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00:00:12,370 --> 00:00:09,730  
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:15,100 --> 00:00:12,380  
with Rick Archer host of buddha at the

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00:00:17,050 --> 00:00:15,110  
gas pump if you want to change the

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00:00:19,660 --> 00:00:17,060  
course of a river let's say the ganges

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00:00:21,240 --> 00:00:19,670  
you couldn't do it really at the mouth

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00:00:23,620 --> 00:00:21,250  
where it enters into the Bay of Bengal

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00:00:25,060 --> 00:00:23,630  
it's the whole river has already run its

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00:00:26,830 --> 00:00:25,070  
course by then and it has a great

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00:00:28,570 --> 00:00:26,840  
momentum to it but if you could go to

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00:00:30,640 --> 00:00:28,580  
the source of the Ganges up in the

11  
00:00:31,779 --> 00:00:30,650  
Himalayas someplace maybe you could send

12  
00:00:33,340 --> 00:00:31,789  
the whole river off in a different

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00:00:36,400 --> 00:00:33,350

direction the metaphor is meant to

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00:00:39,130 --> 00:00:36,410

suggest that the more fundamental level

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at which you can operate the more

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00:00:44,529 --> 00:00:41,539

influential you can be and so we have to

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00:00:46,299 --> 00:00:44,539

ask ourselves what changes culture what

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00:00:48,220 --> 00:00:46,309

is it the really change is the way

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00:00:50,919 --> 00:00:48,230

people think and the institutions that

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00:00:53,469 --> 00:00:50,929

appear to be in control the politicians

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00:00:56,139 --> 00:00:53,479

the corporations and so on I would argue

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00:00:58,540 --> 00:00:56,149

that the lowest common denominator in

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00:01:12,540 --> 00:00:58,550

all of human activity is consciousness

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00:01:16,450 --> 00:01:14,800

welcome to skeptic aware we explore

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00:01:18,820 --> 00:01:16,460

controversial science with leading

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00:01:21,280 --> 00:01:18,830

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:24,370 --> 00:01:21,290

I'm your host alexsa cares in on this

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episode I again talked to Rick Archer

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from buddha at the gas pump really one

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00:01:30,490 --> 00:01:28,190

of my favorite guests and one of my

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00:01:32,740 --> 00:01:30,500

favorite people to connect to when we

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00:01:36,850 --> 00:01:32,750

look at the bigger picture questions of

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00:01:38,860 --> 00:01:36,860

what does all this stuff mean and where

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00:01:41,530 --> 00:01:38,870

might it be going in terms of

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00:01:43,360 --> 00:01:41,540

consciousness research and in terms of

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00:01:45,550 --> 00:01:43,370

answering the questions that we talked

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00:01:47,200 --> 00:01:45,560

so much about here on this show so it's

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00:01:49,780 --> 00:01:47,210

always a pleasure to touch base with

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00:01:52,210 --> 00:01:49,790

Rick and see where his community of

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00:01:55,120 --> 00:01:52,220

enlightenment seekers are heading and

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00:01:58,060 --> 00:01:55,130

where what they're finding matches up

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00:02:02,020 --> 00:01:58,070

with or doesn't match up with what the

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00:02:04,210 --> 00:02:02,030

science and rational logical folks are

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00:02:07,420 --> 00:02:04,220

doing and that's what I thought to do in

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00:02:09,999 --> 00:02:07,430

this interview I hope you enjoy it

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00:02:12,760 --> 00:02:10,009

today we welcome Rick Archer back to

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00:02:16,420 --> 00:02:12,770

skeptic Oh Rick of course is the creator

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00:02:19,270 --> 00:02:16,430

of and host of Buddha at the gas pump a

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00:02:20,760 --> 00:02:19,280

show you've heard me mention many times

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00:02:24,660 --> 00:02:20,770

on this show because I think it provides

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00:02:28,620 --> 00:02:24,670  
just a really unique and wonderful

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00:02:31,449 --> 00:02:28,630  
insight into what's going on with

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00:02:34,960 --> 00:02:31,459  
enlightenment and folks who are seeking

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00:02:37,390 --> 00:02:34,970  
this alternative extended consciousness

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00:02:38,530 --> 00:02:37,400  
reality that we talk so much about on

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00:02:40,570 --> 00:02:38,540  
the show of course we're going to get

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00:02:46,050 --> 00:02:40,580  
into that quite a bit rick is also a

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00:02:48,820 --> 00:02:46,060  
long time TM practitioner teacher and

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00:02:52,660 --> 00:02:48,830  
longtime student who still meditates

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00:02:54,520 --> 00:02:52,670  
several hours a day which is to most of

61  
00:02:56,530 --> 00:02:54,530  
us commendable even though Rick just I

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00:02:58,690 --> 00:02:56,540  
think sees it as a natural part of his

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:02:58,700

life and along with that he also has a

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00:03:04,180 --> 00:03:01,040

day job helping folks with their

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00:03:06,220 --> 00:03:04,190

websites and getting their SEO on which

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00:03:08,140 --> 00:03:06,230

if you don't know what that is don't

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00:03:11,020 --> 00:03:08,150

worry about it it isn't in your world

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00:03:12,880 --> 00:03:11,030

but anyway Rick it's great to have you

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00:03:15,430 --> 00:03:12,890

back thanks again so much for joining me

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00:03:17,530 --> 00:03:15,440

thanks that I should mention that i am

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00:03:19,030 --> 00:03:17,540

not officially a TM teacher anymore i

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00:03:21,729 --> 00:03:19,040

was kind of booted out of the TM

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00:03:23,080 --> 00:03:21,739

movement over 10 years ago for getting a

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00:03:25,509 --> 00:03:23,090

little bit involved with amma the

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00:03:27,130 --> 00:03:25,519

hugging saint they don't like their

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00:03:30,699 --> 00:03:27,140

teachers to sort of get involved with

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00:03:32,920 --> 00:03:30,709

other gurus and by still meditate and i

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00:03:36,759 --> 00:03:32,930

am appreciative of everything i gained

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from my TM World Association days but

