scientific study on it our study

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00:06:13,399 --> 00:06:11,190

happened to work better than we expected

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and we were in fact able to show that

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:15,900

something measurable is going on so

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within seconds of writing the last line

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00:06:24,529 --> 00:06:22,589

of that draft I pick up Steve Volks

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Brooklyn geology which I thought was a

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great book and I began a new chapter

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00:06:31,159 --> 00:06:29,099

that I hadn't looked ahead to and this

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00:06:33,950 --> 00:06:31,169

chapter was on the work of dr. Andrew

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Newberg who was famous for his research

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into the brain states associated with

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spiritual experiences like meditation

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and in that chapter Volk tells the story

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of Newberg's first experiment and Volk

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says the activity of meditation has

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always been supremely difficult

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to study the experience of meditation is

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00:06:55,639 --> 00:06:52,770

purely subjective happening only the

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00:06:57,529 --> 00:06:55,649

practitioners mind but Newberg thought

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he may have figured out a way to study

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it scientifically with no faith based

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00:07:04,669 --> 00:07:02,639

assumptions and he did it by measuring

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what's going on in the brain of someone

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00:07:09,379 --> 00:07:07,229

who's in a meditative state and the

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:09,389

results were everything he wanted

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00:07:14,089 --> 00:07:11,520

they showed a measurable and logical

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correlation between the experience of

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00:07:19,639 --> 00:07:15,869

the meditator and what's going on in his

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00:07:22,129 --> 00:07:19,649

grain and so I I just felt that that was

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00:07:24,919 --> 00:07:22,139

extremely similar to why I just written

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00:07:27,230 --> 00:07:24,929

and so I wrote a list of parallels and I

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00:07:32,359 --> 00:07:27,240

can read them to if you like sure good

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00:07:35,179 --> 00:07:32,369

okay so in both events my paper and the

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00:07:37,249 --> 00:07:35,189

chapter in when geology there is some

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00:07:39,469 --> 00:07:37,259

paranormal or spiritual experience in

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00:07:42,259 --> 00:07:39,479

one case synchronicity in the other

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00:07:46,129 --> 00:07:42,269

meditative experience that's been around

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00:07:48,799 --> 00:07:46,139

for ages it's extremely it's thought to

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00:07:50,809 --> 00:07:48,809

be extremely a supremely quote difficult

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00:07:55,639 --> 00:07:50,819

to study and that phrases in both things

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00:07:57,379 --> 00:07:55,649

because of how subjective it is when the

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Trulia researcher comes up with the

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00:08:01,549 --> 00:07:59,129

latest ideas scientifically without

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00:08:03,230 --> 00:08:01,559

faith-based assumptions and before he

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00:08:05,989 --> 00:08:03,240

conducts the first test that were done

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number five prominent and in this test

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if someone named Robert in Newberg's

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test it was the subject that was named

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00:08:15,889 --> 00:08:14,069

Robert number six being the first test

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00:08:17,899 --> 00:08:15,899

the researcher is not sure it will work

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but the results are either better than

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00:08:22,309 --> 00:08:20,519

expected in our case or quote all he

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00:08:25,519 --> 00:08:22,319

could all he could reasonably have

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00:08:27,619 --> 00:08:25,529

wanted in the other case number seven

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00:08:29,569 --> 00:08:27,629

these results in some sense validate the

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00:08:31,850 --> 00:08:29,579

experience at least showing that

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00:08:34,639 --> 00:08:31,860

something physical and measurable is

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00:08:36,829 --> 00:08:34,649

going on and number eight in both cases

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this is said to ultimately have bearing

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on the question of God's existence

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weight because I don't want to get too

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00:08:45,829 --> 00:08:44,009

nitpicky on those but I think I or a

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00:08:47,300 --> 00:08:45,839

number of people could look at it

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00:08:50,749 --> 00:08:47,310

and say well a couple of those are

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00:08:53,960 --> 00:08:50,759

there's some more ordinary prosaic kind

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00:08:56,750 --> 00:08:53,970

of explanations for why those things

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00:08:59,269 --> 00:08:56,760

might be coincidental right that that

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that's necessarily a bad example but we

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00:09:01,820 --> 00:09:01,170

could get into the fact that the fields

201
00:09:04,550 --> 00:09:01,830
are kind

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00:09:06,050 --> 00:09:04,560
related the book was there you know

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00:09:07,550 --> 00:09:06,060
there's all these things so is there

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00:09:10,520 --> 00:09:07,560
another example you could maybe give us

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00:09:13,730 --> 00:09:10,530
well one example is the one I begin the

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00:09:17,270 --> 00:09:13,740
book with which is CMP that I call the

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00:09:18,830 --> 00:09:17,280
bucket brigade and what's happening

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00:09:20,830 --> 00:09:18,840
there is of course the miracle

209
00:09:25,150 --> 00:09:20,840
organization that I that I work for

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00:09:27,470 --> 00:09:25,160
we're processing the issue of whether to

211
00:09:30,770 --> 00:09:27,480
basically take a departure in a new

212
00:09:33,230 --> 00:09:30,780
direction and somebody comes up with

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00:09:35,990 --> 00:09:33,240

this image of everybody in the

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00:09:37,790 --> 00:09:36,000

organization forming a bucket brigade

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00:09:40,280 --> 00:09:37,800

you know where everyone's working

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00:09:44,360 --> 00:09:40,290

together you're passing buckets of water

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00:09:46,100 --> 00:09:44,370

along to put a fire out and rather than

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00:09:48,170 --> 00:09:46,110

each of us doing sort of our separate

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00:09:50,210 --> 00:09:48,180

thing in our separate space we're all

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00:09:52,340 --> 00:09:50,220

joined together in this really intense

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00:09:55,040 --> 00:09:52,350

kind of common endeavor and this

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00:09:57,700 --> 00:09:55,050

suggestion is meant to be relevant to

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00:09:59,690 --> 00:09:57,710

figuring out the organizational

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00:10:01,550 --> 00:09:59,700

direction that you should go right

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00:10:03,560 --> 00:10:01,560

that's exactly right

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yeah and if we were considering a

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departure in this direction so what

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00:10:15,110 --> 00:10:12,120

happened was at that moment we hear the

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00:10:17,300 --> 00:10:15,120

sound of water and we we were in a

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00:10:18,620 --> 00:10:17,310

downstairs area in the house he rushed

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00:10:20,780 --> 00:10:18,630

into the other room and there's

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00:10:24,770 --> 00:10:20,790

literally water pouring through the

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00:10:27,950 --> 00:10:24,780

ceiling in a straight line it turns out

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00:10:29,870 --> 00:10:27,960

later we found that a washing machine

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repairman had been upstairs and he'd

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00:10:33,680 --> 00:10:31,980

turned the wrong knob and there was

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00:10:37,340 --> 00:10:33,690

water that that came through an

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00:10:39,470 --> 00:10:37,350

unfinished ceiling and so everybody

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00:10:40,880 --> 00:10:39,480

exploring into action people in the

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00:10:43,340 --> 00:10:40,890

meeting you're having people who were

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working in the office upstairs and the

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other thing to do it was those actually

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00:10:51,320 --> 00:10:47,160

right next to where the water was

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00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:51,330

following a stack of plastic buckets and

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so we had to essentially arrange these

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00:10:59,900 --> 00:10:57,450

buckets in a straight line to catch the

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water until it could be turned off and

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you know and everybody's joined together

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00:11:06,950 --> 00:11:03,420

in this and we're mopping it up and

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00:11:08,780 --> 00:11:06,960

getting towels and everything and and of

251
00:11:11,990 --> 00:11:08,790
course it was an intense experience and

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00:11:13,790 --> 00:11:12,000
it wasn't until we we all were done with

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00:11:15,170 --> 00:11:13,800
it got back in the next room took a

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00:11:17,750 --> 00:11:15,180
breath and we thought

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00:11:22,010 --> 00:11:17,760
hey that was kind of weird we just

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00:11:24,980 --> 00:11:22,020
formed a line of water filled buckets in

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00:11:26,630 --> 00:11:24,990
response to an emergency in which

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00:11:28,130 --> 00:11:26,640
everyone's pulling together in your

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00:11:30,829 --> 00:11:28,140
organization not in their separate

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00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:30,839
spaces it was exactly what we just been

