



**DON'T WORRY
THERE PROBABLY IS
AN AFTERLIFE**

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00:00:12,110 --> 00:00:09,230
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:15,020 --> 00:00:12,120
with Greg Taylor about his new book stop

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00:00:16,730 --> 00:00:15,030
worrying there probably is in afterlife

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00:00:18,560 --> 00:00:16,740
that's what really kicked off that

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00:00:21,439 --> 00:00:18,570
deathbed vision chapter when I read a

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00:00:23,330 --> 00:00:21,449
Peter Phoenix paper with Hilary love

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00:00:25,790 --> 00:00:23,340
license ooh brain comfort for the dying

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00:00:28,009 --> 00:00:25,800
now they surveyed 38 carers palliative

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00:00:30,019 --> 00:00:28,019
care is including doctors nurses anybody

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00:00:32,870 --> 00:00:30,029
involved in that their statistics showed

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00:00:34,790 --> 00:00:32,880
that at least 60% had stories of

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00:00:37,010 --> 00:00:34,800
deathbed visions and the like you know

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00:00:39,799 --> 00:00:37,020

so it's more than half of all those

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00:00:41,600 --> 00:00:39,809

carers report these things and and then

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00:00:43,040 --> 00:00:41,610

when I went to you know McConville in

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00:00:46,220 --> 00:00:43,050

Ireland and then there's an American

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00:00:47,930 --> 00:00:46,230

study that had like 500 participants and

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00:00:50,600 --> 00:00:47,940

they're all around that 60 to 70 percent

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00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:50,610

of palliative care is say that they've

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00:00:55,130 --> 00:00:53,160

experienced these these things so yeah

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00:00:57,110 --> 00:00:55,140

it's just a massive amount and it's very

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00:00:59,029 --> 00:00:57,120

common and yet we hardly hear negative

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00:01:02,240 --> 00:00:59,039

experiences get all this media attention

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00:01:04,759 --> 00:01:02,250

and deathbed visions you know they don't

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00:01:17,490 --> 00:01:04,769

seem to rate the same attention stay

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00:01:21,279 --> 00:01:19,660
welcome to skeptic Oh where we explore

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00:01:23,679 --> 00:01:21,289
controversial science with leading

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00:01:25,719 --> 00:01:23,689
researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:27,940 --> 00:01:25,729
I'm your host Alex Icarus and on this

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00:01:30,700 --> 00:01:27,950
episode Greg Taylor as you just heard

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00:01:33,279 --> 00:01:30,710
joins us to talk about his new book stop

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00:01:36,069 --> 00:01:33,289
worrying there probably is an afterlife

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00:01:37,870 --> 00:01:36,079
if you know Greg from the daily Grail

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00:01:40,419 --> 00:01:37,880
website then you know that he's a solid

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00:01:43,059 --> 00:01:40,429
researcher who really digs into his

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00:01:45,340 --> 00:01:43,069
topic to understand all angles before he

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00:01:47,380 --> 00:01:45,350
speaks and this book is certainly no

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00:01:49,539 --> 00:01:47,390

exception I learned a lot from this book

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00:01:51,429 --> 00:01:49,549

and from this interview and I hope you

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00:01:53,889 --> 00:01:51,439

do too and I hope it's not too late for

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00:01:56,230 --> 00:01:53,899

you to pick up this book at Amazon and

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00:01:58,600 --> 00:01:56,240

maybe give it to someone as a Christmas

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00:01:59,830 --> 00:01:58,610

gift oh and one other thing before I get

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00:02:02,169 --> 00:01:59,840

to the interview I do have to apologize

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00:02:05,440 --> 00:02:02,179

the audio quality on this interview is

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00:02:08,859 --> 00:02:05,450

not great I accidentally had the wrong

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00:02:11,680 --> 00:02:08,869

mic turned on and my little studio here

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00:02:13,930 --> 00:02:11,690

and that was talking into one mic and

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00:02:15,370 --> 00:02:13,940

being recorded with another mic I hope

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00:02:17,229 --> 00:02:15,380

you do stay with that there's a lot of

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00:02:19,809 --> 00:02:17,239
good information in there here's my

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00:02:22,630 --> 00:02:19,819
interview with Greg Taylor today we

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00:02:25,630 --> 00:02:22,640
welcome Greg Taylor to skeptic Oh Greg

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00:02:28,120 --> 00:02:25,640
is the creator of the amazing stalwart

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00:02:31,750 --> 00:02:28,130
of paranormal websites that daily Grail

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00:02:33,520 --> 00:02:31,760
which has been going strong for I don't

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00:02:36,849 --> 00:02:33,530
know I think probably longer than the

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00:02:39,490 --> 00:02:36,859
Internet has been around but Greg also

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00:02:42,280 --> 00:02:39,500
has a new book out now called top Oren

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00:02:45,250 --> 00:02:42,290
there probably is an afterlife something

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00:02:47,979 --> 00:02:45,260
that is right up our alley here on

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00:02:50,650 --> 00:02:47,989
skeptic oh so Greg was a guest on our

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00:02:52,809 --> 00:02:50,660

show over four years ago great pleasure

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00:02:55,270 --> 00:02:52,819

to welcome you back Greg thanks for

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00:02:57,460 --> 00:02:55,280

joining me on skeptic Oh pleasure to be

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00:03:00,039 --> 00:02:57,470

here do you know what I thought we might

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00:03:01,660 --> 00:03:00,049

start with since I think a lot of people

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00:03:04,539 --> 00:03:01,670

probably are familiar with the daily

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00:03:07,420 --> 00:03:04,549

Grail a lot of the folks aren't let's

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00:03:11,259 --> 00:03:07,430

start there tell folks about the daily

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00:03:13,720 --> 00:03:11,269

Grail what you do there what's been

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00:03:16,500 --> 00:03:13,730

happening there how it started just the

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00:03:19,660 --> 00:03:16,510

basic rundown on the daily Grail website

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00:03:22,000 --> 00:03:19,670

okay yeah the daily growl is basically a

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00:03:24,310 --> 00:03:22,010

website that's devoted to news on

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00:03:25,210 --> 00:03:24,320
Science and History and anything sort of

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00:03:27,610 --> 00:03:25,220
on the fringe

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00:03:30,400 --> 00:03:27,620
of the mainstream you know we don't go

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00:03:31,840 --> 00:03:30,410
too far we're not into total what people

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00:03:33,520 --> 00:03:31,850
you know the wacko territory of people

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00:03:35,440 --> 00:03:33,530
just losing the foot completely we're

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00:03:37,870 --> 00:03:35,450
just testing those edges of science and

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00:03:39,970 --> 00:03:37,880
history which a lot of Orthodox

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00:03:42,280 --> 00:03:39,980
scientists would say we're whoo in the

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00:03:44,680 --> 00:03:42,290
words of Randy or someone like that but

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00:03:47,770 --> 00:03:44,690
you know I don't think science or

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00:03:49,180 --> 00:03:47,780
anything can move forward unless people

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00:03:51,880 --> 00:03:49,190

keep pushing those boundaries of the

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00:03:55,150 --> 00:03:51,890

edges of science and history so that's

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00:03:57,699 --> 00:03:55,160

what the site's devoted to it started 15

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00:04:00,340 --> 00:03:57,709

years ago now so it's been going a long

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00:04:02,350 --> 00:04:00,350

time and it's just evolved over time

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00:04:03,850 --> 00:04:02,360

originally I was more interested in a

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00:04:08,080 --> 00:04:03,860

lot of the history things that's what I

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00:04:10,000 --> 00:04:08,090

sort of grew up with and since then as

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00:04:11,890 --> 00:04:10,010

times gone on I've become more and more

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00:04:13,510 --> 00:04:11,900

interested in matters of consciousness

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00:04:16,420 --> 00:04:13,520

which i think really is the big fringe

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00:04:17,620 --> 00:04:16,430

area of science as much as science you

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00:04:19,390 --> 00:04:17,630

know I watch to claim they know what's

101
00:04:23,170 --> 00:04:19,400
happening with the mind really we still

102
00:04:25,420 --> 00:04:23,180
have no idea so that's taken a lot of my

103
00:04:27,640 --> 00:04:25,430
time over recent years and has ended up

104
00:04:29,530 --> 00:04:27,650
in the book that I've just written why

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00:04:31,000 --> 00:04:29,540
this book is maybe you answered that

106
00:04:33,040 --> 00:04:31,010
earlier when you said that do you feel

107
00:04:34,990 --> 00:04:33,050
like you cite the daily grill has

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00:04:37,450 --> 00:04:35,000
shifted more and more into the

109
00:04:39,790 --> 00:04:37,460
consciousness area why did you feel the

110
00:04:41,980 --> 00:04:39,800
need to tackle this survival of

111
00:04:42,940 --> 00:04:41,990
consciousness issue near-death

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00:04:46,240 --> 00:04:42,950
experience

113
00:04:48,370 --> 00:04:46,250

deathbed visions and all the rest it's

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00:04:50,980 --> 00:04:48,380

just become an area that has really

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00:04:52,900 --> 00:04:50,990

interested me and I was actually amazed

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00:04:54,969 --> 00:04:52,910

that once I started digging in how much

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00:04:57,340 --> 00:04:54,979

information you know the general public

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00:04:59,020 --> 00:04:57,350

knows a lot about near-death experiences

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00:05:00,570 --> 00:04:59,030

you know that seems to be news that gets

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00:05:02,950 --> 00:05:00,580

out there in the mainstream a lot but

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00:05:04,420 --> 00:05:02,960

and when I started looking at deathbed

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00:05:06,100 --> 00:05:04,430

visions which is the whole chapter on

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00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:06,110

deathbed visions or end-of-life

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00:05:10,180 --> 00:05:08,960

phenomenon there's just some amazing

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00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:10,190

things in there

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00:05:13,840 --> 00:05:11,600

