



CREATOR OF NEAR-DEATH.COM

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00:00:11,120 --> 00:00:08,839
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:14,419 --> 00:00:11,130
with Kevin Williams creator of the

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00:00:18,320 --> 00:00:14,429
near-death com website I think it's a

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00:00:22,750 --> 00:00:18,330
real mistake to underestimate the appeal

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00:00:25,370 --> 00:00:22,760
of the materialist reductionist

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00:00:27,349 --> 00:00:25,380
philosophy so just because a few people

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00:00:29,839 --> 00:00:27,359
have written best-selling books and made

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00:00:32,600 --> 00:00:29,849
it on to the Oprah circuit if you will

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00:00:36,340 --> 00:00:32,610
that doesn't mean that there's going to

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00:00:38,930 --> 00:00:36,350
be an end to the the war machine or the

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00:00:41,600 --> 00:00:38,940
depleted uranium that we're going to

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00:00:44,360 --> 00:00:41,610
shoot over in Syria or the only thing I

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00:00:47,150 --> 00:00:44,370

can conclude is that it's about personal

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00:00:50,119 --> 00:00:47,160

transformation and it's about embracing

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00:00:52,520 --> 00:00:50,129

that and in the process of embracing

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00:00:54,889 --> 00:00:52,530

that then I think trying to come in

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00:00:57,470 --> 00:00:54,899

contact with other people and create

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00:01:02,260 --> 00:00:57,480

that community well right now we see

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00:01:05,960 --> 00:01:02,270

both sides religions and hardcore

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00:01:09,429 --> 00:01:05,970

scientists materialists are kicking and

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00:01:12,440 --> 00:01:09,439

screaming but this point of merger is is

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00:01:15,320 --> 00:01:12,450

happening right now especially and I

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00:01:17,840 --> 00:01:15,330

think in quantum physics when you know

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00:01:20,530 --> 00:01:17,850

you can't there's a mystical aspect to

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00:01:23,240 --> 00:01:20,540

it that can't really be denied the

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00:01:26,210 --> 00:01:23,250

materialists and religionists are

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00:01:30,730 --> 00:01:26,220

kicking and screaming but I see a day

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00:01:34,520 --> 00:01:30,740

where there'll be no more faith involved

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00:01:38,990 --> 00:01:34,530

because the new knowledge will come in

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00:01:42,140 --> 00:01:39,000

that is inescapable yeah I mean you will

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00:01:45,679 --> 00:01:42,150

be the religious person will have to

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00:01:47,630 --> 00:01:45,689

abandon whatever erroneous face they

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00:01:51,200 --> 00:01:47,640

have or their dogma

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00:02:03,850 --> 00:01:51,210

and the same with the scientists stay

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00:02:07,610 --> 00:02:06,080

welcome to skeptic aware we explore

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00:02:10,040 --> 00:02:07,620

controversial science with leading

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00:02:12,140 --> 00:02:10,050

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:02:13,880 --> 00:02:12,150

I'm your host Alex Icarus and on this

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00:02:15,980 --> 00:02:13,890

episode of skeptic oh I have an

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00:02:18,410 --> 00:02:15,990

interview with Kevin Williams from

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00:02:21,560 --> 00:02:18,420

near-death calm Kevin does an absolutely

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great job on the near-death website it's

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00:02:26,120 --> 00:02:23,520

a valuable resource with a lot of good

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00:02:28,670 --> 00:02:26,130

information I always seem to run across

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00:02:30,950 --> 00:02:28,680

it when I'm looking for information on a

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00:02:32,840 --> 00:02:30,960

near-death experience researcher or a

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00:02:35,240 --> 00:02:32,850

particular topic it always seems to pop

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00:02:37,400 --> 00:02:35,250

up at just the right time so I was

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00:02:40,160 --> 00:02:37,410

interested in finding out more about the

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00:02:42,260 --> 00:02:40,170

guy behind the website and I managed to

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00:02:44,030 --> 00:02:42,270
get Kevin to agree to sit down and talk

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00:02:46,400 --> 00:02:44,040
to me for a little while here's my

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00:02:48,680 --> 00:02:46,410
interview with Kevin Williams today we

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00:02:52,510 --> 00:02:48,690
welcome Kevin Williams - skeptic Oh

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00:02:55,100 --> 00:02:52,520
Kevin is the creator of near-death calm

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00:02:55,940 --> 00:02:55,110
probably almost definitely the number

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00:02:58,820 --> 00:02:55,950
one website

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00:03:01,690 --> 00:02:58,830
near-death experiences both in terms of

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00:03:03,860 --> 00:03:01,700
visitor traffic and in terms of the

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00:03:06,770 --> 00:03:03,870
comprehensive amount of information

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00:03:10,970 --> 00:03:06,780
about near-death experiences near-death

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00:03:13,640 --> 00:03:10,980
research and all topics related to this

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00:03:16,210 --> 00:03:13,650

amazing phenomena Kevin is also the

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00:03:20,420 --> 00:03:16,220

author of nothing better than death

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00:03:22,940 --> 00:03:20,430

insights from 62 near-death experiences

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00:03:23,840 --> 00:03:22,950

Kevin welcome to skeptic oh thanks so

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00:03:27,860 --> 00:03:23,850

much for joining me

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00:03:30,050 --> 00:03:27,870

well thank you alex is my pleasure so as

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00:03:34,570 --> 00:03:30,060

I just mentioned the near death and

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00:03:37,490 --> 00:03:34,580

that's near - death calm is amazingly

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00:03:39,080 --> 00:03:37,500

comprehensive it pops up virtually

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00:03:41,390 --> 00:03:39,090

hundreds if not thousands of different

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00:03:43,790 --> 00:03:41,400

search terms so people even if they're

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00:03:46,820 --> 00:03:43,800

not familiar with the website have

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00:03:48,979 --> 00:03:46,830

probably encountered it start us off

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00:03:51,380 --> 00:03:48,989

from the beginning tell us how you

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00:03:54,380 --> 00:03:51,390

started it why you started it and the

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00:03:58,640 --> 00:03:54,390

driving force behind it first of all I'm

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00:04:00,949 --> 00:03:58,650

a big believer in synchronicity and it

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seems like most of my life I've had that

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00:04:08,840 --> 00:04:05,360

when I was a kid I my dad had a small

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00:04:11,950 --> 00:04:08,850

CRT screen and for some reason I knew

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00:04:18,100 --> 00:04:11,960

that I could

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00:04:20,890 --> 00:04:18,110

and ask questions to it and get answered

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back and I just had that in my mind for

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00:04:25,330 --> 00:04:23,420

a long time I don't know why but then

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00:04:28,420 --> 00:04:25,340

when I went to college I took computer

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science and I graduated just about the

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time when the internet was taking off

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00:04:38,890 --> 00:04:35,810

and before that time I read Raymond

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Moody's book life after life and now I

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read that in the seventh late 70s and

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since then I couldn't get enough reading

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books to read on the subject and so it

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was kind of a synchronistic time that I

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00:04:55,960 --> 00:04:52,280

just happened to learn how to build

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00:04:57,340 --> 00:04:55,970

websites at a time when I was fully

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knowledgeable about near-death

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experiences and a time when I was able

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00:05:07,720 --> 00:05:04,130

to do it to build a website so I started

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00:05:10,630 --> 00:05:07,730
really early and part of the reason why

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00:05:13,690 --> 00:05:10,640
I get a lot of hits on different

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00:05:16,780 --> 00:05:13,700
keywords is because I designed my

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00:05:21,040 --> 00:05:16,790
website as a portal which means that

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00:05:24,700 --> 00:05:21,050
there's usually only two or three levels

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00:05:28,150 --> 00:05:24,710
deep in my website and I built it that

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00:05:30,270 --> 00:05:28,160
way specifically so that would it would

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00:05:34,960 --> 00:05:30,280
do that it would have the ability to

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00:05:37,810 --> 00:05:34,970
access a lot of information right up

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00:05:41,170 --> 00:05:37,820
front and also it would be a lot easier

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00:05:44,620 --> 00:05:41,180
to navigate mm-hmm so Kevin you did not

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00:05:46,720 --> 00:05:44,630
have a near-death experience prior to