261
00:11:35,690 --> 00:11:33,600
talking about in the meeting but we in

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00:11:37,730 --> 00:11:35,700
this case we'd had to actually carry out

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00:11:40,910 --> 00:11:37,740

the exact thing we've been talking about

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possibly doing great so that's a very

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concrete example they both are concrete

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00:11:48,410 --> 00:11:45,900

examples that will give people an idea I

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think of what you're talking about

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00:11:54,890 --> 00:11:51,360

so maybe take just a minute and tell us

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00:11:57,290 --> 00:11:54,900

about the the methodology that you use

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00:11:59,030 --> 00:11:57,300

for trying to understand this because

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that's what you break down in the book

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and in your paper you know that's what

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makes this a little bit different as you

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alluded to in your first example you're

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00:12:10,430 --> 00:12:08,180

really trying to nail this down

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00:12:13,280 --> 00:12:10,440

scientifically in a way that we can

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00:12:15,560 --> 00:12:13,290

study it and try and understand it right

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00:12:19,640 --> 00:12:15,570

so tell us a little bit about your

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00:12:21,920 --> 00:12:19,650

methodology for understanding it as

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00:12:26,120 --> 00:12:21,930

you're alluding it's very rural based

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00:12:28,370 --> 00:12:26,130

phenomenon and I worked out the rules

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00:12:30,790 --> 00:12:28,380

I'm still looking at the rules but to

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00:12:34,550 --> 00:12:30,800

the extent that I have I've done it over

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00:12:38,510 --> 00:12:34,560

35 years and recording hundreds I think

285

00:12:40,699 --> 00:12:38,520

going on a thousand examples of it the

286

00:12:42,500 --> 00:12:40,709

rules I understand them are that you

287

00:12:45,949 --> 00:12:42,510

need those two events you need to list

288

00:12:48,650 --> 00:12:45,959

the parallels the parallels then will

289

00:12:51,710 --> 00:12:48,660

come together to tell a coherent story

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00:12:55,040 --> 00:12:51,720

there won't be a scattered list and that

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00:12:57,800 --> 00:12:55,050

coherent story will always be aimed at a

292

00:12:59,930 --> 00:12:57,810

relevant situation in your life that

293

00:13:02,780 --> 00:12:59,940

situation will almost always be

294

00:13:05,420 --> 00:13:02,790

contained in one or both of the two

295

00:13:07,490 --> 00:13:05,430

events so one of the events might be

296

00:13:09,470 --> 00:13:07,500

fictional it might be like you mentioned

297

00:13:11,630 --> 00:13:09,480

the movie that you watched but the other

298

00:13:13,190 --> 00:13:11,640

event will usually involve a situation

299

00:13:15,500 --> 00:13:13,200

that you're wrestling with there may be

300

00:13:17,390 --> 00:13:15,510

some question involved you may have made

301

00:13:20,390 --> 00:13:17,400

a decision about that you're still

302

00:13:23,420 --> 00:13:20,400

uncertain about it will be current and

303

00:13:26,090 --> 00:13:23,430

so what happens is the parallels come

304

00:13:29,190 --> 00:13:26,100

together to tell a coherent story and

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00:13:31,830 --> 00:13:29,200

that story tends to frame

306

00:13:34,110 --> 00:13:31,840

that situation in a certain way and

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00:13:36,470 --> 00:13:34,120

communicate a certain perspective on it

308

00:13:40,500 --> 00:13:36,480

so that's one source of the meaning

309

00:13:43,530 --> 00:13:40,510

behind this enpe the other source is a

310

00:13:46,440 --> 00:13:43,540

little bit different and it's not always

311

00:13:49,200 --> 00:13:46,450

operative but in many CMPs one of the

312

00:13:51,300 --> 00:13:49,210

events literally involves that situation

313

00:13:55,500 --> 00:13:51,310

of relevance in your life the other

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00:13:57,630 --> 00:13:55,510

event eerily mirror is it but involves a

315

00:13:59,430 --> 00:13:57,640

whole other situation does not relevant

316

00:14:03,030 --> 00:13:59,440

for you like I said it may be a

317

00:14:06,570 --> 00:14:03,040

fictional situation now interestingly

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00:14:09,480 --> 00:14:06,580

enough the be fictional or the non

319

00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:09,490

relevant situation will usually tend to

320

00:14:17,010 --> 00:14:14,160

contain the answers to the questions in

321

00:14:19,560 --> 00:14:17,020

the real life situation that concerns

322

00:14:22,350 --> 00:14:19,570

you so you may be wondering what to do

323

00:14:24,720 --> 00:14:22,360

in your situation in that other

324

00:14:28,740 --> 00:14:24,730

situation what to do has already been

325

00:14:30,660 --> 00:14:28,750

done and it's all resolved so so I call

326

00:14:33,300 --> 00:14:30,670

that the symbolic situation and the

327

00:14:36,420 --> 00:14:33,310

symbolic situation then offers

328

00:14:39,420 --> 00:14:36,430

commentary on the uncertainties and the

329

00:14:41,700 --> 00:14:39,430

unresolved aspects of the literal

330

00:14:43,500 --> 00:14:41,710

situation so what you do is you put

331

00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:43,510

together those two sources of meaning

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00:14:49,650 --> 00:14:47,920

the delays of parallel frame the the

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00:14:52,350 --> 00:14:49,660

situation looks you call the subject

334

00:14:55,530 --> 00:14:52,360

situation and then the way the symbolic

335

00:14:58,080 --> 00:14:55,540

situation frames that same situation and

336

00:15:00,210 --> 00:14:58,090

when you put those together you get a

337

00:15:02,190 --> 00:15:00,220

pretty clear message about your

338

00:15:04,080 --> 00:15:02,200

situation and it's a message that

339

00:15:06,690 --> 00:15:04,090

different interpreters who know the

340

00:15:08,070 --> 00:15:06,700

rules will read in the same way and

341

00:15:10,680 --> 00:15:08,080

that's something I've tested and

342

00:15:13,350 --> 00:15:10,690

experienced over and over can get two

343

00:15:15,630 --> 00:15:13,360

independent interpreters coming up with

344

00:15:17,820 --> 00:15:15,640

basically the same message and that's

345

00:15:20,250 --> 00:15:17,830

what makes you feel that there's some

346

00:15:21,720 --> 00:15:20,260

realness to it so you're you're coming

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00:15:25,170 --> 00:15:21,730

along here saying okay

348

00:15:28,290 --> 00:15:25,180

if you take if you pay attention you'll

349

00:15:30,570 --> 00:15:28,300

notice that these things happen in our

350

00:15:32,460 --> 00:15:30,580

lives and then you throw this out there

351

00:15:34,080 --> 00:15:32,470

and people read it and hear about and go

352

00:15:35,970 --> 00:15:34,090

wow you know I never really quite

353

00:15:39,300 --> 00:15:35,980

noticed it but yeah there are these

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00:15:41,670 --> 00:15:39,310

parallel events that have these a lot of

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00:15:42,750 --> 00:15:41,680

coincidences that seem to be the

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00:15:45,330 --> 00:15:42,760

madacorp

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00:15:46,860 --> 00:15:45,340

towards a problem and there's some

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00:15:49,890 --> 00:15:46,870

realness to it okay so that's really

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00:15:51,510 --> 00:15:49,900

cool I think that you've identified this

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00:15:54,780 --> 00:15:51,520

phenomenon and you've developed a

361

00:15:56,550 --> 00:15:54,790

methodology for trying to study it and I

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00:15:59,130 --> 00:15:56,560

guess that would get to this study that

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00:16:01,710 --> 00:15:59,140

you've done this pilot study how will

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00:16:03,660 --> 00:16:01,720

you find kind of close the loop and

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00:16:08,010 --> 00:16:03,670

really nail down that this is really

366

00:16:11,190 --> 00:16:08,020

happening yes good question well for me

367

00:16:14,580 --> 00:16:11,200

you know I've seen this happen on more

368

00:16:16,710 --> 00:16:14,590

or less a weekly basis for 30 years now

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00:16:19,620 --> 00:16:16,720

so I don't have my own doubts about it

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00:16:21,390 --> 00:16:19,630