Peter Phoenix done some amazing work

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00:05:16,630 --> 00:05:13,850

there research the things that he's

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00:05:18,010 --> 00:05:16,640

showing up yeah and I think a lot of

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00:05:19,750 --> 00:05:18,020

people weren't aware of that and even

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00:05:21,219 --> 00:05:19,760

now that I've released it there's a lot

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00:05:22,840 --> 00:05:21,229

of people that I thought knew a lot

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00:05:25,270 --> 00:05:22,850

about these topics and they're coming

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00:05:27,490 --> 00:05:25,280

back to me saying wow you know I just

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00:05:29,650 --> 00:05:27,500

did not know that this is amazing so

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00:05:32,230 --> 00:05:29,660

yeah that was the whole goal of the book

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00:05:34,060 --> 00:05:32,240

is to get this information that if you

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00:05:35,380 --> 00:05:34,070

dig into it a bit you start seeing but

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:35,390

just isn't getting out there to the

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00:05:39,100 --> 00:05:38,479

mainstream a lot and also just to you

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00:05:40,720 --> 00:05:39,110

know I think

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00:05:42,760 --> 00:05:40,730

you know you'd know as well as I do that

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00:05:45,190 --> 00:05:42,770

skeptics starting are starting to like

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00:05:47,290 --> 00:05:45,200

win that whole dialogue in the public of

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00:05:49,540 --> 00:05:47,300

you know shutting down anything that's

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00:05:51,790 --> 00:05:49,550

to do with this topic and I just wanted

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00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:51,800

to get a book out there that wasn't all

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00:05:56,170 --> 00:05:54,560

a new-age issue it was just going

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00:05:57,880 --> 00:05:56,180

through the actual scientific research

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00:05:59,650 --> 00:05:57,890

and saying look this seems to be

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00:06:01,840 --> 00:05:59,660

something interesting happening here you

151
00:06:03,640 --> 00:06:01,850
know maybe maybe it is maybe it isn't

152
00:06:05,440 --> 00:06:03,650
but we deserve to look at these things

153
00:06:07,450 --> 00:06:05,450
more honestly and openly than we are at

154
00:06:09,220 --> 00:06:07,460
the moment well I think you did a really

155
00:06:12,490 --> 00:06:09,230
nice job of it first of all it's

156
00:06:14,320 --> 00:06:12,500
extremely well written I was surprised

157
00:06:17,230 --> 00:06:14,330
it was well written but I mean it's it's

158
00:06:19,570 --> 00:06:17,240
really well written it's it's accessible

159
00:06:22,660 --> 00:06:19,580
and one hand on the other hand it has a

160
00:06:24,790 --> 00:06:22,670
lot of great content as is evidenced by

161
00:06:26,620 --> 00:06:24,800
the more than twenty pages of notes and

162
00:06:30,040 --> 00:06:26,630
citations that you'll find in the back

163
00:06:32,920 --> 00:06:30,050

so you must have really done a pretty

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00:06:36,430 --> 00:06:32,930

extensive job of covering your reading

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00:06:39,190 --> 00:06:36,440

list before doing this book what what

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00:06:41,320 --> 00:06:39,200

was your initial plan in terms of the

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00:06:43,750 --> 00:06:41,330

breadth that you are going to tackle

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00:06:45,970 --> 00:06:43,760

with this survival of consciousness

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00:06:48,700 --> 00:06:45,980

issue we mentioned a couple near-death

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00:06:52,180 --> 00:06:48,710

experience deathbed visions turn the

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00:06:55,720 --> 00:06:52,190

lucidity how why did you cast the net

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00:06:58,450 --> 00:06:55,730

initially and then maybe how much wider

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00:07:01,510 --> 00:06:58,460

did the net get once you kind of got out

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00:07:03,760 --> 00:07:01,520

there and saw what else there was yeah

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00:07:05,740 --> 00:07:03,770

that was exactly what happened now I

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00:07:07,870 --> 00:07:05,750

knew my topics I knew a fair bit about

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00:07:09,850 --> 00:07:07,880

mediumship at least you know the last

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00:07:11,680 --> 00:07:09,860

hundred years or so of research into

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00:07:13,360 --> 00:07:11,690

that I was quite familiar with the

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00:07:15,070 --> 00:07:13,370

near-death experience things I sort of

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00:07:16,540 --> 00:07:15,080

just dipped into the deathbed vision and

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00:07:19,840 --> 00:07:16,550

it just kept growing and growing and

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00:07:22,530 --> 00:07:19,850

growing I looked at reincarnation stuff

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00:07:25,180 --> 00:07:22,540

for a while in Stephenson's material and

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00:07:27,610 --> 00:07:25,190

things that have been done since

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00:07:29,770 --> 00:07:27,620

but eventually I just I actually I

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00:07:32,140 --> 00:07:29,780

actually ended up with it would have

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00:07:34,210 --> 00:07:32,150

been about a 600 page book and it was

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00:07:36,610 --> 00:07:34,220

getting away from my goal of just

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hitting people with these cases and

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00:07:42,880 --> 00:07:39,080

keeping it really simple so I think I

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00:07:45,040 --> 00:07:42,890

cut it down from about 150,000 to 70 to

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00:07:47,620 --> 00:07:45,050

74 thousand words something like that it

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00:07:48,940 --> 00:07:47,630

was it was the editing actually took

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00:07:50,410 --> 00:07:48,950

longer than the writing in the end

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00:07:52,240 --> 00:07:50,420

because I was just trying to make sure

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00:07:53,220 --> 00:07:52,250

it had punch and it just got across to

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00:07:55,480 --> 00:07:53,230

the general

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00:07:57,370 --> 00:07:55,490

appealing to guys like you and me who

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00:07:58,660 --> 00:07:57,380

are quite familiar with all the topics

201
00:08:00,100 --> 00:07:58,670
already I wanted it to just hit the

202
00:08:02,140 --> 00:08:00,110
general reader so that they could see

203
00:08:04,720 --> 00:08:02,150
these topics so it was actually a big

204
00:08:06,820 --> 00:08:04,730
job of the net sort of grew a lot and

205
00:08:09,160 --> 00:08:06,830
then I started having to chop back a lot

206
00:08:10,450 --> 00:08:09,170
and hopefully in the end I've produced

207
00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:10,460
something that you know just has that

208
00:08:14,860 --> 00:08:12,800
punch for the general reader what

209
00:08:18,400 --> 00:08:14,870
surprised you the most Greg what would

210
00:08:20,290 --> 00:08:18,410
it just stumble across that really kind

211
00:08:22,780 --> 00:08:20,300
of tick you by surprise given that you

212
00:08:24,700 --> 00:08:22,790
knew a lot like you're saying I mean you

213
00:08:25,840 --> 00:08:24,710

for people who don't know aren't

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00:08:28,030 --> 00:08:25,850

familiar with the dealer gorillas mean

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00:08:30,640 --> 00:08:28,040

you're staying on top of these topics on

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00:08:32,620 --> 00:08:30,650

a daily basis so you know the Evan

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00:08:34,900 --> 00:08:32,630

Alexander thing hits with near-death

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00:08:37,150 --> 00:08:34,910

experience you're all over it somebody

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00:08:38,920 --> 00:08:37,160

writes a new book or pin bomb lol comes

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00:08:40,870 --> 00:08:38,930

out with his book years ago you know

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00:08:43,240 --> 00:08:40,880

you're on it so you're on this stuff on

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00:08:46,990 --> 00:08:43,250

a daily basis what did you come across

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00:08:48,510 --> 00:08:47,000

that really surprised you again it was

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00:08:51,910 --> 00:08:48,520

the deathbed visions the end of life

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00:08:53,830 --> 00:08:51,920

experiences let's jump right in there

226
00:08:56,380 --> 00:08:53,840
let's jump in there and maybe give folks

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00:08:59,020 --> 00:08:56,390
an example of one or two of the cases

228
00:09:01,960 --> 00:08:59,030
that you talked about in the book that

229
00:09:03,490 --> 00:09:01,970
you thought were really interesting and

230
00:09:06,280 --> 00:09:03,500
if you can't think of one I'll tee one

231
00:09:10,390 --> 00:09:06,290
up I like your story of Arthur James

232
00:09:11,740 --> 00:09:10,400
ball four in his story I guess it's nice

233
00:09:14,590 --> 00:09:11,750
it really gives a start but a pretty

234
00:09:16,300 --> 00:09:14,600
amazing account if you can recall that

235
00:09:17,890 --> 00:09:16,310
one and tell listeners or if you have

236
00:09:20,920 --> 00:09:17,900
another favorite one that you want to

237
00:09:23,560 --> 00:09:20,930
share that no I'm a great lover of that

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00:09:25,810 --> 00:09:23,570

whole Victorian era the spiritualism and

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00:09:27,820 --> 00:09:25,820

things like that with mediumship

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00:09:28,840 --> 00:09:27,830

research that I've done I've read a lot

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00:09:31,630 --> 00:09:28,850

of that and I find it quite interesting

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00:09:33,070 --> 00:09:31,640

and again when you go back to the

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00:09:35,290 --> 00:09:33,080

deathbed vision material because a lot

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00:09:36,940 --> 00:09:35,300

of people died at home in that era there

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00:09:39,430 --> 00:09:36,950

seems to be a lot more reportage of this

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00:09:41,200 --> 00:09:39,440

of these sorts of things and there's

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00:09:42,820 --> 00:09:41,210

just so many you know even if you just

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00:09:44,380 --> 00:09:42,830

leave alone in the whole afterlife topic

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00:09:46,300 --> 00:09:44,390

they're just beautiful stories of people

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00:09:48,130 --> 00:09:46,310

dying with their families now some of

251
00:09:49,360 --> 00:09:48,140
the tales of children dying and the

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00:09:50,950 --> 00:09:49,370
parents are with them because you know

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00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:50,960
back then without vaccines and things

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00:09:55,270 --> 00:09:53,120
like that a lot of a lot of young

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00:09:57,100 --> 00:09:55,280
children died and quite often some some

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00:09:59,980 --> 00:09:57,110
of the stories you read the whole family

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00:10:02,170 --> 00:09:59,990
of children just one hour for another

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00:10:03,850 --> 00:10:02,180
dying it's tragic stuff but they make

259
00:10:06,180 --> 00:10:03,860
for great stories and some of those just

260
00:10:08,400 --> 00:10:06,190
really touched me the Belfour story

261
00:10:10,740 --> 00:10:08,410
as you know former prime minister of the

262
00:10:12,750 --> 00:10:10,750
UK it's fascinating

263
00:10:14,340 --> 00:10:12,760

again another topic that hardly anyone's

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00:10:16,380 --> 00:10:14,350

heard of and it was just an attitude

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00:10:18,030 --> 00:10:16,390