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00:03:41,740 --> 00:03:39,830

I'm no longer part of it well you know

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00:03:43,630 --> 00:03:41,750

that's interesting in and of itself i'm

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00:03:45,190 --> 00:03:43,640

not sure we want to jump there right now

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00:03:48,070 --> 00:03:45,200

but one of the things i really

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00:03:51,509 --> 00:03:48,080

appreciate about your website and about

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00:03:55,650 --> 00:03:51,519

your position in general is you are very

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00:03:57,220 --> 00:03:55,660

eclectic very open to a lot of different

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practices and a lot of different

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techniques but you're not afraid to kind

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00:04:06,759 --> 00:04:03,049

of be at least a little bit discerning

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00:04:10,420 --> 00:04:06,769

and critical about some of the dogmatism

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00:04:12,580 --> 00:04:10,430

and fundamentalism that can emerge in

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00:04:15,580 --> 00:04:12,590

these places where we don't expect to

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00:04:17,740 --> 00:04:15,590

see it i mean non-duality people TM

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00:04:20,620 --> 00:04:17,750

people they're not supposed to act like

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00:04:21,160 --> 00:04:20,630

that but of course the the human nature

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00:04:23,860 --> 00:04:21,170

i guess

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00:04:27,250 --> 00:04:23,870

crops up over and over again so maybe in

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00:04:30,250 --> 00:04:27,260

there you can roll that into talking

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00:04:32,740 --> 00:04:30,260

about buddha at the gas pump for those

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00:04:33,940 --> 00:04:32,750

people who maybe don't know about it or

101  
00:04:35,740 --> 00:04:33,950  
haven't listened to that previous

102  
00:04:38,500 --> 00:04:35,750  
interview you know i just heard an

103  
00:04:40,060 --> 00:04:38,510  
interview you gave and it really you

104  
00:04:41,710 --> 00:04:40,070  
kind of turn the tables and you were the

105  
00:04:44,020 --> 00:04:41,720  
subject of the interview but you really

106  
00:04:46,290 --> 00:04:44,030  
talked about the humble beginnings of

107  
00:04:49,000 --> 00:04:46,300  
the show and how it just emerged out of

108  
00:04:51,100 --> 00:04:49,010  
this hey there seems to be a lot of

109  
00:04:53,800 --> 00:04:51,110  
people i'm talking to that are into this

110  
00:04:56,490 --> 00:04:53,810  
stuff let's get these ideas out there

111  
00:05:00,700 --> 00:04:56,500  
and see what germinates from it is that

112  
00:05:04,960 --> 00:05:00,710  
pretty much what happened yeah you know

113  
00:05:07,660 --> 00:05:04,970

I don't know exactly what puppeteer is

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00:05:09,940 --> 00:05:07,670

pulling our strings you know it's but um

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00:05:12,100 --> 00:05:09,950

but you know you just feel inspired to

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00:05:13,660 --> 00:05:12,110

do something and you don't know exactly

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00:05:15,790 --> 00:05:13,670

where it's heading or how big it might

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00:05:17,500 --> 00:05:15,800

become but you just kind of follow the

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00:05:18,880 --> 00:05:17,510

impulse and that's kind of way it was

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00:05:20,890 --> 00:05:18,890

with this it was just an impulse and I

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00:05:22,420 --> 00:05:20,900

started out thinking very small like

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00:05:24,490 --> 00:05:22,430

I'll just do this on the local radio

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00:05:26,980 --> 00:05:24,500

station from for the folks in my town

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00:05:29,170 --> 00:05:26,990

and that wasn't getting met with success

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00:05:31,750 --> 00:05:29,180

it was getting it was being resisted and

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00:05:33,790 --> 00:05:31,760

so kind of one thing led to the next and

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00:05:36,130 --> 00:05:33,800

as soon as I had the intention to make

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00:05:38,260 --> 00:05:36,140

it much more of a global thing it got

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00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:38,270

tremendous support and you know that it

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00:05:42,310 --> 00:05:40,400

was like that's what God wanted me to do

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00:05:44,260 --> 00:05:42,320

or nature whoever whoever's pulling the

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00:05:45,850 --> 00:05:44,270

strings it's like okay now you're on

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00:05:47,980 --> 00:05:45,860

track now here's some support you know

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00:05:52,030 --> 00:05:47,990

and and so it just kind of started

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00:05:54,820 --> 00:05:52,040

expanding and growing yeah okay so then

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00:05:56,350 --> 00:05:54,830

maybe we because we know each other and

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00:05:59,080 --> 00:05:56,360

we become friends and have great respect

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00:06:00,910 --> 00:05:59,090

for you maybe we're jumping a little bit

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00:06:04,810 --> 00:06:00,920

right into some inside baseball let's

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00:06:07,510 --> 00:06:04,820

back up what is Buddha at the bat boot

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00:06:09,970 --> 00:06:07,520

at the gas pump how do you how do you

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00:06:11,950 --> 00:06:09,980

describe it to people who really don't

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00:06:13,330 --> 00:06:11,960

know anything about it I just say that

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00:06:15,960 --> 00:06:13,340

it's a show in which I have

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00:06:18,640 --> 00:06:15,970

conversations with people who are

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00:06:20,530 --> 00:06:18,650

awakening spiritually I hesitate to use

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00:06:22,900 --> 00:06:20,540

the term awakened because I don't know

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00:06:25,600 --> 00:06:22,910

if I've met anyone who is awakened as

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00:06:27,490 --> 00:06:25,610

you can possibly get so no matter how

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00:06:30,090 --> 00:06:27,500

awakened they may be and we'll probably

151  
00:06:33,570 --> 00:06:30,100  
have to define what we mean by that

152  
00:06:35,580 --> 00:06:33,580  
there's still you know an unfolding of

153  
00:06:38,570 --> 00:06:35,590  
greater depth and clarity and so on so

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00:06:40,800 --> 00:06:38,580  
let's let's discuss what awakening is

155  
00:06:42,600 --> 00:06:40,810  
you know if you ask the average person

156  
00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:42,610  
who they are they're probably going to