I've also worked with these events in

371

00:16:25,640 --> 00:16:21,400

the lives of quite a few other people

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00:16:28,110 --> 00:16:25,650

that I know for a long time as well so

373

00:16:30,660 --> 00:16:28,120

from personal experience I know it

374

00:16:32,550 --> 00:16:30,670

happens and it's not just people you

375

00:16:34,140 --> 00:16:32,560

know very close to me it's I've read

376

00:16:36,720 --> 00:16:34,150

about these things and lives of

377

00:16:39,600 --> 00:16:36,730

strangers I had an instance a couple

378

00:16:41,670 --> 00:16:39,610

months ago where an MBE researcher who's

379

00:16:43,140 --> 00:16:41,680

actually been on your show she had one

380

00:16:45,510 --> 00:16:43,150

wee correspondent about it

381

00:16:47,520 --> 00:16:45,520

she found the meaning surprising but

382

00:16:49,830 --> 00:16:47,530

really appropriate so I've seen it

383

00:16:52,230 --> 00:16:49,840

happen so many times in so many lives I

384

00:16:53,700 --> 00:16:52,240

don't have doubts about it but obviously

385

00:16:56,250 --> 00:16:53,710

that's not good enough for somebody

386

00:16:59,700 --> 00:16:56,260

who's not me so we did this pilot study

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00:17:01,770 --> 00:16:59,710

as you mentioned in which we got 17

388

00:17:04,410 --> 00:17:01,780

participants and the whole point was to

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00:17:07,620 --> 00:17:04,420

see it was happening in the lives of

390

00:17:11,040 --> 00:17:07,630

people out there and that was the entire

391

00:17:14,760 --> 00:17:11,050

goal of the study so we taught them how

392

00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:14,770

to notice these events and they recorded

393

00:17:18,900 --> 00:17:16,720

anything that seemed like it might be

394

00:17:21,439 --> 00:17:18,910

for a period of four months sent them in

395

00:17:24,360 --> 00:17:21,449

to me and then we ran them through a

396

00:17:27,449 --> 00:17:24,370

ten-point scale that basically scores

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00:17:32,250 --> 00:17:27,459

them to see if they if they qualify and

398

00:17:34,620 --> 00:17:32,260

we did find actually 16 genuine CMP E's

399

00:17:37,500 --> 00:17:34,630

through the study which for me goes

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00:17:39,720 --> 00:17:37,510

along well it's an initial study you

401

00:17:41,850 --> 00:17:39,730

know it's a pilot study it's not going

402

00:17:44,780 --> 00:17:41,860

to I think established a phenomenon for

403

00:17:48,540 --> 00:17:44,790

anybody who has any kind of skepticism

404

00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:48,550

but at least it's a promising initial

405

00:17:54,900 --> 00:17:51,760

study suggestive of this being a general

406

00:17:56,450 --> 00:17:54,910

event that happens all over and how

407

00:17:59,730 --> 00:17:56,460

would you measure

408

00:18:02,670 --> 00:17:59,740

statistically the odds against chance of

409

00:18:06,150 --> 00:18:02,680

these events occurring how do you nail

410

00:18:08,970 --> 00:18:06,160

that part down you know I wish there was

411

00:18:11,580 --> 00:18:08,980

a way to do that I don't personally

412

00:18:14,010 --> 00:18:11,590

believe there is a way to really measure

413

00:18:16,980 --> 00:18:14,020

the probabilities involved I think it's

414

00:18:20,130 --> 00:18:16,990

too complicated I think the strength of

415

00:18:23,010 --> 00:18:20,140

it comes in in reading the lists of

416

00:18:26,070 --> 00:18:23,020

parallels and and taken as a whole

417

00:18:29,070 --> 00:18:26,080

thinking is it reasonable to suspect

418

00:18:31,740 --> 00:18:29,080

that that two events that would this

419

00:18:33,810 --> 00:18:31,750

parallel could come together purely by

420

00:18:38,010 --> 00:18:33,820

chance the other thing which to me

421

00:18:39,990 --> 00:18:38,020

really helps you know put out of

422

00:18:42,540 --> 00:18:40,000

consideration the skeptical alternative

423

00:18:45,110 --> 00:18:42,550

here is that these things in my

424

00:18:49,560 --> 00:18:45,120

experience are never one offs a

425

00:18:52,920 --> 00:18:49,570

particular CME will always be part of a

426

00:18:55,710 --> 00:18:52,930

series other CNTs will speak to the same

427

00:18:59,430 --> 00:18:55,720

situation and will say consistent things

428

00:19:01,440 --> 00:18:59,440

in fact similar CMT's will often occur

429

00:19:03,120 --> 00:19:01,450

on the exact same date in different

430

00:19:05,280 --> 00:19:03,130

years which is something I discovered

431

00:19:08,040 --> 00:19:05,290

and continues to kind of blow me away

432

00:19:11,070 --> 00:19:08,050

when it happens so that so different

433

00:19:13,110 --> 00:19:11,080

ones are intimately interrelated and

434

00:19:15,870 --> 00:19:13,120

therefore you don't have to you have to

435

00:19:18,780 --> 00:19:15,880

explain away not just one to explain

436

00:19:20,940 --> 00:19:18,790

away the whole series and at some point

437

00:19:23,790 --> 00:19:20,950

I think a reasonable a reasonable person

438

00:19:26,790 --> 00:19:23,800

stands there and says this just can't be

439

00:19:29,490 --> 00:19:26,800

chance right and we should add because I

440

00:19:31,590 --> 00:19:29,500

can maybe glossed over that but the the

441

00:19:34,830 --> 00:19:31,600

methodology that you have or that you

442

00:19:36,570 --> 00:19:34,840

applied in this study for example is

443

00:19:38,550 --> 00:19:36,580

pretty rigorous I mean there's some

444

00:19:40,230 --> 00:19:38,560

definite rules that you mentioned that

445

00:19:42,780 --> 00:19:40,240

they have to follow and they have to be

446

00:19:45,120 --> 00:19:42,790

inside of a certain time frame and they

447

00:19:47,370 --> 00:19:45,130

have to follow other characteristics and

448

00:19:50,730 --> 00:19:47,380

it's pretty I think you said that you

449

00:19:52,200 --> 00:19:50,740

have an independent judge or evaluator

450

00:19:55,200 --> 00:19:52,210

who can kind of say whether they meet

451
00:19:58,440 --> 00:19:55,210
that criteria and anyone who reads the

452
00:20:00,840 --> 00:19:58,450
book signs or reads this study will see

453
00:20:03,410 --> 00:20:00,850
that it is quite objective in terms of

454
00:20:06,030 --> 00:20:03,420
how that's measured is that accurate

455
00:20:08,820 --> 00:20:06,040
yeah that's really one of the key things

456
00:20:09,660 --> 00:20:08,830
about the phenomenon I used to see

457
00:20:11,280 --> 00:20:09,670
patterns on

458
00:20:13,350 --> 00:20:11,290
kinds of events and think they were

459
00:20:15,630 --> 00:20:13,360
coincidences around every corner and and

460
00:20:17,640 --> 00:20:15,640
as I went forward

461
00:20:19,580 --> 00:20:17,650
I became personally quite skeptical

462
00:20:21,930 --> 00:20:19,590
about most synchronicities I think

463
00:20:23,550 --> 00:20:21,940

personally that most of them are us

464

00:20:25,950 --> 00:20:23,560

connecting dots that aren't connected

465

00:20:29,670 --> 00:20:25,960

that's just my personal opinion what I

466

00:20:32,220 --> 00:20:29,680

found was this phenomenon proved itself

467

00:20:34,020 --> 00:20:32,230

to me as real all the time and showed

468

00:20:36,240 --> 00:20:34,030

that it had quite specific

469

00:20:38,820 --> 00:20:36,250

characteristics and so that's how I

470

00:20:41,670 --> 00:20:38,830

built the model and built the ten-point

471

00:20:44,160 --> 00:20:41,680

scale for for measuring them trying to

472

00:20:47,010 --> 00:20:44,170

capture those specific characteristics

473

00:20:50,460 --> 00:20:47,020

without them if they aren't there you

474

00:20:52,920 --> 00:20:50,470

can tell this is not a real cm PE so

475

00:20:54,960 --> 00:20:52,930

yeah it's very rigorous which is quite

476
00:20:56,730 --> 00:20:54,970
different than the mindset we normally

477
00:20:58,560 --> 00:20:56,740
have when synchronicity but the

478
00:21:00,210 --> 00:20:58,570
advantage of course is you could have

479
00:21:01,800 --> 00:21:00,220
some confidence of something real is

480
00:21:05,010 --> 00:21:01,810
going on here and we aren't just

481
00:21:08,100 --> 00:21:05,020
connecting dots in a fanciful way okay

482
00:21:10,470 --> 00:21:08,110
but you just hit on maybe the key phrase

483
00:21:13,200 --> 00:21:10,480
that I wanted to launch into is that

484
00:21:16,410 --> 00:21:13,210
something real is going on here of

485
00:21:19,890 --> 00:21:16,420
course real is a very is the ultimate

486
00:21:22,950 --> 00:21:19,900
subjective term in terms of reality and

487
00:21:26,790 --> 00:21:22,960
I guess that gets us into how should we

488
00:21:28,980 --> 00:21:26,800

understand this phenomena you and I in

489

00:21:31,380 --> 00:21:28,990

the email exchange before this we're

490

00:21:34,680 --> 00:21:31,390

both referencing you know Daryl BEM work

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00:21:37,050 --> 00:21:34,690

