

Seth Andrews, The Thinking Atheist
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00:00:11,060 --> 00:00:09,080
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:15,320 --> 00:00:11,070
with the South Andrews the thinking

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00:00:18,130 --> 00:00:15,330
atheist this silly sideshow conversation

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00:00:21,470 --> 00:00:18,140
that always dominates center stage is

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00:00:23,779 --> 00:00:21,480
science versus religion and to me the

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00:00:27,740 --> 00:00:23,789
questions are much deeper than that and

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00:00:31,189 --> 00:00:27,750
really boil down to one question is your

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00:00:35,240 --> 00:00:31,199
mind purely a function of your brain

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00:00:38,090 --> 00:00:35,250
because if it's not then we start having

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00:00:40,459 --> 00:00:38,100
to introduce all these other topics that

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00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:40,469
do kind of make us uneasy because they

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00:00:45,650 --> 00:00:43,680
start sounding very spiritual it's not

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00:00:48,290 --> 00:00:45,660

necessarily a new thing for people to

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00:00:50,180 --> 00:00:48,300

say you can't understand abstract

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00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:50,190

consciousness that's not a new argument

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00:00:55,610 --> 00:00:52,320

but to say that the reputable science

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00:00:59,810 --> 00:00:55,620

community is advocating that there must

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00:01:01,549 --> 00:00:59,820

be a conduit of spirit out there that is

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00:01:03,560 --> 00:01:01,559

responsible I don't think that's

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00:01:05,630 --> 00:01:03,570

accurate I don't think it's reflected by

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00:01:07,789 --> 00:01:05,640

mainstream especially secular scientists

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00:01:09,920 --> 00:01:07,799

who are the majority and I think if you

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00:01:11,810 --> 00:01:09,930

spend that much time playing what if

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00:01:14,450 --> 00:01:11,820

you'll drive yourself nuts I think you

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00:01:16,789 --> 00:01:14,460

start the argument from elsewhere that

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00:01:20,420 --> 00:01:16,799

is exactly why I wanted to do this

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00:01:22,940 --> 00:01:20,430

interview in two parts because I have to

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00:01:25,100 --> 00:01:22,950

tell you in the dialogues I've had we

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00:01:28,880 --> 00:01:25,110

always get to this point we have to dig

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00:01:31,370 --> 00:01:28,890

through all the opinions that we might

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00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:31,380

have beliefs we might have and try and

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00:01:36,800 --> 00:01:34,799

do as good a job as we can of getting

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00:01:39,200 --> 00:01:36,810

down to the science getting down to the

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00:01:43,069 --> 00:01:39,210

scientific evidence and understanding it

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00:01:54,410 --> 00:01:43,079

the best we can stay with us for skeptic

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00:01:58,440 --> 00:01:56,789

welcome to skeptic aware we explore

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00:02:01,050 --> 00:01:58,450

controversial science with leading

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00:02:03,420 --> 00:02:01,060

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:02:06,060 --> 00:02:03,430

i'm your host Alex Karras and on today's

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00:02:08,820 --> 00:02:06,070

episode I have a dialogue with the

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00:02:10,859 --> 00:02:08,830

thinking atheist Seth Andrews who's

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00:02:12,540 --> 00:02:10,869

popular YouTube channel has nearly a

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00:02:15,809 --> 00:02:12,550

hundred thousand subscribers and

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00:02:18,300 --> 00:02:15,819

millions of views now as you know from

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00:02:20,729 --> 00:02:18,310

listening to skeptic oh it's hard to

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00:02:23,759 --> 00:02:20,739

book these kind of interviews despite

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00:02:26,009 --> 00:02:23,769

their claims to the contrary atheists

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00:02:28,559 --> 00:02:26,019

and skeptics don't really like to get

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00:02:31,949 --> 00:02:28,569

into debates about science and about the

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00:02:34,320 --> 00:02:31,959

evidence behind their beliefs so I was

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00:02:38,250 --> 00:02:34,330
delighted when Seth agreed to come on

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00:02:41,160 --> 00:02:38,260
and come on to my new concept I had this

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00:02:43,020 --> 00:02:41,170
idea for a two-part format where we'd

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00:02:45,660 --> 00:02:43,030
use the first interview to kind of map

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00:02:47,280 --> 00:02:45,670
out our ideas map out our thoughts and

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00:02:49,589 --> 00:02:47,290
then use the second part of the

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00:02:53,460 --> 00:02:49,599
interview to really get into the debate

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00:02:57,420 --> 00:02:53,470
so here then is my first interview with

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00:03:00,060 --> 00:02:57,430
Seth Andrews the thinking atheist today

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00:03:02,580 --> 00:03:00,070
we welcome Seth Andrews to skeptic Oh

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00:03:05,460 --> 00:03:02,590
Seth as the creator of the thinking

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00:03:08,309 --> 00:03:05,470
atheist a very popular website and

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00:03:09,780 --> 00:03:08,319

YouTube channel Seth is also a former

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00:03:12,330 --> 00:03:09,790

Christian and a former Christian

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00:03:15,509 --> 00:03:12,340

broadcaster who challenges his listeners

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00:03:19,050 --> 00:03:15,519

to assume nothing question everything

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00:03:20,640 --> 00:03:19,060

and start thinking welcome Seth and

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00:03:22,740 --> 00:03:20,650

thanks for joining me on skeptic Oh

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00:03:24,990 --> 00:03:22,750

answer real pleasure thanks for the

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00:03:27,330 --> 00:03:25,000

invite and and thanks for allowing me to

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00:03:29,819 --> 00:03:27,340

be a part of the show awesome I am

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00:03:33,000 --> 00:03:29,829

really grateful that you've joined me I

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00:03:34,680 --> 00:03:33,010

love your tagline on your call for

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00:03:36,509 --> 00:03:34,690

deeper thinking about some of these

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00:03:39,870 --> 00:03:36,519

issues I I could just have easily

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00:03:42,030 --> 00:03:39,880

written that myself I just hope that our

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00:03:43,500 --> 00:03:42,040

dialogue today lives up to that at least

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00:03:45,479 --> 00:03:43,510

a little bit and give some folks

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00:03:47,759 --> 00:03:45,489

something to think about well some

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00:03:50,039 --> 00:03:47,769

people you know will say you know Seth

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00:03:51,900 --> 00:03:50,049

are you the thinking atheist and I

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00:03:56,160 --> 00:03:51,910

always stop for just a second I say well

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00:03:58,860 --> 00:03:56,170

no no no the thinking the thinking

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00:04:00,809 --> 00:03:58,870

atheist is a an outline of a guy with a

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00:04:01,700 --> 00:04:00,819

light bulb in his head I'm just the guy

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00:04:06,390 --> 00:04:01,710

who

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00:04:09,090 --> 00:04:06,400

and I I wanted a website and a moniker

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00:04:10,770 --> 00:04:09,100

that just encouraged people to to think

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00:04:13,440 --> 00:04:10,780

it out it was in my life when I stopped

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00:04:15,780 --> 00:04:13,450

accepting what I was told and by my

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00:04:18,479 --> 00:04:15,790

family culture society and I started

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00:04:20,160 --> 00:04:18,489

thinking for myself finally I was late

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00:04:22,500 --> 00:04:20,170

to that party but I finally decided to

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00:04:25,170 --> 00:04:22,510

show up it was it was when I started

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00:04:29,400 --> 00:04:25,180

thinking that all of a sudden these

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00:04:30,630 --> 00:04:29,410

mysteries began to sort of i began to

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00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:30,640

find the answers to many of the

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00:04:34,050 --> 00:04:32,320

questions i was looking for and so

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00:04:36,060 --> 00:04:34,060

that's really what i want i don't mean

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00:04:38,910 --> 00:04:36,070

for it to be egotistical some people say

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00:04:40,980 --> 00:04:38,920
it is a you and I always say no they say

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00:04:42,540 --> 00:04:40,990
is it redundant the thinking atheist and

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00:04:45,030 --> 00:04:42,550
I go absolutely not just because

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00:04:47,250 --> 00:04:45,040
somebody's nay theist does not mean it's

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00:04:48,870 --> 00:04:47,260
a guarantee that they are thinking but

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00:04:50,640 --> 00:04:48,880
we should all have our minds engaged

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00:04:53,520 --> 00:04:50,650
anywhere we go and try to figure it out

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00:04:55,260 --> 00:04:53,530
as best we can well I think you're true

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00:04:56,880 --> 00:04:55,270
to that really on your site and in your

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00:04:59,010 --> 00:04:56,890
youtube channel it's not somebody out

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00:05:01,230 --> 00:04:59,020
there pushing themselves with their name

112
00:05:03,540 --> 00:05:01,240
out front and their image all over the

113
00:05:06,540 --> 00:05:03,550

place and I like that i think it does

114

00:05:08,460 --> 00:05:06,550

push someone to look past that given

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00:05:11,040 --> 00:05:08,470

folks a little bit of an introduction to

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00:05:13,260 --> 00:05:11,050

what you do and what you're about but i

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00:05:15,120 --> 00:05:13,270

also want to let people hear a little

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00:05:17,340 --> 00:05:15,130

bit from one of your presentations

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00:05:19,620 --> 00:05:17,350

actually the one that led me to you it's

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00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:19,630

a youtube video you put together titled

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00:05:24,120 --> 00:05:21,610

the afterlife it's really quite well

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00:05:27,720 --> 00:05:24,130

done and i think it's quite provocative

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00:05:30,420 --> 00:05:27,730

if i can let me play a short clip about

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00:05:32,100 --> 00:05:30,430

a minute clip from that and then we'll

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00:05:34,740 --> 00:05:32,110

roll right into you can tell us about

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00:05:36,750 --> 00:05:34,750
that clip about the youtube channel that

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00:05:38,460 --> 00:05:36,760
you've put together and maybe more of an

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00:05:42,690 --> 00:05:38,470
introduction to what you're doing there

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00:05:45,540 --> 00:05:42,700
is that's not okay sounds good if you

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00:05:47,550 --> 00:05:45,550
spent a lovely day at the beach and then

131
00:05:49,580 --> 00:05:47,560
returned the following weekends knowing

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00:05:53,580 --> 00:05:49,590
that it had one of fewer grain of sand

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00:05:55,920 --> 00:05:53,590
would it seem like a different beach so

134
00:05:57,690 --> 00:05:55,930
too with the universe continued in its

135
00:05:59,369 --> 00:05:57,700
way as if humanity weren't here to

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00:06:04,409 --> 00:05:59,379
witness it

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00:06:10,860 --> 00:06:04,419
the universe is absolutely massive and

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00:06:13,689 --> 00:06:10,870

we are virtually insignificant in it I

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00:06:15,520 --> 00:06:13,699

have on occasion had people tell me that

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00:06:18,850 --> 00:06:15,530

my life must be so depressing because

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00:06:22,540 --> 00:06:18,860

I'm an atheist it's doom and gloom once

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00:06:26,649 --> 00:06:22,550

you die it's it's all over and it's just

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00:06:33,249 --> 00:06:26,659

absurd to me how many people live for

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00:06:36,010 --> 00:06:33,259

dying in this weird way I think fragile

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00:06:38,230 --> 00:06:36,020

fearful humans were terrified of death

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00:06:41,679 --> 00:06:38,240

and so they wrote their own ending to

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00:06:43,570 --> 00:06:41,689

the story this happy fantasy a place

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00:06:46,179 --> 00:06:43,580

where they'll be reunited with people

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00:06:51,959 --> 00:06:46,189

they've lost they'll experience constant

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00:06:55,929 --> 00:06:51,969

joy and of course they'll never ever die

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00:06:57,820 --> 00:06:55,939
okay so that's our guest Seth Andrews so

152
00:07:01,920 --> 00:06:57,830
tell us a little bit about this

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00:07:04,180 --> 00:07:01,930
particular video well my youtube channel

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00:07:05,950 --> 00:07:04,190
started around the same time that I

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00:07:08,499 --> 00:07:05,960
launched the thinking atheist com

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00:07:10,869 --> 00:07:08,509
website it was at the end of kind of a

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00:07:14,070 --> 00:07:10,879
rough journey which echoes the journey

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00:07:16,510 --> 00:07:14,080
of many who came out of religion

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00:07:19,719 --> 00:07:16,520
normally and for you know what normally

160
00:07:22,540 --> 00:07:19,729
happens is if you are like me you were

161
00:07:25,450 --> 00:07:22,550
raised in the cradle of a religious

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00:07:28,379 --> 00:07:25,460
family and culture I mean I went the

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00:07:31,450 --> 00:07:28,389

whole the whole route you know I had

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00:07:34,240 --> 00:07:31,460

theologian parents who you know took

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trips to the holy land and who were

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00:07:39,909 --> 00:07:36,650

Bible scholars and wrote sermons for

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00:07:42,640 --> 00:07:39,919

local pastors and and you know they were

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00:07:44,790 --> 00:07:42,650

the real deal they weren't just passing

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00:07:47,290 --> 00:07:44,800

sunday christians they were hardcore and

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00:07:51,779 --> 00:07:47,300

so that was the environment in which i

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00:07:55,240 --> 00:07:51,789

was raised and as I became an adult I

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00:07:56,740 --> 00:07:55,250

assume most I think my thinking was well

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00:07:58,749 --> 00:07:56,750

there was so well educated they're

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00:08:02,140 --> 00:07:58,759

geniuses they're so smart they must know

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00:08:05,079 --> 00:08:02,150

and I was a Christian broadcaster for a

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00:08:07,389 --> 00:08:05,089

long time and then finally I you know I

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00:08:09,010 --> 00:08:07,399

started to you know I don't know if what

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00:08:11,949 --> 00:08:09,020

it is about getting older but I just

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00:08:13,260 --> 00:08:11,959

started to become uneasy and and so

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00:08:16,140 --> 00:08:13,270

around

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00:08:19,290 --> 00:08:16,150

you know 2008 i was at critical mass and

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00:08:21,420 --> 00:08:19,300

and i did I was just tired of making

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00:08:24,180 --> 00:08:21,430

excuses for all the stuff that made no

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00:08:25,890 --> 00:08:24,190

sense and by 2009 I was a full-blown

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00:08:27,900 --> 00:08:25,900

atheist I was just saying the word out

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00:08:30,450 --> 00:08:27,910

loud and I wanted to help other people

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00:08:32,430 --> 00:08:30,460

out of their particular journeys to

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00:08:33,600 --> 00:08:32,440

remind them that they were not alone to

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00:08:35,790 --> 00:08:33,610

make me help give them some information

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00:08:39,240 --> 00:08:35,800

as I was doing some of my own homework

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and to challenge some of the established

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thinking and so I I started him a

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00:08:45,870 --> 00:08:43,750

professional video producer now and I

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00:08:48,300 --> 00:08:45,880

started putting together just some

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00:08:51,060 --> 00:08:48,310

videos and put them on YouTube but on

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00:08:53,550 --> 00:08:51,070

the website and had a few hundred hits

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00:08:55,170 --> 00:08:53,560

here or there and the first ones were

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nothing really to crow about they were

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just my first attempts but they were big

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steps for me they were the first video I

201
00:09:05,940 --> 00:09:03,430
ever put up was called the invisible God

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00:09:07,920 --> 00:09:05,950
and it was a challenge to my first

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00:09:10,770 --> 00:09:07,930
public challenge to the deity that I had

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00:09:13,170 --> 00:09:10,780
formerly this thing I had formerly been

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00:09:15,450 --> 00:09:13,180
raised with and taught to be loyal to

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00:09:18,780 --> 00:09:15,460
and in some ways afraid of it was a big

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00:09:21,270 --> 00:09:18,790
big deal and then by produced at the

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00:09:24,420 --> 00:09:21,280
time I was really going I mean a couple

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00:09:26,340 --> 00:09:24,430
of videos a month single-handedly just

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00:09:28,050 --> 00:09:26,350
buried myself in the production room and

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00:09:29,100 --> 00:09:28,060
just kept going and going and going and

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00:09:31,620 --> 00:09:29,110
then before you know what we're doing