157  
00:06:46,080 --> 00:06:44,080  
give you their name they might give you

158  
00:06:47,850 --> 00:06:46,090  
sebas you know aspects of their

159  
00:06:49,950 --> 00:06:47,860  
personal lives like their family and

160  
00:06:52,410 --> 00:06:49,960  
their job and all kinds of things that

161  
00:06:54,360 --> 00:06:52,420  
described outer attributes maybe they

162  
00:06:57,060 --> 00:06:54,370  
describe their body I'm a weightlifter

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00:06:59,450 --> 00:06:57,070

I'm a you know pro athlete or something

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00:07:03,390 --> 00:06:59,460

if that's what they are really you know

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00:07:08,700 --> 00:07:03,400

inspired by but all those things are

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00:07:11,040 --> 00:07:08,710

changing and and dying and spiritual

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00:07:12,480 --> 00:07:11,050

authorities and mystics and so on

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00:07:14,730 --> 00:07:12,490

throughout history have said that that's

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00:07:16,350 --> 00:07:14,740

not who we are we're something much

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00:07:18,270 --> 00:07:16,360

deeper than that you know we're not

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00:07:22,260 --> 00:07:18,280

merely a wave on the ocean where the

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00:07:24,180 --> 00:07:22,270

ocean itself we're at our in our core at

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00:07:26,760 --> 00:07:24,190

our essence we are pure consciousness

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00:07:28,980 --> 00:07:26,770

unbounded pure awareness and that's our

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00:07:30,990 --> 00:07:28,990

our core identity that's who we are

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00:07:32,460 --> 00:07:31,000

ultimately and there's only one of us on

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00:07:34,590 --> 00:07:32,470

that level you know you and I are the

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00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:34,600

same person so to speak on that level

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00:07:39,300 --> 00:07:36,880

and it's not even a person it's sort of

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00:07:40,950 --> 00:07:39,310

the ground state of the universe so the

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00:07:43,530 --> 00:07:40,960

whole deal with enlightenment and

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00:07:45,990 --> 00:07:43,540

awakening and all that is to arrive at

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00:07:48,660 --> 00:07:46,000

an experiential verification of what I

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00:07:50,730 --> 00:07:48,670

just said now it's not a concept it

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00:07:52,530 --> 00:07:50,740

doesn't do you any good as a concept you

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00:07:53,790 --> 00:07:52,540

can you can conceptualize it till you're

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00:07:56,310 --> 00:07:53,800

blue in the face and it's not going to

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impact your life but actually getting

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00:08:03,540 --> 00:08:00,040

down to experiencing life in that way is

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00:08:06,060 --> 00:08:03,550

the most dramatic and profound thing

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00:08:08,640 --> 00:08:06,070

that a person can do in my opinion and

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00:08:11,490 --> 00:08:08,650

it has the most profound impact on life

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00:08:13,860 --> 00:08:11,500

that anything can have so anyway that's

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00:08:17,910 --> 00:08:13,870

what awakening is in a nutshell and by

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00:08:19,320 --> 00:08:17,920

my goal in doing this show is well first

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00:08:21,750 --> 00:08:19,330

of all I just love doing it but also

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00:08:23,700 --> 00:08:21,760

just to sort of make people aware that

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00:08:25,950 --> 00:08:23,710

there's somewhat of an epidemic taking

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00:08:27,690 --> 00:08:25,960

place in terms of this type of

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00:08:29,190 --> 00:08:27,700

experience that I've just described and

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it's accessible to everyone not just

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00:08:34,529 --> 00:08:31,840

some guy sitting in a cave or you know

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00:08:36,570 --> 00:08:34,539

some great famous saint who lived a

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00:08:39,240 --> 00:08:36,580

thousand years ago it's accessible to

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00:08:42,000 --> 00:08:39,250

everyone it's your birthright mm-hmm

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well you know that's that's all

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00:08:45,569 --> 00:08:43,419

interesting and let

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00:08:47,069 --> 00:08:45,579

and maybe this will be useful for people

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00:08:49,110 --> 00:08:47,079

and useful for you and I will be

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00:08:51,540 --> 00:08:49,120

interesting to us anyway but you know I

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00:08:53,940 --> 00:08:51,550

kind of come at your show slightly

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00:08:55,530 --> 00:08:53,950

differently you know I see what you just

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00:08:57,180 --> 00:08:55,540

said at the beginning in terms of

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00:08:58,500 --> 00:08:57,190

awakening and I like the way you kind of

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phrased it the way up the term I would

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use is it's the working hypothesis right

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so the working hypothesis is that there

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00:09:10,550 --> 00:09:07,779

is this self there is this unbounded

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00:09:13,069 --> 00:09:10,560

self that connects all of us and it

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00:09:15,360 --> 00:09:13,079

connects with all these other wonderful

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00:09:17,759 --> 00:09:15,370

insights and this other wonderful

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00:09:21,360 --> 00:09:17,769

experiences but that is a working

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hypothesis what I love about that gap is

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00:09:26,699 --> 00:09:24,610

I get the spirit of exploring that that

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00:09:29,759 --> 00:09:26,709

you are exploring that as a working

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00:09:31,650 --> 00:09:29,769

hypothesis so there isn't the dogmatism

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00:09:33,750 --> 00:09:31,660

that we'd see with someone who says on

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00:09:37,710 --> 00:09:33,760

holiday you know it has to be this brand

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00:09:40,949 --> 00:09:37,720

of Thai avada Buddhism as practiced in

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00:09:44,250 --> 00:09:40,959

Sri Lanka in the 1800's that's when it

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00:09:48,120 --> 00:09:44,260

all happened I mean you really are not

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kind into that kind of in a very gentle

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00:09:51,060 --> 00:09:49,540

way because you do a great job in your

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00:09:52,290 --> 00:09:51,070

interviews but you're not kind of that

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00:09:55,230 --> 00:09:52,300

kind of thinking you're just kind too

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00:09:57,630 --> 00:09:55,240

kind of this scientific approach almost

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00:09:59,610 --> 00:09:57,640

in terms of juxtaposing all these

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00:10:03,240 --> 00:09:59,620

different people that are seeking this

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00:10:05,610 --> 00:10:03,250

same experience and putting it out there

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00:10:07,470 --> 00:10:05,620

and and letting it letting the chips

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fall where they may what I think is