of course because it gets at this issue

492

00:21:39,300 --> 00:21:37,060

of time and what is really our

493

00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:39,310

relationship with time as I was reading

494

00:21:44,130 --> 00:21:40,720

through the science thing I kept

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00:21:47,100 --> 00:21:44,140

thinking this is precognition in some

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00:21:50,180 --> 00:21:47,110

way so again it gets to this time thing

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00:21:54,450 --> 00:21:50,190

and we might be experiencing time

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00:21:58,320 --> 00:21:54,460

linearly but the reality of time may it

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00:21:59,370 --> 00:21:58,330

may not be as linear as we think so what

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00:22:02,550 --> 00:21:59,380

are your thoughts on that

501

00:22:05,250 --> 00:22:02,560

I well actually I had a pair of

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00:22:08,580 --> 00:22:05,260

psychologists suggest something similar

503

00:22:10,920 --> 00:22:08,590

to me that this was precognition and I

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00:22:13,140 --> 00:22:10,930

think that can work for some of the

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00:22:17,919 --> 00:22:13,150

examples I think it gets very strange

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00:22:22,549 --> 00:22:17,929

for some of them as well because

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00:22:24,200 --> 00:22:22,559

in why the examples you have you have

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00:22:25,820 --> 00:22:24,210

different people doing things at a

509

00:22:29,480 --> 00:22:25,830

distance you know somebody might send me

510

00:22:32,090 --> 00:22:29,490

an email in this case you know who's

511

00:22:33,650 --> 00:22:32,100

having the precognition there just

512

00:22:36,799 --> 00:22:33,660

there's a lot of examples where I think

513

00:22:39,010 --> 00:22:36,809

that doesn't work that well and what I

514

00:22:41,120 --> 00:22:39,020

want to say about trying to explain this

515

00:22:43,520 --> 00:22:41,130

and obviously cried out for an

516

00:22:45,110 --> 00:22:43,530

explanation is that in our attempt to

517

00:22:48,650 --> 00:22:45,120

explain it I think there's two things

518

00:22:50,750 --> 00:22:48,660

that we should keep in mind one is that

519

00:22:53,030 --> 00:22:50,760

we shouldn't just cherry-pick certain

520

00:22:55,640 --> 00:22:53,040

elements of it and try to explain those

521

00:22:58,669 --> 00:22:55,650

and ignore the rest and then the other

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00:23:01,220 --> 00:22:58,679

is that we shouldn't come to it I think

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00:23:03,980 --> 00:23:01,230

with the constraints of our particular

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00:23:06,530 --> 00:23:03,990

worldview and say well only explanations

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00:23:08,299 --> 00:23:06,540

within that worldview are ok here I

526

00:23:11,390 --> 00:23:08,309

think we should look at the phenomenon

527

00:23:13,760 --> 00:23:11,400

as a whole and see what the phenomena

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00:23:17,330 --> 00:23:13,770

itself suggests in terms of you know

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00:23:21,590 --> 00:23:17,340

best explanations and when I look at it

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00:23:25,690 --> 00:23:21,600

as a whole what I see is it looks like

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00:23:30,350 --> 00:23:25,700

events are being somehow pulled together

532

00:23:33,580 --> 00:23:30,360

in in highly orchestrated ways and in

533

00:23:36,200 --> 00:23:33,590

ways that appear to be structured as

534

00:23:39,530 --> 00:23:36,210

communications these things always

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00:23:41,720 --> 00:23:39,540

highlight some situation in your life

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00:23:43,340 --> 00:23:41,730

that you're dealing with and then they

537

00:23:45,890 --> 00:23:43,350

provide a perspective on it a

538

00:23:48,380 --> 00:23:45,900

perspective that very often is targeted

539

00:23:51,080 --> 00:23:48,390

or seems to be targeted at the very

540

00:23:53,590 --> 00:23:51,090

things that you're wrestling with so

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00:23:57,950 --> 00:23:53,600

these things look like they are

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00:24:00,770 --> 00:23:57,960

communications or structured as that so

543

00:24:05,240 --> 00:24:00,780

in my mind an explanation would have to

544

00:24:07,880 --> 00:24:05,250

ideally honor that basic design of the

545

00:24:10,000 --> 00:24:07,890

phenomenon itself so even now Robert

546

00:24:12,650 --> 00:24:10,010

you're creeping into this more

547

00:24:14,419 --> 00:24:12,660

controversial aspect of this and it's in

548

00:24:16,400 --> 00:24:14,429

the title of the book and it's also in

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00:24:20,180 --> 00:24:16,410

the chapter in the book and that's this

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00:24:23,180 --> 00:24:20,190

idea of life's purpose and gods the G

551
00:24:26,030 --> 00:24:23,190
words plan you know the last time

552
00:24:27,620 --> 00:24:26,040
whenever I bring up the issue of God and

553
00:24:30,409 --> 00:24:27,630
I usually talk about God as a

554
00:24:31,630 --> 00:24:30,419
placeholder for this idea of some

555
00:24:33,460 --> 00:24:31,640
organized

556
00:24:36,980 --> 00:24:33,470
consciousness some higher-level

557
00:24:38,900 --> 00:24:36,990
organized consciousness I get a lot of

558
00:24:41,540 --> 00:24:38,910
pushback a lot of people are resistant

559
00:24:44,720 --> 00:24:41,550
to that a lot of people feel very burned

560
00:24:47,410 --> 00:24:44,730
by Christianity is really what it

561
00:24:50,810 --> 00:24:47,420
usually comes down to or some other

562
00:24:53,090 --> 00:24:50,820
religion but it's usually this idea that

563
00:24:56,120 --> 00:24:53,100

hey I was slammed with this Christian

564

00:24:58,160 --> 00:24:56,130

crap when I was a kid and it took me 20

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00:25:00,830 --> 00:24:58,170

years of therapy to overcome it please

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00:25:01,400 --> 00:25:00,840

don't try and shove God back down my

567

00:25:04,910 --> 00:25:01,410

throat

568

00:25:07,130 --> 00:25:04,920

that's the pushback I get and I have to

569

00:25:09,380 --> 00:25:07,140

say there's a little bit of that that I

570

00:25:11,960 --> 00:25:09,390

felt here I felt the need to push back a

571

00:25:14,210 --> 00:25:11,970

little bit - I mean can they really make

572

00:25:17,000 --> 00:25:14,220

that leap that you're making and saying

573

00:25:19,310 --> 00:25:17,010

that because you see some kind of a

574

00:25:22,190 --> 00:25:19,320

relationship between the person that's

575

00:25:24,470 --> 00:25:22,200

experiencing the coincidence and some

576

00:25:26,630 --> 00:25:24,480

kind of structure information message in

577

00:25:29,060 --> 00:25:26,640

what they're experiencing it can we

578

00:25:33,140 --> 00:25:29,070

really put God right in the middle of

579

00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:33,150

that well I think I think we don't have

580

00:25:39,770 --> 00:25:36,480

to you know for me there's a phenomenon

581

00:25:42,080 --> 00:25:39,780

here that needs to be explained and for

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00:25:45,020 --> 00:25:42,090