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00:09:34,200 --> 00:09:31,630

radio podcast and I mean the facebook

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00:09:36,210 --> 00:09:34,210

page begin to take off and you know now

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00:09:38,160 --> 00:09:36,220

here in the year 2012 i found myself

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00:09:41,070 --> 00:09:38,170

struggling to keep up you know i find

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00:09:43,230 --> 00:09:41,080

myself thinking man I need a staff I

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00:09:45,930 --> 00:09:43,240

need somebody to come in and help out

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00:09:48,090 --> 00:09:45,940

you know oh yeah it's a good problem to

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00:09:51,780 --> 00:09:48,100

have but that's kind of how they get the

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00:09:53,430 --> 00:09:51,790

whole thing got going so it is quite an

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00:09:55,230 --> 00:09:53,440

endeavor that is the thinking atheist

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00:09:56,910 --> 00:09:55,240

like only imagine I mean just looking at

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

all the different things you've gone you

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00:10:00,600 --> 00:09:58,930

have going on so obviously I've watched

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00:10:02,550 --> 00:10:00,610

some of your YouTube videos I've also

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00:10:04,260 --> 00:10:02,560

read some of your blog post and I've

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00:10:06,000 --> 00:10:04,270

listened to some of your podcast which

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are interesting because you actually

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have people call in and I get a sense

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00:10:15,450 --> 00:10:11,860

from that from where some of your

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00:10:17,160 --> 00:10:15,460

audience is at and I get it you know in

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00:10:19,350 --> 00:10:17,170

terms of the dialogue that I'd like to

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00:10:22,110 --> 00:10:19,360

have with you today I guess the first

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00:10:26,150 --> 00:10:22,120

thing I'd say is I do get that I mean

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00:10:28,340 --> 00:10:26,160

Christianity is silly coercive

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00:10:31,160 --> 00:10:28,350

and you despite all that still being a

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00:10:33,319 --> 00:10:31,170

huge influence that we can all see in

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00:10:36,259 --> 00:10:33,329

our culture or society or politics all

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00:10:37,550 --> 00:10:36,269

that and I also get you know like we're

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00:10:40,340 --> 00:10:37,560

just talking about and listen to your

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00:10:43,309 --> 00:10:40,350

podcast the personal part of it you know

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00:10:45,230 --> 00:10:43,319

how the the cursive nature of it and how

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a lot of us are indoctrinated into us

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00:10:51,350 --> 00:10:48,149

into it at a very young age makes it

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00:10:57,670 --> 00:10:51,360

hard to shake and makes it really messes

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00:11:03,679 --> 00:11:01,670

unnecessarily the part that interests me

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00:11:08,170 --> 00:11:03,689

and the part that I really want a

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dialogue with you about is what lies

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00:11:14,929 --> 00:11:11,790

behind that you know what is the deeper

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00:11:17,569 --> 00:11:14,939
truth beyond all this arm waving about

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00:11:19,730 --> 00:11:17,579
science versus religion which to me

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00:11:23,170 --> 00:11:19,740
really seems like more of a sideshow

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00:11:26,990 --> 00:11:23,180
because to me the real question

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00:11:28,939 --> 00:11:27,000
scientifically more or less is is that

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00:11:32,120 --> 00:11:28,949
little voice inside our head that is our

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00:11:35,689 --> 00:11:32,130
consciousness is that just my brain

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00:11:40,280 --> 00:11:35,699
firing or is there something more going

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00:11:43,639 --> 00:11:40,290
on well it's a it's a broad stroke that

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00:11:48,769 --> 00:11:43,649
you can paint there but you know if you

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00:11:52,040 --> 00:11:48,779
were to ask me 15 years ago where does

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00:11:54,559 --> 00:11:52,050
consciousness come from of course I'm

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00:11:56,509 --> 00:11:54,569

talking about the soul I'm talking about

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00:11:59,090 --> 00:11:56,519

that you know that magic the

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00:12:04,370 --> 00:11:59,100

unexplainable part of our of our being

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00:12:06,319 --> 00:12:04,380

that in that that is a its spirit it is

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00:12:08,449 --> 00:12:06,329

eternal it is all these types of things

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00:12:10,970 --> 00:12:08,459

and if you were to ask me now after I've

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dug in a little deeper and and come to

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some different conclusions I in my mind

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00:12:19,370 --> 00:12:17,220

i seea says i am my mind my

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00:12:21,980 --> 00:12:19,380

consciousness is essentially a product

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00:12:24,679 --> 00:12:21,990

of the electrical impulses of the brain

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00:12:26,449 --> 00:12:24,689

i think they're physically explainable

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00:12:28,749 --> 00:12:26,459

even if we don't have all the

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00:12:31,699 --> 00:12:28,759

explanations yet i don't have an

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00:12:34,389 --> 00:12:31,709

inclination to paint God into all the

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00:12:37,670 --> 00:12:34,399

cracks into all the vacant spaces

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00:12:39,430 --> 00:12:37,680

because every time we have done so we

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00:12:42,130 --> 00:12:39,440

have always been wrong

281

00:12:45,370 --> 00:12:42,140

people have always when they ran into a

282

00:12:48,520 --> 00:12:45,380

wall are our ancestors would always play

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00:12:51,190 --> 00:12:48,530

the god card and then as we have evolved

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00:12:53,170 --> 00:12:51,200

and learned more as a species it turns

285

00:12:54,790 --> 00:12:53,180

out that the answer science provided

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00:12:57,070 --> 00:12:54,800

were more accurate and they were

287

00:12:58,930 --> 00:12:57,080

actually more interesting I mean it

288

00:13:01,360 --> 00:12:58,940

sounds like at least we're approaching

289

00:13:04,090 --> 00:13:01,370

this somewhat from the same angle what

290

00:13:05,680 --> 00:13:04,100

I'd like to propose and I just sketch

291

00:13:08,170 --> 00:13:05,690

this out in very broad terms in the

292

00:13:10,990 --> 00:13:08,180

email that I sent you is kind of a

293

00:13:13,420 --> 00:13:11,000

two-part approach to that because what

294

00:13:15,130 --> 00:13:13,430

I've often encountered is you're out

295

00:13:17,230 --> 00:13:15,140

there you're doing your thing and have

296

00:13:19,140 --> 00:13:17,240

studied a lot of this stuff in great

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00:13:21,280 --> 00:13:19,150

detail and I appreciate that you've also

298

00:13:24,040 --> 00:13:21,290

interviewed a lot of very smart people

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00:13:25,870 --> 00:13:24,050

and I know from my own experience that

300

00:13:28,300 --> 00:13:25,880

you know I've grown a lot from that and

301
00:13:30,610 --> 00:13:28,310
i'm sure you have to so you're bringing

302
00:13:32,470 --> 00:13:30,620
a lot of your information to the table

303
00:13:34,120 --> 00:13:32,480
which may overlap with some of mine but

304
00:13:35,710 --> 00:13:34,130
there's obviously some stuff that you

305
00:13:38,440 --> 00:13:35,720
know that i don't know and the reverse

306
00:13:41,140 --> 00:13:38,450
is probably true so what I want to do in

307
00:13:43,420 --> 00:13:41,150
a little bit of time today is kind of

308
00:13:45,190 --> 00:13:43,430
sketch out the territory of this

309
00:13:46,960 --> 00:13:45,200
dialogue we might have and say and I'm

310
00:13:49,210 --> 00:13:46,970
going to say hey Seth here's what I'd

311
00:13:50,680 --> 00:13:49,220
like to you know bring to it this and

312
00:13:53,440 --> 00:13:50,690
this and this and this and here's how I

313
00:13:55,120 --> 00:13:53,450

put these pieces fit together and here

314

00:13:57,190 --> 00:13:55,130

are some of the experts I've talked to

315

00:14:00,280 --> 00:13:57,200

and then you know I want you to do that

316

00:14:03,550 --> 00:14:00,290

likewise a little bit and then maybe we

317

00:14:06,970 --> 00:14:03,560

can reconvene in a week or whatever the

318

00:14:09,700 --> 00:14:06,980

time frame is and then see where we

319

00:14:11,920 --> 00:14:09,710

really are in terms of pushing each

320

00:14:14,110 --> 00:14:11,930

other with some of this information that

321

00:14:15,820 --> 00:14:14,120

we have how does that sound I mean

322

00:14:18,040 --> 00:14:15,830

that's cool you know if it's if we're

323

00:14:20,170 --> 00:14:18,050

having a debate or even a friendly

324

00:14:22,600 --> 00:14:20,180

debate as opposed to an interview I mean

325

00:14:24,430 --> 00:14:22,610

I'm cool with that if we're all about

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00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,440

trying to challenge each other to

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00:14:28,390 --> 00:14:26,480

sharpen our ideas so that we are

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00:14:30,280 --> 00:14:28,400

actually better tomorrow than we are

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00:14:32,170 --> 00:14:30,290

today I'm all over that I think it's a

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00:14:34,390 --> 00:14:32,180

fantastic idea and I'm not opposed to it

331

00:14:37,750 --> 00:14:34,400

at all great so that's what I'd like to

332

00:14:39,880 --> 00:14:37,760

do and since most interviews we've done

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00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:39,890

on skeptical have surrounded this idea

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00:14:44,290 --> 00:14:42,320

of consciousness and what we know about

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00:14:46,870 --> 00:14:44,300

consciousness and what we can say and

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00:14:49,240 --> 00:14:46,880

what we can say is probably not true

337

00:14:51,460 --> 00:14:49,250

about consciousness that's where I'd

338

00:14:53,170 --> 00:14:51,470

like to kind of drive things because I

339

00:14:55,060 --> 00:14:53,180

think that's where it gets real

340

00:14:58,180 --> 00:14:55,070

interesting we were just talking a

341

00:14:59,860 --> 00:14:58,190

minute ago about religion and about your

342

00:15:03,910 --> 00:14:59,870

experience in what you've seen in other

343

00:15:06,310 --> 00:15:03,920

people and I guess the the maybe counter

344

00:15:09,670 --> 00:15:06,320

to that is we need to know as best we

345

00:15:13,480 --> 00:15:09,680

can whether there is anything to these

346

00:15:16,840 --> 00:15:13,490

claims of consciousness being more than

347

00:15:19,540 --> 00:15:16,850

just our brain because if they are a lot

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00:15:23,890 --> 00:15:19,550

of these other things that we've kind of

349

00:15:27,370 --> 00:15:23,900

taken as true in terms of scientific

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00:15:30,010 --> 00:15:27,380

materialism atheistic kind of you kind

351

00:15:31,660 --> 00:15:30,020

of become a lot harder to hold up and

352

00:15:35,500 --> 00:15:31,670

that about that i mean you know if

353

00:15:37,240 --> 00:15:35,510

consciousness is outside of our brain

354

00:15:40,380 --> 00:15:37,250

then we have to start asking questions

355

00:15:43,060 --> 00:15:40,390

like when does consciousness start and

356

00:15:45,730 --> 00:15:43,070

obviously when does consciousness end

357

00:15:48,940 --> 00:15:45,740

does it extend beyond and you don't have

358

00:15:52,000 --> 00:15:48,950

to go very far with those philosophical

359

00:15:54,550 --> 00:15:52,010

questions obviously to to the point

360

00:15:56,080 --> 00:15:54,560

where you reach some deeper spiritual

361

00:15:58,750 --> 00:15:56,090

questions like you were just mentioning

362

00:16:00,520 --> 00:15:58,760

you throw around words like soul and you

363

00:16:03,010 --> 00:16:00,530

even get to God and you get to those

364

00:16:06,220 --> 00:16:03,020

things very quickly so where I've come

365

00:16:09,340 --> 00:16:06,230

at this topic is not to address the

366

00:16:11,710 --> 00:16:09,350

questions of God and soul but to aggress

367

00:16:15,180 --> 00:16:11,720

address the questions of consciousness

368

00:16:18,610 --> 00:16:15,190

what do we really know and where is that

369

00:16:20,980 --> 00:16:18,620

research going so that's what I'd like

370

00:16:23,470 --> 00:16:20,990

to outline i guess today and i guess i'd

371

00:16:25,720 --> 00:16:23,480

like to find out more about your

372

00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:25,730

thoughts and where you're coming at and

373

00:16:30,280 --> 00:16:27,440

saying that you've come to the

374

00:16:33,610 --> 00:16:30,290

conclusion that it's brain-based well

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00:16:37,480 --> 00:16:33,620

you know I was talking to our in raw who

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00:16:40,810 --> 00:16:37,490

is another YouTube atheist and he has

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00:16:42,490 --> 00:16:40,820

sampled at the you know the buffet of

378

00:16:46,180 --> 00:16:42,500

consciousness social consciousness

379

00:16:49,780 --> 00:16:46,190

enhancing practices you know spiritual

380

00:16:51,760 --> 00:16:49,790

whatever you know the world of Wu and he

381

00:16:54,250 --> 00:16:51,770

is you know he's talked about how that

382

00:16:57,760 --> 00:16:54,260

in this highly subjective environment

383

00:16:59,830 --> 00:16:57,770

was one time convinced that that you

384

00:17:01,630 --> 00:16:59,840

know you're he could do this he could do

385

00:17:03,820 --> 00:17:01,640

that he broke through different planes

386

00:17:05,890 --> 00:17:03,830

of consciousness and whatnot and at the

387

00:17:06,940 --> 00:17:05,900

end of the day he realized that it was

388

00:17:11,230 --> 00:17:06,950

all subjective

389

00:17:13,570 --> 00:17:11,240

it was all very much not based in

390

00:17:16,630 --> 00:17:13,580

reality he was he'd done a sales job on

391

00:17:18,520 --> 00:17:16,640

his own mind he he had come out the

392

00:17:23,050 --> 00:17:18,530

other end realizing look this is all

393

00:17:30,900 --> 00:17:23,060

Justin and I have a I myself have a

394

00:17:35,790 --> 00:17:30,910

difficulty approaching the ideas of of

395

00:17:38,410 --> 00:17:35,800

does consciousness come from without

396

00:17:40,690 --> 00:17:38,420

without a measure of real skepticism

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00:17:42,460 --> 00:17:40,700

because perception and reality are not

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00:17:45,400 --> 00:17:42,470

necessarily the same thing we talked

399

00:17:48,250 --> 00:17:45,410

about there's a book by Lebanon Kramer

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00:17:50,800 --> 00:17:48,260