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00:10:11,699 --> 00:10:09,790

interesting about that from a skeptical

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00:10:15,860 --> 00:10:11,709

perspective where we're coming at it is

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that you're working hypothesis is

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completely completely contradicts the

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00:10:27,269 --> 00:10:23,230

the underpinnings the the foundational

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00:10:30,990 --> 00:10:27,279

ideas of our science of our culture of

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00:10:32,280 --> 00:10:31,000

our belief system in terms of as you

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00:10:36,750 --> 00:10:32,290

know when as I say on the show all the

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time that the fundamental building block

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of science is that you are your brain

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00:10:44,340 --> 00:10:42,459

your brain and your mind are one you are

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00:10:47,069 --> 00:10:44,350

therefore a biological robot like the

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00:10:48,680 --> 00:10:47,079

t-shirt you got the t-shirt good set me

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00:10:51,090 --> 00:10:48,690

and I said your victory wearing it but

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00:10:52,500 --> 00:10:51,100

went to the science of non-duality

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00:10:54,509 --> 00:10:52,510

conference which we want to kind of

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00:10:55,980 --> 00:10:54,519

segue in and talk about because that

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00:10:57,300 --> 00:10:55,990

conference represents kind of a

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community of people like

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00:11:03,180 --> 00:11:00,400

minded people who I think share some of

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00:11:07,890 --> 00:11:03,190

this ethos that Rick is kind of tuning

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into but I'm babbling on here tell us

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what you think about the juxtaposition

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of that idea you're working hypothesis

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00:11:21,329 --> 00:11:18,010

and the biological robot in a

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00:11:23,160 --> 00:11:21,339

meaningless universe hypothesis or do

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00:11:24,450 --> 00:11:23,170

you not sure worry about that now I

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00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:24,460

don't worry about it but I have some

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00:11:29,250 --> 00:11:27,279

thoughts about it I first of all I like

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00:11:30,780 --> 00:11:29,260

the term working hypothesis because it

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00:11:32,400 --> 00:11:30,790

fits right in with what I just said a

273

00:11:34,710 --> 00:11:32,410

few minutes ago which is that this whole

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00:11:37,740 --> 00:11:34,720

thing is really an experiential matter

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00:11:40,290 --> 00:11:37,750

not a hypothetical or conceptual or you

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00:11:43,079 --> 00:11:40,300

know theoretical matter and it's fine to

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00:11:45,120 --> 00:11:43,089

form hypotheses but then they should be

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00:11:48,180 --> 00:11:45,130

experiential II explorable and

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00:11:50,370 --> 00:11:48,190

verifiable otherwise it's just pie in

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00:11:52,230 --> 00:11:50,380

the sky meaningless belief and you know

281

00:11:53,910 --> 00:11:52,240

belief might be inspiring to some people

282

00:11:55,530 --> 00:11:53,920

but it really is not what we're talking

283

00:11:59,160 --> 00:11:55,540

about here we're talking about direct

284

00:12:03,450 --> 00:11:59,170

experience so now as far as science is

285

00:12:05,400 --> 00:12:03,460

concerned yeah a lot of scientists think

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00:12:07,320 --> 00:12:05,410

the way you've just described but there

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00:12:08,610 --> 00:12:07,330

are more kind of leading-edge scientists

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00:12:11,670 --> 00:12:08,620

such as the ones who would come to that

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00:12:13,320 --> 00:12:11,680

conference who have definitely gone

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00:12:17,460 --> 00:12:13,330