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00:05:49,000 --> 00:05:46,730

starting this is that right yes that's

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00:05:53,470 --> 00:05:49,010

true I've never had a near-death

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00:05:57,040 --> 00:05:53,480

experience and but once you read enough

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00:06:00,540 --> 00:05:57,050

of them you almost feel like this is

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00:06:03,400 --> 00:06:00,550

information that you've known before and

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00:06:06,460 --> 00:06:03,410

in fact not a near-death experiencers

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00:06:09,100 --> 00:06:06,470

during their experience they received

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00:06:12,160 --> 00:06:09,110

knowledge like that that forgotten

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00:06:14,110 --> 00:06:12,170

knowledge and the more I read about it

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00:06:17,010 --> 00:06:14,120

the more I realized that this is true

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00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:17,020

for me and that everybody is actually

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00:06:25,030 --> 00:06:20,000

experienced death many times through

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00:06:28,430 --> 00:06:25,040

reincarnation and so that was

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00:06:31,250 --> 00:06:28,440

the part of the part of it right there

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00:06:33,860 --> 00:06:31,260

so so you're open to the idea that there

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00:06:36,890 --> 00:06:33,870

might be a form of knowledge that is

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00:06:39,170 --> 00:06:36,900

hidden consciously but still spurred

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00:06:40,370 --> 00:06:39,180

your interest which is fantastic I'm

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00:06:42,980 --> 00:06:40,380

open to that as well

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00:06:45,170 --> 00:06:42,990

but I do think it's interesting and it's

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00:06:48,200 --> 00:06:45,180

been my approach on the skeptic Osho is

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00:06:51,520 --> 00:06:48,210

that you know you can really approach

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00:06:54,500 --> 00:06:51,530

this topic from a purely intellectual

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00:06:57,680 --> 00:06:54,510

scientific standpoint and kind of get to

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the same place you know and to me it's

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00:07:03,860 --> 00:07:00,210

always baffling that more people don't

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00:07:06,470 --> 00:07:03,870

question either on one side or the other

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00:07:08,750 --> 00:07:06,480

this information so as you point out you

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00:07:10,840 --> 00:07:08,760

know you read Raymond Moody's book it

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00:07:14,300 --> 00:07:10,850

would seem that those kind of

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00:07:16,340 --> 00:07:14,310

earth-shattering claims would force more

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00:07:17,860 --> 00:07:16,350

people to say hey I have to decide one

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00:07:20,690 --> 00:07:17,870

way or another I have to either

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00:07:23,510 --> 00:07:20,700

investigate this and prove to myself

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00:07:26,570 --> 00:07:23,520

that it's totally a bunch of bunk or I

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00:07:29,050 --> 00:07:26,580

have to roll up my sleeves and really

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00:07:30,950 --> 00:07:29,060

dig in there and say well there is

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00:07:32,420 --> 00:07:30,960

something more

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00:07:34,640 --> 00:07:32,430
does that ever cross your mind are you

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00:07:37,940 --> 00:07:34,650
surprised that more people aren't

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00:07:39,440 --> 00:07:37,950
engaged in really finding out the truth

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00:07:42,260 --> 00:07:39,450
and are willing to just kind of take

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00:07:45,020 --> 00:07:42,270
such high-level answers of it it must

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00:07:46,400 --> 00:07:45,030
all be fake or it must all be true you

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00:07:49,010 --> 00:07:46,410
know I haven't really thought that much

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00:07:52,490 --> 00:07:49,020
about that on that perception but I do

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00:07:55,250 --> 00:07:52,500
agree that people who aren't predisposed

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00:07:57,740 --> 00:07:55,260
to that kind of information like for

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00:08:01,820 --> 00:07:57,750
example I became a born-again Christian

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00:08:04,490 --> 00:08:01,830
and late seventies around the time after

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00:08:07,659 --> 00:08:04,500

or before I read Raymond Moody's book so

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00:08:10,880 --> 00:08:07,669

I was eager to to learn about

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00:08:14,450 --> 00:08:10,890

spirituality at the time I read Moody

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00:08:17,200 --> 00:08:14,460

and I was especially interested in Bible

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00:08:20,600 --> 00:08:17,210

prophecy as I read more or more about

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00:08:23,900 --> 00:08:20,610

near-death experiences I discovered that

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00:08:26,020 --> 00:08:23,910

doesn't jive with a lot of the stuff

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00:08:29,240 --> 00:08:26,030

that I learned as a fundamentalist

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00:08:33,290 --> 00:08:29,250

despairity grew over the years you might

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00:08:36,399 --> 00:08:33,300

say and it actually was became part of

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00:08:38,540 --> 00:08:36,409

this crisis that I had in 89 loves

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00:08:40,790 --> 00:08:38,550

diagnosed bipolar

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00:08:44,380 --> 00:08:40,800

it wasn't like a leap of faith but I

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00:08:47,900 --> 00:08:44,390

needed something to translate my

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00:08:50,889 --> 00:08:47,910

fundamentalism to a more Universal

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00:08:54,560 --> 00:08:50,899

position which is in the near-death

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00:08:56,870 --> 00:08:54,570

phenomenon and so one thing that has

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00:09:01,699 --> 00:08:56,880

helped me a lot was I started reading

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00:09:06,550 --> 00:09:01,709

Edgar Cayce and he of course was the

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perfect bridge for me to understand how

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00:09:17,540 --> 00:09:12,680

Christianity in its mystical form is

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00:09:20,420 --> 00:09:17,550

equal and practically identical to what

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00:09:22,819 --> 00:09:20,430

the near-death experiences say let's

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00:09:26,210 --> 00:09:22,829

talk about that for a minute first I

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00:09:29,269 --> 00:09:26,220

think it's very brave of you to disclose

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00:09:33,220 --> 00:09:29,279

that and anyone who goes to near-death

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00:09:37,130 --> 00:09:33,230

calm will find first of all a very

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00:09:39,440 --> 00:09:37,140

logical thoughtful rational explanation

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00:09:42,440 --> 00:09:39,450

of near-death experience linked to many

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many of the major figures research all

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00:09:48,290 --> 00:09:46,020

laid out very logical form at pointing

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00:09:49,730 --> 00:09:48,300

to a lot of research not a lot of the

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00:09:51,019 --> 00:09:49,740

stuff that you're talking about that a

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00:09:53,449 --> 00:09:51,029

lot of people will find very

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00:09:56,660 --> 00:09:53,459

controversial so I just want folks to

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00:09:58,310 --> 00:09:56,670

know that but then I want to switch into

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00:10:00,170 --> 00:09:58,320

this other topic that you're talking

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00:10:01,970 --> 00:10:00,180

about because I think it's fascinating I

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00:10:04,670 --> 00:10:01,980
think it's very brave of you to talk

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00:10:09,199 --> 00:10:04,680
about it and I think you know there's

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00:10:11,750 --> 00:10:09,209
such an oppressive push for normalcy in

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00:10:15,050 --> 00:10:11,760
so many of these discussions I don't

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00:10:16,010 --> 00:10:15,060
consider my bipolar disorder a negative

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00:10:20,480 --> 00:10:16,020
thing anymore

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00:10:22,939 --> 00:10:20,490
because for one thing my psychiatrist

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00:10:26,030 --> 00:10:22,949
told me that the only difference between

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00:10:27,110 --> 00:10:26,040
someone who is psychic and one who is

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00:10:30,350 --> 00:10:27,120
psychotic

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00:10:33,769 --> 00:10:30,360
is that the psychic can deal with the

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00:10:38,569 --> 00:10:33,779
voices and the faces and hallucinations

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00:10:43,759 --> 00:10:38,579

but the psychotic can't partly because

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00:10:46,240 --> 00:10:43,769

of a lot of the experience I had and I

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00:10:49,730 --> 00:10:46,250

still do that as a bipolar disorder that

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I'm able to have a lot of synchronicity

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00:10:58,520 --> 00:10:55,580

a lot of after death communications

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happen to me especially when my mother

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died in 2001 she died in a car accident

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00:11:09,350 --> 00:11:07,440

and what happened was after she passed

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00:11:11,780 --> 00:11:09,360

away almost immediately we started

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00:11:17,960 --> 00:11:11,790

receive my whole family started

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00:11:22,040 --> 00:11:17,970

receiving these synchronicities almost

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00:11:24,890 --> 00:11:22,050

about like signs from heaven that she

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00:11:27,740 --> 00:11:24,900

was trying to communicate with us two

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00:11:31,070 --> 00:11:27,750

days after my mom died I had a dream

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00:11:34,070 --> 00:11:31,080

that became lucid and all of a sudden I

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00:11:36,440 --> 00:11:34,080

saw her there in sitting in a in

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00:11:38,030 --> 00:11:36,450

accounts like in a waiting room like a

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00:11:42,890 --> 00:11:38,040

lot of people see in near-death

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00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:42,900

experiences we I you know it was

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00:11:47,860 --> 00:11:45,120

immediately loose and I told her that I

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00:11:52,760 --> 00:11:47,870

was somehow surprised I was if she was

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00:11:56,630 --> 00:11:52,770

not GAD and she she mentioned that she

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00:11:59,750 --> 00:11:56,640

hadn't contacted my brother yet and so

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00:12:02,750 --> 00:11:59,760

the next day I called my sister up and

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00:12:06,800 --> 00:12:02,760

she had virtually the same dream as I

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00:12:10,130 --> 00:12:06,810

had lose it and everything and ever

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00:12:13,100 --> 00:12:10,140

since that time especially around the

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00:12:17,330 --> 00:12:13,110

time we had a memorial of her and her

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00:12:20,800 --> 00:12:17,340

her funeral and the anniver or her death

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00:12:25,160 --> 00:12:20,810

anniversary we would receive these

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00:12:26,810 --> 00:12:25,170

synchronicities all the time and it was

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00:12:29,480 --> 00:12:26,820

especially important to me because I

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knew what was going on and it's such a