Roy's book and I saw it I was going look

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00:10:24,990 --> 00:10:18,040

at this why don't more people know about

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00:10:29,520 --> 00:10:25,000

this deathbed vision do you think ramble

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00:10:31,080 --> 00:10:29,530

around and get it but okay I'll just

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00:10:32,460 --> 00:10:31,090

read an excerpt from the book which is

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00:10:35,910 --> 00:10:32,470

just start of that chapter which

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00:10:37,800 --> 00:10:35,920

includes some of my introduction so

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00:10:39,630 --> 00:10:37,810

Arthur James Balfour was a stalwart of

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00:10:41,460 --> 00:10:39,640

British politics at the turn of the 20th

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00:10:42,900 --> 00:10:41,470

century serving but as both Prime

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00:10:45,150 --> 00:10:42,910

Minister of the United Kingdom and later

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00:10:47,160 --> 00:10:45,160

as the foreign secretary his influence

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00:10:49,200 --> 00:10:47,170

is still felt today via his authoring of

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00:10:51,390 --> 00:10:49,210

the landmark Balfour Declaration of 1917

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00:10:53,550 --> 00:10:51,400

which supported the establishment of a

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00:10:55,470 --> 00:10:53,560

Jewish homeland in Palestine less well

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00:10:57,240 --> 00:10:55,480

now longer is the tale of his final days

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00:10:59,460 --> 00:10:57,250

in which the former Prime Minister and

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00:11:01,290 --> 00:10:59,470

foreign sector secretary was apparently

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00:11:04,230 --> 00:11:01,300

fated by diplomatic mission from the

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00:11:04,620 --> 00:11:04,240

undiscovered country with his niece by

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00:11:06,630 --> 00:11:04,630

marriage

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00:11:08,010 --> 00:11:06,640

Jean Balfour sitting by his bedside

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00:11:10,200 --> 00:11:08,020

Arthur lay listening to his favorite

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00:11:11,940 --> 00:11:10,210

music seemingly content with his lot

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00:11:13,740 --> 00:11:11,950

despite his impending appointment with

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00:11:15,540 --> 00:11:13,750

death with the nurse having retired

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00:11:17,850 --> 00:11:15,550

downstairs and baliphar his sister

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00:11:18,360 --> 00:11:17,860

Eleanor syndrich sitting with them in

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00:11:20,700 --> 00:11:18,370

the room

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00:11:22,290 --> 00:11:20,710

Jean suddenly felt an odd feeling sort

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00:11:24,300 --> 00:11:22,300

of feeling of expectancy as though

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00:11:26,840 --> 00:11:24,310

anything might happen and then it goes

298

00:11:28,920 --> 00:11:26,850

into her account as told in her words

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00:11:31,500 --> 00:11:28,930

presently I became aware with a

300

00:11:33,180 --> 00:11:31,510

sensation of a mighty rushing wind which

301
00:11:35,160 --> 00:11:33,190
was an entirely subjective as nothing

302
00:11:37,170 --> 00:11:35,170
around me was even stirred that the

303
00:11:40,320 --> 00:11:37,180
neroon was full of a radiant dazzling

304
00:11:41,880 --> 00:11:40,330
light this I felt rather than saw as a

305
00:11:44,160 --> 00:11:41,890
blind person might do and I started

306
00:11:45,630 --> 00:11:44,170
trembling now it seemed to me that there

307
00:11:47,910 --> 00:11:45,640
were people there too they had no

308
00:11:49,500 --> 00:11:47,920
concern with me they were invisible but

309
00:11:51,900 --> 00:11:49,510
I knew that they were clustered about a

310
00:11:54,360 --> 00:11:51,910
jb's bed and that their whole attention

311
00:11:56,550 --> 00:11:54,370
was concentrated on him they seemed to

312
00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:56,560
be to me to be most terribly eager and

313
00:12:00,270 --> 00:11:58,720

very loving and strong in our recollect

314

00:12:02,220 --> 00:12:00,280

feeling a good deal of apprehension

315

00:12:03,990 --> 00:12:02,230

because I felt they were there for some

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00:12:06,540 --> 00:12:04,000

purpose though I did not know what it

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00:12:08,070 --> 00:12:06,550

could be I could not stop the trembling

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00:12:09,630 --> 00:12:08,080

so I was wondering if I ought to go out

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00:12:11,460 --> 00:12:09,640

of the room into the passage for a

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00:12:13,079 --> 00:12:11,470

little while when it seemed to me that

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00:12:15,780 --> 00:12:13,089

something like a voice within me said

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00:12:17,790 --> 00:12:15,790

you are not to go away and I looked at

323

00:12:19,830 --> 00:12:17,800

it Eleanor sitting in the armchair to

324

00:12:22,440 --> 00:12:19,840

see if she was aware of anything unusual

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00:12:23,730 --> 00:12:22,450

but she did not appear to be the music

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00:12:26,790 --> 00:12:23,740

came for the passage where the words

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00:12:28,890 --> 00:12:26,800

occur and in my flesh shall I see God at

328

00:12:31,170 --> 00:12:28,900

that moment my eyes were compelled to

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00:12:32,820 --> 00:12:31,180

look at Arthur his face transfigured

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00:12:34,320 --> 00:12:32,830

with satisfaction and beauty seemed to

331

00:12:36,300 --> 00:12:34,330

express all the glorious vision which

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00:12:38,190 --> 00:12:36,310

both music and words conveyed and I

333

00:12:39,780 --> 00:12:38,200

stared fully expecting him to die at

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00:12:41,850 --> 00:12:39,790

that moment and to pass straight into

335

00:12:44,070 --> 00:12:41,860

the heaven that awaited him on all sides

336

00:12:45,570 --> 00:12:44,080

but his face changed and then he was

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00:12:47,550 --> 00:12:45,580

shaken with the seizure that marked the

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00:12:49,890 --> 00:12:47,560

last phase of his illness and I was

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00:12:51,660 --> 00:12:49,900

filled with terror and distress perhaps

340

00:12:53,850 --> 00:12:51,670

my shock was the greater for having just

341

00:12:55,800 --> 00:12:53,860

been upon such spiritual Heights and the

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00:12:57,810 --> 00:12:55,810

extraordinary thing was that I was

343

00:13:00,090 --> 00:12:57,820

vividly aware that the feeling in the

344

00:13:02,370 --> 00:13:00,100

room had not changed that the radiant

345

00:13:04,380 --> 00:13:02,380

joy and light still thrilled around him

346

00:13:06,660 --> 00:13:04,390

and that the agonizing spectacle of the

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00:13:09,060 --> 00:13:06,670

poor bodies affliction caused no dismay

348

00:13:11,310 --> 00:13:09,070

of those unseen ones who watched but

349

00:13:13,770 --> 00:13:11,320

that it was what they had wanted to

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00:13:15,510 --> 00:13:13,780

happen that was what seemed to me so

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00:13:17,430 --> 00:13:15,520

incredible as I fled for the nurse and

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00:13:19,230 --> 00:13:17,440

as I ran immediately afterwards to

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00:13:21,780 --> 00:13:19,240

telephone for the doctor I was standing

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00:13:24,450 --> 00:13:21,790

over and over to myself it was intended

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00:13:26,340 --> 00:13:24,460

it was intended thinking it over

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00:13:28,290 --> 00:13:26,350

afterwards I began to realize that

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00:13:30,930 --> 00:13:28,300

though to my bodily view it was terrible

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00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:30,940

to those who see the spirit it may have

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00:13:35,400 --> 00:13:33,010

simply been a fierce effort to cast off

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00:13:37,290 --> 00:13:35,410

the body and set free us all already

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00:13:39,300 --> 00:13:37,300

with them and since the merciful

362

00:13:41,520 --> 00:13:39,310

unconsciousness accompanies the onset of

363

00:13:43,650 --> 00:13:41,530

a stroke we do not know and never will

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00:13:46,490 --> 00:13:43,660

know into what peace and joy his soul

365

00:13:50,250 --> 00:13:46,500

may have receded in that little space

366

00:13:51,420 --> 00:13:50,260

such a beautiful little anecdote in the

367

00:13:54,390 --> 00:13:51,430

words of someone who was there at the

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00:13:58,140 --> 00:13:54,400

time it is and you know it's it's

369

00:13:59,490 --> 00:13:58,150

interesting because as you point out if

370

00:14:01,620 --> 00:13:59,500

you're a skeptic you can of course

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00:14:03,960 --> 00:14:01,630

dismiss this story you can dismiss

372

00:14:05,730 --> 00:14:03,970

anything but you can say oh my gosh you

373

00:14:07,440 --> 00:14:05,740

know it's a family member and they

374

00:14:09,960 --> 00:14:07,450

wanted to say this or they wanted to

375

00:14:11,970 --> 00:14:09,970

create this but it doesn't that doesn't

376

00:14:13,950 --> 00:14:11,980

really make any sense really I mean

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00:14:16,620 --> 00:14:13,960

these people are no different than we

378

00:14:19,530 --> 00:14:16,630

are today why would someone make up this

379

00:14:22,770 --> 00:14:19,540

kind of story moreover for all and this

380

00:14:25,770 --> 00:14:22,780

is the reason that we kind of see a lot

381

00:14:28,070 --> 00:14:25,780

of momentum towards this belief that we

382

00:14:30,110 --> 00:14:28,080

have that there is that it is

383

00:14:31,850 --> 00:14:30,120

I like suggestive of an afterlife is

384

00:14:33,950 --> 00:14:31,860

it's consistent with so many other

385

00:14:36,140 --> 00:14:33,960

accounts that you hear from all kinds of

386

00:14:38,990 --> 00:14:36,150

people in all kinds of different walks

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00:14:41,270 --> 00:14:39,000

of life so I think it's just it's so

388

00:14:45,500 --> 00:14:41,280

hard to take that in isn't it because it

389

00:14:47,210 --> 00:14:45,510

is such an amazing story that we

390

00:14:49,220 --> 00:14:47,220

shouldn't need thousands of examples

391

00:14:50,600 --> 00:14:49,230

even though we have a lot of examples we

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00:14:52,460 --> 00:14:50,610

shouldn't need so many examples of that

393

00:14:54,950 --> 00:14:52,470

should be I mean it it's an amazing

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00:14:56,840 --> 00:14:54,960

account yeah

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00:14:59,000 --> 00:14:56,850

firstly the thing that grabbed me about

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00:15:00,710 --> 00:14:59,010