beyond that sort of thinking and are

291

00:12:20,670 --> 00:12:17,470

very eloquently arguing that you know we

292

00:12:23,790 --> 00:12:20,680

are not just biological robots and that

293

00:12:26,640 --> 00:12:23,800

we're more like you know there were more

294

00:12:29,550 --> 00:12:26,650

like radios which pick up at which can

295

00:12:33,390 --> 00:12:29,560

kind of pick up or detect an underlying

296

00:12:36,210 --> 00:12:33,400

field which is vast and universal the

297

00:12:38,790 --> 00:12:36,220

music is not in the radio the music is

298

00:12:40,920 --> 00:12:38,800

kind of coming from you know vibrations

299

00:12:43,560 --> 00:12:40,930

in that field so like that what we

300

00:12:45,600 --> 00:12:43,570

essentially ultimately are is unbounded

301  
00:12:47,970 --> 00:12:45,610  
universal and our individual nervous

302  
00:12:50,850 --> 00:12:47,980  
systems our conduits for that or

303  
00:12:52,320 --> 00:12:50,860  
channels for that or extensors gan's of

304  
00:12:54,810 --> 00:12:52,330  
the infinite you could say through which

305  
00:12:55,860 --> 00:12:54,820  
we have individual experiences but

306  
00:12:58,860 --> 00:12:55,870  
that's just the tip of the iceberg

307  
00:13:00,150 --> 00:12:58,870  
that's just the sort of more is there

308  
00:13:01,680 --> 00:13:00,160  
are a lot of scientists who would agree

309  
00:13:03,329 --> 00:13:01,690  
with what I'm saying and who actually

310  
00:13:05,910 --> 00:13:03,339  
can argue much more eloquently than I

311  
00:13:07,770 --> 00:13:05,920  
have in terms of physics and so on why

312  
00:13:10,410 --> 00:13:07,780  
that is actually the case and not the

313  
00:13:12,169 --> 00:13:10,420

sort of more antiquated worldview that

314

00:13:15,329 --> 00:13:12,179

you just start

315

00:13:16,919 --> 00:13:15,339

okay that's maybe another topic for

316

00:13:18,720 --> 00:13:16,929

another time I mean I just think the

317

00:13:22,949 --> 00:13:18,730

number of scientists that really fall

318

00:13:24,030 --> 00:13:22,959

into that a larger group into that that

319

00:13:25,619 --> 00:13:24,040

group that were just talking about in

320

00:13:27,840 --> 00:13:25,629

terms of enlightens and science and non

321

00:13:29,549 --> 00:13:27,850

duality sub are really so small and

322

00:13:32,309 --> 00:13:29,559

their influence is so minuscule and

323

00:13:34,949 --> 00:13:32,319

they're so swamped by the the other

324

00:13:38,819 --> 00:13:34,959

mainstream view that I I I think it's I

325

00:13:42,329 --> 00:13:38,829

think it's a mistake to see progress

326

00:13:44,159 --> 00:13:42,339

there when we're in this little

327

00:13:45,869 --> 00:13:44,169

community this little echo chamber and

328

00:13:48,840 --> 00:13:45,879

we keep talking to the same people over

329

00:13:51,539 --> 00:13:48,850

and over again and we think that means

330

00:13:53,460 --> 00:13:51,549

that there's some big movement and I'm

331

00:13:55,019 --> 00:13:53,470

not sure it's there you know the great

332

00:13:58,499 --> 00:13:55,029

thing about the Internet is we have this

333

00:14:00,509 --> 00:13:58,509

long tail which it is a wonderful long

334

00:14:03,599 --> 00:14:00,519

tail but that's where we're at Rick

335

00:14:05,879 --> 00:14:03,609

we're way down here on the on the end of

336

00:14:08,069 --> 00:14:05,889

the tail and you know as I talk to the

337

00:14:09,539 --> 00:14:08,079

people at the the leading universities

338

00:14:12,269 --> 00:14:09,549

you know the Ivy League people in the

339

00:14:14,819 --> 00:14:12,279

Oxford and Cambridge and so they don't

340

00:14:17,729 --> 00:14:14,829

they don't give any time to to any of

341

00:14:21,090 --> 00:14:17,739

this stuff a barely a mention and as a

342

00:14:24,659 --> 00:14:21,100

matter of fact that the the counter to

343

00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:24,669

this the the antagonism towards these

344

00:14:31,829 --> 00:14:27,040

ideas and this whoo whoo and this

345

00:14:34,739 --> 00:14:31,839

science stuff is really grown more in

346

00:14:37,409 --> 00:14:34,749

terms of you know numbers has grown or

347

00:14:41,809 --> 00:14:37,419

at least is growing and still growing as

348

00:14:44,429 --> 00:14:41,819

much as this alternative community of

349

00:14:46,470 --> 00:14:44,439

enlightenment science seekers I mean

350

00:14:48,389 --> 00:14:46,480

that's my sense and the numbers I think

351

00:14:51,569 --> 00:14:48,399

bear it out I mean if you want to look

352

00:14:54,210 --> 00:14:51,579

at it like numbers of listeners viewers

353

00:14:57,629 --> 00:14:54,220

of your show of your fantastic youtube

354

00:15:00,179 --> 00:14:57,639

channel bat gap com you know compare

355

00:15:04,439 --> 00:15:00,189

that to skeptics guide to the universe

356

00:15:07,319 --> 00:15:04,449

or you know some other skeptics show it

357

00:15:09,329 --> 00:15:07,329

you're dwarfed by that yeah but that

358

00:15:10,949 --> 00:15:09,339

doesn't intimidate me I mean there was a

359

00:15:13,949 --> 00:15:10,959

time when the people who believed the

360

00:15:16,529 --> 00:15:13,959

earth was not the center of the solar

361

00:15:18,359 --> 00:15:16,539

system and early of the universe and but

362

00:15:21,509 --> 00:15:18,369

in fact was just a planet going around a

363

00:15:23,009 --> 00:15:21,519

star we're in the tiny tiny minority and

364

00:15:23,920 --> 00:15:23,019

they could get killed for expressing

365

00:15:26,079 --> 00:15:23,930

their opinion

366

00:15:28,120 --> 00:15:26,089

uh but obviously hardly anybody thinks

367

00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:28,130

that way anymore so everything changed

368

00:15:32,440 --> 00:15:30,800

so but you know it took maybe a long

369

00:15:34,510 --> 00:15:32,450

time for everything to change but the

370

00:15:37,120 --> 00:15:34,520

pace of change seems to be accelerating

371

00:15:39,700 --> 00:15:37,130

these days and I would argue that well

372

00:15:42,040 --> 00:15:39,710

within our lifetimes the perspective

373

00:15:45,639 --> 00:15:42,050

that I just articulated will become the

374

00:15:48,579 --> 00:15:45,649

dominant theme and but I may be wrong

375

00:15:50,110 --> 00:15:48,589

you know maybe I just don't know that's

376

00:15:52,840 --> 00:15:50,120

all fine to speculate and all that I

377

00:15:54,310 --> 00:15:52,850

just speculation give me some data you

378

00:15:56,710 --> 00:15:54,320

know i just gave you some data and I

379

00:16:00,100 --> 00:15:56,720

said you know this whole skeptical thing

380

00:16:02,050 --> 00:16:00,110

which is is just spreads like wildfire

381

00:16:03,850 --> 00:16:02,060

on on the internet you gotta something

382

00:16:06,850 --> 00:16:03,860

like reddit or or something like that or

383

00:16:08,920 --> 00:16:06,860

Wikipedia I mean the Wikipedia is what

384

00:16:12,579 --> 00:16:08,930

the second or third fourth largest

385

00:16:15,579 --> 00:16:12,589

website in the world dominated by that

386

00:16:18,449 --> 00:16:15,589

view dominate you cannot get a word in

387

00:16:20,889 --> 00:16:18,459

edgewise with those people so you know I

388

00:16:23,079 --> 00:16:20,899

you're sort of devoting your time to

389

00:16:24,699 --> 00:16:23,089

locking horns with him I actually pay

390

00:16:27,190 --> 00:16:24,709

any attention to him I'm kind of in this

391

00:16:30,070 --> 00:16:27,200

other world you know like I don't think

392

00:16:32,160 --> 00:16:30,080

I really don't know I mean I split my

393

00:16:34,900 --> 00:16:32,170

time I just think we got to kind of be

394

00:16:38,590 --> 00:16:34,910

reality based and maybe that's a way to

395

00:16:40,780 --> 00:16:38,600

segue into uh this conference that i

396

00:16:43,180 --> 00:16:40,790

think is interesting because what i want

397

00:16:45,790 --> 00:16:43,190

to explore with you hey i am let me back

398

00:16:48,699 --> 00:16:45,800

up and say as you've heard me say many

399

00:16:52,120 --> 00:16:48,709

times I'm a big big supporter of bat gap

400

00:16:56,010 --> 00:16:52,130

I think it's an extremely important show

401  
00:16:57,760 --> 00:16:56,020  
and its importance goes beyond this

402  
00:17:01,510 --> 00:16:57,770  
community of people seeking

403  
00:17:06,040 --> 00:17:01,520  
enlightenment I think it extends to all

404  
00:17:09,790 --> 00:17:06,050  
sorts of people who just have this this

405  
00:17:12,549 --> 00:17:09,800  
this yearning to know is there something

406  
00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:12,559  
more is there anything more and I think