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00:12:35,090 --> 00:12:31,260

son will experience that if you're not

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00:12:39,530 --> 00:12:35,100

aware what it is you might easily

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dismiss it as just nothing I just had an

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00:12:44,960 --> 00:12:42,450

interview not too long ago with a guy

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00:12:47,060 --> 00:12:44,970

named Steve Miller he's written a really

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00:12:48,980 --> 00:12:47,070

nice introductory book to near-death

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00:12:50,780 --> 00:12:48,990

experience and his point I was kind of

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00:12:54,410 --> 00:12:50,790

pushing him on the Christian angle and

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00:12:56,480 --> 00:12:54,420

doesn't near-death experience science

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00:12:59,480 --> 00:12:56,490

and the experience itself doesn't it

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00:13:01,130 --> 00:12:59,490

contradict Christian doctrine in some

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00:13:02,690 --> 00:13:01,140

ways and we got talking about that and

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00:13:03,990 --> 00:13:02,700

he really pushed back and you say Alex

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what you don't understand

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00:13:09,620 --> 00:13:07,300

is that most people out there who hear

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00:13:12,300 --> 00:13:09,630

about near-death experience don't

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00:13:14,910 --> 00:13:12,310

understand even that there's science

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00:13:17,310 --> 00:13:14,920

behind it they think it's all anecdotal

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00:13:20,310 --> 00:13:17,320

and I had to take a step back because I

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00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:20,320

think I've so immersed in the scientific

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00:13:25,860 --> 00:13:23,680

aspect of that that to realize that he's

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00:13:27,900 --> 00:13:25,870

right and I think that's what your

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00:13:30,900 --> 00:13:27,910

website really addresses doesn't it is

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00:13:33,690 --> 00:13:30,910

that there is science behind this there

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00:13:36,420 --> 00:13:33,700

are real researchers who don't have an

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axe to grind who are just out there I've

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00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:38,650

run across this amazing phenomenon so I

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00:13:42,000 --> 00:13:40,000

don't want to get to the bottom of it

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00:13:44,850 --> 00:13:42,010

and that's what I think you really try

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00:13:47,250 --> 00:13:44,860

and bring to the to the forefront with

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00:13:49,380 --> 00:13:47,260

near-death calm isn't it it's just that

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00:13:53,540 --> 00:13:49,390

there's a lot of science behind this

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00:13:57,210 --> 00:13:53,550

phenomena but originally my focus was to

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00:14:00,210 --> 00:13:57,220

help fundamentalist Christians ease over

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00:14:03,300 --> 00:14:00,220

into the transition of the universalism

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00:14:07,890 --> 00:14:03,310

that the near-death experience asked my

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00:14:09,840 --> 00:14:07,900

transition was somewhat difficult like I

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00:14:12,120 --> 00:14:09,850

said because of the bipolar disorder

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00:14:14,040 --> 00:14:12,130

I've run across this with a number of

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00:14:16,620 --> 00:14:14,050

people who've been on this show who

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00:14:18,600 --> 00:14:16,630

don't have bipolar disorder or don't

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00:14:21,329 --> 00:14:18,610

have it in their family but still go

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00:14:24,030 --> 00:14:21,339

through a major upset I like on your

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00:14:27,000 --> 00:14:24,040

website how you reference PMH Atwater

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00:14:29,070 --> 00:14:27,010

who's probably one of the more open

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00:14:31,170 --> 00:14:29,080

researchers in terms of dealing with

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00:14:33,090 --> 00:14:31,180

this and saying hey a lot of these

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00:14:35,670 --> 00:14:33,100

people go through this near-death

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00:14:38,730 --> 00:14:35,680

experience or spiritually transformative

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00:14:42,870 --> 00:14:38,740

experience and it opens them up in a way

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00:14:46,020 --> 00:14:42,880

that is extremely unsettling for their

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00:14:48,510 --> 00:14:46,030

mental health and and I yeah we we can't

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00:14:51,810 --> 00:14:48,520

sweep that under the rug and say oh you

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00:14:54,930 --> 00:14:51,820

know this is only for people with this

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00:14:56,940 --> 00:14:54,940

certain biological predisposition that

301
00:15:00,510 --> 00:14:56,950
this is going to upset their life

302
00:15:03,450 --> 00:15:00,520
it should upsetting your worldview and

303
00:15:06,090 --> 00:15:03,460
shattering it is going to could can be

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00:15:09,420 --> 00:15:06,100
very dramatic and and furthermore I

305
00:15:12,030 --> 00:15:09,430
think we have to contrast that with the

306
00:15:14,400 --> 00:15:12,040
way that a lot of atheists and skeptical

307
00:15:16,980 --> 00:15:14,410
people in our lives that we all know

308
00:15:17,879 --> 00:15:16,990
about handle it because when we've run

309
00:15:19,859 --> 00:15:17,889
into that

310
00:15:22,759 --> 00:15:19,869
we see the opposite of that I have

311
00:15:26,460 --> 00:15:22,769
several friends who are just incredibly

312
00:15:29,519 --> 00:15:26,470
resistant to this information because

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00:15:31,889 --> 00:15:29,529

they feel like I get the sense I should

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00:15:34,710 --> 00:15:31,899

say I get the sense is that they feel

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00:15:36,960 --> 00:15:34,720

like they can't deal with it on that

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00:15:39,539 --> 00:15:36,970

level they really don't want to deal

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00:15:41,519 --> 00:15:39,549

with that kind of upset in their

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00:15:42,960 --> 00:15:41,529

worldview and I think there's a lot of

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00:15:45,119 --> 00:15:42,970

Christians that are coming at it from

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00:15:46,139 --> 00:15:45,129

the exact same way it's like don't you

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00:15:48,689 --> 00:15:46,149

dare threaten me

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00:15:50,819 --> 00:15:48,699

I got everything working in a way that I

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00:15:52,489 --> 00:15:50,829

can at least manage it don't you dare

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00:15:55,799 --> 00:15:52,499

tell me this stuff isn't true

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00:15:59,489 --> 00:15:55,809

yeah and again it is it is I think

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00:16:01,530 --> 00:15:59,499

having a when you're in first encounter

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00:16:04,079 --> 00:16:01,540

near death that near-death phenomena I

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00:16:07,769 --> 00:16:04,089

start reading it I think it is important

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00:16:10,229 --> 00:16:07,779

that you have some form both on the one

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00:16:15,449 --> 00:16:10,239

hand on the right hand I guess you might

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00:16:19,499 --> 00:16:15,459

say happy a have some form of religious

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00:16:23,369 --> 00:16:19,509

background or are open to the idea you

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00:16:24,809 --> 00:16:23,379

know an afterlife and and deal with that

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00:16:27,900 --> 00:16:24,819

but then on the other hand you have

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00:16:31,710 --> 00:16:27,910

science which is I mean heart some

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00:16:35,340 --> 00:16:31,720

scientists are just as dogmatic as you

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00:16:39,689 --> 00:16:35,350

know fundamentalist Christians and in

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00:16:43,139 --> 00:16:39,699

that sense I've also tried to the

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00:16:47,150 --> 00:16:43,149

scientist in me try to appeal to them as

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00:16:50,850 --> 00:16:47,160

well and I do agree that that people

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00:16:53,419 --> 00:16:50,860

want to hold on to their belief

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00:16:55,919 --> 00:16:53,429

especially when it comes to death and

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00:16:59,999 --> 00:16:55,929

you know and as you know in today's

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00:17:02,879 --> 00:17:00,009

society you know guess is always the

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00:17:04,649 --> 00:17:02,889

enemy you're gonna push it away and you

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00:17:06,439 --> 00:17:04,659

know look in the olden days everybody

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00:17:10,529 --> 00:17:06,449

you know knew look what it was about

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00:17:14,750 --> 00:17:10,539

people died at home all the time and but

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00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:14,760

it is it's earth-shattering view and

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00:17:20,069 --> 00:17:16,240

that's why I

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00:17:21,389 --> 00:17:20,079