that one was when she introduced by

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00:15:02,090 --> 00:15:00,720

saying that she felt this rush of wind

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00:15:03,740 --> 00:15:02,100

because that's something else that I've

399

00:15:05,390 --> 00:15:03,750

researched for quite some time that a

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00:15:06,890 --> 00:15:05,400

lot of people having near-death

401
00:15:09,920 --> 00:15:06,900
experiences right through to other

402
00:15:12,680 --> 00:15:09,930
anomalous phenomena feel or talk about a

403
00:15:14,270 --> 00:15:12,690
rush of wind hitting them and they use

404
00:15:16,130 --> 00:15:14,280
those exact words so that's what really

405
00:15:18,380 --> 00:15:16,140
grabbed my attention with that but

406
00:15:20,300 --> 00:15:18,390
beyond you know any sort of proof of

407
00:15:21,890 --> 00:15:20,310
those things like you said these are

408
00:15:24,230 --> 00:15:21,900
profound experiences and that's one of

409
00:15:26,240 --> 00:15:24,240
the things that I ended up coming to in

410
00:15:27,800 --> 00:15:26,250
this book is that these are profound

411
00:15:32,060 --> 00:15:27,810
experiences that people having that

412
00:15:33,620 --> 00:15:32,070
absolutely life-changing and yet at the

413
00:15:35,330 --> 00:15:33,630

moment in modern society they're being

414

00:15:37,190 --> 00:15:35,340

belittled and you know there's so many

415

00:15:39,980 --> 00:15:37,200

again and again in these accounts you

416

00:15:42,440 --> 00:15:39,990

find that people didn't tell about these

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00:15:43,820 --> 00:15:42,450

accounts to other people just because

418

00:15:46,280 --> 00:15:43,830

they were afraid of being labeled crazy

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00:15:48,890 --> 00:15:46,290

or like you know palliative care is or

420

00:15:50,600 --> 00:15:48,900

people at death beds have these profound

421

00:15:52,040 --> 00:15:50,610

experiences and then say that I didn't

422

00:15:53,750 --> 00:15:52,050

tell anyone for a whole year because

423

00:15:55,910 --> 00:15:53,760

they thought someone would say you're

424

00:15:57,650 --> 00:15:55,920

crazy or certainly and we're really to

425

00:15:59,110 --> 00:15:57,660

get out of that habit and start talking

426
00:16:02,120 --> 00:15:59,120
about these beautiful experiences again

427
00:16:04,160 --> 00:16:02,130
yeah you mentioned a lot of these are

428
00:16:06,860 --> 00:16:04,170
recorded from back in the Victorian era

429
00:16:07,880 --> 00:16:06,870
but there are also a lot of contemporary

430
00:16:10,070 --> 00:16:07,890
accounts too

431
00:16:14,180 --> 00:16:10,080
I don't recall reading your book if you

432
00:16:17,270 --> 00:16:14,190
ran across Dian Archangel who was a

433
00:16:20,030 --> 00:16:17,280
hospital Hospice at the kubler-ross

434
00:16:22,280 --> 00:16:20,040
Center in Houston but nurse someone I

435
00:16:26,240 --> 00:16:22,290
spoke with and not a nurse but I mean a

436
00:16:28,970 --> 00:16:26,250
very high-level person in that important

437
00:16:31,000 --> 00:16:28,980
hospice group in Houston that really

438
00:16:33,980 --> 00:16:31,010

started the whole hospice movement and

439

00:16:37,640 --> 00:16:33,990

she was in contact with a lot of hospice

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00:16:39,320 --> 00:16:37,650

nurses and collected a whole bunch of

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00:16:41,369 --> 00:16:39,330

these stories and published them in a

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00:16:45,019 --> 00:16:41,379

book and there is a group

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00:16:49,079 --> 00:16:45,029

nurses for which these accounts are just

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00:16:51,569 --> 00:16:49,089

souls commonplace that they're not even

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00:16:54,239 --> 00:16:51,579

disputed I mean I do challenge that to

446

00:16:56,249 --> 00:16:54,249

any you know person who is skeptical but

447

00:17:00,829 --> 00:16:56,259

still interested in this is go down to

448

00:17:03,149 --> 00:17:00,839

your local elderly care / hospice

449

00:17:05,939 --> 00:17:03,159

organization and just buy a cup of

450

00:17:09,210 --> 00:17:05,949

coffee - for a couple of nurses and ask

451
00:17:11,100 --> 00:17:09,220
them about deathbed visits I guarantee

452
00:17:13,230 --> 00:17:11,110
you well you won't get past a couple of

453
00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:13,240
sips and they'll have more stories than

454
00:17:18,749 --> 00:17:16,959
can you know a book that's really kicked

455
00:17:22,710 --> 00:17:18,759
off that deathbed vision chapter when I

456
00:17:24,480 --> 00:17:22,720
read a Peter Phoenix paper with Hilary

457
00:17:26,249 --> 00:17:24,490
love license ooh brain comfort for the

458
00:17:28,019 --> 00:17:26,259
dying a five year retrospective and

459
00:17:29,369 --> 00:17:28,029
one-year prospective study of

460
00:17:32,159 --> 00:17:29,379
end-of-life experiences

461
00:17:34,730 --> 00:17:32,169
now they surveyed 38 carers palliative

462
00:17:38,070 --> 00:17:34,740
care is including doctors nurses or

463
00:17:40,379 --> 00:17:38,080

anybody involved in that and you know

464

00:17:44,909 --> 00:17:40,389

their statistics showed that at least

465

00:17:46,889 --> 00:17:44,919

60% had stories of deathbed visions in

466

00:17:49,649 --> 00:17:46,899

the like you know so it's more than half

467

00:17:51,690 --> 00:17:49,659

of all those carers report these things

468

00:17:53,399 --> 00:17:51,700

and and then when I went to you know

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00:17:56,009 --> 00:17:53,409

McConville in Ireland and then there's

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00:17:57,659 --> 00:17:56,019

an American study that had like 500

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00:18:00,509 --> 00:17:57,669

participants and they're all around that

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00:18:02,730 --> 00:18:00,519

60 to 70 percent of palliative care is

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00:18:04,470 --> 00:18:02,740

say that they've experienced these these

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00:18:06,509 --> 00:18:04,480

things so yeah it's just a massive

475

00:18:08,970 --> 00:18:06,519

amount and it's very common and yet we

476
00:18:11,669 --> 00:18:08,980
hardly hear negative experiences get all

477
00:18:13,409 --> 00:18:11,679
this media attention and deathbed

478
00:18:17,999 --> 00:18:13,419
visions you know they don't seem to rate

479
00:18:19,769 --> 00:18:18,009
the same attention I spoke to Michael

480
00:18:22,320 --> 00:18:19,779
Baba though is a palliative care

481
00:18:24,899 --> 00:18:22,330
physician here in Australia and he sort

482
00:18:26,430 --> 00:18:24,909
of was of the feeling that with the end

483
00:18:28,590 --> 00:18:26,440
of life experiences the person dies

484
00:18:30,990 --> 00:18:28,600
afterwards so there's not this personal

485
00:18:33,180 --> 00:18:31,000
testimony a lot of the time with need a

486
00:18:35,460 --> 00:18:33,190
near-death experiences you have people

487
00:18:36,690 --> 00:18:35,470
who can go on TV shows and say I died

488
00:18:39,360 --> 00:18:36,700

and I came back and this is what I

489

00:18:41,009 --> 00:18:39,370

experienced we're end of life

490

00:18:42,299 --> 00:18:41,019

experiences generally they go on to die

491

00:18:44,549 --> 00:18:42,309

afterwards so you don't have this

492

00:18:47,669 --> 00:18:44,559

testimony so that might that might be

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00:18:51,509 --> 00:18:47,679

the driving factor behind that the other

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00:18:54,780 --> 00:18:51,519

thing I think is a factor is we like the

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00:18:58,620 --> 00:18:54,790

technology angle of resuscitation

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00:19:00,450 --> 00:18:58,630

and it fits in with our cultural bias

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00:19:02,190 --> 00:19:00,460

that we have about old medicine is

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00:19:03,690 --> 00:19:02,200

advancing and you know that's I think

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00:19:05,940 --> 00:19:03,700

that kind of fits into the stories like

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00:19:07,920 --> 00:19:05,950

we're bringing people back and now they

501
00:19:09,180 --> 00:19:07,930
can tell these stories I'd agree with

502
00:19:11,790 --> 00:19:09,190
you there and I think that's probably

503
00:19:13,050 --> 00:19:11,800
tied into as well to the we prefer to

504
00:19:15,480 --> 00:19:13,060
hear about people living and people

505
00:19:17,370 --> 00:19:15,490
dying we don't want to confront the fact

506
00:19:19,860 --> 00:19:17,380
that people do die all the time yeah

507
00:19:21,990 --> 00:19:19,870
let's talk a little bit about near-death

508
00:19:24,140 --> 00:19:22,000
experience research you do a very nice

509
00:19:26,430 --> 00:19:24,150
job of covering it in the book as well

510
00:19:28,200 --> 00:19:26,440
what is the state of near-death

511
00:19:32,910 --> 00:19:28,210
experience research what are we really

512
00:19:36,150 --> 00:19:32,920
at in terms of advancing that to the

513
00:19:37,830 --> 00:19:36,160

next level whatever that level is you

514

00:19:40,290 --> 00:19:37,840

know there's two fronts there is that

515

00:19:42,420 --> 00:19:40,300

whole proof based evidence based which I

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00:19:44,610 --> 00:19:42,430

think stamp on is effort is probably the

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00:19:48,630 --> 00:19:44,620

only real thing that could convince

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00:19:51,300 --> 00:19:48,640

skeptics or Orthodox scientists if for

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00:19:53,070 --> 00:19:51,310

those listeners who don't know sam Ponyo

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00:19:55,980 --> 00:19:53,080

and colleagues have this study where

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00:19:57,900 --> 00:19:55,990

it's called the aware study they have

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00:19:59,340 --> 00:19:57,910

targets in rooms where they think people

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00:20:00,600 --> 00:19:59,350

are going to have cardiac arrests and

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00:20:02,580 --> 00:20:00,610

they hope that if they have an

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00:20:03,900 --> 00:20:02,590

out-of-body experience and they get up

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00:20:06,420 --> 00:20:03,910

to the ceiling they might be able to see

527

00:20:08,280 --> 00:20:06,430

these targets and then report back so if

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00:20:09,780 --> 00:20:08,290

they do that that's you know if someone

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00:20:11,280 --> 00:20:09,790

comes back or two people come back and

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00:20:13,230 --> 00:20:11,290

say those four the targets that might

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00:20:18,600 --> 00:20:13,240

start changing the whole evident

532

00:20:21,840 --> 00:20:18,610

evidence-based thing may be skeptics a

533

00:20:24,630 --> 00:20:21,850

rather hardcore in their beliefs about

534

00:20:26,280 --> 00:20:24,640

that sort of thing but then there's also

535

00:20:28,980 --> 00:20:26,290

the side of near-death experience

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00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:28,990

research where it's more about learning

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00:20:31,800 --> 00:20:30,400

more about how they affect people's

538

00:20:33,630 --> 00:20:31,810

lives and I think Bruce Grayson's

539

00:20:36,060 --> 00:20:33,640

probably you know right at the coalface

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00:20:38,520 --> 00:20:36,070

they're working on that so you've got

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00:20:40,200 --> 00:20:38,530

these two areas and the evidence based

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00:20:41,850 --> 00:20:40,210

is always going to be uphill battle like

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00:20:43,710 --> 00:20:41,860