407  
00:17:16,360 --> 00:17:14,720  
what bad cap does is say oh yeah there's

408  
00:17:19,449 --> 00:17:16,370  
a hell of a lot more there's this more

409  
00:17:21,189 --> 00:17:19,459  
that more there's 50,000 flavors maybe

410  
00:17:25,870 --> 00:17:21,199  
that's an exaggeration but on your show

411  
00:17:28,870 --> 00:17:25,880  
what 200 300 400 flavors of something

412  
00:17:31,090 --> 00:17:28,880  
more pick your own and if you go there I

413  
00:17:34,540 --> 00:17:31,100

think you can't help but come away and

414

00:17:36,910 --> 00:17:34,550

say wow can I really try and jam all

415

00:17:38,890 --> 00:17:36,920

that experience the

416

00:17:42,490 --> 00:17:38,900

you share can I really try and jam that

417

00:17:44,860 --> 00:17:42,500

back into this kind of scripted idea you

418

00:17:47,170 --> 00:17:44,870

know this I am nothing you know I came

419

00:17:49,620 --> 00:17:47,180

from nothing I go to nothing kind of

420

00:17:51,880 --> 00:17:49,630

ideal that's where I think back cap fits

421

00:17:55,780 --> 00:17:51,890

yeah and I think if people are really

422

00:17:58,390 --> 00:17:55,790

locked into the materialistic worldview

423

00:18:00,370 --> 00:17:58,400

they're not going to stick with that gap

424

00:18:02,980 --> 00:18:00,380

too long or it's going to drive them

425

00:18:04,960 --> 00:18:02,990

crazy because you know week after week

426

00:18:07,960 --> 00:18:04,970

after week there's somebody expressing

427

00:18:10,330 --> 00:18:07,970

on the basis of their own experience you

428

00:18:11,950 --> 00:18:10,340

know the contrary worldview you know

429

00:18:15,610 --> 00:18:11,960

that we are consciousness and that

430

00:18:17,470 --> 00:18:15,620

there's a vast range of experience

431

00:18:19,300 --> 00:18:17,480

available to us and that we're just kind

432

00:18:21,430 --> 00:18:19,310

of on the crust most of us of the

433

00:18:25,450 --> 00:18:21,440

surface and you can dive deep and

434

00:18:27,490 --> 00:18:25,460

explore the whole kit kaboodle so and

435

00:18:30,490 --> 00:18:27,500

you know that's my audience and I don't

436

00:18:32,560 --> 00:18:30,500

try to I mean it's fun talking to people

437

00:18:36,430 --> 00:18:32,570

who are somewhat skeptical I still like

438

00:18:39,100 --> 00:18:36,440

to get sam Harris on the show but it's I

439

00:18:42,250 --> 00:18:39,110

don't know why but well because he has

440

00:18:44,290 --> 00:18:42,260

an interesting approach which is that he

441

00:18:46,330 --> 00:18:44,300

has a schizophrenic kind of approach

442

00:18:51,160 --> 00:18:46,340

that I think is interesting to explore

443

00:18:54,750 --> 00:18:51,170

how folks can be wanting to stay one

444

00:18:57,790 --> 00:18:54,760

foot in this kind of absurd

445

00:18:59,560 --> 00:18:57,800

materialistic biological robot thing

446

00:19:02,560 --> 00:18:59,570

which he wants to stay in and at the

447

00:19:04,480 --> 00:19:02,570

same time he wants like it it's like a

448

00:19:06,060 --> 00:19:04,490

guilt thing he wants a deal with the

449

00:19:09,340 --> 00:19:06,070

fact that he knows that that's

450

00:19:10,960 --> 00:19:09,350

fundamentally contradicted by this other

451

00:19:13,180 --> 00:19:10,970

experience he has I'm all for you

452

00:19:15,700 --> 00:19:13,190

getting him on I just think it's rather

453

00:19:18,550 --> 00:19:15,710

he's a-come a comical character to me

454

00:19:20,110 --> 00:19:18,560

well I find him interesting because of

455

00:19:21,670 --> 00:19:20,120

what you just said it so it's sort of

456

00:19:23,320 --> 00:19:21,680

like he has one foot on the dock and one

457

00:19:25,000 --> 00:19:23,330

foot in a boat and the boat is kind of

458

00:19:26,910 --> 00:19:25,010

floating away from the dock and at some

459

00:19:30,340 --> 00:19:26,920

point he's going to fall in the water

460

00:19:32,500 --> 00:19:30,350

you know because he's an ardent Buddha a

461

00:19:34,720 --> 00:19:32,510

meditation practitioner and it seems to

462

00:19:37,000 --> 00:19:34,730

me that if his if his meditation is

463

00:19:39,790 --> 00:19:37,010

fruitful it's got up trying to show him

464

00:19:43,150 --> 00:19:39,800

at some point that the materialistic

465

00:19:44,560 --> 00:19:43,160

worldview is unfounded and you know it

466

00:19:46,300 --> 00:19:44,570

he'll refute it through his own

467

00:19:48,520 --> 00:19:46,310

experience and he insists on direct

468

00:19:50,290 --> 00:19:48,530

experience as the final arbiter of truth

469

00:19:52,180 --> 00:19:50,300

he feels like a lot of harm has been

470

00:19:53,740 --> 00:19:52,190

the humanity through believing things

471

00:19:55,690 --> 00:19:53,750

that we don't actually can't actually

472

00:19:56,830 --> 00:19:55,700

experience and I'm with him on that you

473

00:19:59,320 --> 00:19:56,840

know anyway we're going off on a tangent

474

00:20:01,630 --> 00:19:59,330

except for his beliefs right but like

475

00:20:04,900 --> 00:20:01,640

all atheists except for his beliefs

476  
00:20:06,850 --> 00:20:04,910  
those are of course propelling mankind