about about how even eyewitnesses

401
00:17:54,370 --> 00:17:50,810
perceive things when they witness a

402
00:17:57,300 --> 00:17:54,380
crime and that perception is tainted it

403
00:18:00,430 --> 00:17:57,310
tainted by so many subjective things

404
00:18:02,230 --> 00:18:00,440
what I want to know is what you think

405
00:18:04,180 --> 00:18:02,240
you saw I want to know what the evidence

406
00:18:06,160 --> 00:18:04,190
says I don't want to start with

407
00:18:07,450 --> 00:18:06,170
everything that might be possible you

408
00:18:09,280 --> 00:18:07,460
know we talked about where consciousness

409
00:18:12,160 --> 00:18:09,290
comes from well it might come from a

410
00:18:13,450 --> 00:18:12,170
giant pink plush monkey suction cup to

411
00:18:16,930 --> 00:18:13,460
the back of one of Jupiter's moons

412
00:18:18,790 --> 00:18:16,940
that's that's you can't disprove it but

413
00:18:20,380 --> 00:18:18,800

it's not where I want to start what I

414

00:18:23,590 --> 00:18:20,390

want to start with it with my feet on

415

00:18:27,010 --> 00:18:23,600

the ground and to say what can we see

416

00:18:31,540 --> 00:18:27,020

what can we prove and if there are areas

417

00:18:34,840 --> 00:18:31,550

beyond that that are unexplainable as of

418

00:18:36,580 --> 00:18:34,850

yet to me that I don't get I I don't

419

00:18:38,740 --> 00:18:36,590

want to find myself wandering out in the

420

00:18:41,500 --> 00:18:38,750

weeds grasping at the first attractive

421

00:18:43,990 --> 00:18:41,510

answers that I see I I really would like

422

00:18:46,570 --> 00:18:44,000

to know even if I know that I don't know

423

00:18:49,330 --> 00:18:46,580

that's the information i would like

424

00:18:51,820 --> 00:18:49,340

moving forward so I I take a little bit

425

00:18:53,970 --> 00:18:51,830

of a harder line when it comes to you

426

00:18:55,960 --> 00:18:53,980

know are their energies and and and

427

00:18:59,200 --> 00:18:55,970

external force is guiding our

428

00:19:01,270 --> 00:18:59,210

consciousness my my skeptical nerve

429

00:19:02,860 --> 00:19:01,280

tends to start to flare up at that

430

00:19:04,660 --> 00:19:02,870

moment you know I that's something

431

00:19:07,420 --> 00:19:04,670

that's especially awakened to me in the

432

00:19:09,490 --> 00:19:07,430

last 36 months no I hear you on that and

433

00:19:11,770 --> 00:19:09,500

it also i guess would probably be a

434

00:19:13,090 --> 00:19:11,780

point where we are in congruence and

435

00:19:16,480 --> 00:19:13,100

that's that the one thing that

436

00:19:18,870 --> 00:19:16,490

aggravates me is apologetics whether it

437

00:19:20,890 --> 00:19:18,880

comes from christian apologetics or

438

00:19:23,380 --> 00:19:20,900

scientific apologetics and

439

00:19:26,620 --> 00:19:23,390

view apologetic says you know starting

440

00:19:29,620 --> 00:19:26,630

with my end answer Jesus really was

441

00:19:32,740 --> 00:19:29,630

resurrected and then cherry picking out

442

00:19:35,620 --> 00:19:32,750

bits and pieces of science sounding

443

00:19:38,350 --> 00:19:35,630

facts archaeological facts or biblical

444

00:19:40,270 --> 00:19:38,360

scholarship facts to make my case and

445

00:19:43,240 --> 00:19:40,280

try and cobble something together and

446

00:19:46,530 --> 00:19:43,250

I'm really really against that but I'm

447

00:19:50,170 --> 00:19:46,540

also against that when it comes to a

448

00:19:52,450 --> 00:19:50,180

scientific approach that does the same

449

00:19:54,400 --> 00:19:52,460

thing so I guess that's the second time

450

00:19:56,110 --> 00:19:54,410

that I've heard you play science and

451
00:19:58,510 --> 00:19:56,120
religion sort of side by side in the

452
00:20:01,930 --> 00:19:58,520
horse race and and I don't see them as

453
00:20:03,880 --> 00:20:01,940
as compatible I really think we're

454
00:20:05,800 --> 00:20:03,890
talking about I mean the scientific

455
00:20:07,660 --> 00:20:05,810
method of use correctly does not start

456
00:20:09,520 --> 00:20:07,670
with an answer it follows the chain of

457
00:20:12,520 --> 00:20:09,530
evidence it admits when it is wrong and

458
00:20:15,730 --> 00:20:12,530
fixes itself science is a process that

459
00:20:19,300 --> 00:20:15,740
is delighted to be wrong and wants to in

460
00:20:20,740 --> 00:20:19,310
its purest form wants to fix whatever is

461
00:20:22,480 --> 00:20:20,750
wrong so that it can provide better

462
00:20:24,730 --> 00:20:22,490
information I mean science is always

463
00:20:27,240 --> 00:20:24,740

updating and revising religion is

464

00:20:30,220 --> 00:20:27,250

pitching the same answers that it had

465

00:20:31,900 --> 00:20:30,230

for the last however many thousands of

466

00:20:33,790 --> 00:20:31,910

years and the apologists are now coming

467

00:20:35,830 --> 00:20:33,800

out to make excuses for and to give

468

00:20:38,590 --> 00:20:35,840

context of but their arguments largely

469

00:20:42,220 --> 00:20:38,600

hasn't changed science changes every day

470

00:20:44,530 --> 00:20:42,230

and so I myself cannot put religion and

471

00:20:46,660 --> 00:20:44,540

science in that in that race they're

472

00:20:49,000 --> 00:20:46,670

there they're two different breed two

473

00:20:51,730 --> 00:20:49,010

different animals totally and and I have

474

00:20:53,350 --> 00:20:51,740

a difficult time trying to correlate one

475

00:20:55,120 --> 00:20:53,360

with the other because like I believe

476
00:20:57,340 --> 00:20:55,130
they are completely incompatible and

477
00:21:00,940 --> 00:20:57,350
they operate in completely different

478
00:21:02,050 --> 00:21:00,950
ways maybe but I don't want to go there

479
00:21:04,270 --> 00:21:02,060
too far because I think we'll get

480
00:21:06,130 --> 00:21:04,280
sidetracked from the main thing that I

481
00:21:08,320 --> 00:21:06,140
wanted to try and engage with you on and

482
00:21:09,970 --> 00:21:08,330
that juris idea of consciousness no but

483
00:21:12,160 --> 00:21:09,980
I mean that's a valid point i'd love to

484
00:21:13,930 --> 00:21:12,170
hash that out with you for an hour and

485
00:21:16,390 --> 00:21:13,940
you spend do you spend every show

486
00:21:18,820 --> 00:21:16,400
talking about consciousness I mean every

487
00:21:21,610 --> 00:21:18,830
single episode consciousness related

488
00:21:23,890 --> 00:21:21,620

kind of activities yeah I think that's

489

00:21:25,720 --> 00:21:23,900

where it's all at I mean you know I

490

00:21:28,420 --> 00:21:25,730

talked to a bunch of Christians just had

491

00:21:30,310 --> 00:21:28,430

a Christian fell on the last show guy I

492

00:21:32,950 --> 00:21:30,320

really enjoyed talking to who's tried to

493

00:21:34,390 --> 00:21:32,960

create it this dialogue lecture series

494

00:21:36,430 --> 00:21:34,400

between

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00:21:37,960 --> 00:21:36,440

Christian's and scientists and has done

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00:21:39,880 --> 00:21:37,970

a good job he's over in there in the UK

497

00:21:42,220 --> 00:21:39,890

but I've talked to you know some of the

498

00:21:43,930 --> 00:21:42,230

world's leading consciousness

499

00:21:46,540 --> 00:21:43,940

researchers many of them who have a

500

00:21:48,790 --> 00:21:46,550

materialistic kind of view of things but

501
00:21:53,110 --> 00:21:48,800
some of them who don't well if you'd

502
00:21:55,870 --> 00:21:53,120
speak to a Christian person who is a

503
00:21:59,200 --> 00:21:55,880
scientist and they are according to the

504
00:22:02,910 --> 00:21:59,210
to the National Institute of Sciences

505
00:22:05,050 --> 00:22:02,920
they are in the extreme minority their

506
00:22:07,030 --> 00:22:05,060
approach to your conversation will

507
00:22:10,810 --> 00:22:07,040
already be tainted by their belief in it

508
00:22:12,310 --> 00:22:10,820
in a deity you know they're not now

509
00:22:13,410 --> 00:22:12,320
they're not speaking as much

510
00:22:16,150 --> 00:22:13,420
scientifically they're speaking

511
00:22:19,300 --> 00:22:16,160
theologically and if you speak to a

512
00:22:22,120 --> 00:22:19,310
scientist a secular scientist about

513
00:22:24,730 --> 00:22:22,130

consciousness you're probably going to

514

00:22:27,160 --> 00:22:24,740

be getting a mess i'm wrong a more of a

515

00:22:29,440 --> 00:22:27,170

nuts-and-bolts answer that has to do

516

00:22:31,120 --> 00:22:29,450

with body chemistry and psychology and

517

00:22:32,500 --> 00:22:31,130

and all of these other things not

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00:22:35,620 --> 00:22:32,510

necessarily so I'll give you an example

519

00:22:38,080 --> 00:22:35,630

and this is like one of the one of the

520

00:22:40,870 --> 00:22:38,090

pieces of evidence that I'd throw on the

521

00:22:43,570 --> 00:22:40,880

table and ask that we can bring it up

522

00:22:45,580 --> 00:22:43,580

next time so you can dig into it find

523

00:22:48,550 --> 00:22:45,590

out what your position your what your

524

00:22:52,360 --> 00:22:48,560

take is on it but I point you to Jeffery

525

00:22:54,070 --> 00:22:52,370

Schwartz at UCLA school of medicine what

526
00:22:58,750 --> 00:22:54,080
Schwartz has done and gone even further

527
00:23:02,500 --> 00:22:58,760
is said look I'm a psychiatrist what

528
00:23:04,600 --> 00:23:02,510
I've done is shown that a non-physical

529
00:23:06,400 --> 00:23:04,610
thought an idea right which is

530
00:23:09,040 --> 00:23:06,410
non-physical it doesn't weigh anything

531
00:23:10,810 --> 00:23:09,050
we can't say it's over there in the

532
00:23:12,340 --> 00:23:10,820
corner I mean we could say oh these

533
00:23:15,190 --> 00:23:12,350
little there's these little neurons in

534
00:23:17,350 --> 00:23:15,200
your brain that hold that idea but we

535
00:23:18,760 --> 00:23:17,360
understand that's not really that idea

536
00:23:20,680 --> 00:23:18,770
because I can write that idea down on a

537
00:23:22,900 --> 00:23:20,690
piece of paper and hand it to someone

538
00:23:25,740 --> 00:23:22,910

else and they can get that idea and at

539

00:23:28,300 --> 00:23:25,750

some point there's some in material

540

00:23:31,240 --> 00:23:28,310

non-physical transfer that goes on there

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00:23:34,000 --> 00:23:31,250

so as a starting point we can say ideas

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00:23:37,570 --> 00:23:34,010

are non-physical but what Schwartz has

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00:23:39,460 --> 00:23:37,580

shown is the thought or an idea can

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00:23:43,120 --> 00:23:39,470

actually change the physical structure

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00:23:46,270 --> 00:23:43,130

of your brain how your brain works so

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00:23:47,110 --> 00:23:46,280

this presents a real challenge for folks

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00:23:50,710 --> 00:23:47,120

who

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00:23:54,070 --> 00:23:50,720

are sticking to this mind equals brain

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00:23:56,200 --> 00:23:54,080

kind of formula do you understand where

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00:23:59,290 --> 00:23:56,210

I'm going there I don't know that you

551
00:24:01,060 --> 00:23:59,300
can say with as little I mean we know a

552
00:24:02,470 --> 00:24:01,070
lot about the brain but with so much we

553
00:24:04,960 --> 00:24:02,480
have to learn I don't think you can say

554
00:24:07,150 --> 00:24:04,970
that an idea is not physical I mean it

555
00:24:09,760 --> 00:24:07,160
is contained within the physical brain

556
00:24:11,140 --> 00:24:09,770
and there are properties that will that

557
00:24:15,130 --> 00:24:11,150
are even if we don't know them yet our

558
00:24:17,860 --> 00:24:15,140
are I believe anyway I think and I think

559
00:24:19,900 --> 00:24:17,870
eventually science will prove that that

560
00:24:23,100 --> 00:24:19,910
the neural activity has a physical

561
00:24:25,480 --> 00:24:23,110
explanation wildly wildly complicated

562
00:24:28,660 --> 00:24:25,490
explanation but an explanation so the

563
00:24:30,520 --> 00:24:28,670

idea that that it because it is in our

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00:24:32,530 --> 00:24:30,530

mind and abstract that's not a femur

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00:24:35,830 --> 00:24:32,540

bone it's not a heart or a liver or

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00:24:39,250 --> 00:24:35,840

spleen it's it's something else but it

567

00:24:41,290 --> 00:24:39,260

it is generated by the brain and and how

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00:24:44,430 --> 00:24:41,300

our brain functions does affect it

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00:24:46,480 --> 00:24:44,440

affects it affects all I mean people who

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00:24:50,380 --> 00:24:46,490

you know it's just like people who hold

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00:24:52,840 --> 00:24:50,390

a specific disposition tend to often get

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00:24:54,280 --> 00:24:52,850

well from sickness faster than those who

573

00:24:56,020 --> 00:24:54,290

are more negative you know those who

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00:24:58,419 --> 00:24:56,030

have more positive thoughts I honestly

575

00:25:01,530 --> 00:24:58,429

do believe that the brain what you think

576
00:25:03,760 --> 00:25:01,540
how you think how you see the world can

577
00:25:06,100 --> 00:25:03,770
affect you physically but I don't

578
00:25:09,870 --> 00:25:06,110
necessarily hold to the fact that that

579
00:25:12,370 --> 00:25:09,880
an idea cannot be physically explained

580
00:25:15,340 --> 00:25:12,380
okay again you're talking to a guy who's

581
00:25:17,020 --> 00:25:15,350
not a neuroscientist and in my mind Alex

582
00:25:18,820 --> 00:25:17,030
just from listening and I know you know

583
00:25:19,990 --> 00:25:18,830
you probably deal with this week Lisa

584
00:25:23,260 --> 00:25:20,000
don't let me get into your wheelhouse

585
00:25:26,320 --> 00:25:23,270
but but you seem eager to ascribe an

586
00:25:30,570 --> 00:25:26,330
external explanation for I mean you see

587
00:25:35,080 --> 00:25:30,580
a does it do you believe that there is

588
00:25:38,710 --> 00:25:35,090

the force is this is there an entity of

589

00:25:41,770 --> 00:25:38,720

being a mu ha how or where are you going

590

00:25:43,750 --> 00:25:41,780

with the sort of the inference is that

591

00:25:45,310 --> 00:25:43,760

there's an external force or an

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00:25:46,750 --> 00:25:45,320

unexplainable force that guides

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00:25:48,910 --> 00:25:46,760

consciousness and are those

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00:25:50,919 --> 00:25:48,920

consciousness is connected are you

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00:25:52,540 --> 00:25:50,929

getting all Deepak Chopra on me here

596

00:25:54,010 --> 00:25:52,550

hoping I'm just curious what your

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00:25:56,169 --> 00:25:54,020

perspective is the HOS did you know I

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00:25:57,340 --> 00:25:56,179

think thing is I feel an agenda going on

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00:26:00,549 --> 00:25:57,350

and I just want to know are you trying

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00:26:02,230 --> 00:26:00,559

to convince me what well I

601
00:26:04,419 --> 00:26:02,240
think I've kind of laid out what I'm

602
00:26:06,070 --> 00:26:04,429
trying to do in terms of you know I want

603
00:26:08,440 --> 00:26:06,080
to lay out where I'm going to come at

604
00:26:10,029 --> 00:26:08,450
your from irama to challenge you on or

605
00:26:11,529 --> 00:26:10,039
ask you to go yeah I don't mind being

606
00:26:15,190 --> 00:26:11,539
challenged that's cool but I mean are

607
00:26:18,100 --> 00:26:15,200
you a believer in like is it a divine

608
00:26:21,519 --> 00:26:18,110
consciousness is it a spirit energy

609
00:26:26,320 --> 00:26:21,529
lines that I mean that's the dialogue

610
00:26:28,210 --> 00:26:26,330
that I think we so often get into in our

611
00:26:31,119 --> 00:26:28,220
culture or just on the internet or

612
00:26:35,049 --> 00:26:31,129
wherever that really sidetracks us from

613
00:26:37,570 --> 00:26:35,059

trying to pin down the truth that all

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00:26:40,269 --> 00:26:37,580

that stuff flows from if the evidence

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00:26:43,690 --> 00:26:40,279

suggests that consciousness is solely a

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00:26:46,180 --> 00:26:43,700

product of the brain then I would from

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00:26:48,279 --> 00:26:46,190

that draw a whole bunch of conclusions

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00:26:50,680 --> 00:26:48,289

but in looking at the data I see the

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00:26:52,779 --> 00:26:50,690

data is just the opposite I mean Jeffery

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00:26:55,629 --> 00:26:52,789