I said I think the aware study is

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00:20:45,810 --> 00:20:43,720

probably the only method of going

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00:20:48,020 --> 00:20:45,820

forward there there are you do have all

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00:20:50,340 --> 00:20:48,030

these veridical accounts of OBEs and

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00:20:52,440 --> 00:20:50,350

Janice miner Holden has done a great job

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00:20:54,090 --> 00:20:52,450

of assembling you know a lot of those

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00:20:55,860 --> 00:20:54,100

anecdotes I don't think they were ever

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00:20:57,540 --> 00:20:55,870

going to convince the hardcore skeptics

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00:20:59,370 --> 00:20:57,550
whereas the aware study might start

552
00:21:02,040 --> 00:20:59,380
persuading people if they can come back

553
00:21:04,200 --> 00:21:02,050
with data although again that's going to

554
00:21:07,390 --> 00:21:04,210
be a really hard push as I explained in

555
00:21:09,460 --> 00:21:07,400
the book as to how much

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00:21:14,110 --> 00:21:09,470
research needs to be done just to pull

557
00:21:15,580 --> 00:21:14,120
out a few Oh bees so yeah but I think

558
00:21:16,000 --> 00:21:15,590
you know Bruce Grace and people like

559
00:21:18,280 --> 00:21:16,010
that

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00:21:19,780 --> 00:21:18,290
writing for the journal near-death

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00:21:22,000 --> 00:21:19,790
studies who are looking more at the

562
00:21:23,590 --> 00:21:22,010
social phenomenon and the personal

563
00:21:26,230 --> 00:21:23,600

phenomenon of how near to near-death

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00:21:27,730 --> 00:21:26,240

experiences affect people I think that's

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00:21:29,710 --> 00:21:27,740

quite interesting as well and probably

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00:21:30,880 --> 00:21:29,720

gets lost in the mix a bit people all

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00:21:32,620 --> 00:21:30,890

want evidence but there's this whole

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00:21:33,820 --> 00:21:32,630

other side that it's a profound

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00:21:37,000 --> 00:21:33,830

experience and how is it affecting

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00:21:39,040 --> 00:21:37,010

people so yeah you know you've touched

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00:21:42,030 --> 00:21:39,050

on this a couple times already but let's

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00:21:44,500 --> 00:21:42,040

talk about the culture war debate over

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00:21:46,510 --> 00:21:44,510

consciousness you know you start the

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00:21:49,030 --> 00:21:46,520

book the book again folks is stop

575

00:21:51,460 --> 00:21:49,040

worrying there probably is an afterlife

576
00:21:53,710 --> 00:21:51,470
and you start it with a very nice

577
00:21:57,070 --> 00:21:53,720
introduction on the ghost in the machine

578
00:21:58,600 --> 00:21:57,080
and in that you not only trace the

579
00:22:01,870 --> 00:21:58,610
origins of near-death experience

580
00:22:05,530 --> 00:22:01,880
research but of this again scientific

581
00:22:07,570 --> 00:22:05,540
cultural war over consciousness frame it

582
00:22:10,180 --> 00:22:07,580
up for us a little bit I mean on one

583
00:22:12,250 --> 00:22:10,190
side we have this people get tired of me

584
00:22:15,300 --> 00:22:12,260
saying this but it's the consciousness

585
00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:15,310
is an illusion of biological robots side

586
00:22:21,660 --> 00:22:19,280
versus this consciousness is fundamental

587
00:22:23,920 --> 00:22:21,670
and you talk about some prominent

588
00:22:26,860 --> 00:22:23,930

scientists who believe that who believe

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00:22:30,010 --> 00:22:26,870

that consciousness is the fundamental

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00:22:32,020 --> 00:22:30,020

building block of the universe frame up

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00:22:33,790 --> 00:22:32,030

for us that culture war debate over

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00:22:36,220 --> 00:22:33,800

consciousness and where you think it's

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00:22:37,630 --> 00:22:36,230

at where you think it's heading well

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00:22:40,330 --> 00:22:37,640

this is something we cover on the daily

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00:22:42,100 --> 00:22:40,340

growl quite a lot so that's that's one

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00:22:43,840 --> 00:22:42,110

reason for the introduction I felt sort

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00:22:45,910 --> 00:22:43,850

of I needed to introduce the reader to

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00:22:48,490 --> 00:22:45,920

this sort of debate because in the

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00:22:51,090 --> 00:22:48,500

modern day you Richard Dawkins and I

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00:22:53,320 --> 00:22:51,100

like seem to get all the publicity

601
00:22:57,430 --> 00:22:53,330
especially when you read a lot of

602
00:22:58,870 --> 00:22:57,440
scientific sources so so I just

603
00:23:01,270 --> 00:22:58,880
explained how over the recent centuries

604
00:23:02,890 --> 00:23:01,280
just all these different aspects of

605
00:23:05,620 --> 00:23:02,900
science have led people more and more

606
00:23:09,550 --> 00:23:05,630
away from a sort of spiritual worldview

607
00:23:13,690 --> 00:23:09,560
into the view that the physical world is

608
00:23:15,670 --> 00:23:13,700
everything and we are just slime on a

609
00:23:17,560 --> 00:23:15,680
little piece of rock that orbits the Sun

610
00:23:20,770 --> 00:23:17,570
and we have limited lifetim and

611
00:23:24,160 --> 00:23:20,780
basically there is no meaning to life

612
00:23:26,170 --> 00:23:24,170
I then sort of point out that even

613
00:23:28,360 --> 00:23:26,180

though that gets all the media there are

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00:23:30,130 --> 00:23:28,370

a bunch of really good scientists you

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00:23:32,710 --> 00:23:30,140

know very highly respected that you know

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00:23:35,680 --> 00:23:32,720

the likes of Paul Davies who don't

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00:23:37,690 --> 00:23:35,690

believe that that's the case that or at

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00:23:39,250 --> 00:23:37,700

least suspect that's not the case

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00:23:42,100 --> 00:23:39,260

yeah they see consciousness is something

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00:23:45,460 --> 00:23:42,110

very fundamental in the universe the

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00:23:48,040 --> 00:23:45,470

universe or us being conscious and then

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00:23:50,320 --> 00:23:48,050

analyzing the universe ourselves seems

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00:23:52,480 --> 00:23:50,330

to be this way of the whole universe

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00:23:55,300 --> 00:23:52,490

waking up and learning more about itself

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00:23:56,980 --> 00:23:55,310

so and then there's the aspects of

626
00:23:59,650 --> 00:23:56,990
quantum physics where consciousness

627
00:24:01,870 --> 00:23:59,660
seems to be a little bit or a little bit

628
00:24:05,740 --> 00:24:01,880
a consciousness seems to be really tied

629
00:24:07,090 --> 00:24:05,750
into quantum physics there this is

630
00:24:09,820 --> 00:24:07,100
something I talk about another interview

631
00:24:11,140 --> 00:24:09,830
recently it's amazing when you talk

632
00:24:14,320 --> 00:24:11,150
about science and how its supposedly

633
00:24:16,360 --> 00:24:14,330
concrete facts it finds out the facts

634
00:24:17,560 --> 00:24:16,370
and it reports back the facts I went

635
00:24:19,240 --> 00:24:17,570
through all the quantum physics

636
00:24:20,920 --> 00:24:19,250
literature and it's quite amazing that

637
00:24:22,990 --> 00:24:20,930
you have all these quantum physicists

638
00:24:24,940 --> 00:24:23,000

who go from one end of the scale saying

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00:24:27,160 --> 00:24:24,950

consciousness is fundamental and is

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00:24:28,750 --> 00:24:27,170

everything right through a hardcore

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00:24:29,590 --> 00:24:28,760

materialist who say consciousness so

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00:24:32,380 --> 00:24:29,600

there's nothing to do with quantum

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00:24:35,110 --> 00:24:32,390

physics and they all state it as if it's

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00:24:38,080 --> 00:24:35,120

been scientifically proven and it's

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00:24:39,250 --> 00:24:38,090

quite amazing that that divided coming

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00:24:41,950 --> 00:24:39,260

from something that you would you

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00:24:43,150 --> 00:24:41,960

thought was science you know Stokes yeah

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00:24:45,130 --> 00:24:43,160

but don't we you know one of my

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00:24:48,700 --> 00:24:45,140

frustrations and sometimes I wonder if

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00:24:51,760 --> 00:24:48,710

we don't play into that false divide

651
00:24:54,820 --> 00:24:51,770
because it is a false divide I mean as

652
00:24:58,150 --> 00:24:54,830
you are alluding to I think most people

653
00:25:01,600 --> 00:24:58,160
if they dig into the quantum theory

654
00:25:03,580 --> 00:25:01,610
quantum mechanics experiments but not

655
00:25:05,200 --> 00:25:03,590
only those but the other experience with

656
00:25:08,680 --> 00:25:05,210
consciousness from all over the place

657
00:25:11,620 --> 00:25:08,690
that not only is the data heading us

658
00:25:13,660 --> 00:25:11,630
towards this idea of this expanded view

659
00:25:15,820 --> 00:25:13,670
of consciousness and away from the

660
00:25:18,520 --> 00:25:15,830
status quo view that consciousness is an

661
00:25:21,520 --> 00:25:18,530
illusion but the whole thing was just

662
00:25:25,150 --> 00:25:21,530
absurd from the first place I mean no

663
00:25:26,890 --> 00:25:25,160

one believes that we don't love our

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00:25:29,080 --> 00:25:26,900