I always believe that that you know you

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00:17:25,110 --> 00:17:21,399

don't have to have a near-death

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00:17:28,379 --> 00:17:25,120

experience to have to feel the benefits

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00:17:31,790 --> 00:17:28,389

and Ken ring writes extensively about

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00:17:34,730 --> 00:17:31,800

this that how people are trance

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00:17:37,250 --> 00:17:34,740

formed from this but you do have to

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00:17:40,000 --> 00:17:37,260

approach it with an open mind and too

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00:17:42,670 --> 00:17:40,010

many people on the far-right

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00:17:46,400 --> 00:17:42,680

fundamentalist and on the far-right

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00:17:49,070 --> 00:17:46,410

scientists are not open-minded the

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00:17:50,660 --> 00:17:49,080

somewhere open not open-minded but you

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00:17:54,590 --> 00:17:50,670

have to approach it with an open mind

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00:17:59,830 --> 00:17:54,600

otherwise the people just turn off right

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00:18:03,290 --> 00:17:59,840

away and my goal and is in essence is to

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00:18:05,660 --> 00:18:03,300

try to help people in that transition

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00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:05,670

wanna transition back and I want to talk

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00:18:12,490 --> 00:18:09,600

about your transition from being a

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00:18:15,620 --> 00:18:12,500

fundamentalist Christian to being this

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00:18:17,960 --> 00:18:15,630

universal love kind of guy I know that

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00:18:20,150 --> 00:18:17,970

sounds very new agey but I think it's

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00:18:22,100 --> 00:18:20,160

another important point that I want to

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00:18:25,820 --> 00:18:22,110

talk about here because it's something

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00:18:27,980 --> 00:18:25,830

that again in this effort to legitimize

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00:18:31,460 --> 00:18:27,990

whatever that means near-death

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00:18:34,390 --> 00:18:31,470

experience science it's so often glossed

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00:18:39,530 --> 00:18:34,400

over and that is that the overwhelming

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00:18:41,570 --> 00:18:39,540

evidence of the the overwhelming aspect

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00:18:43,730 --> 00:18:41,580

of the phenomena that comes through once

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00:18:46,070 --> 00:18:43,740

you accept that there is some reality to

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00:18:47,900 --> 00:18:46,080

this near-death experience the number

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00:18:50,870 --> 00:18:47,910

one aspect of the phenomenon for people

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00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:50,880

is love and this unbelievable

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00:18:56,180 --> 00:18:54,240

all-encompassing love and so tell us

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00:18:58,490 --> 00:18:56,190

about the transition that you go through

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00:19:00,440 --> 00:18:58,500

and you do it in a very logical fashion

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00:19:04,130 --> 00:19:00,450

and again folks this is not the main

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00:19:06,290 --> 00:19:04,140

focus of the near-death calm website or

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00:19:08,750 --> 00:19:06,300

of Kevin's book that we're going to talk

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00:19:10,880 --> 00:19:08,760

about for a minute but it's one thing

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00:19:14,960 --> 00:19:10,890

that I found very interesting and that's

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00:19:17,810 --> 00:19:14,970

your deconstruction of Christianity as

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00:19:21,920 --> 00:19:17,820

it's commonly understood and practiced

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00:19:23,690 --> 00:19:21,930

and how you resolve that with what we're

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00:19:26,980 --> 00:19:23,700

understanding from the near-death

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00:19:29,510 --> 00:19:26,990

experience phenomena well I have a real

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00:19:32,990 --> 00:19:29,520

compassion for fundamentalists like I

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00:19:36,460 --> 00:19:33,000

said I was one once I know I know them

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00:19:39,050 --> 00:19:36,470

what is the problem if you will with

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00:19:40,880 --> 00:19:39,060

near-death experience for the

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00:19:44,240 --> 00:19:40,890

fundamentalist Christian where's the rub

401
00:19:47,570 --> 00:19:44,250
in that the rub is mainly is

402
00:19:51,550 --> 00:19:47,580
I'm having a strong belief in the devil

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00:19:55,700 --> 00:19:51,560
a lot of Christians are reluctant to

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00:19:57,620 --> 00:19:55,710
embrace any kind of spirituality you

405
00:19:59,840 --> 00:19:57,630
know having to do with spirits and stuff

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00:20:04,340 --> 00:19:59,850
I even though the Bible is filled with

407
00:20:07,610 --> 00:20:04,350
you know dream phenomenon and spirits

408
00:20:09,500 --> 00:20:07,620
and prophecy you do on your website go

409
00:20:12,020 --> 00:20:09,510
through this deconstruction of

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00:20:14,270 --> 00:20:12,030
Christianity in great detail you pull in

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00:20:18,290 --> 00:20:14,280
a lot of good information that people

412
00:20:20,180 --> 00:20:18,300
will find very compelling and a reason

413
00:20:21,310 --> 00:20:20,190

to follow up on but you come to the

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00:20:23,890 --> 00:20:21,320

conclusion from your website

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00:20:27,200 --> 00:20:23,900

Christianity as taught by Jesus

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00:20:30,200 --> 00:20:27,210

resembles Tibetan Buddhism more than it

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00:20:32,780 --> 00:20:30,210

does fundamentalist Christians Kevin I

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00:20:35,390 --> 00:20:32,790

got it wonder doesn't this I know you're

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00:20:38,000 --> 00:20:35,400

trying if you say you feel a compassion

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00:20:40,010 --> 00:20:38,010

and a great heart for fundamentalist

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00:20:42,170 --> 00:20:40,020

Christians I can't imagine a lot of

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00:20:45,890 --> 00:20:42,180

fundamentalist Christians receiving that

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00:20:49,880 --> 00:20:45,900

very well yeah I agree with that the

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00:20:53,720 --> 00:20:49,890

main point is that I like to have

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00:20:56,450 --> 00:20:53,730

Christians understand is that if they do

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00:21:01,180 --> 00:20:56,460

a look into the early history of

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00:21:03,620 --> 00:21:01,190

Christianity and especially the recent

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00:21:06,980 --> 00:21:03,630

discredited by recent discoveries of the

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00:21:10,100 --> 00:21:06,990

Dead Sea Scrolls and and the Gnostic

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00:21:14,000 --> 00:21:10,110

Gospels found discovered and heed Egypt

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00:21:15,890 --> 00:21:14,010

not long after that that there was a lot

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00:21:20,000 --> 00:21:15,900

of things that are cut out of the Bible

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00:21:21,740 --> 00:21:20,010

and for different reasons for they

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00:21:25,910 --> 00:21:21,750

didn't like pre-existence or

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00:21:29,470 --> 00:21:25,920

reincarnation and that stuff but I try

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00:21:32,870 --> 00:21:29,480

to appeal a little bit to the history a

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00:21:35,870 --> 00:21:32,880

aspect of Christianity and that modern

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00:21:38,360 --> 00:21:35,880

Christianity is is certainly not what it

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00:21:40,940 --> 00:21:38,370

started out to be yeah but but the

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00:21:43,880 --> 00:21:40,950

problem gets even worse than that for

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00:21:45,320 --> 00:21:43,890

early Christianity because as you

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00:21:48,200 --> 00:21:45,330

mentioned on your website and we won't

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00:21:50,990 --> 00:21:48,210

get into that whole Paul versus James

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00:21:54,560 --> 00:21:51,000

Jesus's brother but anyone who's serious

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00:21:57,020 --> 00:21:54,570

about this needs to go there and analyze

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00:21:57,590 --> 00:21:57,030

that but I think the big takeaway from

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00:21:58,940 --> 00:21:57,600

me and

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00:22:01,279 --> 00:21:58,950

appreciate that you're trying to kind of

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00:22:04,010 --> 00:22:01,289

spoon feed this into a Christian

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00:22:07,430 --> 00:22:04,020

Sensibility but it really throws open

451
00:22:11,480 --> 00:22:07,440
the whole idea of Scripture the whole

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00:22:14,330 --> 00:22:11,490
idea of the historical or the historical

453
00:22:17,270 --> 00:22:14,340
accuracy of Christianity and where I

454
00:22:21,080 --> 00:22:17,280
think it leaves us grasping for creating

455
00:22:23,450 --> 00:22:21,090
our own truth our own wisdom and in that

456
00:22:25,940 --> 00:22:23,460
sense I think it brings us back to okay

457
00:22:28,760 --> 00:22:25,950
what can I understand about what is

458
00:22:31,220 --> 00:22:28,770
happening to people right now in these

459
00:22:33,529 --> 00:22:31,230
near-death experiences or in these other

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00:22:35,870 --> 00:22:33,539
spiritually transformative experiences

461
00:22:38,870 --> 00:22:35,880
isn't there a problem in trying to

462
00:22:40,669 --> 00:22:38,880
completely reconcile this stuff because

463
00:22:43,370 --> 00:22:40,679

I don't think once we deconstruct it we

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00:22:45,919 --> 00:22:43,380

can really put it back in a way that

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00:22:48,770 --> 00:22:45,929

makes sense and say oh gee if we just go

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00:22:50,029 --> 00:22:48,780

back to the original scripture then

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00:22:51,710 --> 00:22:50,039

everything's okay

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00:22:54,080 --> 00:22:51,720

well no everything isn't okay there's

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00:22:56,000 --> 00:22:54,090

still a lot of myth making going on

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00:22:59,630 --> 00:22:56,010

there there's still a lot of strange

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00:23:03,169 --> 00:22:59,640

connections to Buddhism to ancient

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00:23:06,110 --> 00:23:03,179