477  
00:20:09,790 --> 00:20:06,860  
forward in in ways that we can only

478  
00:20:13,570 --> 00:20:09,800  
imagine I mentioned the deepak recently

479  
00:20:16,090 --> 00:20:13,580  
in deepak said he's he's a naive realist

480  
00:20:17,590 --> 00:20:16,100  
you know what that means no God doing

481  
00:20:19,690 --> 00:20:17,600  
well I'd have to look it up again on

482  
00:20:21,730 --> 00:20:19,700  
Wikipedia but basically it's someone who

483  
00:20:25,750 --> 00:20:21,740  
does believe that the external world is

484  
00:20:29,050 --> 00:20:25,760  
real and you know more or less as we see

485  
00:20:31,480 --> 00:20:29,060  
it and it has instead of an intrinsic or

486  
00:20:34,600 --> 00:20:31,490  
inherent so substance or reality to it

487  
00:20:38,320 --> 00:20:34,610  
and you know the cutting edge of physics

488  
00:20:39,910 --> 00:20:38,330

says otherwise so you know it like like

489

00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:39,920

the other scientists that you mentioned

490

00:20:45,610 --> 00:20:42,320

that the predominant scientific paradigm

491

00:20:48,700 --> 00:20:45,620

seems to be clinging to a world view

492

00:20:51,400 --> 00:20:48,710

that the leading edge of physics says

493

00:20:52,720 --> 00:20:51,410

you know refuted nearly 100 years ago

494

00:20:56,200 --> 00:20:52,730

it's just taken a while for the rest of

495

00:20:59,710 --> 00:20:56,210

them to catch up so what are the

496

00:21:04,030 --> 00:20:59,720

prospects then for this community that

497

00:21:06,730 --> 00:21:04,040

you are a part of and you see growing in

498

00:21:08,590 --> 00:21:06,740

is represented in the science and

499

00:21:10,840 --> 00:21:08,600

non-duality conference that you went and

500

00:21:12,310 --> 00:21:10,850

I'm hoping you can kind of bring us up

501  
00:21:13,360 --> 00:21:12,320  
to date on what that conference is like

502  
00:21:15,430 --> 00:21:13,370  
I know you're not officially

503  
00:21:16,900 --> 00:21:15,440  
representing them by any means but it's

504  
00:21:19,570 --> 00:21:16,910  
just kind of an interesting touch point

505  
00:21:21,640 --> 00:21:19,580  
to kind of talk about what is it about

506  
00:21:23,620 --> 00:21:21,650  
this community what is the the non

507  
00:21:27,070 --> 00:21:23,630  
duality community that you are part of

508  
00:21:28,210 --> 00:21:27,080  
what is that all about well I'd say one

509  
00:21:30,640 --> 00:21:28,220  
of the first thing that pops in my mind

510  
00:21:33,390 --> 00:21:30,650  
is that the people most of people who

511  
00:21:36,070 --> 00:21:33,400  
attend that conference are kind of a

512  
00:21:38,890 --> 00:21:36,080  
same as I am as you described earlier in

513  
00:21:40,840 --> 00:21:38,900

terms of being very kind of accepting of

514

00:21:42,310 --> 00:21:40,850

all the different viewpoints and

515

00:21:43,930 --> 00:21:42,320

perspectives and so on that are

516

00:21:45,850 --> 00:21:43,940

presented their you you don't really

517

00:21:48,220 --> 00:21:45,860

find anybody arguing that my way is the

518

00:21:50,320 --> 00:21:48,230

highway and all you other people are

519

00:21:52,870 --> 00:21:50,330

wrong you know there's a there's a real

520

00:21:57,250 --> 00:21:52,880

appreciation for the the multi-faceted

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00:21:59,140 --> 00:21:57,260

nature of human experience and the fact

522

00:22:00,760 --> 00:21:59,150

that we've all sort of got a feel of the

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00:22:02,680 --> 00:22:00,770

elephant that's a little bit different

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00:22:04,120 --> 00:22:02,690

than everybody else's feel if you know

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00:22:07,210 --> 00:22:04,130

that metaphor

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00:22:09,880 --> 00:22:07,220

and so there's kind of like this

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00:22:12,400 --> 00:22:09,890

diversity and unity kind of quality at

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00:22:14,500 --> 00:22:12,410

the conference where you have all kinds

529

00:22:18,130 --> 00:22:14,510

of spiritual people I even smell a

530

00:22:20,380 --> 00:22:18,140

little marijuana the last one and the at

531

00:22:23,500 --> 00:22:20,390

all sorts of scientific people and poets

532

00:22:26,200 --> 00:22:23,510

and musicians I mean you know just a

533

00:22:28,510 --> 00:22:26,210

real potpourri of different types of

534

00:22:30,940 --> 00:22:28,520

people who are you know on the surface

535

00:22:33,370 --> 00:22:30,950

in terms of their backgrounds and and

536

00:22:35,080 --> 00:22:33,380

their their activities apparently quite

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00:22:37,570 --> 00:22:35,090

different from one another but there's

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00:22:39,850 --> 00:22:37,580

this kind of underlying unity or harmony

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00:22:41,800 --> 00:22:39,860