children that we don't love our parents

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00:25:31,900 --> 00:25:29,090

our family that there isn't this special

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00:25:32,750 --> 00:25:31,910

connection that we're able to form and

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00:25:36,800 --> 00:25:32,760

yet

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00:25:39,530 --> 00:25:36,810

is totally at odds with this status quo

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00:25:43,040 --> 00:25:39,540

view as you said that we are slime Iraq

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00:25:45,200 --> 00:25:43,050

orbiting the Sun kind of thing you won't

671

00:25:47,240 --> 00:25:45,210

really find anyone who truly believes

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00:25:49,340 --> 00:25:47,250

that we don't have free will and acts as

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00:25:52,160 --> 00:25:49,350

if we don't have free will and yet you

674

00:25:53,960 --> 00:25:52,170

know my kids go to school and it's not

675

00:25:56,420 --> 00:25:53,970

they don't beat them over the head with

676

00:25:59,750 --> 00:25:56,430

it but it's underlying all their

677

00:26:02,690 --> 00:25:59,760

education about science so are we kind

678

00:26:05,510 --> 00:26:02,700

of playing into this emperor has no

679

00:26:07,280 --> 00:26:05,520

clothes kind of thing where we go gee it

680

00:26:09,140 --> 00:26:07,290

really is a debate out there and it's

681

00:26:10,790 --> 00:26:09,150

hard to see how we have scientists on

682

00:26:12,590 --> 00:26:10,800

one side and scientists on the other

683

00:26:14,930 --> 00:26:12,600

can't we just call it for what it is

684

00:26:15,950 --> 00:26:14,940

it's a total bunch of bull that doesn't

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00:26:17,570 --> 00:26:15,960

make any sense

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00:26:19,670 --> 00:26:17,580

consciousness is an illusion of a

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00:26:20,540 --> 00:26:19,680

biological robot we know better than

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00:26:23,060 --> 00:26:20,550

that don't we

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00:26:25,610 --> 00:26:23,070

when you look at all these high profile

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00:26:28,040 --> 00:26:25,620

scientists yeah your Dawkins and the

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00:26:30,830 --> 00:26:28,050

like they will tell you straight out

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00:26:32,570 --> 00:26:30,840

they believe with it whether they

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00:26:34,430 --> 00:26:32,580

believe that fully when they go to bed

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00:26:37,730 --> 00:26:34,440

at night things that yes there is like

695

00:26:39,140 --> 00:26:37,740

like you said there's this funny they

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00:26:40,490 --> 00:26:39,150

get caught in traps where they say all

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00:26:42,620 --> 00:26:40,500

this one thing and then you can actually

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00:26:44,360 --> 00:26:42,630

say you know in the argument you can

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00:26:48,290 --> 00:26:44,370

quite young actually corner them and say

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00:26:49,490 --> 00:26:48,300

well if there's no free will then you're

701
00:26:54,710 --> 00:26:49,500
not making that decision and therefore

702
00:26:59,840 --> 00:26:54,720
this yeah it's almost argument to absurd

703
00:27:02,210 --> 00:26:59,850
him and this is this whole other side to

704
00:27:04,490 --> 00:27:02,220
when you talk to a henry stat you know a

705
00:27:07,730 --> 00:27:04,500
very respected quantum physicist and

706
00:27:09,860 --> 00:27:07,740
he's he's actually beyond just the you

707
00:27:12,560 --> 00:27:09,870
know this is a bit of you know people

708
00:27:14,120 --> 00:27:12,570
are wrong here and let's just get it

709
00:27:16,250 --> 00:27:14,130
right he's starting to feel that that

710
00:27:18,770 --> 00:27:16,260
actual worldview we were teaching it to

711
00:27:20,810 --> 00:27:18,780
kids in school and things like that is

712
00:27:23,000 --> 00:27:20,820
actually could be responsible for a

713
00:27:24,350 --> 00:27:23,010

whole degradation of moral standards in

714

00:27:26,240 --> 00:27:24,360

the world because if you push that

715

00:27:28,520 --> 00:27:26,250

there's no free will then nobody has any

716

00:27:30,710 --> 00:27:28,530

responsibility and yeah you start going

717

00:27:32,720 --> 00:27:30,720

down a very deep and dark hole there so

718

00:27:35,750 --> 00:27:32,730

he's actually quite outspoken on that

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00:27:39,050 --> 00:27:35,760

fact in his book he goes in in detail

720

00:27:41,240 --> 00:27:39,060

into how he thinks that the view of

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00:27:44,420 --> 00:27:41,250

integrating consciousness and freewill

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00:27:46,190 --> 00:27:44,430

back into the world view would go a long

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00:27:47,900 --> 00:27:46,200

way to redressing some of the ills

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00:27:50,750 --> 00:27:47,910

the world at moments yeah although

725

00:27:52,820 --> 00:27:50,760

that's scientists like wanting to stay

726
00:27:54,680 --> 00:27:52,830
on top of the heap and saying you know

727
00:27:55,850 --> 00:27:54,690
we still have all the answers just let

728
00:27:58,340 --> 00:27:55,860
us spin it a different way

729
00:28:00,860 --> 00:27:58,350
though I always looked at it is it

730
00:28:04,160 --> 00:28:00,870
really undermine science because the

731
00:28:06,890 --> 00:28:04,170
average person who at least we know from

732
00:28:09,110 --> 00:28:06,900
a crowdsourcing kind of standpoint is

733
00:28:10,660 --> 00:28:09,120
not dumb the wisdom of crowds has been

734
00:28:12,740 --> 00:28:10,670
established over and over again and

735
00:28:15,170 --> 00:28:12,750
people just know that's bunk

736
00:28:18,110 --> 00:28:15,180
they just know that's bull so they just

737
00:28:21,230 --> 00:28:18,120
feel more and more disassociated with

738
00:28:22,790 --> 00:28:21,240

this scientific worldview and they just

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00:28:23,870 --> 00:28:22,800

think they're a bunch of nerds that

740

00:28:25,760 --> 00:28:23,880

don't know what they're talking about

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00:28:27,680 --> 00:28:25,770

and they're right I mean they've

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00:28:29,450 --> 00:28:27,690

convinced themselves of something I

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00:28:32,750 --> 00:28:29,460

remember talking to dr. Charles tart

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00:28:35,930 --> 00:28:32,760

years ago and about this and he wrote a

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00:28:37,520 --> 00:28:35,940

book on the end of materialism I guess

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00:28:40,760 --> 00:28:37,530

it wrote it a little premature it was a

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00:28:42,380 --> 00:28:40,770

few years ago but in in that and when I

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00:28:44,780 --> 00:28:42,390

spoke to him you know I said how can

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00:28:47,210 --> 00:28:44,790

this be you know how can these guys keep

750

00:28:49,850 --> 00:28:47,220

promoting this nonsense and it goes you

751
00:28:52,460 --> 00:28:49,860
know it's amazing what intelligent

752
00:28:54,290 --> 00:28:52,470
people can talk themselves into when

753
00:28:56,060 --> 00:28:54,300
they don't kind of check themselves and

754
00:28:57,680 --> 00:28:56,070
I think that's what's going on I think

755
00:28:59,060 --> 00:28:57,690
the emperor has no clothes no one

756
00:29:00,560 --> 00:28:59,070
believes it's a bunch of crap and I

757
00:29:02,150 --> 00:29:00,570
think the general public knows it's a

758
00:29:04,610 --> 00:29:02,160
bunch of crap and it just further

759
00:29:07,100 --> 00:29:04,620
undermines their trust in science so

760
00:29:09,260 --> 00:29:07,110
they yeah the engineers can do things I

761
00:29:10,850 --> 00:29:09,270
know my iphone works and I know this but

762
00:29:12,350 --> 00:29:10,860
when it comes to really big questions I

763
00:29:13,850 --> 00:29:12,360

think they turn away from science and

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00:29:14,510 --> 00:29:13,860

they go yeah they don't know what

765

00:29:16,400 --> 00:29:14,520

they're talking about

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00:29:18,380 --> 00:29:16,410

there's certainly belief systems

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00:29:19,400 --> 00:29:18,390

involved you know as much as scientists

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00:29:21,020 --> 00:29:19,410

and skeptics say they're the

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00:29:23,960 --> 00:29:21,030

non-believers this there's definitely

770

00:29:26,090 --> 00:29:23,970

belief systems involved there I just saw

771

00:29:28,390 --> 00:29:26,100

an example the other day there was a new

772

00:29:31,640 --> 00:29:28,400

paper came out disputing the famous

773

00:29:34,120 --> 00:29:31,650

little bit experient experiments on free

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00:29:36,260 --> 00:29:34,130

will from a while back that has just

775

00:29:37,760 --> 00:29:36,270

quoted over and over again by anybody

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00:29:40,160 --> 00:29:37,770

against free will just quotes that

777

00:29:41,840 --> 00:29:40,170

experiment over and over again and this

778

00:29:43,730 --> 00:29:41,850

new paper has come out disputing it and

779

00:29:45,620 --> 00:29:43,740

pointing out errors in the way it's

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00:29:48,830 --> 00:29:45,630

probably you know where it's gone wrong

781

00:29:51,980 --> 00:29:48,840

and I've seen no coverage of it at all

782

00:29:54,230 --> 00:29:51,990

you know Richard Wiseman who is always

783

00:29:54,560 --> 00:29:54,240

on about free will he said nothing about

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00:29:56,420 --> 00:29:54,570

it

785

00:29:59,240 --> 00:29:56,430

Dawkins nothing about all these people

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00:29:59,690 --> 00:29:59,250

if Rupert Sheldrake had to come out with

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00:30:02,509 --> 00:29:59,700

a paper

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00:30:03,740 --> 00:30:02,519

you know arguing for consciousness they

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00:30:05,960 --> 00:30:03,750

would have been all over it and talking

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00:30:08,769 --> 00:30:05,970

about it so again it's a belief system

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00:30:12,289 --> 00:30:08,779

that they will not look at things that

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00:30:14,899 --> 00:30:12,299