Egyptian traditions other accretion

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00:23:08,899 --> 00:23:06,120

traditions I mean it's not a clean cut

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00:23:11,750 --> 00:23:08,909

to try and say oh if we just go back to

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00:23:16,100 --> 00:23:11,760

the Gnostics then everything's okay yeah

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00:23:19,039 --> 00:23:16,110

the best way I try to handle this for

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00:23:21,049 --> 00:23:19,049

the Christian is to help them understand

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00:23:22,610 --> 00:23:21,059

that they're so well it's obvious

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00:23:25,549 --> 00:23:22,620

there's so many different brands of

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00:23:28,039 --> 00:23:25,559

Christianity just like it wasn't users

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00:23:29,870 --> 00:23:28,049

day or after him and some of those sects

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00:23:32,990 --> 00:23:29,880

we couldn't in some of those sects we

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00:23:34,940 --> 00:23:33,000

can't really even call Christians they

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00:23:37,130 --> 00:23:34,950

were people with various kind of belief

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00:23:38,600 --> 00:23:37,140

systems and I think I agree that's the

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00:23:41,029 --> 00:23:38,610

starting point for anyone who's a

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00:23:43,940 --> 00:23:41,039

Christian is to go back and look and

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00:23:46,370 --> 00:23:43,950

understand that you know there were a

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00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:46,380

lot of different teachings going on and

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00:23:50,630 --> 00:23:48,720

even when you take Paul and he's going

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00:23:52,850 --> 00:23:50,640

and writing these letters these aren't

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00:23:56,180 --> 00:23:52,860

Christian groups he's writing letters

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00:23:57,860 --> 00:23:56,190

from or enclaves they're groups that

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00:23:59,120 --> 00:23:57,870

have already formed around some other

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00:24:01,940 --> 00:23:59,130

beliefs and we're just trying to

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00:24:03,740 --> 00:24:01,950

incorporate in this latest round of

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00:24:06,409 --> 00:24:03,750

teaching so I mean the whole thing gets

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00:24:09,409 --> 00:24:06,419

really messy the problem for the the

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00:24:10,890 --> 00:24:09,419

hardened fundamentalist is believing

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00:24:13,650 --> 00:24:10,900

anything

501
00:24:16,770 --> 00:24:13,660
is true outside of the Bible and why I

502
00:24:18,870 --> 00:24:16,780
hope to to say is that you know there's

503
00:24:21,240 --> 00:24:18,880
a grain of truth in all religions and

504
00:24:25,200 --> 00:24:21,250
it's that grain of truth is about love

505
00:24:29,070 --> 00:24:25,210
well it's universal oh it was really

506
00:24:31,100 --> 00:24:29,080
what Jesus taught was love denying you

507
00:24:33,840 --> 00:24:31,110
know he was it he was constantly in

508
00:24:38,010 --> 00:24:33,850
conflict with the religious people there

509
00:24:44,550 --> 00:24:38,020
and I try to let Christians know that

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00:24:47,730 --> 00:24:44,560
there's how wrong it is to to be you

511
00:24:50,160 --> 00:24:47,740
know have such fixed beliefs even fixed

512
00:24:53,070 --> 00:24:50,170
beliefs in near-death experiences it

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00:24:55,830 --> 00:24:53,080

could be easy to have a fixed belief to

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00:24:59,640 --> 00:24:55,840

say well the near-death experiences show

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00:25:01,920 --> 00:24:59,650

that reincarnation is true well you know

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00:25:04,020 --> 00:25:01,930

even though that's my belief I you can't

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00:25:06,510 --> 00:25:04,030

really say that it would be a religion

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00:25:10,260 --> 00:25:06,520

if I said that although the evidence

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00:25:13,890 --> 00:25:10,270

points that way I think it's important

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00:25:17,970 --> 00:25:13,900

to keep an open mind to everything you

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00:25:20,820 --> 00:25:17,980

know the possibility that you know what

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00:25:23,700 --> 00:25:20,830

what you have may be true but it may

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00:25:25,410 --> 00:25:23,710

only be partially true that there may

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00:25:28,200 --> 00:25:25,420

there's a bigger picture of all the

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00:25:31,890 --> 00:25:28,210

night I suspect that's the case with

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00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:31,900

near-death phenomena that there is a

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00:25:37,820 --> 00:25:35,200

bigger picture that near-death

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00:25:40,860 --> 00:25:37,830

experiences have very difficult time

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00:25:43,740 --> 00:25:40,870

taught you know quantifying themselves

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00:25:46,890 --> 00:25:43,750

you know how do you how do you put into

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00:25:49,650 --> 00:25:46,900

words this ineffable experience

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00:25:52,700 --> 00:25:49,660

let's talk about your book nothing

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00:25:55,950 --> 00:25:52,710

better than death insights from 60 to

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00:25:58,350 --> 00:25:55,960

profound near-death experiences I found

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00:26:01,080 --> 00:25:58,360

the book very interesting there's some

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00:26:04,380 --> 00:26:01,090

great near-death experience cases that I

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00:26:06,510 --> 00:26:04,390

think will suck anyone into this topic

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00:26:08,880 --> 00:26:06,520

because they're just profound and like

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00:26:11,220 --> 00:26:08,890

so many of these stories they just have

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00:26:15,090 --> 00:26:11,230

this human aspect to them that you can't

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00:26:17,940 --> 00:26:15,100

escape from without being deeply moved

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00:26:21,890 --> 00:26:17,950

by but your book also has I think a

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00:26:25,139 --> 00:26:21,900

great section on questions and answers

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00:26:27,659 --> 00:26:25,149

where you take your expiry

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00:26:30,899 --> 00:26:27,669

and running this website near death calm

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00:26:33,119 --> 00:26:30,909

and kind of pull out some of the most

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00:26:34,349 --> 00:26:33,129

frequent questions that people ask and

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00:26:36,180 --> 00:26:34,359

then you go ahead and try and answer

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00:26:38,690 --> 00:26:36,190

those tell us a little bit about this

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00:26:42,930 --> 00:26:38,700

book and what you sought to do with it

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00:26:45,299 --> 00:26:42,940

well the first half was mostly

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00:26:48,089 --> 00:26:45,309

presenting the near-death experience and

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00:26:51,269 --> 00:26:48,099

I do have a large section at the end

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00:26:53,489 --> 00:26:51,279

that now reconciling the near-death

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00:26:57,149 --> 00:26:53,499

experience with Christianity and

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00:26:59,820 --> 00:26:57,159

vice-versa and I do try to present the

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00:27:03,810 --> 00:26:59,830

information that you know you can't

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00:27:06,299 --> 00:27:03,820

limit God to a book or to an experience

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00:27:07,709 --> 00:27:06,309

like in the near-death experience while

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00:27:11,909 --> 00:27:07,719

I was in the middle of writing that book

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00:27:14,849 --> 00:27:11,919

my mom died and it was kind of ironic

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00:27:18,060 --> 00:27:14,859

because the time titled my book of

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00:27:20,999 --> 00:27:18,070

course was you know nothing better than

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00:27:23,669 --> 00:27:21,009

death but it's threw me off a little bit

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00:27:25,859 --> 00:27:23,679

that yeah I know there's nothing better

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00:27:28,950 --> 00:27:25,869

than death but not for the people who

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00:27:31,379 --> 00:27:28,960

are you know have to stay hanging around

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00:27:35,190 --> 00:27:31,389

and you deal with it and so that was

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00:27:38,190 --> 00:27:35,200

another experience for me and in fact my

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00:27:41,249 --> 00:27:38,200

I'm in the middle of writing my next

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00:27:42,989 --> 00:27:41,259

book which should have been the first

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00:27:45,299 --> 00:27:42,999

title sort of then there's nothing

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00:27:46,139 --> 00:27:45,309

better than love I think we all have to

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00:27:50,969 --> 00:27:46,149

come at it

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00:27:53,070 --> 00:27:50,979

know why you know you had these

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00:27:55,560 --> 00:27:53,080

experiences or why you were thrown

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00:27:57,810 --> 00:27:55,570

another curve you know just as you're

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00:28:00,089 --> 00:27:57,820

writing this book but hey that's your

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00:28:04,349 --> 00:28:00,099

story what I want to do is appeal to

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00:28:08,310 --> 00:28:04,359

folks who want to get to the bottom of

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00:28:11,909 --> 00:28:08,320

things in a logical systematic fashion

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00:28:14,119 --> 00:28:11,919

you do have to reject some things in

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00:28:17,190 --> 00:28:14,129

order to let some other things in so

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00:28:19,829 --> 00:28:17,200

sometimes is an uncomfortable process so

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00:28:23,159 --> 00:28:19,839

let's be okay with the uncomfortableness

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00:28:25,139 --> 00:28:23,169

of challenging those beliefs whether

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00:28:29,249 --> 00:28:25,149

they be on the side of religious people

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00:28:31,469 --> 00:28:29,259

or atheists and scientific minded people

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00:28:35,369 --> 00:28:31,479

don't we have to kind of crack some eggs

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00:28:38,529 --> 00:28:35,379

to make the omelet you know and and my

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00:28:40,419 --> 00:28:38,539

message to atheist

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00:28:42,639 --> 00:28:40,429

you know it doesn't matter what you

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00:28:45,190 --> 00:28:42,649

believe religion and stuff doesn't

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00:28:47,529 --> 00:28:45,200

matter on the other side it's deeds not

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00:28:49,720 --> 00:28:47,539