most of my time with it I didn't see

583

00:25:47,330 --> 00:25:45,030

this coming from God my interest was

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00:25:49,340 --> 00:25:47,340

really more practical I was just willing

585

00:25:51,410 --> 00:25:49,350

to work with it get the benefits of it

586

00:25:54,140 --> 00:25:51,420

and I kind of assumed it was coming from

587

00:25:57,380 --> 00:25:54,150

some wise place in my unconscious that

588

00:25:59,570 --> 00:25:57,390

could somehow maybe you know draw vents

589

00:26:01,430 --> 00:25:59,580

together to get a message across to me

590

00:26:04,880 --> 00:26:01,440

and I still think that's a reasonable

591

00:26:07,100 --> 00:26:04,890

explanation there's a couple of reasons

592

00:26:11,810 --> 00:26:07,110

why I've done in the god direction

593

00:26:15,410 --> 00:26:11,820

personally one is that I started to

594

00:26:17,600 --> 00:26:15,420

notice that if different people had CMT

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00:26:19,730 --> 00:26:17,610

ease about the same situation even

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00:26:22,880 --> 00:26:19,740

people who were living you know hundreds

597

00:26:24,800 --> 00:26:22,890

of thousands of miles apart there CMP

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00:26:27,560 --> 00:26:24,810

ease would be consistent with each other

599

00:26:30,410 --> 00:26:27,570

and sometimes quite minutely related as

600

00:26:32,900 --> 00:26:30,420

if they were coming from the same source

601
00:26:35,960 --> 00:26:32,910
so I started to think well whatever this

602
00:26:38,600 --> 00:26:35,970
source is it clearly transcends the

603
00:26:41,180 --> 00:26:38,610
individual mind in which case maybe we

604
00:26:43,670 --> 00:26:41,190
can posit you know a collective

605
00:26:44,510 --> 00:26:43,680
unconscious or something that is the

606
00:26:45,950 --> 00:26:44,520
source of the

607
00:26:48,350 --> 00:26:45,960
and I think that would be consistent

608
00:26:51,160 --> 00:26:48,360
with the data as well let me nail that

609
00:26:54,580 --> 00:26:51,170
down a minute so a collective

610
00:26:57,830 --> 00:26:54,590
unconscious a collective consciousness

611
00:27:01,430 --> 00:26:57,840
would fit here you and and then I guess

612
00:27:04,730 --> 00:27:01,440
the question related that is what is God

613
00:27:07,940 --> 00:27:04,740

for you in that continuum if you will of

614

00:27:11,030 --> 00:27:07,950

if you're falling back to the collective

615

00:27:13,700 --> 00:27:11,040

consciousness then what is the

616

00:27:15,800 --> 00:27:13,710

relationship between your understanding

617

00:27:20,540 --> 00:27:15,810

of God and your understanding of this

618

00:27:23,350 --> 00:27:20,550

collective consciousness well I don't I

619

00:27:26,840 --> 00:27:23,360

don't really personally think that that

620

00:27:29,480 --> 00:27:26,850

collective unconscious explanation the

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00:27:32,270 --> 00:27:29,490