Schwartz isn't the only one here out on

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00:26:57,999 --> 00:26:55,639

a limb I mean the idea of materialism

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00:27:00,970 --> 00:26:58,009

being dead is floating around there at

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00:27:04,239 --> 00:27:00,980

least with a dozen books from some very

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00:27:06,039 --> 00:27:04,249

prominent authors believe that but I'll

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00:27:09,310 --> 00:27:06,049

just point you to this whole topic of

626
00:27:10,869 --> 00:27:09,320
neuroplasticity and Jeffery Schwartz and

627
00:27:12,489 --> 00:27:10,879
a million other people have kind of

628
00:27:14,379 --> 00:27:12,499
looked at this thing so that the second

629
00:27:16,810 --> 00:27:14,389
place I'd look is I don't know if you're

630
00:27:18,820 --> 00:27:16,820
familiar with dr. Richard Wiseman from

631
00:27:22,720 --> 00:27:18,830
the UK but it's very popular on The

632
00:27:24,879 --> 00:27:22,730
Skeptical circuit on the Atheist circuit

633
00:27:27,480 --> 00:27:24,889
in terms of being a researcher in

634
00:27:30,609 --> 00:27:27,490
psychology very well known in the UK and

635
00:27:33,340 --> 00:27:30,619
so here's the quote from him that I

636
00:27:36,789 --> 00:27:33,350
think to me is really the deal breaker

637
00:27:39,869 --> 00:27:36,799
and this is it I agree that by the

638
00:27:43,389 --> 00:27:39,879

standards of any other area of science

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00:27:46,930 --> 00:27:43,399

sigh that is ESP remote viewing all

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00:27:48,909 --> 00:27:46,940

those things is proven but that begs the

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00:27:52,299 --> 00:27:48,919

question do we need higher standards of

642

00:27:55,419 --> 00:27:52,309

evidence when we study the paranormal so

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00:27:56,950 --> 00:27:55,429

what this quote to me and he said it

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00:27:59,379 --> 00:27:56,960

more than once you actually set the

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00:28:01,690 --> 00:27:59,389

first time and then someone was so in

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00:28:03,759 --> 00:28:01,700

disbelief that he had said it the Daily

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00:28:05,919 --> 00:28:03,769

Mail in the UK interviewed him again and

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00:28:07,359 --> 00:28:05,929

they've published his quote again and he

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00:28:09,999 --> 00:28:07,369

broadened it and said yeah well I wasn't

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00:28:12,340 --> 00:28:10,009

just talking about remote viewing this

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00:28:13,800 --> 00:28:12,350

idea that we can see things with our

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00:28:15,750 --> 00:28:13,810

psychic mind

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00:28:19,590 --> 00:28:15,760

our but he said he was also talking

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00:28:22,410 --> 00:28:19,600

about all the ESP and sire related

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00:28:25,500 --> 00:28:22,420

research so you know here's a guy who's

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00:28:28,110 --> 00:28:25,510

very skeptical if you will coming out

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00:28:31,890 --> 00:28:28,120

and saying that this stuff is proven and

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00:28:34,860 --> 00:28:31,900

of course the idea of ESP and remote

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00:28:37,650 --> 00:28:34,870

viewing completely violates the mind

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00:28:40,560 --> 00:28:37,660

equal brain formula so are you at all

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00:28:42,750 --> 00:28:40,570

familiar with this kind of stuff I've

662

00:28:44,310 --> 00:28:42,760

never heard of him but that's all right

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00:28:47,160 --> 00:28:44,320

i mean i hadn't heard of a great many

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00:28:50,310 --> 00:28:47,170

people just a few years ago I'm

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00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:50,320

certainly not familiar with anyone in

666

00:28:57,420 --> 00:28:52,960

the atheist or skeptical community who

667

00:29:01,440 --> 00:28:57,430

is in favor of promoting endorsing that

668

00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:01,450

kind of speech it doesn't sound like

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00:29:08,610 --> 00:29:05,760

something that mainstream atheists

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00:29:12,210 --> 00:29:08,620

scientists or researchers are are

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00:29:14,460 --> 00:29:12,220

embracing it sounds like one guy you

672

00:29:15,900 --> 00:29:14,470

know you just hold off on that because I

673

00:29:18,060 --> 00:29:15,910

don't want you to go too far on that

674

00:29:20,100 --> 00:29:18,070

because he's you know he's at the

675

00:29:21,630 --> 00:29:20,110

skeptic obviously I've got this little

676

00:29:23,760 --> 00:29:21,640

alarm to just pee pee but you're gonna

677

00:29:25,560 --> 00:29:23,770

say no wait a minute where doug's out

678

00:29:27,030 --> 00:29:25,570

what science up I mean you just go find

679

00:29:29,160 --> 00:29:27,040

all that out I don't want you to commit

680

00:29:32,490 --> 00:29:29,170

to saying anything but he's at you sure

681

00:29:34,590 --> 00:29:32,500

he's at skepticon he's at the j RF he's

682

00:29:37,020 --> 00:29:34,600

at all those very very prominent in the

683

00:29:39,720 --> 00:29:37,030

skeptical community you'll I think you

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00:29:41,190 --> 00:29:39,730

will recognize him once you see his name

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00:29:43,080 --> 00:29:41,200

down there and but it's kind of

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00:29:45,600 --> 00:29:43,090

interesting also to hear somebody fresh

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00:29:47,250 --> 00:29:45,610

their first take on that says gee what

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00:29:49,020 --> 00:29:47,260

he's really saying is that this stuff is

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00:29:50,730 --> 00:29:49,030

proven and that is what he's saying and

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00:29:52,770 --> 00:29:50,740

then what he's saying further of course

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00:29:54,660 --> 00:29:52,780

is the part that people like to jump on

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00:29:57,000 --> 00:29:54,670

and say yeah but he's saying you know we

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00:30:00,420 --> 00:29:57,010

got to be really really really sure

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00:30:01,980 --> 00:30:00,430

before we change everything for that and

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00:30:03,780 --> 00:30:01,990

that to me I guess is that sounds like

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00:30:06,480 --> 00:30:03,790

apologetics you know saying hey do we

697

00:30:08,640 --> 00:30:06,490

need a higher standard of evidence than

698

00:30:10,560 --> 00:30:08,650

we normally use in science because this

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00:30:12,960 --> 00:30:10,570

doesn't go against our belief systems so

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00:30:15,000 --> 00:30:12,970

that would be I guess apart to dialogue

701
00:30:16,470 --> 00:30:15,010
is isn't that really apologetics when

702
00:30:17,940 --> 00:30:16,480
you start saying hey we need a different

703
00:30:19,530 --> 00:30:17,950
standard of evidence because on this

704
00:30:21,660 --> 00:30:19,540
doesn't quite go with the way that I

705
00:30:23,520 --> 00:30:21,670
want to see things but you can pull that

706
00:30:25,770 --> 00:30:23,530
apart how you want and then we'll see

707
00:30:27,529 --> 00:30:25,780
what you have to say well I don't you

708
00:30:32,210 --> 00:30:27,539
know I know again I'm not familiar with

709
00:30:36,289 --> 00:30:32,220
if someone is saying I you need a

710
00:30:37,820 --> 00:30:36,299
different measuring stick so that all of

711
00:30:39,710 --> 00:30:37,830
these puzzle pieces will now fit

712
00:30:41,029 --> 00:30:39,720
together the way I want them to again

713
00:30:43,969 --> 00:30:41,039

that's not science and I have a

714

00:30:45,710 --> 00:30:43,979

difficult time you know honestly

715

00:30:49,909 --> 00:30:45,720

thinking that somebody invited to

716

00:30:53,090 --> 00:30:49,919

skeptic on or a tam or what have you

717

00:30:55,820 --> 00:30:53,100

would be someone who would it would

718

00:30:57,169 --> 00:30:55,830

subscribe to that kind of thinking so

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00:30:59,599 --> 00:30:57,179

that'll be an interesting one to see

720

00:31:01,129 --> 00:30:59,609

where you wind up with that I'll send

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00:31:02,299 --> 00:31:01,139

you everything you need on that and

722

00:31:04,639 --> 00:31:02,309

we'll see where you wind up there and

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00:31:06,529 --> 00:31:04,649

then the third area that I think I'd

724

00:31:09,129 --> 00:31:06,539

like to talk about that I think provides

725

00:31:13,009 --> 00:31:09,139

the most direct kind of in-your-face

726

00:31:15,739 --> 00:31:13,019

evidence if you will that maybe mind is

727

00:31:18,379 --> 00:31:15,749

more than brain is the whole near-death

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00:31:20,419 --> 00:31:18,389

experience science we've spent a lot of

729

00:31:22,759 --> 00:31:20,429

time with it on this show of interviewed

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00:31:26,080 --> 00:31:22,769

some of the leading researchers in the

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00:31:29,299 --> 00:31:26,090

field and as well have interviewed many

732

00:31:30,680 --> 00:31:29,309

people who are more skeptical of some of

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00:31:32,659 --> 00:31:30,690

the science or the interpretation the

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00:31:34,789 --> 00:31:32,669

science now I don't know how familiar

735

00:31:37,129 --> 00:31:34,799

you are with the whole near-death

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00:31:39,080 --> 00:31:37,139

experience thing but what seems to be

737

00:31:42,169 --> 00:31:39,090

pretty well established is that number

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00:31:46,070 --> 00:31:42,179

one it happens people wind up in the

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00:31:49,489 --> 00:31:46,080

hospital they dive and then they come

740

00:31:52,700 --> 00:31:49,499

back our resuscitated and recall these

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00:31:56,989 --> 00:31:52,710

amazing encounters that they had they

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00:31:59,210 --> 00:31:56,999

are hyper conscious hyper lucid during a

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00:32:02,089 --> 00:31:59,220

time that their brain is severely

744

00:32:06,379 --> 00:32:02,099

compromised if not completely gone and

745

00:32:08,599 --> 00:32:06,389

that's medically inexplicable are you at

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00:32:12,560 --> 00:32:08,609

all familiar with the whole near-death

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00:32:14,239 --> 00:32:12,570

experience thing I am and honestly you

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00:32:18,560 --> 00:32:14,249

sound like you trying to convince me in

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00:32:21,499 --> 00:32:18,570

in good luck again we're talking about

750

00:32:24,469 --> 00:32:21,509

perception and perception and reality do

751

00:32:26,330 --> 00:32:24,479

not necessarily intersect I mean I you

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00:32:28,849 --> 00:32:26,340

know I was doing a podcast last year and

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00:32:31,969 --> 00:32:28,859

I had somebody who would say a nurse we

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00:32:34,159 --> 00:32:31,979

talked about and they and this gives a

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00:32:35,659 --> 00:32:34,169

guy he had his own near-death experience

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00:32:36,919 --> 00:32:35,669

he was actually dead on the table for I

757

00:32:38,629 --> 00:32:36,929

don't know how long and he talked about

758

00:32:40,520 --> 00:32:38,639

you know the white light and all of that

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00:32:42,110 --> 00:32:40,530

and is like it was hypoxia

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00:32:44,000 --> 00:32:42,120

I mean you know you can see you can you

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00:32:46,160 --> 00:32:44,010

can replicated you and then when people

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00:32:50,030 --> 00:32:46,170

come back and they say well I saw this i

763

00:32:52,310 --> 00:32:50,040

felt that i experienced whatever I you

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00:32:55,190 --> 00:32:52,320

know I you can't tell me it didn't

765

00:33:00,050 --> 00:32:55,200

happen well yeah I can tell you that

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00:33:03,200 --> 00:33:00,060

that you know that you saw angels and a

767

00:33:05,150 --> 00:33:03,210

dead relative or a friendly heard a

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00:33:09,140 --> 00:33:05,160

friendly voice or floated above the room

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00:33:10,430 --> 00:33:09,150

or whatnot yeah sure but what what

770

00:33:12,740 --> 00:33:10,440

you're bringing to me now is a

771

00:33:17,420 --> 00:33:12,750

subjective first-person account that is

772

00:33:20,240 --> 00:33:17,430

unverifiable highly highly subjected to

773

00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:20,250

the chemical actions and reactions of a

774

00:33:25,730 --> 00:33:24,240

brain that is dying and you're passing

775

00:33:30,050 --> 00:33:25,740

it off as fact well that's not science

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00:33:31,820 --> 00:33:30,060

and you know Stanley Corinne and Michael

777

00:33:35,290 --> 00:33:31,830

Persinger have replicated many of those

778

00:33:38,720 --> 00:33:35,300

god experiences using magnets in a lab

779

00:33:40,340 --> 00:33:38,730

so you know for this entire conversation

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00:33:43,190 --> 00:33:40,350

while I mean I've certainly enjoyed

781

00:33:45,170 --> 00:33:43,200

myself we're we're starting in the

782

00:33:47,090 --> 00:33:45,180

abstract and then I'm hearing all these

783

00:33:48,500 --> 00:33:47,100

assertions that and so many scientists

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00:33:50,420 --> 00:33:48,510

have come and proven it and so many

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00:33:51,770 --> 00:33:50,430

scientists agree and so many scientists

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00:33:54,950 --> 00:33:51,780

have written books well look in my

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00:33:58,040 --> 00:33:54,960

circle and I'm in a heavy a secular

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00:34:01,220 --> 00:33:58,050

circle where where the majority of

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00:34:03,320 --> 00:34:01,230

scientists and neurologists and even you

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00:34:05,360 --> 00:34:03,330

know people like Michael Shermer is a

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00:34:06,980 --> 00:34:05,370

great example somebody who has written

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00:34:08,540 --> 00:34:06,990

books like the believing brain in the

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00:34:10,340 --> 00:34:08,550

talks about the subjective ways that

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00:34:12,080 --> 00:34:10,350

people perceive and receive and why they

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00:34:14,210 --> 00:34:12,090

believe these odd things their

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00:34:17,030 --> 00:34:14,220

scientific explanations it it doesn't

797

00:34:19,760 --> 00:34:17,040

mean that any of these I saw I felt I

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00:34:22,070 --> 00:34:19,770

heard I experience there was a tingling

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00:34:24,800 --> 00:34:22,080

on the back of my neck stuff it's not

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00:34:27,950 --> 00:34:24,810

science and it doesn't necessarily need

801
00:34:30,200 --> 00:34:27,960
to be taken incredible seriously on its

802
00:34:31,399 --> 00:34:30,210
face value we need to look and

803
00:34:33,320 --> 00:34:31,409
understand that you're looking at

804
00:34:35,659 --> 00:34:33,330
somebody who is having a chemical

805
00:34:38,990 --> 00:34:35,669
reaction and and coming back and talking

806
00:34:40,730 --> 00:34:39,000
about perception and so I you know I I

807
00:34:42,440 --> 00:34:40,740
don't buy it I think you're talking

808
00:34:44,990 --> 00:34:42,450
about something that's explainable that

809
00:34:47,659 --> 00:34:45,000
has a physical explanation that is

810
00:34:49,850 --> 00:34:47,669
certainly not proof of I don't know if

811
00:34:51,710 --> 00:34:49,860
you're going for God or just a spirit

812
00:34:54,270 --> 00:34:51,720
plane of some kind I mean are you a

813
00:34:56,649 --> 00:34:54,280

believer in the deity do you have a guy

814

00:34:58,540 --> 00:34:56,659

again you know I can go there and I'm

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00:35:00,870 --> 00:34:58,550

happy to have that conversation with you

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00:35:03,550 --> 00:35:00,880

i'm just-just do you believe in a god

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00:35:05,290 --> 00:35:03,560

welcome well let me just answer the

818

00:35:07,300 --> 00:35:05,300

first part okay the way I want to answer

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00:35:10,270 --> 00:35:07,310

it and then I'll answer your question

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00:35:12,160 --> 00:35:10,280

directly okay well yeah I'm not really

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00:35:14,020 --> 00:35:12,170

sure why someone would dodge that that

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00:35:17,050 --> 00:35:14,030

particular question is not an accusation

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00:35:18,520 --> 00:35:17,060

is your baby but here's my point because

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00:35:20,950 --> 00:35:18,530