Creed's that's what I hear a lot of our

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00:28:51,730 --> 00:28:49,730

life here is important you know we're

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00:28:54,549 --> 00:28:51,740

here to do a job we're all on a mission

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00:28:57,669 --> 00:28:54,559

from God as a Blues Brothers would say

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00:28:59,769 --> 00:28:57,679

and it doesn't matter what the year an

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00:29:03,310 --> 00:28:59,779

atheist or a religious person you're

601
00:29:06,580 --> 00:29:03,320
accepted on the other side whoever you

602
00:29:08,230 --> 00:29:06,590
are I'm with you for the most part in

603
00:29:11,489 --> 00:29:08,240
the overall message who can argue with

604
00:29:14,279 --> 00:29:11,499
that but the deeds versus Creed's thing

605
00:29:17,289 --> 00:29:14,289
sometimes I think we want to downplay

606
00:29:19,419 --> 00:29:17,299
the relationship between the two and

607
00:29:21,909 --> 00:29:19,429
especially I tell you for me personally

608
00:29:24,100 --> 00:29:21,919
I just have always approached things

609
00:29:28,239 --> 00:29:24,110
from kind of a big picture standpoint I

610
00:29:31,600 --> 00:29:28,249
need to understand the Creed's before I

611
00:29:35,980 --> 00:29:31,610
can really embrace the deeds if you will

612
00:29:39,489 --> 00:29:35,990
yeah so becoming more accepting of the

613
00:29:43,299 --> 00:29:39,499

hard evidence that I am NOT a biological

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00:29:45,850 --> 00:29:43,309

robot that there is a reality to the

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00:29:48,940 --> 00:29:45,860

spirituality that I sometimes get little

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00:29:52,600 --> 00:29:48,950

glimpses of and that I see in other

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00:29:55,090 --> 00:29:52,610

people helps me get to the deeds part

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00:29:57,730 --> 00:29:55,100

because otherwise I can look at it very

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00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:57,740

rationally and say and I don't need that

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00:30:03,909 --> 00:30:01,279

deed or I'm liking the stuff that I'm

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00:30:05,950 --> 00:30:03,919

getting it's okay I mean I have more

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00:30:08,919 --> 00:30:05,960

stuff and I can even draw a lines and

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00:30:10,899 --> 00:30:08,929

say as long as I'm not too bad then it's

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00:30:12,940 --> 00:30:10,909

okay isn't it there's a lot of people

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00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:12,950

like me who approach it from you know

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00:30:17,950 --> 00:30:15,440

what I want to know the Creed I want to

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00:30:20,409 --> 00:30:17,960

know the truth the scientific truth as

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00:30:25,060 --> 00:30:20,419

close as I can get to it and then that

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00:30:27,730 --> 00:30:25,070

in turn informs my deeds you know and

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00:30:30,430 --> 00:30:27,740

that's why I like I view my uncle who is

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00:30:33,399 --> 00:30:30,440

the atheist worshiping God you might say

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00:30:36,580 --> 00:30:33,409

in quotes in a manner in his own way

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00:30:39,159 --> 00:30:36,590

through his love of science and his love

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00:30:41,859 --> 00:30:39,169

of physics and Radiology's or

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00:30:45,070 --> 00:30:41,869

radiologists and in evolution heating

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00:30:47,560 --> 00:30:45,080

now his passion is for nature and

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00:30:50,210 --> 00:30:47,570

science and physics and I think that

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00:30:52,789 --> 00:30:50,220

approach is very spiritual

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00:30:54,860 --> 00:30:52,799

again I can't quite agree because I've

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00:30:56,960 --> 00:30:54,870

seen this so often with these scientists

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00:30:59,840 --> 00:30:56,970

I mean if they have a fundamentally

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00:31:01,519 --> 00:30:59,850

flawed aspect to their theory like

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00:31:04,129 --> 00:31:01,529

consciousness which is always the one

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00:31:06,860 --> 00:31:04,139

that we bump into then I'm not all that

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00:31:09,409 --> 00:31:06,870

interested in what else they have to say

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00:31:11,749 --> 00:31:09,419

even if they've discovered some truth

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00:31:13,909 --> 00:31:11,759

about some particle or about some

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00:31:16,190 --> 00:31:13,919

subatomic reaction or something like

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00:31:19,190 --> 00:31:16,200

that I think it's very possible that

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00:31:22,539 --> 00:31:19,200

people can be incredibly well educated

651
00:31:26,779 --> 00:31:22,549
on a narrow subject and really be rather

652
00:31:28,909 --> 00:31:26,789
oblivious to these larger truths and

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00:31:31,580 --> 00:31:28,919
realities that they don't even explore

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00:31:33,560 --> 00:31:31,590
and as far as science being a high

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00:31:35,480 --> 00:31:33,570
priest in what religion that's not a

656
00:31:39,169 --> 00:31:35,490
religion that I want to I want to be a

657
00:31:43,119 --> 00:31:39,179
part of I I kind of believe what Edgar

658
00:31:47,450 --> 00:31:43,129
Cayce once theorized and that is that

659
00:31:51,440 --> 00:31:47,460
religion and science metaphysics or

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00:31:55,369 --> 00:31:51,450
philosophy are approaching a point of

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00:31:58,039 --> 00:31:55,379
merger and we're getting closer and

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00:32:00,889 --> 00:31:58,049
closer to that point of merger where

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00:32:04,330 --> 00:32:00,899

science does become kind of a mystical

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00:32:06,230 --> 00:32:04,340

and I see that in quantum physics I

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00:32:08,869 --> 00:32:06,240

understand where you're coming from on

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00:32:11,090 --> 00:32:08,879

that I just think there also has to be a

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00:32:13,159 --> 00:32:11,100

little bit of skepticism associated with

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00:32:15,080 --> 00:32:13,169

that when I hear about this paradigm

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00:32:16,460 --> 00:32:15,090

change I always go back and have had

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00:32:18,799 --> 00:32:16,470

some guests who talk about the great

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00:32:21,980 --> 00:32:18,809

spiritualist movement in the early 1900s

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00:32:24,200 --> 00:32:21,990

hey everything was poised and ready for

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00:32:26,330 --> 00:32:24,210

a paradigm shift that paradigm shift

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00:32:28,220 --> 00:32:26,340

didn't happen and as a matter of fact

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00:32:30,320 --> 00:32:28,230

reversed and it went back in Reverse and

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00:32:32,090 --> 00:32:30,330

has been for the last hundred years I

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00:32:36,639 --> 00:32:32,100

think it's a real mistake to

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00:32:40,639 --> 00:32:36,649

underestimate the appeal of the

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00:32:43,639 --> 00:32:40,649

materialist reductionist philosophy and

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00:32:46,759 --> 00:32:43,649

to kind of underestimate how much it

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00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:46,769

permeates our culture our lives in every

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00:32:50,720 --> 00:32:48,720

way so just because a few people have

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00:32:53,899 --> 00:32:50,730

written best-selling books and made it

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00:32:56,360 --> 00:32:53,909

on to the Oprah circuit if you will that

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00:32:59,539 --> 00:32:56,370

doesn't mean that there's going to be an

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00:33:02,180 --> 00:32:59,549

end to the the war machine or the

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00:33:03,170 --> 00:33:02,190

depleted uranium that we're going to

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00:33:05,360 --> 00:33:03,180

shoot over and

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00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:05,370

area or or any of the rest of this stuff

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00:33:09,770 --> 00:33:07,740

I mean me the only thing I can conclude

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00:33:12,530 --> 00:33:09,780

is that it's about personal

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00:33:15,230 --> 00:33:12,540

transformation and it's about embracing

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00:33:17,900 --> 00:33:15,240

that and in the process of embracing

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00:33:20,300 --> 00:33:17,910

that then I think trying to come in

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00:33:22,730 --> 00:33:20,310

contact with other people and create

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00:33:25,970 --> 00:33:22,740

that community but beyond that I'm very

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00:33:29,300 --> 00:33:25,980

leery of drawing any conclusions about

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00:33:32,510 --> 00:33:29,310

our current situation and how that might

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00:33:35,240 --> 00:33:32,520

look in some larger time scale of

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00:33:38,270 --> 00:33:35,250

history because history hasn't been very

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00:33:39,980 --> 00:33:38,280
kind to this kind of a paradigm shift at