dispute the belief system and they'll

793

00:30:18,740 --> 00:30:14,909

attack anything that again disputes they

794

00:30:21,710 --> 00:30:18,750

will sit well view say mm-hmm you know

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00:30:24,230 --> 00:30:21,720

one other thing I guess I like to kind

796

00:30:25,909 --> 00:30:24,240

of I always find the things I pick on I

797

00:30:27,830 --> 00:30:25,919

guess correct so I guess one thing I've

798

00:30:30,049 --> 00:30:27,840

got to pick on about the book and I

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00:30:32,539 --> 00:30:30,059

wanted to ask you about is the very

800

00:30:33,919 --> 00:30:32,549

first sentence of the book is you are

801
00:30:36,440 --> 00:30:33,929
going to die

802
00:30:37,970 --> 00:30:36,450
which I guess is going to be kind of

803
00:30:38,419 --> 00:30:37,980
provocative and puts us all on the same

804
00:30:39,879 --> 00:30:38,429
boat

805
00:30:42,350 --> 00:30:39,889
don't you have to kind of wrestle this

806
00:30:44,779 --> 00:30:42,360
survival of consciousness thing to the

807
00:30:47,269 --> 00:30:44,789
to the ground and hey don't worry

808
00:30:49,549 --> 00:30:47,279
there's probably an afterlife I take

809
00:30:52,220 --> 00:30:49,559
exception of that I mean I look at the

810
00:30:55,220 --> 00:30:52,230
research I look at the evidence and I

811
00:30:57,169 --> 00:30:55,230
come to the opposite conclusion you are

812
00:30:59,269 --> 00:30:57,179
not going to die isn't that what the

813
00:31:01,879 --> 00:30:59,279

evidence is telling us what well there's

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00:31:03,200 --> 00:31:01,889

two two parts that the you are going to

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00:31:05,690 --> 00:31:03,210

die bit is just the fact that your

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00:31:07,639 --> 00:31:05,700

physical body is going to die which most

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00:31:10,279 --> 00:31:07,649

people I think and the point there was

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00:31:12,350 --> 00:31:10,289

that people will ignore that at any you

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00:31:13,850 --> 00:31:12,360

know any way they can they will ignore

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00:31:15,379 --> 00:31:13,860

the fact that their physical body is

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00:31:17,419 --> 00:31:15,389

going to die unless there's some great

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00:31:20,269 --> 00:31:17,429

step forward and you know singularity

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00:31:22,570 --> 00:31:20,279

type thing they're going to die so I was

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00:31:25,580 --> 00:31:22,580

just putting that right on the table

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00:31:27,830 --> 00:31:25,590

again Michael Barbato who I spoke to you

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00:31:29,480 --> 00:31:27,840

know just says we need to embrace more

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00:31:31,820 --> 00:31:29,490

the fact that we will die at some stage

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00:31:32,960 --> 00:31:31,830

we need to be ready that yeah we are

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00:31:36,620 --> 00:31:32,970

going to die and even if you believe

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00:31:38,629 --> 00:31:36,630

that consciousness survives on people

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00:31:40,580 --> 00:31:38,639

are going to be left behind without

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00:31:41,570 --> 00:31:40,590

physical contact with that person so

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00:31:44,450 --> 00:31:41,580

there's something that needs to be

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00:31:46,159 --> 00:31:44,460

addressed there but no I agree I think

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00:31:47,509 --> 00:31:46,169

you know the whole point of the book is

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00:31:49,820 --> 00:31:47,519

to say there seems to be evidence that

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00:31:51,500 --> 00:31:49,830

consciousness does survive so the

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00:31:52,879 --> 00:31:51,510

opening was just basically like you said

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00:31:54,409 --> 00:31:52,889

just to hit people in the face straight

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00:31:58,519 --> 00:31:54,419

up and say let's address this off the

841

00:32:00,590 --> 00:31:58,529

mark and also just to get at that fact

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00:32:03,139 --> 00:32:00,600

it start thinking about your death and

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00:32:06,019 --> 00:32:03,149

what that means for the how you act your

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00:32:08,389 --> 00:32:06,029

life out you know which in the final

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00:32:09,350 --> 00:32:08,399

chapter I sort of go back to that while

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00:32:11,930 --> 00:32:09,360

you're here on this planet

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00:32:13,590 --> 00:32:11,940

let's do good and you know let's learn

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00:32:15,900 --> 00:32:13,600

let's hope people let's do the right

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00:32:18,270 --> 00:32:15,910

things so that by the time you physical

850

00:32:20,580 --> 00:32:18,280

death at least comes that you have lived

851
00:32:22,500 --> 00:32:20,590
your life well mm-hmm you know you

852
00:32:25,250 --> 00:32:22,510
actually have a nice quote in there I

853
00:32:28,680 --> 00:32:25,260
forget who it's from but our death

854
00:32:32,039 --> 00:32:28,690
really defines our life if we didn't

855
00:32:34,529 --> 00:32:32,049
have death looming the death of our

856
00:32:37,440 --> 00:32:34,539
physical body the question mark of what

857
00:32:40,140 --> 00:32:37,450
a night what that annihilation will mean

858
00:32:43,020 --> 00:32:40,150
we would really have a whole different

859
00:32:45,270 --> 00:32:43,030
conception of our life and I think until

860
00:32:48,510 --> 00:32:45,280
we fully take that in as you point out

861
00:32:50,850 --> 00:32:48,520
we can fully appreciate what we have in

862
00:32:53,010 --> 00:32:50,860
this experience whatever we're supposed

863
00:32:54,539 --> 00:32:53,020

to do with it well you know when you're

864

00:32:57,360 --> 00:32:54,549

working on a project even if you have a

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00:32:59,190 --> 00:32:57,370

project that's open-ended it tends to

866

00:33:00,450 --> 00:32:59,200

not get done it gets shuffled back while

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00:33:02,580 --> 00:33:00,460

you work on other things in a more

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00:33:04,799 --> 00:33:02,590

urgent so addressing that fact that at

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00:33:07,830 --> 00:33:04,809

some stage you're going to physical it

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00:33:09,390 --> 00:33:07,840

your body is going to die it means that

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00:33:11,190 --> 00:33:09,400

you should concentrate it a lot more on

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00:33:13,110 --> 00:33:11,200

squeezing everything out of everyday as

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00:33:16,169 --> 00:33:13,120

you go on rather than sort of getting to

874

00:33:17,520 --> 00:33:16,179

60s or 70s and realizing you just didn't

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00:33:19,890 --> 00:33:17,530

achieve what you wanted to in this life

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00:33:21,330 --> 00:33:19,900

on earth you know so now we're

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00:33:22,950 --> 00:33:21,340

approaching something that you don't

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00:33:25,080 --> 00:33:22,960

cover a lot the book and I was wondering

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00:33:27,659 --> 00:33:25,090

why and that is the spiritual

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00:33:29,490 --> 00:33:27,669

implications for all of this I mean they

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00:33:31,350 --> 00:33:29,500

seem to be looming right there

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00:33:33,930 --> 00:33:31,360

but I guess that's another one of my

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00:33:36,899 --> 00:33:33,940

frustrations with a lot of this research

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00:33:39,539 --> 00:33:36,909

and it is that take for example a

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00:33:42,330 --> 00:33:39,549

near-death experience or the deathbed

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00:33:45,240 --> 00:33:42,340

vision experience what people come back

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00:33:47,159 --> 00:33:45,250

from that directly is that they don't

888

00:33:49,470 --> 00:33:47,169

come back and say oh my gosh that's

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00:33:51,480 --> 00:33:49,480

highly evidential of survival of

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00:33:52,980 --> 00:33:51,490

consciousness now they want to talk

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00:33:54,690 --> 00:33:52,990

about God they want to talk about the

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00:33:58,049 --> 00:33:54,700

white light thingy they want to talk

893

00:34:00,630 --> 00:33:58,059

about the moral meaning though the moral

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00:34:05,130 --> 00:34:00,640

imperative that that brings to their

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00:34:07,140 --> 00:34:05,140

life do we in general shy away too much

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00:34:10,290 --> 00:34:07,150

from the obvious spiritual implications

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00:34:12,629 --> 00:34:10,300

for all this oh I think so and again

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00:34:14,190 --> 00:34:12,639

that just came down to there was a lot

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00:34:16,169 --> 00:34:14,200

of fear bit of that in the material I

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00:34:18,330 --> 00:34:16,179

did have and it just got edited down for

901
00:34:19,740 --> 00:34:18,340
the punch that I'm hitting the general

902
00:34:22,379 --> 00:34:19,750
readership and I'm just trying to get

903
00:34:24,960 --> 00:34:22,389
across to them all these things and then

904
00:34:26,210 --> 00:34:24,970
I think David Fontana wrote a book

905
00:34:27,740 --> 00:34:26,220
addressing some of those

906
00:34:29,930 --> 00:34:27,750
you know what what happens after life

907
00:34:31,460 --> 00:34:29,940
and what might that mean for how we live

908
00:34:33,500 --> 00:34:31,470
our life so that sort of covered

909
00:34:36,020 --> 00:34:33,510
elsewhere I would have liked to have

910
00:34:39,080 --> 00:34:36,030
covered in the conclusion I actually

911
00:34:40,669 --> 00:34:39,090
mentioned a little bit about it was

912
00:34:42,950 --> 00:34:40,679
edited down a fair bit but I was sort of

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00:34:45,619 --> 00:34:42,960

saying that if near-death experiences

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00:34:47,389 --> 00:34:45,629

had started at a religion about the way

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00:34:48,879 --> 00:34:47,399

did it live spiritually I you know it's

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00:34:51,050 --> 00:34:48,889

not not a bad way to live I think

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00:34:53,720 --> 00:34:51,060

basically your near-death experiences

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00:34:55,570 --> 00:34:53,730

come back and they're saying what you

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00:34:58,070 --> 00:34:55,580

should be doing is loving people and

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00:34:59,660 --> 00:34:58,080

learning as much as you can and doing

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00:35:02,240 --> 00:34:59,670

right by other people you know like the

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00:35:03,800 --> 00:35:02,250

the life review process always or not

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00:35:06,680 --> 00:35:03,810

always but quite often you see that it's

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00:35:08,480 --> 00:35:06,690

it's experienced from other people's

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00:35:12,140 --> 00:35:08,490

aspects as well and how you affected

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00:35:14,690 --> 00:35:12,150
them and it addresses that you should be