I think this is really the point of this

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00:35:23,650 --> 00:35:20,960

dialogue is that this is how things get

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00:35:25,720 --> 00:35:23,660

sidetracked is we want to jump to the

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00:35:27,250 --> 00:35:25,730

end and we want to say oh you know we

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00:35:29,410 --> 00:35:27,260

want to start identifying you and saying

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00:35:31,450 --> 00:35:29,420

oh you're a creationist or anything I'm

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00:35:33,580 --> 00:35:31,460

just saying I'm not confusing you I'm

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00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:33,590

not interested in any of that what I

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00:35:39,970 --> 00:35:36,560

want to know is when I hear such a

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00:35:43,750 --> 00:35:39,980

targeted line of inquiry that is pushing

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00:35:45,430 --> 00:35:43,760

me to to really step in toward more of

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00:35:47,620 --> 00:35:45,440

the spiritual right you're you're saying

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00:35:49,210 --> 00:35:47,630

look so many scientists some so much of

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00:35:51,910 --> 00:35:49,220

the evidence which has not been my

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00:35:55,180 --> 00:35:51,920

experience then obviously I as the

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00:35:57,220 --> 00:35:55,190

interviewee want to know more about you

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00:35:59,860 --> 00:35:57,230

know who dialed me up and who wants to

841

00:36:03,070 --> 00:35:59,870

know more about me Who am I speaking

842

00:36:05,260 --> 00:36:03,080

with what drives you and so I'm not

843

00:36:07,600 --> 00:36:05,270

asking you to blow your wad I'm asking

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00:36:10,690 --> 00:36:07,610

you art do you come at me from a deistic

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00:36:13,450 --> 00:36:10,700

or theistic point of view and are you

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00:36:16,000 --> 00:36:13,460

trying to then convert me oh not at all

847

00:36:18,160 --> 00:36:16,010

and again I'm going to go back to the

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00:36:21,760 --> 00:36:18,170

beginning Seth because where I'm really

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00:36:25,950 --> 00:36:21,770

coming at you from is exactly what I

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00:36:28,360 --> 00:36:25,960

said which is this silly sideshow

851

00:36:32,160 --> 00:36:28,370

conversation that always dominates

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00:36:35,020 --> 00:36:32,170

center stage is science versus religion

853

00:36:37,930 --> 00:36:35,030

Christianity versus non Christianity and

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00:36:40,240 --> 00:36:37,940

to me the questions are much deeper than

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00:36:44,710 --> 00:36:40,250

that and really boil down to one

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00:36:48,190 --> 00:36:44,720

question is your mind purely a function

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00:36:51,400 --> 00:36:48,200

of your brain because if it's not then

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00:36:53,860 --> 00:36:51,410

we start having to introduce all these

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00:36:56,410 --> 00:36:53,870

other topics that do kind of make us

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00:36:59,050 --> 00:36:56,420

uneasy because they start sounding very

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00:37:01,570 --> 00:36:59,060

spiritual and I think what we have to do

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00:37:03,250 --> 00:37:01,580

is steal ourselves against that and say

863

00:37:05,380 --> 00:37:03,260

wait a minute guys I want to push

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00:37:07,300 --> 00:37:05,390

everything else off the table and I

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00:37:09,820 --> 00:37:07,310

really want to focus on this

866

00:37:12,730 --> 00:37:09,830

one question and I want to think deeply

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00:37:14,410 --> 00:37:12,740

about it I want to challenge everything

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00:37:16,360 --> 00:37:14,420

I don't want to take anyone's word for

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00:37:19,150 --> 00:37:16,370

it all these things right out of your

870

00:37:22,330 --> 00:37:19,160

PlayBook and I really want to be very

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00:37:24,640 --> 00:37:22,340

skeptical about it so you know the third

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00:37:26,710 --> 00:37:24,650

way that I'd come at this and and yeah I

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00:37:29,320 --> 00:37:26,720

mean I guess I'm trying to convince you

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00:37:31,960 --> 00:37:29,330

in as much as whenever we dialogue like

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00:37:34,420 --> 00:37:31,970

this we're trying to put our best foot

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00:37:37,930 --> 00:37:34,430

forward and our advance our best cause

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00:37:39,820 --> 00:37:37,940

but you know Michael Shermer is a is a

878

00:37:42,700 --> 00:37:39,830

good nice enough guy he's been on the

879

00:37:45,670 --> 00:37:42,710

show a long time ago but he's a

880

00:37:47,650 --> 00:37:45,680

historian he's not a scientist he

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00:37:49,720 --> 00:37:47,660

certainly never studied near-death

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00:37:51,790 --> 00:37:49,730

experience and as a matter of fact his

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00:37:53,800 --> 00:37:51,800

history on that in terms of writing is

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00:37:58,360 --> 00:37:53,810

quite embarrassing and that he wrote for

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00:38:00,940 --> 00:37:58,370

Scientific American a critique of some

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00:38:04,330 --> 00:38:00,950

of the most important research in this

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00:38:08,050 --> 00:38:04,340

area published by a cardiologist named

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00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:08,060

pin Van LOM oh that did a 20 year very

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00:38:13,000 --> 00:38:10,880

respected study in the Netherlands

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00:38:14,590 --> 00:38:13,010

published it in The Lancet one of the

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00:38:16,690 --> 00:38:14,600

most highly regarded journals and

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00:38:19,360 --> 00:38:16,700

shermer comes out and writes this

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00:38:22,750 --> 00:38:19,370

article and says hey look at this this

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00:38:25,690 --> 00:38:22,760

shows that these near-death experiences

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00:38:28,270 --> 00:38:25,700

are nothing well schirmer completely got

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00:38:30,640 --> 00:38:28,280

it wrong so much to the point that pin

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00:38:34,570 --> 00:38:30,650

van lama took it upon himself to write a

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00:38:36,520 --> 00:38:34,580

response and say hey you not only you

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00:38:38,500 --> 00:38:36,530

know didn't capture my research

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00:38:41,500 --> 00:38:38,510

correctly in your writing but you

901
00:38:44,070 --> 00:38:41,510
exactly got the wrong conclusion than we

902
00:38:47,200 --> 00:38:44,080
came to and then there's never any

903
00:38:49,630 --> 00:38:47,210
correction from shores part so i'll

904
00:38:52,540 --> 00:38:49,640
provide you it's not fair to say that

905
00:38:54,160 --> 00:38:52,550
schirmer's a historian they meet his

906
00:38:58,750 --> 00:38:54,170
degrees are in biology and psychology

907
00:39:00,430 --> 00:38:58,760
and and he is an expert in his field she

908
00:39:03,070 --> 00:39:00,440
isn't is pitched i thought was in

909
00:39:06,310 --> 00:39:03,080
history i'm willing to be wrong on that

910
00:39:09,640 --> 00:39:06,320
yeah he does have a PhD I want to say

911
00:39:12,910 --> 00:39:09,650
it's in I know he started in seminary he

912
00:39:15,280 --> 00:39:12,920
actually started as a believer but he he

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00:39:19,860 --> 00:39:15,290

has a bachelor's in psychology and

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00:39:21,309 --> 00:39:19,870

biology from Pepperdine and he is a

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00:39:24,370 --> 00:39:21,319

skeptic

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00:39:30,479 --> 00:39:24,380

and his career his job his life's work

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00:39:33,009 --> 00:39:30,489

is exploring and often exposing a

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00:39:35,289 --> 00:39:33,019

psychic phenomena and everything from

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00:39:37,150 --> 00:39:35,299

homeopathy to you know to people who

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00:39:39,430 --> 00:39:37,160

have these wild claims of miracles the

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00:39:42,849 --> 00:39:39,440

bleeding statue of the Virgin Mary I

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00:39:44,289 --> 00:39:42,859

mean he to marginalize his work and I'm

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00:39:46,269 --> 00:39:44,299

saying he's perfect but I'm saying to

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00:39:48,059 --> 00:39:46,279

marginalize his work I mean yeah he's a

925

00:39:51,489 --> 00:39:48,069

historian of science that's what he is

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00:39:53,189 --> 00:39:51,499

it is it's it's not necessarily a new

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00:39:56,620 --> 00:39:53,199

thing for people to say you can't

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00:39:58,599 --> 00:39:56,630

understand abstract consciousness that's

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00:40:02,099 --> 00:39:58,609

not a new argument but to say that the

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00:40:05,979 --> 00:40:02,109

reputable science community is

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00:40:09,789 --> 00:40:05,989

advocating that there must be a conduit

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00:40:11,859 --> 00:40:09,799

of spirit out there that is responsible

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00:40:13,390 --> 00:40:11,869

I don't think that's accurate I don't

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00:40:15,069 --> 00:40:13,400

think it's reflected by mainstream

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00:40:17,199 --> 00:40:15,079

especially secular scientists who are

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00:40:19,180 --> 00:40:17,209

the majority and I think if you spend

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00:40:21,099 --> 00:40:19,190

that much time you playing what if

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00:40:22,890 --> 00:40:21,109

you'll drive yourself nuts I think you

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00:40:24,969 --> 00:40:22,900

start the argument from elsewhere I

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00:40:26,380 --> 00:40:24,979

think you know you start to look at

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00:40:27,640 --> 00:40:26,390

brain chemistry you start to look at

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00:40:28,930 --> 00:40:27,650

psychology you start to look at

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00:40:30,370 --> 00:40:28,940

intelligence you start to look at

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00:40:32,289 --> 00:40:30,380

culture and perception and all these

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00:40:33,759 --> 00:40:32,299

other widely complicated things and you

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00:40:37,539 --> 00:40:33,769

start there and see what you come up

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00:40:40,269 --> 00:40:37,549

with well that is exactly why I wanted

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00:40:42,370 --> 00:40:40,279

to do this interview in two parts

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00:40:45,459 --> 00:40:42,380

because I have to tell you in the

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00:40:49,150 --> 00:40:45,469

dialogues I've had we always get to this

951
00:40:52,930 --> 00:40:49,160
point which is you know we have to dig

952
00:40:55,420 --> 00:40:52,940
through all the opinions that we might

953
00:40:58,839 --> 00:40:55,430
have beliefs we might have and try and

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00:41:00,819 --> 00:40:58,849
do as good a job as we can of getting

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00:41:03,249 --> 00:41:00,829
down to the science getting down to the

956
00:41:05,769 --> 00:41:03,259
scientific evidence and understanding it

957
00:41:07,299 --> 00:41:05,779
the best we can so what you're talking

958
00:41:09,549 --> 00:41:07,309
to the wrong guy man I mean you really

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00:41:11,049 --> 00:41:09,559
do you need no you need psychologists

960
00:41:12,759 --> 00:41:11,059
you need neurologists you need people

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00:41:14,199 --> 00:41:12,769
who are experts in the brain but at the

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00:41:15,819 --> 00:41:14,209
end of the day Seth I've talked all

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00:41:17,769 --> 00:41:15,829

those people at the end of the day I

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00:41:20,319 --> 00:41:17,779

mean ahmed i'm an ex radio disc jockey

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00:41:22,180 --> 00:41:20,329

and video producer and host of and i

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00:41:24,999 --> 00:41:22,190

think i've done it a lot of digging a

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00:41:26,979 --> 00:41:25,009

lot of a lot of digging right so I'm end

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00:41:29,349 --> 00:41:26,989

of the day at the end of the day we got

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00:41:32,769 --> 00:41:29,359

to bring all that stuff back up and see

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00:41:35,099 --> 00:41:32,779

if it can answer these questions see if

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00:41:38,759 --> 00:41:35,109

it can engage us in this

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00:41:40,319 --> 00:41:38,769

log in a deeper way so that's that's my

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00:41:42,509 --> 00:41:40,329

point so I talked about Richard Wiseman

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00:41:44,430 --> 00:41:42,519

you're not familiar with Richard Wiseman

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00:41:47,069 --> 00:41:44,440

great go get from New Earth Richard

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00:41:49,140 --> 00:41:47,079

Wiseman see what he has to say about ESP

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00:41:50,660 --> 00:41:49,150

I'm telling you about the near death

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00:41:53,190 --> 00:41:50,670

experience and I'm telling you that

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00:41:55,440 --> 00:41:53,200

overwhelmingly hypocrisy has been

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00:41:57,059 --> 00:41:55,450

dismissed as a possible explanation and

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00:41:59,339 --> 00:41:57,069

that no one goes there and that I've

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00:42:02,099 --> 00:41:59,349

interviewed sue Blackmore or so you're a

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00:42:04,349 --> 00:42:02,109

believer then in extrasensory perception

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00:42:06,839 --> 00:42:04,359

you believe in ESP personally personally

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00:42:09,120 --> 00:42:06,849

as I'm not lying yes no question is so

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00:42:11,069 --> 00:42:09,130

complicated for you personally Jerry

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00:42:14,279 --> 00:42:11,079

personally is kind of I don't have any

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00:42:16,799 --> 00:42:14,289

personal experience with ESP I think the

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00:42:18,870 --> 00:42:16,809

over evidence is overwhelmingly

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00:42:21,059 --> 00:42:18,880

suggestive that that does happen that

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00:42:23,279 --> 00:42:21,069

there is some form of extended humid

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00:42:25,259 --> 00:42:23,289

consciousness that does occur in this

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00:42:26,700 --> 00:42:25,269

way I mean it just that's what the

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00:42:30,450 --> 00:42:26,710

evidence shows I don't know what that

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00:42:33,479 --> 00:42:30,460

means so I'm saying let's engage in a

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00:42:35,160 --> 00:42:33,489

real dialogue a level-two dialogue that

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00:42:36,660 --> 00:42:35,170

gets past this well this is what I

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00:42:38,009 --> 00:42:36,670

believe and I've already researched it

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00:42:39,479 --> 00:42:38,019

and me saying well this is what I

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00:42:42,089 --> 00:42:39,489

believe and I've already researched it

1001
00:42:44,940 --> 00:42:42,099
let's swap stories about what we've

1002
00:42:46,979 --> 00:42:44,950
researched and why we think we know what

1003
00:42:50,670 --> 00:42:46,989
we know and then let's get back together

1004
00:42:53,009 --> 00:42:50,680
and see to what extent your world view

1005
00:42:56,930 --> 00:42:53,019
changes or my world view changes I'm

1006
00:43:01,140 --> 00:42:56,940
still stuck on ESP I'm still stuck on it

1007
00:43:04,729 --> 00:43:01,150
I'm great man go go check out and stuck

1008
00:43:08,759 --> 00:43:04,739
on it I honestly think if I mean I lump

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00:43:12,900 --> 00:43:08,769
ESPN with astral projection with visions

1010
00:43:15,749 --> 00:43:12,910
with crystals with I myself think that

1011
00:43:18,960 --> 00:43:15,759
this is a profound waste of time and

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00:43:20,539 --> 00:43:18,970
energy but to me you know superstition

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00:43:23,759 --> 00:43:20,549

and religion they go hand in hand

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00:43:25,710 --> 00:43:23,769

superstition and science do not and I

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00:43:27,599 --> 00:43:25,720

don't place them side by side they are

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00:43:29,220 --> 00:43:27,609

not dead fellows they are not partners

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00:43:33,359 --> 00:43:29,230

they are not friends religion is

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00:43:36,900 --> 00:43:33,369

incompatible with science and so I cast

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00:43:40,440 --> 00:43:36,910

my lot with science with science is a

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00:43:42,299 --> 00:43:40,450

method it is not a position as my friend

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00:43:44,789 --> 00:43:42,309

likes to say and no truer statement has

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00:43:47,460 --> 00:43:44,799

ever made so we can't really wrap

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00:43:48,690 --> 00:43:47,470

ourselves in the cloak of science it's

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00:43:51,300 --> 00:43:48,700

just a sign

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00:43:53,339 --> 00:43:51,310

tools in a box exact because it's a suit

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00:43:56,160 --> 00:43:53,349

look I want to live in the cause of it's

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00:43:59,099 --> 00:43:56,170

a set of tools that it's a set of tools

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00:44:02,609 --> 00:43:59,109

it doesn't mean anything it's just a way

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00:44:04,920 --> 00:44:02,619

of inquiry we can't say that it leads us

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00:44:07,319 --> 00:44:04,930

to some conclusion we can just say it's

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00:44:09,540 --> 00:44:07,329

a method of dis absolutely science will

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00:44:11,940 --> 00:44:09,550

lead you to say I think you and I are

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00:44:13,050 --> 00:44:11,950

simply approaching the term science from

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00:44:14,490 --> 00:44:13,060

different perspectives and you'll need

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00:44:16,349 --> 00:44:14,500

to forgive me I've only got a moment but

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00:44:17,490 --> 00:44:16,359