702
00:33:43,040 --> 00:33:39,990
least the history that we know of

703
00:33:43,570 --> 00:33:43,050
yeah I have to hand it to you that you

704
00:33:47,780 --> 00:33:43,580
deal with

705
00:33:50,570 --> 00:33:47,790
a lot of skeptics who are materialists

706
00:33:54,470 --> 00:33:50,580
and you fully understand them far more

707
00:33:56,780 --> 00:33:54,480
than I do and I do know that that

708
00:33:59,750 --> 00:33:56,790
they're very reluctant to hear anything

709
00:34:04,990 --> 00:33:59,760
has smacks of religion well right now we

710
00:34:06,140 --> 00:34:05,000
see both sides religions and hardcore

711
00:34:09,200 --> 00:34:06,150
scientists

712
00:34:13,490 --> 00:34:09,210
materialists are kicking and screaming

713
00:34:16,280 --> 00:34:13,500

but this point of merger is is happening

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00:34:18,380 --> 00:34:16,290

right now especially and I think in

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00:34:21,650 --> 00:34:18,390

quantum physics when you know you can't

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00:34:25,780 --> 00:34:21,660

it's there's a mystical aspect to it

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00:34:28,660 --> 00:34:25,790

that can't really be denied but the

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00:34:31,100 --> 00:34:28,670

materialists and right now and and

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00:34:35,330 --> 00:34:31,110

religionists are taking and screaming

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00:34:39,650 --> 00:34:35,340

but I see it they were there'll be no

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00:34:42,910 --> 00:34:39,660

more faith involved because the Newton

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00:34:47,090 --> 00:34:42,920

knowledge will come in that is

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00:34:50,270 --> 00:34:47,100

inescapable yeah I mean you will be as a

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00:34:54,620 --> 00:34:50,280

religious person will have to abandon

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00:34:57,530 --> 00:34:54,630

whatever erroneous face they have or

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00:34:58,370 --> 00:34:57,540

their dogma and the same with the

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00:35:00,200 --> 00:34:58,380

scientists

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00:35:02,750 --> 00:35:00,210

you could be right I always think of

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Dean Radin who I interviewed a long time

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00:35:07,070 --> 00:35:05,400

ago on this show and he said something

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00:35:09,080 --> 00:35:07,080

he's very prophetic and I know it's

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00:35:10,790 --> 00:35:09,090

going to be true he said you know all

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00:35:12,560 --> 00:35:10,800

these people talk about paradigm shift

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00:35:15,980 --> 00:35:12,570

and I'm paraphrasing here obviously he

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00:35:18,470 --> 00:35:15,990

said what happens is there's the ship

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00:35:19,580 --> 00:35:18,480

and then everyone goes oh yeah that's

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00:35:21,590 --> 00:35:19,590

what I've been talking about all along

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00:35:24,650 --> 00:35:21,600

you know so there isn't this big

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00:35:27,620 --> 00:35:24,660

dramatic thing it's that scientists will

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00:35:29,420 --> 00:35:27,630

find cover in saying a bunch of

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00:35:31,730 --> 00:35:29,430

different things and oh yeah but we knew

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00:35:34,460 --> 00:35:31,740

that we accepted that and you might even

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00:35:35,630 --> 00:35:34,470

go further and say well with this new

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00:35:37,730 --> 00:35:35,640

paradigm shift

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00:35:40,430 --> 00:35:37,740

everybody will be right beside the

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00:35:41,600 --> 00:35:40,440

materials will say well yeah the

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00:35:43,910 --> 00:35:41,610

near-death experience

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00:35:47,600 --> 00:35:43,920

there's nothing paranormal about it

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00:35:50,630 --> 00:35:47,610

because we know now that consciousness

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00:35:53,240 --> 00:35:50,640

survives death right right we redefine

751
00:35:55,970 --> 00:35:53,250
consciousness in some way yeah and

752
00:35:58,730 --> 00:35:55,980
that's that's the key really when it

753
00:36:02,000 --> 00:35:58,740
comes down to it quantifying what

754
00:36:04,550 --> 00:36:02,010
consciousness is but I think if we can

755
00:36:06,710 --> 00:36:04,560
establish that consciousness does

756
00:36:09,350 --> 00:36:06,720
survive bodily death and we're getting

757
00:36:13,880 --> 00:36:09,360
close to that I think I agree on both

758
00:36:15,560 --> 00:36:13,890
sides whatever whoever has any Dogma in

759
00:36:17,480 --> 00:36:15,570
that regard I agree with you now I've

760
00:36:20,090 --> 00:36:17,490
always been very negative about the

761
00:36:22,820 --> 00:36:20,100
paradigm shift thing for all the reasons

762
00:36:25,490 --> 00:36:22,830
that that I just said but I'll think

763
00:36:28,340 --> 00:36:25,500

you're right I get the sense that the

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00:36:31,160 --> 00:36:28,350

mounting data from near-death experience

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00:36:34,310 --> 00:36:31,170

science and the way that that data syncs

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00:36:36,460 --> 00:36:34,320

with findings in other areas is going to

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00:36:41,020 --> 00:36:36,470

make it harder and harder for the

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00:36:44,690 --> 00:36:41,030

consciousness folks to find cover in the

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00:36:47,359 --> 00:36:44,700

reductionist biological robot mean and I

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00:36:49,820 --> 00:36:47,369

see that already in my conversations

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00:36:52,190 --> 00:36:49,830

with some of the leading consciousness

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00:36:54,710 --> 00:36:52,200

researchers they know the old thing

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00:36:57,020 --> 00:36:54,720

doesn't fit they don't know what the new

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00:36:59,510 --> 00:36:57,030

ground is they're trying to find this

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00:37:02,210 --> 00:36:59,520

emergent property of consciousness thing

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00:37:04,940 --> 00:37:02,220

which is really just a stepping stone

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00:37:06,890 --> 00:37:04,950

that fails miserably if you really think

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00:37:09,170 --> 00:37:06,900

it through and I think they're going to

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00:37:11,270 --> 00:37:09,180

have to find a new ground and the only

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00:37:14,270 --> 00:37:11,280

ground to be is this idea that

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00:37:16,640 --> 00:37:14,280

consciousness in some way we we don't

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00:37:19,099 --> 00:37:16,650

completely understand does survive

783

00:37:22,550 --> 00:37:19,109

bodily death and I agree with you that's

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00:37:25,340 --> 00:37:22,560

a whole new ball game that's gonna be a

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00:37:28,880 --> 00:37:25,350

big step and I hope that would happen

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00:37:29,600 --> 00:37:28,890

soon I hope the results from the aware

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00:37:32,780 --> 00:37:29,610

study

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00:37:34,760 --> 00:37:32,790

and the immortality project then again

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00:37:37,790 --> 00:37:34,770

now we have this new study about rats

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00:37:40,580 --> 00:37:37,800

having the this explosion of energy in

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00:37:42,290 --> 00:37:40,590

their brain and you know two

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00:37:44,000 --> 00:37:42,300

materialists they say ha

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00:37:46,220 --> 00:37:44,010

that's a near-death experience they're

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00:37:48,590 --> 00:37:46,230

just a brain thing we covered that a

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00:37:52,190 --> 00:37:48,600

little bit on this show and when that

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00:37:55,400 --> 00:37:52,200

broke that latest quote-unquote science

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00:37:58,210 --> 00:37:55,410

news story to me it's just a repeated

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00:38:02,330 --> 00:37:58,220

pattern of some little insignificant

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00:38:05,350 --> 00:38:02,340

news being just splattered all over the

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00:38:08,300 --> 00:38:05,360

science media as some attempt to kind of

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00:38:10,310 --> 00:38:08,310
counterbalance the trend towards

802
00:38:12,200 --> 00:38:10,320
near-death experience science but what I

803
00:38:14,930 --> 00:38:12,210
wrote and shared with people was the

804
00:38:19,190 --> 00:38:14,940
interview that I did a while back with

805
00:38:21,950 --> 00:38:19,200
dr. Locke machala from George Washington

806
00:38:24,050 --> 00:38:21,960
University who found and proposed the

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00:38:26,810 --> 00:38:24,060
same thing that there's this burst of

808
00:38:30,530 --> 00:38:26,820
electrical activity in the brain just

809
00:38:32,480 --> 00:38:30,540
before it completely shuts down and what

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00:38:33,710 --> 00:38:32,490
I found and I repeated the quote is I

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00:38:35,480 --> 00:38:33,720
went through one of the near-death

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00:38:36,950 --> 00:38:35,490
experience researchers is one of the