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00:35:16,310 --> 00:35:14,700
acting well to other people so all these

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00:35:17,420 --> 00:35:16,320
aspects of the near-death experience I

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00:35:20,510 --> 00:35:17,430
think would make a great sort of

930
00:35:22,700 --> 00:35:20,520
spiritual way forward if you wanted to

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00:35:24,020 --> 00:35:22,710
turn it into a religion but again once

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00:35:28,160 --> 00:35:24,030
things become a religion we know they

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00:35:32,800 --> 00:35:28,170
become corrupt and so the other thing

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00:35:36,320 --> 00:35:32,810
was that at the best of times I feel

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00:35:37,520 --> 00:35:36,330
uncomfortable suggesting to others what

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00:35:39,470 --> 00:35:37,530
they should be doing or what they should

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00:35:42,050 --> 00:35:39,480
be thinking I like to just put facts

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00:35:43,790 --> 00:35:42,060

across the people so the spiritual

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00:35:45,020 --> 00:35:43,800

elements I sort of feel a little bit

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00:35:46,940 --> 00:35:45,030

uncomfortable addressing them because

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00:35:49,430 --> 00:35:46,950

I'm certainly not no spiritual guru or

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00:35:50,930 --> 00:35:49,440

anything like that so I just wanted to

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00:35:53,900 --> 00:35:50,940

get the facts of these things across and

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00:35:56,420 --> 00:35:53,910

also transmit a little bit about like

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00:35:59,240 --> 00:35:56,430

like I said what near-death experiences

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00:36:00,829 --> 00:35:59,250

coming come back saying and I address a

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00:36:03,070 --> 00:36:00,839

little bit that in the conclusion about

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00:36:04,940 --> 00:36:03,080

living your life well so yeah I

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00:36:06,740 --> 00:36:04,950

understand your frustration there's

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00:36:08,359 --> 00:36:06,750

something that I wrestled with a little

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00:36:10,220 --> 00:36:08,369

bit during the writing of it it just

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00:36:11,810 --> 00:36:10,230

came down to a decision as to what

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00:36:13,460 --> 00:36:11,820

effect I wanted the book to have really

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00:36:16,370 --> 00:36:13,470

well let me jump over on the other side

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00:36:20,750 --> 00:36:16,380

and say I think you do a great job and I

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00:36:23,540 --> 00:36:20,760

think there's in terms of winning people

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00:36:26,859 --> 00:36:23,550

over I think this book might have a lot

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00:36:30,020 --> 00:36:26,869

more success than a book that's highly

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00:36:30,500 --> 00:36:30,030

spiritually oriented because you're

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00:36:33,170 --> 00:36:30,510

right

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00:36:35,240 --> 00:36:33,180

that does set people to skew a little

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00:36:37,970 --> 00:36:35,250

bit because it bumps up against some

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00:36:38,910 --> 00:36:37,980

very important cherished beliefs that

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00:36:41,849 --> 00:36:38,920

they have

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00:36:43,589 --> 00:36:41,859

so at the end of the day I think you

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00:36:46,530 --> 00:36:43,599

probably made the best decision because

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you just present a ton of hard-hitting

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well documented carefully researched

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00:36:54,710 --> 00:36:52,599

facts that are hard to get past and then

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00:36:57,780 --> 00:36:54,720

I think you leave it up to the reader to

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00:37:00,150 --> 00:36:57,790

come to their conclusions about what to

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00:37:03,690 --> 00:37:00,160

do with it so maybe you did the right

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00:37:05,339 --> 00:37:03,700

thing that was the goal I think yeah

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00:37:06,809 --> 00:37:05,349

once you had those spiritual elements I

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00:37:09,180 --> 00:37:06,819

think you got it exactly right you're

976
00:37:11,370 --> 00:37:09,190
bumping up against people's own beliefs

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00:37:12,539 --> 00:37:11,380
or their own feelings and you get you

978
00:37:15,089 --> 00:37:12,549
know you're gonna lose most of the

979
00:37:16,859 --> 00:37:15,099
skeptics and scientists straightaway and

980
00:37:18,599 --> 00:37:16,869
then the further deeper you go to that

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00:37:19,799 --> 00:37:18,609
spiritual sort of matters the more you

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00:37:22,890 --> 00:37:19,809
might be bumping up against other

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00:37:26,039 --> 00:37:22,900
people's religious feelings or otherwise

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00:37:29,549 --> 00:37:26,049
so I'm glad that yeah for a great

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00:37:31,170 --> 00:37:29,559
decision so great tell us how's it going

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00:37:33,150 --> 00:37:31,180
with the book what other events are you

987
00:37:35,849 --> 00:37:33,160
doing and what's going on in general

988
00:37:39,599 --> 00:37:35,859

what can we expect to see coming up on

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00:37:40,950 --> 00:37:39,609

the daily rail the book is just rolling

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00:37:41,569 --> 00:37:40,960

along nicely getting lots of good

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00:37:43,710 --> 00:37:41,579

reviews

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00:37:46,500 --> 00:37:43,720

it needs word-of-mouth it's an

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00:37:49,140 --> 00:37:46,510

independent publication all done

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00:37:50,910 --> 00:37:49,150

completely by myself so if people can

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00:37:54,270 --> 00:37:50,920

spread word about it any way they can or

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00:37:56,280 --> 00:37:54,280

wonder interview me I'm open to that so

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00:37:57,569 --> 00:37:56,290

I appreciate any help in getting really

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00:38:01,500 --> 00:37:57,579

out there but at the moment sales are

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00:38:03,299 --> 00:38:01,510

strong and all the feedback well 99% of

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00:38:06,720 --> 00:38:03,309

the feedback has been good the other 1%

1001
00:38:11,430 --> 00:38:06,730
is from that portion of the skeptics

1002
00:38:12,990 --> 00:38:11,440
that we know and with the daily growth

1003
00:38:16,440 --> 00:38:13,000
you know that this book has taken up a

1004
00:38:17,760 --> 00:38:16,450
lot of time between the researching then

1005
00:38:19,500 --> 00:38:17,770
the writing and then the editing down

1006
00:38:20,220 --> 00:38:19,510
it's taken up a lot more time than I

1007
00:38:22,079 --> 00:38:20,230
expected

1008
00:38:23,940 --> 00:38:22,089
next on dolly Grail is to basically

1009
00:38:26,430 --> 00:38:23,950
redesign the site and make it a little

1010
00:38:28,260 --> 00:38:26,440
bit more friendly for mobile phones and

1011
00:38:30,569 --> 00:38:28,270
the like I think it's looking a bit

1012
00:38:32,640 --> 00:38:30,579
antiquated at the moment but again I'm

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00:38:34,380 --> 00:38:32,650

working on basically no money all the

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00:38:36,809 --> 00:38:34,390

time so I do what I can

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00:38:39,349 --> 00:38:36,819

great well the book again is stop

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00:38:42,690 --> 00:38:39,359

worrying there probably is an afterlife

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00:38:44,819 --> 00:38:42,700

our guest has been Greg Taylor creator

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00:38:47,490 --> 00:38:44,829

of the daily Grail well of course have

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00:38:51,330 --> 00:38:47,500

links to both of those up there do check

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00:38:53,910 --> 00:38:51,340

it out on Amazon nothing but blended

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00:38:55,770 --> 00:38:53,920

tacular reviews I think you really enjoy

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00:38:57,870 --> 00:38:55,780

the book as Greg mentioned I think

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00:39:00,510 --> 00:38:57,880

you'll find a lot of little nuggets in

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00:39:02,610 --> 00:39:00,520

there that you will be amazed that you

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didn't know and it's certainly a book

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that you could give to someone else and

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they could gain a lot out of it if

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00:39:10,920 --> 00:39:08,440

they're not totally up to speed on this

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00:39:12,390 --> 00:39:10,930

field so Greg thanks again best of luck

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00:39:15,090 --> 00:39:12,400

with the book and thanks for joining me

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00:39:17,220 --> 00:39:15,100

on skeptical thanks it was a pleasure

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and thank you for the podcast - you do a

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00:39:20,070 --> 00:39:18,580

great job on the podcast and you

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00:39:26,190 --> 00:39:20,080

probably don't get enough kudos for it

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00:39:27,960 --> 00:39:26,200

so thank you thanks again to Greg Taylor

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00:39:30,240 --> 00:39:27,970

for joining me today on skeptic oh I

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guess I'd have one question to tee up as

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00:39:35,820 --> 00:39:32,560

a result of this interview and it has to

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00:39:38,670 --> 00:39:35,830

do with these deathbed visions what do

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you make of the very substantial body of

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evidence in favor of deathbed visions as

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you just heard Greg mentioned in the

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research he's done the scientific survey

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work that's been done suggest that most

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00:39:53,460 --> 00:39:51,160

end-of-life care givers experience this

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many many people who've been with a

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00:39:58,770 --> 00:39:56,170

dying relative experienced this we know

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this is happening what does this tell us

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00:40:02,670 --> 00:40:01,270

about consciousness what does it tell us

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that's different from the near-death

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00:40:07,230 --> 00:40:04,630
experience or from other extended

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00:40:09,600 --> 00:40:07,240
consciousness experiences and to what

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00:40:11,610 --> 00:40:09,610
extent is it consistent with everything

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00:40:14,100 --> 00:40:11,620
we've learned let's dive in and take a

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00:40:15,720 --> 00:40:14,110
look at deathbed visions of course the

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00:40:20,790 --> 00:40:15,730
place to do that is at the skeptic Oh

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00:40:22,530 --> 00:40:20,800
website at SK EPT I K o dot-com from

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00:40:25,050 --> 00:40:22,540
there you can jump on over to the forum

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00:40:26,970 --> 00:40:25,060
and join a discussion there or leave a

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00:40:28,350 --> 00:40:26,980
comment directly on the website of

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00:40:31,800 --> 00:40:28,360
course you can always reach me on

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00:40:33,780 --> 00:40:31,810
Facebook or directly via email all those

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00:40:36,120 --> 00:40:33,790

links are there on the website you'll

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also find there on the new improved

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hopefully skeptiko website all of our

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previous shows over 200 of them at this

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point a place to subscribe through

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iTunes and all that other good stuff I

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just mentioned so I have a number of

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interesting shows coming up please stick