I'd like to continue I informed you

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00:44:20,520 --> 00:44:17,500

before the interview I got a tennis

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00:44:22,020 --> 00:44:20,530

match so I'm not I'm not ducking the

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00:44:23,520 --> 00:44:22,030

conversation I want to make sure that

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00:44:27,060 --> 00:44:23,530

people don't think oh my god is leaving

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00:44:29,160 --> 00:44:27,070

but I myself think that's exactly the

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00:44:31,109 --> 00:44:29,170

way you do it if I if I use the cause

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00:44:32,849 --> 00:44:31,119

and effect science evidence based method

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00:44:34,859 --> 00:44:32,859

yeah that does lead me to understanding

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00:44:37,589 --> 00:44:34,869

that does help me weed out the detritus

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00:44:39,660 --> 00:44:37,599

and and embrace what is sound has a

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00:44:41,609 --> 00:44:39,670

sound foundation and I think it is a

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00:44:44,280 --> 00:44:41,619

great way to live one's life you know to

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00:44:47,430 --> 00:44:44,290

live with an evidence-based perspective

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00:44:49,800 --> 00:44:47,440

I think I think that I I do embrace that

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00:44:52,260 --> 00:44:49,810

in in every area of my life that I can

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00:44:54,540 --> 00:44:52,270

why don't we leave it there with the

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00:44:56,760 --> 00:44:54,550

promise that I am going to give you some

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00:44:59,819 --> 00:44:56,770

evidence and hopefully you'll give me

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00:45:01,710 --> 00:44:59,829

some evidence in response to that and I

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00:45:03,059 --> 00:45:01,720

really look forward to having you know

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00:45:04,980 --> 00:45:03,069

reconvening because that's when I think

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00:45:08,400 --> 00:45:04,990

the dialogue gets interesting gets

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00:45:11,730 --> 00:45:08,410

beyond what we believe right now and

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00:45:13,290 --> 00:45:11,740

gets to where our beliefs might move in

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00:45:17,640 --> 00:45:13,300

the future which is I think what the

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00:45:20,870 --> 00:45:17,650

whole process is all about well yeah or

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00:45:23,460 --> 00:45:20,880

how about what we know what we can prove

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00:45:26,130 --> 00:45:23,470

that's what I'm more interested in you

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00:45:27,900 --> 00:45:26,140

know and it that's saying that's

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00:45:30,150 --> 00:45:27,910

semantics right i mean we're saying

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00:45:31,980 --> 00:45:30,160

follow the evidence and then you develop

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00:45:33,990 --> 00:45:31,990

beliefs from that evidence i mean the

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00:45:35,880 --> 00:45:34,000

evidence is never going to be one

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00:45:37,800 --> 00:45:35,890

hundred percent I better let you go

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00:45:38,910 --> 00:45:37,810

because I'm a tennis player too and

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00:45:40,319 --> 00:45:38,920

you're going to need some warm-up time

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00:45:41,880 --> 00:45:40,329

especially after that nap well I

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00:45:43,440 --> 00:45:41,890

appreciate the conversation the

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00:45:45,540 --> 00:45:43,450

opportunity to be involved you and I

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00:45:46,980 --> 00:45:45,550

stand probably on opposite sides of this

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00:45:48,690 --> 00:45:46,990

particular topic but it has been an

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00:45:51,130 --> 00:45:48,700

interesting discussion and I appreciate

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00:45:53,780 --> 00:45:51,140

the chance to be involved in it

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00:45:56,330 --> 00:45:53,790

thanks again to Seth Andrews for joining

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00:45:59,480 --> 00:45:56,340

me today on skeptic oh well as you might

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00:46:03,080 --> 00:45:59,490

imagine I have quite a bit to say about

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00:46:04,850 --> 00:46:03,090

that first interview now I had initially

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00:46:06,350 --> 00:46:04,860

thought that I'd wait to get both

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00:46:09,950 --> 00:46:06,360

interviews and publish them both

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00:46:11,240 --> 00:46:09,960

together but after emailing Seth we

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00:46:13,910 --> 00:46:11,250

decided that I should go ahead and

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00:46:16,430 --> 00:46:13,920

publish this first one get some listener

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00:46:20,300 --> 00:46:16,440

response and then we can follow up with

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00:46:22,730 --> 00:46:20,310

number two hopefully I say hopefully

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00:46:25,850 --> 00:46:22,740

because as you've seen on skeptic Oh a

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00:46:28,670 --> 00:46:25,860

lot of times hardcore skeptics hardcore

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00:46:30,290 --> 00:46:28,680

atheist usually run like heck when

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00:46:33,110 --> 00:46:30,300

they're really challenged in a debate

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00:46:35,630 --> 00:46:33,120

but hopefully we'll get Seth back on and

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00:46:37,970 --> 00:46:35,640

have a good in-depth debate on these

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00:46:41,210 --> 00:46:37,980

points but I first want to go over if I

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00:46:43,550 --> 00:46:41,220

can and really T up what my points are

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00:46:46,700 --> 00:46:43,560

so that seth has a real chance to

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00:46:49,300 --> 00:46:46,710

respond when he comes back on so here

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00:46:52,340 --> 00:46:49,310

are the four points that map out my

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00:46:56,390 --> 00:46:52,350

territory my position in this debate Oh

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00:46:59,630 --> 00:46:56,400

point one the core scientific question

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00:47:02,570 --> 00:46:59,640

behind a theorem is does mind equal brain

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00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:02,580

this is a simple proposition but as you

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00:47:07,310 --> 00:47:05,040

heard in this first discussion it's

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00:47:08,900 --> 00:47:07,320

really hard for atheists and a lot of

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00:47:10,970 --> 00:47:08,910

folks to wrap their head around this

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00:47:12,770 --> 00:47:10,980

Seth wanted to get sidetracked on

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00:47:15,020 --> 00:47:12,780

whether I believe in God or I'm hearing

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00:47:16,340 --> 00:47:15,030

voices and he didn't say it not sure he

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00:47:18,680 --> 00:47:16,350

would eventually have gotten around to

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00:47:21,200 --> 00:47:18,690

ask me whether I believe in evolution or

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00:47:23,360 --> 00:47:21,210

Noah's Ark or other stuff like that but

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00:47:25,730 --> 00:47:23,370

all this stuff is aside you it's a

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00:47:28,220 --> 00:47:25,740

distraction what Seth doesn't realize is

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00:47:30,470 --> 00:47:28,230

that there's this implied assumption in

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00:47:33,590 --> 00:47:30,480

the Atheist position the implied

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00:47:36,920 --> 00:47:33,600

assumption is what we call materialism

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00:47:39,680 --> 00:47:36,930

so I don't usually go to Wikipedia for

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00:47:41,930 --> 00:47:39,690

information for various reasons but here

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00:47:44,390 --> 00:47:41,940

is the Wikipedia definition for

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00:47:47,740 --> 00:47:44,400

materialism the theory of materialism

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00:47:50,720 --> 00:47:47,750

holds that only matter or energy exists

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00:47:52,570 --> 00:47:50,730

that all things are composed of material

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00:47:54,740 --> 00:47:52,580

and that all phenomena including

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00:47:58,070 --> 00:47:54,750

consciousness they have in parentheses

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00:47:59,810 --> 00:47:58,080

are the result of material actions

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00:48:03,110 --> 00:47:59,820

now what I'm saying is that everything

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00:48:05,360 --> 00:48:03,120

that atheists care about hinge on this

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00:48:07,640 --> 00:48:05,370

assumption being true here's why

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00:48:10,880 --> 00:48:07,650

consider this for a second what if

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00:48:13,070 --> 00:48:10,890

consciousness exists that is what if

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00:48:15,680 --> 00:48:13,080

that little voice inside your head is

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00:48:17,870 --> 00:48:15,690

something more than just your brain now

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00:48:20,960 --> 00:48:17,880

take that one small step further and ask

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00:48:23,120 --> 00:48:20,970

what if it survives after you die now

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00:48:24,770 --> 00:48:23,130

you can say that's a huge leap and we

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00:48:28,340 --> 00:48:24,780

don't need to go there but we do need to

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00:48:30,590 --> 00:48:28,350

ask that question if it's more than just

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00:48:32,660 --> 00:48:30,600

your brain but we don't have to ask it

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00:48:34,460 --> 00:48:32,670

if that little voice inside your head if

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00:48:36,710 --> 00:48:34,470

consciousness is all one hundred percent

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00:48:38,750 --> 00:48:36,720

your brain then we don't because we know

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00:48:40,940 --> 00:48:38,760

when you die your brain dies and

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00:48:42,710 --> 00:48:40,950

consciousness dies so that's a real

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00:48:45,020 --> 00:48:42,720

question and it's a question that

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00:48:47,930 --> 00:48:45,030

whether Seth realizes it or other

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00:48:50,960 --> 00:48:47,940

atheists realize it is really occupying

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00:48:52,640 --> 00:48:50,970

the mind of a lot of scientists so

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00:48:54,320 --> 00:48:52,650
during the interview i hammered Seth

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00:48:56,180 --> 00:48:54,330
pretty hard about mind equals brain my

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00:48:57,800 --> 00:48:56,190
nickels brain and he never seemed quite

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00:48:59,990 --> 00:48:57,810
understand what what's really at play

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00:49:01,640 --> 00:49:00,000
here but I think after he thinks about

1156
00:49:03,980 --> 00:49:01,650
it for a while and hopefully after he

1157
00:49:07,700 --> 00:49:03,990
listens to this interview he'll see that

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00:49:11,510 --> 00:49:07,710
this is really the core scientific issue

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00:49:15,320 --> 00:49:11,520
for atheists so let's move on to topic 2

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00:49:17,210 --> 00:49:15,330
and actually topic 2 3 & 4 are all my

1161
00:49:19,850 --> 00:49:17,220
supporting evidence for the idea that

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00:49:22,400 --> 00:49:19,860
mind equals brain really doesn't hold up

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00:49:25,300 --> 00:49:22,410

anymore and therefore atheism needs to

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00:49:28,100 --> 00:49:25,310

be reconsidered in light of this new

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00:49:30,370 --> 00:49:28,110

scientific evidence in much the same way

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00:49:33,740 --> 00:49:30,380

that Christianity needs to be

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00:49:35,600 --> 00:49:33,750

reconsidered in light of new biblical

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00:49:38,030 --> 00:49:35,610

scholarship or archaeological evidence

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00:49:41,090 --> 00:49:38,040

was really had quite a parallel there

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00:49:45,710 --> 00:49:41,100

but let me move on to topic to neural

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00:49:46,850 --> 00:49:45,720

plasticity violates mind equals brain we

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00:49:49,070 --> 00:49:46,860

spend a lot of time in the first year of

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00:49:51,230 --> 00:49:49,080

you talking about Schwartz from UCLA but

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00:49:52,850 --> 00:49:51,240

I want to try and tackle it again in a

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00:49:57,050 --> 00:49:52,860

way that Seth might be able to

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00:49:59,570 --> 00:49:57,060
understand so what Schwartz did was he

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00:50:02,510 --> 00:49:59,580
took a group of patients that had

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00:50:04,070 --> 00:50:02,520
obsessive compulsive disorder and he

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00:50:06,320 --> 00:50:04,080
sought to treat these patients by

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00:50:08,960 --> 00:50:06,330
teaching them how to meditate in a very

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00:50:10,600 --> 00:50:08,970
specific way and what he found was that

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00:50:11,660 --> 00:50:10,610
this not only relieved their

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00:50:14,510 --> 00:50:11,670
obsessive-compulsive

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00:50:17,359 --> 00:50:14,520
disorder their OCD but that the physical

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00:50:19,609 --> 00:50:17,369
structure of their brain changed as a

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00:50:21,530 --> 00:50:19,619
result of their meditation and he did

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00:50:23,809 --> 00:50:21,540
this by doing brain imaging before and

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00:50:25,970 --> 00:50:23,819

after and he's a very careful scientist

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00:50:29,450 --> 00:50:25,980

and physician and he knows what he's

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00:50:31,609 --> 00:50:29,460

doing moreover the relationship between

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00:50:33,289 --> 00:50:31,619

meditation and changes in the physical

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00:50:36,079 --> 00:50:33,299

brain is something that has been

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00:50:38,240 --> 00:50:36,089

confirmed by other research other labs

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00:50:40,849 --> 00:50:38,250

and you can search around for that and

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00:50:42,799 --> 00:50:40,859

pretty quickly find that so what does

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00:50:47,240 --> 00:50:42,809

all this mean what's the big deal well

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00:50:50,240 --> 00:50:47,250

here it is thought or abstract ideas are

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00:50:53,210 --> 00:50:50,250

in material things they're non-physical

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00:50:55,099 --> 00:50:53,220

things again Seth could never quite wrap

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00:50:56,839 --> 00:50:55,109

his head around this but if you think

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00:50:59,030 --> 00:50:56,849

about it for a while you'll see it's

1202

00:51:01,640 --> 00:50:59,040

really the only conclusion that you can

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00:51:04,819 --> 00:51:01,650

come to and let me try again with a

1204

00:51:07,130 --> 00:51:04,829

simple thought experiment that I think

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00:51:10,549 --> 00:51:07,140

will drive this home let's say you have

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00:51:13,280 --> 00:51:10,559

an idea a really good idea and it's

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00:51:16,099 --> 00:51:13,290

there in your head you might even think

1208

00:51:18,200 --> 00:51:16,109

that it's physically there in your head

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00:51:20,630 --> 00:51:18,210

that is that its thorn all those little

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00:51:22,430 --> 00:51:20,640

neurons and synapses in your brain okay

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00:51:24,260 --> 00:51:22,440

so you have this really great idea and

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00:51:27,319 --> 00:51:24,270

you don't want to lose it so you write

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00:51:29,150 --> 00:51:27,329

it down and then you die okay where is

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00:51:31,910 --> 00:51:29,160

the idea the neurons are gone the

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00:51:33,980 --> 00:51:31,920

synapses are gone where's the idea how

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00:51:36,319 --> 00:51:33,990

much does it weigh how big is it now you

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00:51:40,730 --> 00:51:36,329

can't really say it's in the ink on the

1218

00:51:42,530 --> 00:51:40,740

paper obviously it's not where is it now

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00:51:44,089 --> 00:51:42,540

we know that the idea still exists

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00:51:45,680 --> 00:51:44,099

because you wrote it down and like so

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00:51:47,780 --> 00:51:45,690

many ideas from the past that have it

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00:51:50,329 --> 00:51:47,790

written down someone else can pick it up

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00:51:52,099 --> 00:51:50,339

and get it inside their head and it's

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00:51:53,569 --> 00:51:52,109

not going to be quite the same inside

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00:51:56,000 --> 00:51:53,579

their head but you know we could line up

1226
00:51:57,859 --> 00:51:56,010
a thousand people and get it inside all

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00:51:59,630 --> 00:51:57,869
their heads and then we could ask him

1228
00:52:02,089 --> 00:51:59,640
questions and we could statistically

1229
00:52:04,220 --> 00:52:02,099
show that it's pretty much the same idea

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00:52:06,950 --> 00:52:04,230
we could do all that stuff that's

1231
00:52:09,770 --> 00:52:06,960
science and at the end of the day the

1232
00:52:13,240 --> 00:52:09,780
only conclusion we could come to is that

1233
00:52:16,130 --> 00:52:13,250
abstract ideas abstract thoughts are

1234
00:52:17,990 --> 00:52:16,140
non-physical so what what does all that

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00:52:19,849 --> 00:52:18,000
mean let's get back to Schwartz's

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00:52:23,000 --> 00:52:19,859
experiment what does it mean if a

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00:52:24,740 --> 00:52:23,010
non-physical idea that he taught to a

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00:52:27,200 --> 00:52:24,750

group of patients

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00:52:29,330 --> 00:52:27,210

can lead to physical changes in the

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00:52:31,250 --> 00:52:29,340

structure of the brain well it means that

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00:52:34,070 --> 00:52:31,260

this brain thing this thing that

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00:52:37,120 --> 00:52:34,080

atheists assumed generates consciousness

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00:52:40,910 --> 00:52:37,130

is being affected by non-physical things

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00:52:43,880 --> 00:52:40,920

called ideas it means that materialism

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00:52:46,910 --> 00:52:43,890

remember materialism all phenomena

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00:52:49,730 --> 00:52:46,920

including consciousness are the result

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00:52:52,730 --> 00:52:49,740

of material interactions well it means

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00:52:55,700 --> 00:52:52,740

that's been violated it means that mine

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00:52:58,460 --> 00:52:55,710

does not equal brain or maybe in this

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00:53:02,270 --> 00:52:58,470

case we should say brain does not equal

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00:53:04,730 --> 00:53:02,280
mind because if non-physical ideas can

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00:53:08,300 --> 00:53:04,740
shape the structure of our brain then we

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00:53:12,880 --> 00:53:08,310
have a major chicken or the egg problem

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00:53:16,400 --> 00:53:12,890
I mean what came first the idea or the

1255
00:53:18,740 --> 00:53:16,410
brain so that's point 2 and Seth's

1256
00:53:20,930 --> 00:53:18,750
shouldn't feel too bad about not getting

1257
00:53:23,570 --> 00:53:20,940
this point because as you remember dr.