thing behind us I'm saying I think it's

622

00:27:36,260 --> 00:27:32,280

a race after interpretation that I think

623

00:27:40,070 --> 00:27:36,270

is reasonable I see it as coming from

624

00:27:42,080 --> 00:27:40,080

God my idea of God is very much what

625

00:27:46,220 --> 00:27:42,090

people experience for instance in

626

00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:46,230

near-death experiences so I you know I I

627

00:27:53,390 --> 00:27:50,010

see something I see God is very much you

628

00:27:55,790 --> 00:27:53,400

know some kind of a being who's maybe

629

00:27:58,580 --> 00:27:55,800

boundless and formless but still you

630

00:28:01,700 --> 00:27:58,590

know alive and in some sense personal I

631

00:28:03,980 --> 00:28:01,710

don't think that s required at all to

632

00:28:06,170 --> 00:28:03,990

work with this phenomenon to explore it

633

00:28:08,600 --> 00:28:06,180

I think that there's all kinds of

634

00:28:10,880 --> 00:28:08,610

possible explanations but there's two

635

00:28:13,250 --> 00:28:10,890

things like you come back to one is the

636

00:28:16,250 --> 00:28:13,260

phenomenon itself pushes me in the

637

00:28:18,290 --> 00:28:16,260

direction of something godlike maybe

638

00:28:20,600 --> 00:28:18,300

it's something that falls short of being

639

00:28:23,060 --> 00:28:20,610

what we would call God but the phenomena

640

00:28:26,660 --> 00:28:23,070

itself I think suggests something

641

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

godlike number two a lot of what's

642

00:28:32,230 --> 00:28:28,680

pushed me in the extreme direction I've

643

00:28:35,210 --> 00:28:32,240

gone in is the CMT's themselves I

644

00:28:38,690 --> 00:28:35,220

started to get them about about 13 years

645

00:28:41,060 --> 00:28:38,700

ago I started to get ones that clearly

646

00:28:42,980 --> 00:28:41,070

were saying they came from God that the

647

00:28:45,980 --> 00:28:42,990

phenomena itself comes from God and

648

00:28:49,580 --> 00:28:45,990

because I built up a trust with with

649

00:28:50,420 --> 00:28:49,590

these instances over many years I I kind

650

00:28:52,760 --> 00:28:50,430

of went with it

651
00:28:54,320 --> 00:28:52,770
hey Robert give me an example there nail

652
00:28:57,470 --> 00:28:54,330
that down for me what do you mean you

653
00:28:58,460 --> 00:28:57,480
had a direct experience or message that

654
00:29:01,340 --> 00:28:58,470
this was coming from

655
00:29:03,080 --> 00:29:01,350
God you know as I said the CMT ease when

656
00:29:05,320 --> 00:29:03,090
you read it according to the rules they

657
00:29:09,110 --> 00:29:05,330
end up communicating certain messages I

658
00:29:12,470 --> 00:29:09,120
started to get the occasional CME whose

659
00:29:13,909 --> 00:29:12,480
message was actually they were talking

660
00:29:15,619 --> 00:29:13,919
about me writing the book that I

661
00:29:18,529 --> 00:29:15,629
eventually wrote many years later and

662
00:29:21,799 --> 00:29:18,539
they kept saying essentially emphasize

663
00:29:23,570 --> 00:29:21,809

in the book that this comes from God and

664

00:29:25,899 --> 00:29:23,580

if they didn't wanted me to end the book

665

00:29:27,769 --> 00:29:25,909

on that no I know it sounds like an

666

00:29:29,180 --> 00:29:27,779

anthropomorphizing them but that's just

667

00:29:32,629 --> 00:29:29,190

how I experienced them they're they're

668

00:29:35,539 --> 00:29:32,639

giving me messages so I I do relate

669

00:29:38,119 --> 00:29:35,549

those in the book one of them was where

670

00:29:40,480 --> 00:29:38,129

I was writing to somebody a long account

671

00:29:42,499 --> 00:29:40,490

of my understanding of the phenomenon

672

00:29:46,850 --> 00:29:42,509

you know there was their first encounter

673

00:29:48,590 --> 00:29:46,860

with it and I was talking about how you

674

00:29:51,440 --> 00:29:48,600

know it's a strange thing because it

675

00:29:53,360 --> 00:29:51,450

looks like you know in a skeptical age

676

00:29:56,419 --> 00:29:53,370

it looks like here is something that

677

00:29:59,619 --> 00:29:56,429

that seems to come from from God a God's

678

00:30:02,419 --> 00:29:59,629

plan or something in that direction and

679

00:30:04,330 --> 00:30:02,429

you know it seems like it's God speaking

680

00:30:07,070 --> 00:30:04,340

to us even though we aren't listening

681

00:30:09,710 --> 00:30:07,080

and right after that I ended up watching

682

00:30:11,869 --> 00:30:09,720

a TV program I used to be into the

683

00:30:16,369 --> 00:30:11,879

x-files and so as I have to show the

684

00:30:18,470 --> 00:30:16,379

x-files in which the show which I caught

685

00:30:22,009 --> 00:30:18,480

the very tail end up concludes on an

686

00:30:23,619 --> 00:30:22,019

uncannily similar note the one of the

687

00:30:25,789 --> 00:30:23,629

main characters is and experiencing

688

00:30:29,330 --> 00:30:25,799

amazing a dumps over the course of the

689

00:30:31,009 --> 00:30:29,340

show and she ends up feeling like you

690

00:30:34,580 --> 00:30:31,019

know God is speaking and no one's

691

00:30:36,169 --> 00:30:34,590

listening so it was things like that the

692

00:30:39,049 --> 00:30:36,179

started to push me in a direction that I

693

00:30:41,899 --> 00:30:39,059

actually hadn't gone in quite yet and

694

00:30:44,419 --> 00:30:41,909

when I did do what they said and make

695

00:30:46,100 --> 00:30:44,429

that the ending a book I had as a

696

00:30:48,590 --> 00:30:46,110

confirmation of that one of the most

697

00:30:50,960 --> 00:30:48,600

spectacular CMPs I've ever had there are

698

00:30:55,039 --> 00:30:50,970

about 30 parallels which I made the

699

00:30:57,320 --> 00:30:55,049

epilogue of the book eventually and so

700

00:31:00,230 --> 00:30:57,330

those those actually helped take me

701
00:31:02,659 --> 00:31:00,240
there even though I'm adamant that you

702
00:31:04,970 --> 00:31:02,669
don't need to start there or even end

703
00:31:06,200 --> 00:31:04,980
there to look with the phenomena and

704
00:31:08,509 --> 00:31:06,210
think something's happening

705
00:31:12,200 --> 00:31:08,519
tell us how that's informed your

706
00:31:15,140 --> 00:31:12,210
understanding of God on a personal base

707
00:31:19,040 --> 00:31:15,150
what will you take away big picture wise

708
00:31:22,010 --> 00:31:19,050
in terms of what this means about God

709
00:31:24,020 --> 00:31:22,020
and how God is involved in your life

710
00:31:27,920 --> 00:31:24,030
that's an interesting question not sure

711
00:31:31,910 --> 00:31:27,930
that asked that before the background is

712
00:31:35,720 --> 00:31:31,920
I I do I I do really take these

713
00:31:37,550 --> 00:31:35,730

seriously as the most important the most

714

00:31:39,470 --> 00:31:37,560

authoritative influence in my own

715

00:31:40,940 --> 00:31:39,480

personal decision-making they don't

716

00:31:43,400 --> 00:31:40,950

happen on command they don't happen

717

00:31:46,160 --> 00:31:43,410

every day but when they do happen I take

718

00:31:48,590 --> 00:31:46,170

them very seriously and to a large

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00:31:50,360 --> 00:31:48,600

degree I live my life by them they have

720

00:31:52,400 --> 00:31:50,370

proven themselves very trustworthy

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00:31:55,460 --> 00:31:52,410

that's why actually I'm living in

722

00:31:59,330 --> 00:31:55,470

England now as I had the MPs telling you

723

00:32:02,380 --> 00:31:59,340

to move here with my with my family so

724

00:32:04,970 --> 00:32:02,390

as a result of their influence I

725

00:32:07,940 --> 00:32:04,980

basically feel like there is something

726

00:32:10,100 --> 00:32:07,950

which is usually quite anonymous that

727

00:32:14,420 --> 00:32:10,110

there's something that is advising me

728

00:32:16,910 --> 00:32:14,430

that wants me to move in in positive

729

00:32:19,300 --> 00:32:16,920

directions that end up being healthy and

730

00:32:22,760 --> 00:32:19,310

good for me and for those around me

731

00:32:25,430 --> 00:32:22,770

whatever this is is concerned about

732

00:32:27,560 --> 00:32:25,440

small situations in my life I was told

733

00:32:31,190 --> 00:32:27,570

after 25 years ago back to see the

734

00:32:34,250 --> 00:32:31,200

dentist and large ones my spiritual

735

00:32:37,280 --> 00:32:34,260

development my work my my close

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00:32:39,920 --> 00:32:37,290

relationships whatever this is seems

737

00:32:42,560 --> 00:32:39,930

really concerned about every aspect of

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00:32:45,140 --> 00:32:42,570

my life and really intent on giving me

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00:32:48,530 --> 00:32:45,150

clarity and and vision for those

740

00:32:52,820 --> 00:32:48,540

different areas in my life and so a lot

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00:32:55,100 --> 00:32:52,830

of my own tangible sense of God comes

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00:32:57,800 --> 00:32:55,110

from the feeling that there's just

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00:33:00,920 --> 00:32:57,810

something looking out for me and wanting

744

00:33:03,710 --> 00:33:00,930

to impart to me the clarity and the

745

00:33:06,770 --> 00:33:03,720

wisdom and sometimes even the foresight

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00:33:09,200 --> 00:33:06,780

that can help me along my way so I end

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00:33:11,390 --> 00:33:09,210

up actually feeling very cared for so

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00:33:14,390 --> 00:33:11,400

where do you go from here Robert where

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00:33:16,370 --> 00:33:14,400

do you go with the research with the

750

00:33:19,070 --> 00:33:16,380

results of the pilot study and where

751

00:33:23,330 --> 00:33:19,080

would you like to see the the research

752

00:33:25,130 --> 00:33:23,340

into the phenomena go yeah I I really

753

00:33:28,910 --> 00:33:25,140

want to see this go

754

00:33:30,830 --> 00:33:28,920

somewhere the CMT's themselves daily

755

00:33:33,980 --> 00:33:30,840

think this is going to be some kind of

756

00:33:36,230 --> 00:33:33,990

field of inquiry one day along the lines

757

00:33:38,000 --> 00:33:36,240

of near-death studies I think we're

758

00:33:39,710 --> 00:33:38,010

quite a long ways off from that to be

759

00:33:41,960 --> 00:33:39,720

honest but they have very long range

760

00:33:44,390 --> 00:33:41,970

point of view so I'm not going to be

761

00:33:46,940 --> 00:33:44,400

surprised if that happens I think that

762

00:33:49,700 --> 00:33:46,950

the next step is is just to keep

763

00:33:53,440 --> 00:33:49,710

studying it we've got a I think this

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00:33:56,180 --> 00:33:53,450

time get a funded study week that we can

765

00:33:58,280 --> 00:33:56,190

construct very carefully using we learn

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00:34:01,460 --> 00:33:58,290

from the first study has very tight

767

00:34:03,110 --> 00:34:01,470

controls deal with questions like

768

00:34:05,000 --> 00:34:03,120

independence which is one of the big

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00:34:10,850 --> 00:34:05,010

Bugaboo here were the events really

770

00:34:13,720 --> 00:34:10,860

independent and just do it more

771

00:34:18,470 --> 00:34:13,730

carefully you know more independent

772

00:34:20,630 --> 00:34:18,480

scores and observers and just slowly I

773

00:34:22,669 --> 00:34:20,640

think try to push it out there my

774

00:34:24,889 --> 00:34:22,679

experience is that this is such a

775

00:34:27,590 --> 00:34:24,899

different sort of phenomenon than we're

776

00:34:29,090 --> 00:34:27,600

currently studying and different than

777

00:34:30,770 --> 00:34:29,100

how we think of synchronicity that I

778

00:34:32,300 --> 00:34:30,780

think people have a hard time just

779

00:34:36,470 --> 00:34:32,310

getting it to kind of click into place

780

00:34:38,750 --> 00:34:36,480

in their brains and along those lines do

781

00:34:41,600 --> 00:34:38,760

you have any thoughts on why certain

782

00:34:43,490 --> 00:34:41,610

people are experiencing CMP ease and

783

00:34:45,919 --> 00:34:43,500

others are not or anything like that

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00:34:48,620 --> 00:34:45,929

that's obviously a really important

785

00:34:52,149 --> 00:34:48,630

question and it's clear to me that

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00:34:54,740 --> 00:34:52,159

different people my wife and I call them

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00:34:57,710 --> 00:34:54,750

sign magnets different people are real

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00:35:01,340 --> 00:34:57,720

sign magnets for some reason I don't

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00:35:03,470 --> 00:35:01,350

know why I get a great deal of them more

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00:35:05,960 --> 00:35:03,480

than other people I know I don't know

791

00:35:08,180 --> 00:35:05,970

why it is I'm not a psychic person I'm

792

00:35:10,190 --> 00:35:08,190

not a person given to spiritual

793

00:35:14,150 --> 00:35:10,200

experiences I mean I'm a really classic

794

00:35:17,330 --> 00:35:14,160

left brain guy but I'm getting more and

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00:35:20,150 --> 00:35:17,340