813
00:38:38,600 --> 00:38:36,960

leading folks and I won't mention the

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00:38:41,030 --> 00:38:38,610

name but he said that's perhaps the

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00:38:43,850 --> 00:38:41,040

dumbest explanation for your death

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00:38:46,610 --> 00:38:43,860

experience yet and I'd say the same

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00:38:50,060 --> 00:38:46,620

holds true for this rat study because

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00:38:53,210 --> 00:38:50,070

obviously what it what it completely

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00:38:55,550 --> 00:38:53,220

misses the boat on it's two things one

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00:38:58,940 --> 00:38:55,560

is that we already know that these

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00:39:02,240 --> 00:38:58,950

near-death experiences happen at times

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00:39:04,550 --> 00:39:02,250

other than this peak period that they've

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00:39:07,760 --> 00:39:04,560

studied in the rats but more importantly

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00:39:10,640 --> 00:39:07,770

that we also know that these near-death

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00:39:14,480 --> 00:39:10,650

experiences happen in brains that are

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00:39:16,790 --> 00:39:14,490

not at all under trauma or stress and it

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00:39:18,680 --> 00:39:16,800

happened to people when they're landing

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00:39:20,630 --> 00:39:18,690

a plane and they think the plane might

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00:39:23,060 --> 00:39:20,640

die and they can have it so it really

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00:39:25,340 --> 00:39:23,070

doesn't correlate very well with the

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00:39:29,840 --> 00:39:25,350

experience and to me the real story is

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00:39:32,840 --> 00:39:29,850

how can we yet again take a non-story

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00:39:36,260 --> 00:39:32,850

take science that doesn't really fit and

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00:39:39,380 --> 00:39:36,270

how can we crank it out and prop it up

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00:39:42,100 --> 00:39:39,390

to look like it really provides some

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00:39:43,370 --> 00:39:42,110

kind of legitimacy to this

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00:39:45,480 --> 00:39:43,380

counterbalance

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00:39:47,910 --> 00:39:45,490

mountain of evidence for near-death

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00:39:50,100 --> 00:39:47,920

experience science yeah yeah I agree

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00:39:52,200 --> 00:39:50,110

that and it's it's a matter of

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00:39:55,170 --> 00:39:52,210

perspective to I think you know the

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00:39:55,920 --> 00:39:55,180

materialist see the rat study and they

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00:39:58,380 --> 00:39:55,930

say ha

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00:40:01,560 --> 00:39:58,390

they say reason for hope they say the

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00:40:03,870 --> 00:40:01,570

same thing that the Christians do when a

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00:40:06,570 --> 00:40:03,880

Christian near-death experience

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00:40:09,090 --> 00:40:06,580

apologist comes along and says wait a

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00:40:12,110 --> 00:40:09,100

minute this near-death experience stuff

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00:40:15,090 --> 00:40:12,120

it doesn't mean that we have to abandon

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00:40:18,210 --> 00:40:15,100

Christianity and to a certain extent I I

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00:40:20,490 --> 00:40:18,220

kind of take issue with holding folks by

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00:40:23,280 --> 00:40:20,500

the hand there because but it just

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00:40:25,770 --> 00:40:23,290

doesn't seem sincere and in the same way

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00:40:27,570 --> 00:40:25,780

I don't think the Christian apologists

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00:40:29,400 --> 00:40:27,580

are being sincere when they look at

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00:40:31,260 --> 00:40:29,410

near-death experience science and they

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00:40:33,840 --> 00:40:31,270

don't own up and say wait a minute

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00:40:36,840 --> 00:40:33,850

this directly contradicts in some

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00:40:39,120 --> 00:40:36,850

fundamental ways Christian doctrine and

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00:40:42,750 --> 00:40:39,130

in the same way I don't think it's it's

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00:40:44,160 --> 00:40:42,760

legit right for that scientists to do

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00:40:46,200 --> 00:40:44,170

the same thing with these they're not

863

00:40:50,700 --> 00:40:46,210

they're not looking through Galileo's

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00:40:53,760 --> 00:40:50,710

telescope yet exactly and it really is

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00:40:56,640 --> 00:40:53,770

on both sides it's a matter of ignorance

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00:40:59,280 --> 00:40:56,650

so Kevin it's it's amazing work that

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00:41:01,560 --> 00:40:59,290

you've done can you tell us what might

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00:41:03,780 --> 00:41:01,570

be coming up for folks at near-death

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00:41:06,300 --> 00:41:03,790

calm I know you work on the website a

870

00:41:08,430 --> 00:41:06,310

lot and are always updating it with new

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00:41:10,530 --> 00:41:08,440

information and you also mention this

872

00:41:14,340 --> 00:41:10,540

new book that you have coming out when

873

00:41:18,050 --> 00:41:14,350

might we see that well it's gonna be

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00:41:21,360 --> 00:41:18,060

slow in coming because I'm actually

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00:41:27,030 --> 00:41:21,370

involved in a lot more webmaster stuff

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00:41:29,280 --> 00:41:27,040

then I am writing new articles but as I

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00:41:32,490 --> 00:41:29,290

am updating my website I'm updating a

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00:41:35,430 --> 00:41:32,500

lot of my my main articles that are more

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00:41:38,760 --> 00:41:35,440

popular I guess you might say and of

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00:41:42,690 --> 00:41:38,770

course right now the deal is doctors who

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00:41:46,410 --> 00:41:42,700

have NDP's like doctor even Alexander

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00:41:49,050 --> 00:41:46,420

you know and I think there the testimony

883

00:41:50,780 --> 00:41:49,060

of neuroscientists who and there are a

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00:41:53,120 --> 00:41:50,790

number of them that I want to present

885

00:41:56,370 --> 00:41:53,130

but when we could at number of

886

00:41:58,339 --> 00:41:56,380

neuroscientists having these experiences

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00:42:01,410 --> 00:41:58,349

and acknowledging him then you know

888

00:42:04,529 --> 00:42:01,420

that's what I'm interested in and also

889

00:42:06,960 --> 00:42:04,539

the near-death experiences of presidents

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00:42:11,190 --> 00:42:06,970

like Ronald Reagan had a near-death

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00:42:14,460 --> 00:42:11,200

experience and Lincoln supposedly had

892

00:42:17,400 --> 00:42:14,470

one how it changed his life but these

893

00:42:19,229 --> 00:42:17,410

special categories of people having

894

00:42:23,150 --> 00:42:19,239

near-death experiences fascinate me a

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00:42:26,519 --> 00:42:23,160

lot well Kevin your website is really

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00:42:28,200 --> 00:42:26,529

extremely important to this field I hope

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00:42:29,940 --> 00:42:28,210

that people who haven't been there for a

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00:42:32,910 --> 00:42:29,950

while will revisit

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00:42:34,799 --> 00:42:32,920

near-death calm and reacquaint

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00:42:36,660 --> 00:42:34,809

themselves with the information I'm glad

901
00:42:39,390 --> 00:42:36,670
to hear that you're constantly updating

902
00:42:41,339 --> 00:42:39,400
it I think that's that's vital it's been

903
00:42:43,640 --> 00:42:41,349
great having you on thanks so much for

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00:42:46,710 --> 00:42:43,650
joining me well it's my pleasure I

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00:42:49,140 --> 00:42:46,720
appreciate it thanks again to Kevin for

906
00:42:50,609 --> 00:42:49,150
joining me today on skeptic oh so I have

907
00:42:51,900 --> 00:42:50,619
one question to tee up from this

908
00:42:53,609 --> 00:42:51,910
interview and it's a little bit

909
00:42:55,799 --> 00:42:53,619
different from the kind of questions

910
00:42:58,769 --> 00:42:55,809
I've asked in the past because I want

911
00:43:01,319 --> 00:42:58,779
you to share with me on the forum or in

912
00:43:04,309 --> 00:43:01,329
the comment section the website your

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00:43:07,410 --> 00:43:04,319

personal journey through the near-death

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00:43:10,620 --> 00:43:07,420

experience data so what's some of the

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00:43:13,170 --> 00:43:10,630

first information you came across what

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00:43:15,749 --> 00:43:13,180

did you do when you read about someone's

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00:43:17,759 --> 00:43:15,759

story or you read about a researcher who

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00:43:19,589 --> 00:43:17,769

published some research where did that

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00:43:22,109 --> 00:43:19,599

take you where did that lead you and

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00:43:24,660 --> 00:43:22,119

then maybe where are you now in terms of

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00:43:28,049 --> 00:43:24,670

your conclusions about near-death

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00:43:29,910 --> 00:43:28,059

experience science so if you feel up to

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00:43:31,950 --> 00:43:29,920

it let's take this discussion in a

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00:43:34,319 --> 00:43:31,960

little personal direction this time

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00:43:36,450 --> 00:43:34,329

around and see where that leads us of

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00:43:39,089 --> 00:43:36,460

course the place to answer that question

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00:43:41,700 --> 00:43:39,099

and share your journey with us is either

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00:43:44,190 --> 00:43:41,710

on The Skeptical website right there in

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00:43:46,410 --> 00:43:44,200

the comment section or by clicking on

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00:43:48,509 --> 00:43:46,420

over to the forum and joining the

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00:43:53,579 --> 00:43:48,519

discussion over there The Skeptical

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00:43:56,009 --> 00:43:53,589

website is at ske p TI ke o calm there

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00:43:58,469 --> 00:43:56,019

you'll also find of course over 200

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00:44:01,469 --> 00:43:58,479

previous episodes of skeptic Oh a link

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00:44:04,229 --> 00:44:01,479

where you can subscribe on iTunes also

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00:44:05,819 --> 00:44:04,239

an email and a Facebook link to me well

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00:44:08,819 --> 00:44:05,829

that's going to do it for right now I

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00:44:10,740 --> 00:44:08,829

have several interesting shows coming up

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00:44:12,810 --> 00:44:10,750

variety atop

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I hope you'll stay with me for all of