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00:53:26,060 --> 00:53:23,580
Jerry Coyne didn't get it either and

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00:53:28,700 --> 00:53:26,070
he's a professor of biology at the

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00:53:31,300 --> 00:53:28,710
University of Chicago but but as you've

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00:53:33,890 --> 00:53:31,310
seen if you have some very hardcore

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00:53:36,500 --> 00:53:33,900
cherished beliefs that you don't want to

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00:53:38,870 --> 00:53:36,510

violate it's really hard to do any kind

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00:53:40,910 --> 00:53:38,880

of thinking on this topics and I think

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00:53:44,030 --> 00:53:40,920

that's the roadblock here because it's

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00:53:46,250 --> 00:53:44,040

not a hard concept so let's move on to

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00:53:49,340 --> 00:53:46,260

point three prominent skeptics have

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00:53:52,850 --> 00:53:49,350

already admitted that ESP sigh remote

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00:53:55,940 --> 00:53:52,860

viewing all of which by the way violate

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00:53:57,710 --> 00:53:55,950

mind equal brain well these guys have

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00:54:00,620 --> 00:53:57,720

already admitted that this stuff is

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00:54:04,280 --> 00:54:00,630

scientifically proven so look this one's

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00:54:06,290 --> 00:54:04,290

easy Seth says he doesn't believe in ESP

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00:54:08,390 --> 00:54:06,300

at the same time he says he's never

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00:54:10,400 --> 00:54:08,400

heard of Richard Wiseman and I'm sure

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00:54:13,190 --> 00:54:10,410

he's never heard of Dean Radin well

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00:54:15,680 --> 00:54:13,200

therefore he's saying that he's formed

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00:54:19,220 --> 00:54:15,690

these beliefs without ever looking at

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00:54:21,620 --> 00:54:19,230

the data period end of story because

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00:54:24,110 --> 00:54:21,630

Dean Radin has done more research into

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00:54:26,660 --> 00:54:24,120

ESP than almost anyone and he's

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00:54:28,220 --> 00:54:26,670

certainly at this time the go-to guy on

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00:54:30,680 --> 00:54:28,230

this subject and even though I don't

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00:54:32,990 --> 00:54:30,690

think much of Richard Wiseman he's more

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00:54:35,150 --> 00:54:33,000

or less the go-to guy in terms of being

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00:54:38,990 --> 00:54:35,160

an ESP sigh whatever term you want to

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00:54:41,060 --> 00:54:39,000

use skeptic so Seth he's a smart guy

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00:54:43,430 --> 00:54:41,070

studied a lot of other stuff but when it

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00:54:45,440 --> 00:54:43,440

comes to ESP we can say with confidence

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00:54:47,930 --> 00:54:45,450

that he doesn't know what he's talking

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00:54:51,350 --> 00:54:47,940

about that he's never looked at the data

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00:54:52,670 --> 00:54:51,360

never read any of the research but

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00:54:55,490 --> 00:54:52,680

here's the interesting part if you

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00:54:58,010 --> 00:54:55,500

remember from our interview Seth's major

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00:55:00,890 --> 00:54:58,020

push back was that he can't believe that

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00:55:03,140 --> 00:55:00,900

any real scientist let alone a skeptic

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00:55:05,690 --> 00:55:03,150

would say that since this stuff has been

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00:55:09,140 --> 00:55:05,700

proven that maybe we need a new standard

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00:55:13,480 --> 00:55:09,150

of proof Seth immediately recognized how

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00:55:16,100 --> 00:55:13,490

ridiculous this is at least initially

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00:55:19,190 --> 00:55:16,110

because let's see what happens after

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00:55:21,050 --> 00:55:19,200

he's infected with the skeptical virus

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00:55:22,910 --> 00:55:21,060

on this let's see what happens after he

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00:55:25,640 --> 00:55:22,920

talks to the politburo and gets the

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00:55:28,580 --> 00:55:25,650

official party line on this that's going

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00:55:31,700 --> 00:55:28,590

to be really really interesting to see

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00:55:34,300 --> 00:55:31,710

in here okay point for here it is the

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00:55:36,620 --> 00:55:34,310

evidence from nde research

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00:55:39,020 --> 00:55:36,630

overwhelmingly suggests the

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00:55:42,950 --> 00:55:39,030

consciousness in some way we don't fully

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00:55:45,980 --> 00:55:42,960

understand survives bodily death so this

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00:55:48,740 --> 00:55:45,990

doesn't just violate mind equals brain

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00:55:50,960 --> 00:55:48,750

it shatters it it shatters it in a way

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00:55:53,840 --> 00:55:50,970

that probably sends chills down the

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00:55:57,050 --> 00:55:53,850

spine of fundamentalist atheists like

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00:56:00,530 --> 00:55:57,060

Seth Andrews because now it's clear if

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00:56:03,470 --> 00:56:00,540

consciousness survives death then we

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00:56:05,240 --> 00:56:03,480

have to seriously consider all the other

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00:56:08,360 --> 00:56:05,250

stuff that generally falls into this

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00:56:10,760 --> 00:56:08,370

category called the spiritual because

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00:56:13,300 --> 00:56:10,770

let's face it survival of consciousness

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00:56:16,670 --> 00:56:13,310

is one of the core beliefs of just about

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00:56:19,420 --> 00:56:16,680

every religion in the world so if

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00:56:22,400 --> 00:56:19,430

atheists have to step back and say well

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00:56:25,610 --> 00:56:22,410

scientifically on that point it does

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00:56:28,610 --> 00:56:25,620

look like religion is right and were

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00:56:32,300 --> 00:56:28,620

wrong well as you can imagine the whole

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00:56:34,820 --> 00:56:32,310

thing starts to unravel now seth's take

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00:56:37,490 --> 00:56:34,830

on the nde research is that it's

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00:56:40,760 --> 00:56:37,500

hypocrisy oh well maybe well no not

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00:56:43,700 --> 00:56:40,770

really maybe you see it's not epoxy ax I

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00:56:46,070 --> 00:56:43,710

know because pinned on la mala former

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00:56:48,350 --> 00:56:46,080

guest ran experiments with real

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00:56:50,660 --> 00:56:48,360

near-death experiencers in a real

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00:56:52,710 --> 00:56:50,670

hospital for 20 years and he concluded

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00:56:55,260 --> 00:56:52,720

it's not haha

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00:56:57,750 --> 00:56:55,270

I know because jane holden former guest

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00:57:00,120 --> 00:56:57,760

and Bruce Grayson reviewed dozens of

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00:57:01,650 --> 00:57:00,130

published peer-reviewed studies many of

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00:57:03,750 --> 00:57:01,660

which they did themselves and they

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00:57:05,970 --> 00:57:03,760

concluded its not epoxy ax I know

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00:57:07,740 --> 00:57:05,980

because Jeff long former guest who's a

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00:57:10,440 --> 00:57:07,750

medical doctor working in a hospital

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00:57:12,540 --> 00:57:10,450

looked at thousands of cases of

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00:57:16,350 --> 00:57:12,550

near-death experience and he concluded

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00:57:18,420 --> 00:57:16,360

its not epoxy ax so please Seth come

1347

00:57:20,730 --> 00:57:18,430

back on skeptical and tell me why you

1348

00:57:24,030 --> 00:57:20,740

think in the ease are explainable by

1349

00:57:26,250 --> 00:57:24,040

hypoxia oh and please don't cite Michael

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00:57:28,470 --> 00:57:26,260