some seem to never get them the woman in

796

00:35:22,400 --> 00:35:20,160

our study there's a one woman I was 17

797

00:35:24,500 --> 00:35:22,410

people who got virtually a third of all

798

00:35:27,950 --> 00:35:24,510

the recorded examples that we had and

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00:35:30,710 --> 00:35:27,960

she is an end a year and I somehow

800

00:35:32,090 --> 00:35:30,720

connected with that but she and I have

801
00:35:33,770 --> 00:35:32,100
very different kinds of people she's

802
00:35:36,770 --> 00:35:33,780
totally right right I'm totally left

803
00:35:38,440 --> 00:35:36,780
brain so I'm not really sure what

804
00:35:41,220 --> 00:35:38,450
attracts them to some

805
00:35:45,549 --> 00:35:41,230
and not others it's interesting just to

806
00:35:47,079 --> 00:35:45,559
kind of speculate the the NDE that you

807
00:35:50,140 --> 00:35:47,089
mentioned you know opening people up

808
00:35:53,140 --> 00:35:50,150
psychically I'd be interested in people

809
00:35:56,859 --> 00:35:53,150
who experience precognitive dreams or

810
00:35:59,410 --> 00:35:56,869
other kind of paranormal experiences

811
00:36:01,780 --> 00:35:59,420
what their relationship is or frequency

812
00:36:03,819 --> 00:36:01,790
of having these sign experiences there's

813
00:36:06,190 --> 00:36:03,829

all sorts of interesting questions it

814

00:36:08,730 --> 00:36:06,200

certainly is refreshing that you're

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00:36:11,770 --> 00:36:08,740

approaching this from both a personal

816

00:36:14,200 --> 00:36:11,780

spiritual aspect which i think is very

817

00:36:17,500 --> 00:36:14,210

brave on your part and at the same time

818

00:36:19,930 --> 00:36:17,510

pursuing it on a parallel path that asks

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00:36:22,329 --> 00:36:19,940

these questions scientifically and I

820

00:36:24,849 --> 00:36:22,339

think there's there's some great great

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00:36:27,010 --> 00:36:24,859

work to be done there too so it's it's

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00:36:29,109 --> 00:36:27,020

just really great and I hope people dig

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00:36:32,859 --> 00:36:29,119

into it and I'm sure that this will

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00:36:34,210 --> 00:36:32,869

generate a lot more CNP ease from people

825

00:36:38,500 --> 00:36:34,220

I think it's the kind of thing that once

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00:36:40,660 --> 00:36:38,510

you hear about it you see them much more

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00:36:42,039 --> 00:36:40,670

than you would then before when you

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00:36:43,990 --> 00:36:42,049

didn't know about it I'm sure you have

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00:36:46,120 --> 00:36:44,000

plenty of stories of that right it's

830

00:36:50,530 --> 00:36:46,130

true and they are very easy to overlook

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00:36:52,150 --> 00:36:50,540

because some are obvious but some for

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00:36:53,620 --> 00:36:52,160

some you have to have a kind of a

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00:36:55,870 --> 00:36:53,630

pattern state of mind where you're

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00:36:58,450 --> 00:36:55,880

looking for not a single striking thing

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00:37:01,599 --> 00:36:58,460

but for that whole pattern and those can

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00:37:03,280 --> 00:37:01,609

blow by very easily I like the the

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00:37:05,200 --> 00:37:03,290

forward to the book because I felt the

838

00:37:07,299 --> 00:37:05,210

same way you know there's this at first

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00:37:09,520 --> 00:37:07,309

there's this kind of desire to push

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00:37:12,339 --> 00:37:09,530

against it and go but then the more you

841

00:37:14,140 --> 00:37:12,349

dig into it I I think it's it's rather

842

00:37:16,930 --> 00:37:14,150

remarkable that you've kind of

843

00:37:19,180 --> 00:37:16,940

identified this little paranormal

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00:37:21,309 --> 00:37:19,190

phenomena that I'm sure other people

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00:37:23,349 --> 00:37:21,319

have kind of seen but no one's really

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00:37:26,170 --> 00:37:23,359

nailed down in the way that you have so

847

00:37:28,660 --> 00:37:26,180

that's most of our paranormal events

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00:37:30,700 --> 00:37:28,670

that we're studying now their inner

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00:37:33,460 --> 00:37:30,710

experiences with hopefully a political

850

00:37:36,099 --> 00:37:33,470

component but in the end they say they

851

00:37:38,549 --> 00:37:36,109

seem stiffening about our abilities or

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00:37:41,559 --> 00:37:38,559

our ultimate nature being perhaps

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00:37:43,990 --> 00:37:41,569

immaterial but with science or CMP ease

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00:37:46,750 --> 00:37:44,000

they their statements seem to be more

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00:37:49,900 --> 00:37:46,760

about something other than us that seems

856

00:37:52,690 --> 00:37:49,910

to be you know giving us messages right

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00:37:56,650 --> 00:37:52,700

and it's interesting what you just said

858

00:37:58,059 --> 00:37:56,660

about the empirical aspect of it let's

859

00:37:59,620 --> 00:37:58,069

explore that a little bit further and

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00:38:03,130 --> 00:37:59,630

maybe I'll roll this back into the show

861

00:38:05,589 --> 00:38:03,140

but tell us how you think there's a

862

00:38:08,980 --> 00:38:05,599

little bit of a difference there in how

863

00:38:12,970 --> 00:38:08,990

we experience this as opposed to like an

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00:38:15,490 --> 00:38:12,980

out-of-body experience well you know

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00:38:19,059 --> 00:38:15,500

with an out-of-body experience that is

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00:38:21,130 --> 00:38:19,069

an internal experience that at best you

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00:38:22,720 --> 00:38:21,140

know have some political component to it

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00:38:24,670 --> 00:38:22,730

you see something out of the body that

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00:38:26,859 --> 00:38:24,680

you couldn't have seen if you were in

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00:38:28,930 --> 00:38:26,869

the body but fundamentally it's a

871

00:38:33,549 --> 00:38:28,940

subjective you know into interior

872

00:38:35,109 --> 00:38:33,559

experience with cn Pease one of the

873

00:38:37,240 --> 00:38:35,119

things that makes them so different from

874

00:38:39,670 --> 00:38:37,250

other things that we're studying in

875

00:38:43,270 --> 00:38:39,680

terms of the paranormal if these are

876

00:38:45,039 --> 00:38:43,280

objectives there's a cool event just to

877

00:38:47,620 --> 00:38:45,049

nail that down a little bit so when

878

00:38:49,660 --> 00:38:47,630

you're in the water brigade you're in

879

00:38:52,420 --> 00:38:49,670

the water brigade with ten other people

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00:38:54,400 --> 00:38:52,430

or five hover many there are and they

881

00:38:56,950 --> 00:38:54,410

can all right say yes that really

882

00:39:00,819 --> 00:38:56,960

happened when do you have the experience

883

00:39:04,870 --> 00:39:00,829

of being inside the Simpsons episode of

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00:39:07,240 --> 00:39:04,880

the Krusty the Klown episode then every

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00:39:09,789 --> 00:39:07,250

millions of people can watch the Krusty

886

00:39:11,170 --> 00:39:09,799

the Klown episode and say yeah that

887

00:39:13,750 --> 00:39:11,180

really happened and they could have

888

00:39:15,760 --> 00:39:13,760

videotaped you out at the park and said

889

00:39:17,950 --> 00:39:15,770

yeah that same thing happened so there

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00:39:20,620 --> 00:39:17,960

is this this difference there isn't

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00:39:22,960 --> 00:39:20,630

there right and a lot of the events of

892

00:39:25,690 --> 00:39:22,970

CMT's I found through going back and

893

00:39:28,720 --> 00:39:25,700

checking are recorded their emails

894

00:39:30,490 --> 00:39:28,730

they're there a television show they're

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00:39:32,920 --> 00:39:30,500

things that don't rely on people's

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00:39:38,710 --> 00:39:32,930

reporting so here we have objective

897

00:39:41,109 --> 00:39:38,720

often recorded physical events that you

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00:39:43,930 --> 00:39:41,119

know we have to explain how they came

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00:39:47,079 --> 00:39:43,940

together while being so unbelievably

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00:39:49,780 --> 00:39:47,089

similar and so in the end that the you

901
00:39:51,490 --> 00:39:49,790
know the the import of the phenomenon is

902
00:39:53,349 --> 00:39:51,500
a bit different than with something like

903
00:39:57,970 --> 00:39:53,359
an out-of-body experience or an NDE

904
00:40:00,910 --> 00:39:57,980
or past life memory where those things

905
00:40:03,910 --> 00:40:00,920
are suggestive of unusual human

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00:40:06,329 --> 00:40:03,920
abilities or suggestive of perhaps you