Shermer because he's never done any

1351
00:57:30,450 --> 00:57:28,480
near-death experience research and he's

1352
00:57:33,090 --> 00:57:30,460
just gonna cite people like Susan

1353
00:57:35,100 --> 00:57:33,100
Blackmore former guest who's already

1354
00:57:36,780 --> 00:57:35,110
admitted that she doesn't have a clue

1355
00:57:38,910 --> 00:57:36,790
what current research ended near death

1356
00:57:40,470 --> 00:57:38,920
experiences says and that she's not been

1357
00:57:43,230 --> 00:57:40,480
current in the field for the last 20

1358
00:57:45,660 --> 00:57:43,240
years and don't cite papers like mobs

1359
00:57:48,060 --> 00:57:45,670
and wat because we've talked to Carolyn

1360
00:57:51,060 --> 00:57:48,070
wat and she can't even explain the title

1361
00:57:53,250 --> 00:57:51,070
of her paper let alone why it's littered

1362
00:57:56,520 --> 00:57:53,260
with citation Harrison has some very

1363
00:57:59,010 --> 00:57:56,530

erroneous conclusions and if you really

1364

00:58:00,750 --> 00:57:59,020

want to cite Michael Persinger somebody

1365

00:58:02,670 --> 00:58:00,760

who brought up in the interview and

1366

00:58:05,100 --> 00:58:02,680

another former guest of this show and

1367

00:58:08,070 --> 00:58:05,110

all the god helmet stuff that he's done

1368

00:58:11,040 --> 00:58:08,080

be careful because while Persinger might

1369

00:58:13,920 --> 00:58:11,050

be somewhat of an NDE skeptic he also

1370

00:58:15,720 --> 00:58:13,930

maintains that he's proven ESP in his

1371

00:58:18,240 --> 00:58:15,730

lab so you're going to have a hard time

1372

00:58:21,030 --> 00:58:18,250

fitting him into your world view so

1373

00:58:25,830 --> 00:58:21,040

folks those are my four points those are

1374

00:58:27,720 --> 00:58:25,840

my territory if you will and Seth really

1375

00:58:29,850 --> 00:58:27,730

hoping you come back on I'll give you

1376

00:58:32,670 --> 00:58:29,860

the straight answer that you wanted your

1377

00:58:34,440 --> 00:58:32,680

yes no answer on do I believe in God

1378

00:58:36,720 --> 00:58:34,450

i'll actually i'll give it to you right

1379

00:58:39,720 --> 00:58:36,730

now i'll borrow it from raymond moody

1380

00:58:42,810 --> 00:58:39,730

another former guest and say i don't

1381

00:58:46,020 --> 00:58:42,820

believe in god but i have a relationship

1382

00:58:48,570 --> 00:58:46,030

with God now finally I've said many

1383

00:58:51,240 --> 00:58:48,580

times that skeptics don't like to debate

1384

00:58:53,190 --> 00:58:51,250

as you've seen on this show over and

1385

00:58:55,560 --> 00:58:53,200

over and over again they run from these

1386

00:58:57,930 --> 00:58:55,570

debates and when they get halfway into

1387

00:58:59,760 --> 00:58:57,940

them they run even faster because the

1388

00:59:03,000 --> 00:58:59,770

skeptical positions we're talking about

1389

00:59:06,299 --> 00:59:03,010

here are sheer nonsense and no one wants

1390

00:59:08,489 --> 00:59:06,309

it offend such silliness as for set even

1391

00:59:10,650 --> 00:59:08,499

he agreed to a two-part interview going

1392

00:59:12,809 --> 00:59:10,660

into this my guess is that he'll back

1393

00:59:15,929 --> 00:59:12,819

out around two with some high-minded

1394

00:59:21,109 --> 00:59:15,939

statement about my agenda yeah I got an

1395

00:59:24,660 --> 00:59:21,119

agenda follow the data wherever it leads

1396

00:59:28,079 --> 00:59:24,670

okay I have an update seth has backed

1397

00:59:29,640 --> 00:59:28,089

out of the second interview now you know

1398

00:59:31,589 --> 00:59:29,650

I shouldn't be surprised I even said

1399

00:59:33,299 --> 00:59:31,599

when i recorded my closing to the first

1400

00:59:34,650 --> 00:59:33,309

interview that I hey this guy's going to

1401

00:59:37,410 --> 00:59:34,660

back out and he's going to say some

1402

00:59:39,420 --> 00:59:37,420

high-minded stuff about my agenda but I

1403

00:59:41,699 --> 00:59:39,430

didn't think he really would I mean he's

1404

00:59:44,249 --> 00:59:41,709

the thinking atheist he's the only

1405

00:59:46,679 --> 00:59:44,259

chance we ever someone who says they're

1406

00:59:49,199 --> 00:59:46,689

really going to dig in and think about

1407

00:59:52,319 --> 00:59:49,209

this stuff and yet he's backed out I

1408

00:59:55,920 --> 00:59:52,329

have to read you some of these emails it

1409

00:59:58,229 --> 00:59:55,930

is so much of what our dialogue on

1410

00:59:59,880 --> 00:59:58,239

skeptic 0 is about so here's how it

1411

01:00:03,029 --> 00:59:59,890

transpired immediately after the

1412

01:00:04,739 --> 01:00:03,039

interview i sent Seth an email I laid

1413

01:00:08,489 --> 01:00:04,749

out just like I did for you a minute ago

1414

01:00:12,479 --> 01:00:08,499

the 4 points links to Jeffery Schwartz

1415

01:00:14,249 --> 01:00:12,489

links to Dean Radin Richard Wiseman all

1416

01:00:16,199 --> 01:00:14,259

that stuff and at the end of that email

1417

01:00:18,719 --> 01:00:16,209

I give Seth two options I said look we

1418

01:00:20,549 --> 01:00:18,729

can schedule another dialog / debate in

1419

01:00:23,069 --> 01:00:20,559

a couple weeks or I can publish what we

1420

01:00:25,439 --> 01:00:23,079

just did along with my comments and see

1421

01:00:28,109 --> 01:00:25,449

what listeners think before we try again

1422

01:00:29,759 --> 01:00:28,119

and I asked his opinion on that so in

1423

01:00:31,259 --> 01:00:29,769

this first email response to me he's

1424

01:00:32,969 --> 01:00:31,269

already back pedaling a little bit but

1425

01:00:34,650 --> 01:00:32,979

he's still in the game he says whatever

1426

01:00:36,809 --> 01:00:34,660

it's fine play the interview and let's

1427

01:00:38,370 --> 01:00:36,819

see what happens he says I think the

1428

01:00:40,559 --> 01:00:38,380

Atheist community and religious

1429

01:00:43,169 --> 01:00:40,569

community grow frustrated because your

1430

01:00:44,669 --> 01:00:43,179

assertions attempt to create a hybrid I

1431

01:00:46,499 --> 01:00:44,679

don't know where he's going with that

1432

01:00:47,849 --> 01:00:46,509

but it says go ahead and publish the

1433

01:00:50,759 --> 01:00:47,859

first to interview and we'll go from

1434

01:00:52,829 --> 01:00:50,769

there so then maybe an hour later I get

1435

01:00:54,900 --> 01:00:52,839

the next email from Seth it's not

1436

01:00:56,609 --> 01:00:54,910

practical to read the whole thing to you

1437

01:00:59,459 --> 01:00:56,619

here but I'll give you some of the

1438

01:01:01,410 --> 01:00:59,469

highlights he says Alex my tennis match

1439

01:01:03,660 --> 01:01:01,420

just got canceled a few minutes ago due

1440

01:01:04,859 --> 01:01:03,670

to rain go figure I do appreciate the

1441

01:01:07,979 --> 01:01:04,869

opportunity to be a guest on your show

1442

01:01:10,289 --> 01:01:07,989

if I can be honest and that's been the

1443

01:01:12,449 --> 01:01:10,299

case all evening I guess I feel like

1444

01:01:14,579 --> 01:01:12,459

I've been participating in a religious

1445

01:01:16,529 --> 01:01:14,589

show he goes on to say personally I

1446

01:01:18,839 --> 01:01:16,539

can't participate on the same tier as

1447

01:01:19,880 --> 01:01:18,849

you because I see you're measuring

1448

01:01:23,150 --> 01:01:19,890

sticks as

1449

01:01:26,450 --> 01:01:23,160

suspect near death experiences reports

1450

01:01:29,990 --> 01:01:26,460

of esps and copious amounts of chatter

1451
01:01:32,750 --> 01:01:30,000
on external consciousness I've come from

1452
01:01:34,460 --> 01:01:32,760
a belief in such things and rejected

1453
01:01:35,870 --> 01:01:34,470
them send me the name of the ESP

1454
01:01:37,609 --> 01:01:35,880
scientist guy and I'm gonna have to

1455
01:01:40,940 --> 01:01:37,619
think about whether or not up for

1456
01:01:42,799 --> 01:01:40,950
another hour of this so now next our

1457
01:01:44,900 --> 01:01:42,809
emails are kind of crossing each other

1458
01:01:47,059 --> 01:01:44,910
i'm sending him and he's sending me at

1459
01:01:49,970 --> 01:01:47,069
the same time and in the process of me

1460
01:01:53,660 --> 01:01:49,980
sending this next email Seth sends me an

1461
01:01:57,500 --> 01:01:53,670
email and says Alex just saw the part

1462
01:01:59,329 --> 01:01:57,510
about part 2 that is my email exchange

1463
01:02:00,859 --> 01:01:59,339

with them initially that said we're

1464

01:02:02,269 --> 01:02:00,869

going to do this in two parts we're have

1465

01:02:04,099 --> 01:02:02,279

a two-part thing which I explained the

1466

01:02:06,740 --> 01:02:04,109

whole thing to him he says I just saw

1467

01:02:11,180 --> 01:02:06,750

the part about talk to my apologies I'll

1468

01:02:13,880 --> 01:02:11,190

do the second interview as I agreed

1469

01:02:15,259 --> 01:02:13,890

remember that so in the meantime while

1470

01:02:20,029 --> 01:02:15,269

he was sending me that short little

1471

01:02:21,740 --> 01:02:20,039

email I sent him this email Seth I think

1472

01:02:24,200 --> 01:02:21,750

there's plenty of fire to make for a

1473

01:02:26,630 --> 01:02:24,210

good follow-up debate smiley face I

1474

01:02:30,019 --> 01:02:26,640

think many atheists despite a lot of

1475

01:02:32,329 --> 01:02:30,029

bluster are lazy thinkers if you want to

1476

01:02:33,970 --> 01:02:32,339

know about nde research go to the guys

1477

01:02:36,980 --> 01:02:33,980

who publish in peer-reviewed journals

1478

01:02:39,230 --> 01:02:36,990

not popular professional skeptics like

1479

01:02:41,779 --> 01:02:39,240

Michael Shermer who gets slapped around

1480

01:02:44,120 --> 01:02:41,789

by researchers like pin Val namal if you

1481

01:02:46,309 --> 01:02:44,130

want to understand ESP look at Dean

1482

01:02:49,220 --> 01:02:46,319

Radin published more than anyone not

1483

01:02:51,799 --> 01:02:49,230

gestures like James Randi you think I'm

1484

01:02:54,650 --> 01:02:51,809

driving an agenda I think you are that

1485

01:02:56,329 --> 01:02:54,660

makes for a good debate smiley face but

1486

01:02:58,759 --> 01:02:56,339

that's also why we have to get beyond

1487

01:03:01,700 --> 01:02:58,769

what you think and what I think and hash

1488

01:03:03,319 --> 01:03:01,710

out the data so here's the next email i

1489

01:03:05,690 --> 01:03:03,329

get from seven here's where things

1490

01:03:07,460 --> 01:03:05,700

really go off the rails you've heard

1491

01:03:10,099 --> 01:03:07,470

this before if you listen to skeptic oh

1492

01:03:13,220 --> 01:03:10,109

so here's the email i received from Seth

1493

01:03:16,400 --> 01:03:13,230

the following morning well I did some

1494

01:03:19,130 --> 01:03:16,410

digging and I apparently confused you

1495

01:03:21,319 --> 01:03:19,140

with skeptic oh that's CEO and it would

1496

01:03:24,140 --> 01:03:21,329

appear that i'm not the only one who got

1497

01:03:26,059 --> 01:03:24,150

caught in that oversight talk about

1498

01:03:28,730 --> 01:03:26,069

being infected with the atheists

1499

01:03:30,410 --> 01:03:28,740

skeptical virus he's obviously read some

1500

01:03:32,569 --> 01:03:30,420

stuff on the internet now right

1501

01:03:34,670 --> 01:03:32,579

I was also given the impression that we

1502

01:03:37,160 --> 01:03:34,680

were going to discuss my former faith

1503

01:03:39,650 --> 01:03:37,170

and the often soft approach I take

1504

01:03:42,950 --> 01:03:39,660

towards believers among the hardliners

1505

01:03:45,589 --> 01:03:42,960

instead we spent an hour walking down a

1506

01:03:47,990 --> 01:03:45,599

path of psychobabble interesting and

1507

01:03:51,410 --> 01:03:48,000

seeing you lead me towards validating

1508

01:03:54,200 --> 01:03:51,420

your own agenda it was disingenuous and

1509

01:03:57,289 --> 01:03:54,210

poor form I'm not interested in

1510

01:03:59,539 --> 01:03:57,299

reappearing Seth ok so we slept on

1511

01:04:02,480 --> 01:03:59,549

things and he's read some blog posts and

1512

01:04:04,910 --> 01:04:02,490

he's read some comments good deal my

1513

01:04:07,579 --> 01:04:04,920

response Seth come on you look silly

1514

01:04:10,460 --> 01:04:07,589

here you confused me with skeptic oh

1515

01:04:12,530 --> 01:04:10,470

really how I sent you the link to my

1516

01:04:15,260 --> 01:04:12,540

site i sent you a list of my former

1517

01:04:18,799 --> 01:04:15,270

guests your statement is not credible

1518

01:04:20,809 --> 01:04:18,809

moreover my original email may clear my

1519

01:04:22,640 --> 01:04:20,819

intentions and then I quote him the

1520

01:04:24,349 --> 01:04:22,650

original email that I sent and I

1521

01:04:26,510 --> 01:04:24,359

highlighted the part we've hosted many

1522

01:04:29,180 --> 01:04:26,520

debates with prominent atheist

1523

01:04:31,309 --> 01:04:29,190

Christians and consciousness researchers

1524

01:04:33,980 --> 01:04:31,319

what would have to add that this wasn't

1525

01:04:35,599 --> 01:04:33,990

just one email he sent me back and then

1526

01:04:37,190 --> 01:04:35,609

I send the part about the two-part

1527

01:04:39,049 --> 01:04:37,200

interview and he was in agreement of all

1528

01:04:41,839 --> 01:04:39,059

that so it is completely not credible

1529

01:04:44,510 --> 01:04:41,849

back to my email to him again your claim

1530

01:04:46,309 --> 01:04:44,520

that I misled you is not credible look

1531

01:04:48,530 --> 01:04:46,319

Seth we don't have to be buddies to

1532

01:04:51,260 --> 01:04:48,540

debate this stuff but running from an

1533

01:04:53,720 --> 01:04:51,270

honest debate gets us nowhere you wind

1534

01:04:56,180 --> 01:04:53,730

up looking exactly like the dogmatic

1535

01:04:58,640 --> 01:04:56,190

Christians you rail against for not

1536

01:05:01,069 --> 01:04:58,650

being willing to think hope you'll

1537

01:05:03,170 --> 01:05:01,079

reconsider you twice agreed to come back

1538

01:05:04,640 --> 01:05:03,180

on both before and after the initial

1539

01:05:07,609 --> 01:05:04,650

interview you're going to look pretty

1540

01:05:10,220 --> 01:05:07,619

silly if you back down now to which Seth

1541

01:05:12,140 --> 01:05:10,230

responded rather tersely no it's my

1542

01:05:14,690 --> 01:05:12,150

fault for not doing due diligence I

1543

01:05:17,539 --> 01:05:14,700

think you've got plenty of material I'm

1544

01:05:19,760 --> 01:05:17,549

out to which I replied you're just

1545

01:05:21,680 --> 01:05:19,770

ducking a debate parenthetically because

1546

01:05:23,750 --> 01:05:21,690

you're afraid to lose I've seen it over

1547

01:05:26,980 --> 01:05:23,760

and over again atheism is as much about

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01:05:29,329 --> 01:05:26,990

don't challenge my cherished beliefs as

1549

01:05:32,150 --> 01:05:29,339

Christianity you're not going to look

1550

01:05:35,180 --> 01:05:32,160

good on this one to which Seth replied I

1551
01:05:37,730 --> 01:05:35,190
think this is the tone that most alarms

1552
01:05:40,430 --> 01:05:37,740
me the painting the insinuation of

1553
01:05:43,470 --> 01:05:40,440
cowardice the schoolyard taunts and

1554
01:05:46,140 --> 01:05:43,480
attempt to elicit the desired reaction

1555
01:05:48,840 --> 01:05:46,150
this is not how mature people conduct

1556
01:05:51,810 --> 01:05:48,850
themselves it's certainly not a mindset

1557
01:05:57,090 --> 01:05:51,820
or tactic I'm obligated to entertain

1558
01:05:59,520 --> 01:05:57,100
that is all Seth my response again not

1559
01:06:01,530 --> 01:05:59,530
credible we talked for an hour we found

1560
01:06:03,750 --> 01:06:01,540
many points of agreement some points of

1561
01:06:05,970 --> 01:06:03,760
disagreement it was a civil pleasant

1562
01:06:08,760 --> 01:06:05,980
conversation the follow-up would be the

1563
01:06:10,890 --> 01:06:08,770

same no shouting down of your ideas no

1564

01:06:13,440 --> 01:06:10,900

cutting off of your opportunity to make

1565

01:06:16,349 --> 01:06:13,450

your case regarding insinuations of

1566

01:06:18,180 --> 01:06:16,359

cowardice will Seth you're ducking out

1567

01:06:21,150 --> 01:06:18,190

of a debate because you don't have a

1568

01:06:23,370 --> 01:06:21,160

good response to my points you can call

1569

01:06:25,620 --> 01:06:23,380

that whatever you will we don't agree on

1570

01:06:28,349 --> 01:06:25,630

some stuff it's not always going to be

1571

01:06:31,440 --> 01:06:28,359

pretty but I don't see how you can so

1572

01:06:34,140 --> 01:06:31,450

blatantly trample all over your stated

1573

01:06:37,050 --> 01:06:34,150

mission statement of challenge the

1574

01:06:40,170 --> 01:06:37,060

opposition and start thinking your

1575

01:06:42,270 --> 01:06:40,180

excuses for not coming back on are going

1576

01:06:44,160 --> 01:06:42,280

to look pretty transparent you've

1577

01:06:47,040 --> 01:06:44,170

already contradicted yourself several

1578

01:06:49,050 --> 01:06:47,050

times in this email exchange I'm not

1579

01:06:51,990 --> 01:06:49,060

trying to be nasty but then again these

1580

01:06:54,060 --> 01:06:52,000

are hard conversations to have and a

1581

01:06:58,370 --> 01:06:54,070

certain amount of brutal honesty is

1582

01:07:02,550 --> 01:06:58,380

necessary and that's the last I heard

1583

01:07:06,060 --> 01:07:02,560

from Seth Andrews so at this point I

1584

01:07:08,099 --> 01:07:06,070

have to ask for some help if you're an

1585

01:07:09,330 --> 01:07:08,109

atheist or a skeptic materialist

1586

01:07:12,420 --> 01:07:09,340

reduction is whatever you call yourself

1587

01:07:14,370 --> 01:07:12,430

and you know someone who can pick up the

1588

01:07:17,609 --> 01:07:14,380

gauntlet who can make the case who can

1589

01:07:20,310 --> 01:07:17,619

respond to the points that I've made get

1590

01:07:23,280 --> 01:07:20,320

a Mon skeptical or ask them to invite me

1591

01:07:27,060 --> 01:07:23,290

on their show again anywhere anytime

1592

01:07:29,670 --> 01:07:27,070

with anyone anyone as long as they're a

1593

01:07:33,000 --> 01:07:29,680

serious public figure I mean Seth

1594

01:07:36,359 --> 01:07:33,010

Andrews the thinking atheist has 96

1595

01:07:39,510 --> 01:07:36,369

thousand followers on YouTube that makes

1596

01:07:42,420 --> 01:07:39,520

him someone worth talking to so anyone

1597

01:07:44,220 --> 01:07:42,430

like that I'm willing to talk to why

1598

01:07:46,260 --> 01:07:44,230

aren't they willing to debate me what

1599

01:07:47,970 --> 01:07:46,270

are they afraid of or if you don't want

1600

01:07:51,870 --> 01:07:47,980

to do that here's another suggestion

1601
01:07:54,180 --> 01:07:51,880
okay stop being a frickin atheist for a

1602
01:07:56,890 --> 01:07:54,190
minute and look at the bay to look at

1603
01:07:59,200 --> 01:07:56,900
the evidence stop being led around

1604
01:08:01,740 --> 01:07:59,210
by a group of people who promised to

1605
01:08:05,050 --> 01:08:01,750
cure you of your Christian brainwashing

1606
01:08:09,550 --> 01:08:05,060
only to infect you with the atheism

1607
01:08:12,430 --> 01:08:09,560
virus be a free thinker do SF Andrew

1608
01:08:18,100 --> 01:08:12,440
says as opposed to what he really does

1609
01:08:19,930 --> 01:08:18,110
and think okay enough of that hey thanks

1610
01:08:22,330 --> 01:08:19,940
for joining me it's been an interesting

1611
01:08:24,970 --> 01:08:22,340
little ride here with the thinking

1612
01:08:27,040 --> 01:08:24,980
atheist if you would like to join in a

1613
01:08:29,230 --> 01:08:27,050

dialogue on this show and I really hope

1614

01:08:30,910 --> 01:08:29,240

you will but what your take is as long

1615

01:08:33,160 --> 01:08:30,920

as your civil and want to have a real

1616

01:08:35,800 --> 01:08:33,170

dialogue we'd love to have that dialogue

1617

01:08:38,980 --> 01:08:35,810

with you the place to do that is the

1618

01:08:42,490 --> 01:08:38,990

skeptic Oh website it's at sk-ii pti k

1619

01:08:44,830 --> 01:08:42,500

oh don't get confused like Seth and put

1620

01:08:46,510 --> 01:08:44,840

a/c in there it's a K and there you'll

1621

01:08:48,520 --> 01:08:46,520

find our forum where you can engage in

1622

01:08:50,350 --> 01:08:48,530

this dialogue also have the comment

1623

01:08:52,180 --> 01:08:50,360

section of the website which has this

1624

01:08:55,240 --> 01:08:52,190

new format which I really think is quite

1625

01:08:57,160 --> 01:08:55,250

nice from discussed that will I think

1626

01:08:59,260 --> 01:08:57,170

engage people more and allow us to have

1627

01:09:02,080 --> 01:08:59,270

more of a dialogue and then finally you

1628

01:09:04,210 --> 01:09:02,090

can email or facebook me from the

1629

01:09:06,700 --> 01:09:04,220

website you'll also find their links to

1630

01:09:09,520 --> 01:09:06,710

all our previous shows over 180 of them

1631

01:09:11,950 --> 01:09:09,530

you can download them all for free many

1632

01:09:14,320 --> 01:09:11,960

more shows coming up stay with me for