907
00:40:08,819 --> 00:40:06,339
know our ultimate nature as humans maybe

908
00:40:11,880 --> 00:40:08,829
in material and could survive death this

909
00:40:13,799 --> 00:40:11,890
phenomenon instead is suggestive it

910
00:40:16,469 --> 00:40:13,809
seems to me of something other than us

911
00:40:18,569 --> 00:40:16,479
something that seems could be sending us

912
00:40:20,039 --> 00:40:18,579
messages whether that be God or

913
00:40:21,989 --> 00:40:20,049

something else like a collective

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00:40:24,660 --> 00:40:21,999

unconscious or you know who knows you

915

00:40:26,579 --> 00:40:24,670

know aliens whatever I'm just not quite

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00:40:28,799 --> 00:40:26,589

sure that we can make that last leap

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00:40:30,299 --> 00:40:28,809

because there's this whole idea one of

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00:40:32,910 --> 00:40:30,309

time that we talked about in

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00:40:36,559 --> 00:40:32,920

precognition but also just in terms of

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00:40:39,269 --> 00:40:36,569

being you and I and whoever being

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00:40:40,979 --> 00:40:39,279

co-creators of our reality so we get

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00:40:44,179 --> 00:40:40,989

back to this idea of what's reality and

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00:40:46,229 --> 00:40:44,189

how is reality being created and

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00:40:48,329 --> 00:40:46,239

experienced and again what's our

925

00:40:50,489 --> 00:40:48,339

relationship to time are we in the

926
00:40:53,160 --> 00:40:50,499
future creating our reality of the past

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00:40:54,749 --> 00:40:53,170
I mean but I do get your point you know

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00:40:57,719 --> 00:40:54,759
we shouldn't act like anything's

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00:41:00,929 --> 00:40:57,729
pursuing it as yet however I think that

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00:41:02,459 --> 00:41:00,939
there is a contemporary bias even among

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00:41:05,849 --> 00:41:02,469
those of us who were into the paranormal

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00:41:10,499 --> 00:41:05,859
a bias against sort of agents that are

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00:41:12,809 --> 00:41:10,509
beyond the human you know maybe if we

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00:41:15,839 --> 00:41:12,819
take NDE seriously for instance it looks

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00:41:17,819 --> 00:41:15,849
like that experience involves a certain

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00:41:20,729 --> 00:41:17,829
amount of initiatives from the other

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00:41:22,859 --> 00:41:20,739
side maybe something coming to the human

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00:41:26,370 --> 00:41:22,869

level from the other side is part of how

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00:41:28,499 --> 00:41:26,380

that works great well the book again is

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00:41:30,539 --> 00:41:28,509

signs we'll have a link to it up here on

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00:41:32,039 --> 00:41:30,549

the website Robert it's been great

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00:41:35,039 --> 00:41:32,049

having you on thanks for joining us

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00:41:36,749 --> 00:41:35,049

thank you so much for having me thanks

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00:41:38,729 --> 00:41:36,759

again to robert Parry for joining me

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00:41:41,249 --> 00:41:38,739

today on skeptic oh you know there's a

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00:41:43,620 --> 00:41:41,259

couple of questions that I'd pull out of

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00:41:46,289 --> 00:41:43,630

this interview and ask for your response

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00:41:48,900 --> 00:41:46,299

I love to hear your opinion on these the

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00:41:50,939 --> 00:41:48,910

first has to do with synchronicity you

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00:41:52,859 --> 00:41:50,949

know we've never talked about it on this

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00:41:55,949 --> 00:41:52,869
show so perhaps it would be interesting

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00:41:57,449 --> 00:41:55,959
to hear your experiences with it whether

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00:42:00,089 --> 00:41:57,459
you think it's real whether you think

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00:42:01,679 --> 00:42:00,099
it's a pattern matching brain kind of

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00:42:04,079 --> 00:42:01,689
thing which it certainly is in some

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00:42:05,969 --> 00:42:04,089
cases but is there any real nough stew

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00:42:08,429 --> 00:42:05,979
it ever does it ever go beyond the

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00:42:10,380 --> 00:42:08,439
normal to the paranormal and the second

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00:42:12,089 --> 00:42:10,390
question i teed up has to do with this

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00:42:13,949 --> 00:42:12,099
point that robert made at the end which

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00:42:17,339 --> 00:42:13,959
i think is a fascinating point and that

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00:42:19,000 --> 00:42:17,349
is is there a bias against theories that

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00:42:21,520 --> 00:42:19,010

suggest this

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00:42:23,170 --> 00:42:21,530

of God kind of phenomena and as Robert

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00:42:25,420 --> 00:42:23,180

points out it doesn't always have to be

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00:42:28,270 --> 00:42:25,430

God upon a cloud or anything like that

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00:42:32,230 --> 00:42:28,280

but this idea that there may be these

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00:42:34,300 --> 00:42:32,240

external non-physical influences that

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00:42:38,440 --> 00:42:34,310

are directing our life in a certain way

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00:42:40,720 --> 00:42:38,450

is there a built-in bias against even

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00:42:42,070 --> 00:42:40,730

considering theories like that I think

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00:42:44,140 --> 00:42:42,080

that's a really interesting point I'd

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00:42:45,460 --> 00:42:44,150

love to hear your thoughts on it the way

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00:42:47,950 --> 00:42:45,470

to share those thoughts are either

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00:42:50,770 --> 00:42:47,960

through the skeptical forum on the

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00:42:53,410 --> 00:42:50,780

website email to me Facebook to me all

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00:42:57,730 --> 00:42:53,420

that stuff you can find at the skeptic

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00:42:59,410 --> 00:42:57,740

Oh website it's at ske P tik Oh calm and

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there you'll also find links to all our

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previous shows so you can get caught up

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00:43:06,670 --> 00:43:03,470

on all the back episodes of skeptic oh

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00:43:08,500 --> 00:43:06,680

it's always so fun to get emails from

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00:43:10,810 --> 00:43:08,510

people who say hey I just stumbled

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00:43:12,670 --> 00:43:10,820

across the show and I found that there's

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00:43:14,320 --> 00:43:12,680

all these back episodes and I'm

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00:43:17,560 --> 00:43:14,330

listening to them and you can kind of

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00:43:19,000 --> 00:43:17,570

reacts perience them going through and

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00:43:21,550 --> 00:43:19,010

going through the same journey that I've

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00:43:24,880 --> 00:43:21,560

been on over these four or five years

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00:43:26,680 --> 00:43:24,890

now in doing skeptic oh so if you are

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00:43:28,420 --> 00:43:26,690

inclined to do that or you know someone

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00:43:30,730 --> 00:43:28,430

who'd like to maybe listen to some of

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00:43:32,080 --> 00:43:30,740

those old shows please tell them about

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00:43:33,700 --> 00:43:32,090

it that's what they're there for

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00:43:35,440 --> 00:43:33,710

so with that I just want to let you know

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00:43:37,330 --> 00:43:35,450

I have a number of shows coming up I'm

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00:43:39,310 --> 00:43:37,340

gonna probably get be bringing them out

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00:43:42,099 --> 00:43:39,320

every week for a while because I do have

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00:43:43,840 --> 00:43:42,109

several in the hopper and I need to get

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00:43:45,070 --> 00:43:43,850

caught up so I can do some more

1001

00:43:46,900 --> 00:43:45,080

interviews because I have so many

1002

00:43:49,270 --> 00:43:46,910

interviews out there that I want to do

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00:43:51,970 --> 00:43:49,280

so you might have to pick up your pace

1004

00:43:55,660 --> 00:43:51,980

of skeptical listening for awhile here