that seems quite predominant and and so

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00:22:43,690 --> 00:22:41,810

the atmosphere is really rich and very

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00:22:46,570 --> 00:22:43,700

energetic I mean there's a lot of Shakti

542

00:22:47,950 --> 00:22:46,580

in the air like I can only sleep a few

543

00:22:50,220 --> 00:22:47,960

hours a night when I was there because

544

00:22:52,900 --> 00:22:50,230

there's just so much energy in the place

545

00:22:54,880 --> 00:22:52,910

so it's very kind of and there's about

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00:22:56,950 --> 00:22:54,890

five or six things going on at once most

547

00:22:58,750 --> 00:22:56,960

of the time during the day so unless you

548

00:23:00,280 --> 00:22:58,760

have the by location city you have to

549

00:23:03,730 --> 00:23:00,290

kind of choose to do this that or the

550

00:23:05,740 --> 00:23:03,740

other thing but anyway it's a lot of fun

551  
00:23:07,090 --> 00:23:05,750  
out there are other conferences that are

552  
00:23:08,710 --> 00:23:07,100  
held here and there throughout the world

553  
00:23:12,550 --> 00:23:08,720  
I don't know of anything that's quite as

554  
00:23:14,500 --> 00:23:12,560  
big as this or quite as diverse and has

555  
00:23:19,210 --> 00:23:14,510  
such an interesting collection of people

556  
00:23:22,590 --> 00:23:19,220  
at it in a broader sense what do you

557  
00:23:25,060 --> 00:23:22,600  
think is going on with this

558  
00:23:27,220 --> 00:23:25,070  
enlightenment community i guess if we

559  
00:23:29,590 --> 00:23:27,230  
can call it that you are a part of that

560  
00:23:32,040 --> 00:23:29,600  
this conference is a part of you you

561  
00:23:34,690 --> 00:23:32,050  
seem to be very optimistic that it's

562  
00:23:36,280 --> 00:23:34,700  
it's really point not only pointing in a

563  
00:23:39,100 --> 00:23:36,290

new direction but has some momentum

564

00:23:42,930 --> 00:23:39,110

behind it and is changing our culture

565

00:23:46,810 --> 00:23:42,940

our view on science our view on religion

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00:23:50,770 --> 00:23:46,820

what are your thoughts on that I do and

567

00:23:53,560 --> 00:23:50,780

maybe it's just my own wishful thinking

568

00:23:57,940 --> 00:23:53,570

but I really feel that you know most

569

00:24:00,220 --> 00:23:57,950

major social trends are we're not

570

00:24:02,380 --> 00:24:00,230

foreseen by the people who were living

571

00:24:03,970 --> 00:24:02,390

in any particular age you know no one in

572

00:24:06,880 --> 00:24:03,980

the 1800's could have predicted what

573

00:24:09,160 --> 00:24:06,890

life would be like now for instance all

574

00:24:10,840 --> 00:24:09,170

our technological advancements all sorts

575

00:24:12,490 --> 00:24:10,850

of other things gay marriage I mean just

576

00:24:14,410 --> 00:24:12,500

all these different things that that are

577

00:24:16,660 --> 00:24:14,420

becoming kind of the norm now have

578

00:24:16,840 --> 00:24:16,670

become the norm and I think that you

579

00:24:20,410 --> 00:24:16,850

know

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00:24:23,740 --> 00:24:20,420

the most significant thing of all in

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00:24:26,440 --> 00:24:23,750

human life is spiritual development or

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00:24:28,180 --> 00:24:26,450

spiritual awakening and it's been some

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00:24:30,520 --> 00:24:28,190

you know and people have been interested

584

00:24:33,490 --> 00:24:30,530

in it I mean all the religions are faint

585

00:24:35,860 --> 00:24:33,500

remnants of a ridge of you know revivals

586

00:24:37,840 --> 00:24:35,870

of that experience which are you know

587

00:24:42,640 --> 00:24:37,850

we're soon distorted and corrupted and

588

00:24:46,540 --> 00:24:42,650

turned into you know just belief systems

589

00:24:48,730 --> 00:24:46,550

but i think that there's awakening

590

00:24:51,520 --> 00:24:48,740

taking place now which is unprecedented

591

00:24:54,040 --> 00:24:51,530

and someone said the next buddha is the

592

00:24:56,110 --> 00:24:54,050

sangha sangha means like the community

593

00:24:58,960 --> 00:24:56,120

not as opposed to you know someone

594

00:25:01,000 --> 00:24:58,970

individual and it seems like you know

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00:25:03,460 --> 00:25:01,010

the communications we have available to

596

00:25:06,070 --> 00:25:03,470

us now have for the first time in human

597

00:25:08,890 --> 00:25:06,080

history made it possible for a show like

598

00:25:12,430 --> 00:25:08,900

mine to be on the air or yours and for

599

00:25:14,770 --> 00:25:12,440

there to be a kind of a mass awakening

600

00:25:17,140 --> 00:25:14,780

as opposed to just one that takes place

601  
00:25:19,780 --> 00:25:17,150  
in a small geographic region and it is

602  
00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:19,790  
you know eventually propagates around

603  
00:25:24,400 --> 00:25:22,010  
the world but is pretty much lost by the

604  
00:25:27,730 --> 00:25:24,410  
time it has propagated so so there's

605  
00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:27,740  
this kind of epidemic thing going on and

606  
00:25:33,100 --> 00:25:30,320  
there may be you know if you've where of

607  
00:25:35,260 --> 00:25:33,110  
the hundredth monkey story where monkeys

608  
00:25:37,420 --> 00:25:35,270  
on you know one island began learning

609  
00:25:39,160 --> 00:25:37,430  
how to wash their yams and eat them so

610  
00:25:41,020 --> 00:25:39,170  
they weren't sandy and and at a certain

611  
00:25:42,850 --> 00:25:41,030  
point when enough monkey started to do

612  
00:25:45,970 --> 00:25:42,860  
that monkeys on another Island also had

613  
00:25:47,290 --> 00:25:45,980

picked it up so there could be it seems

614

00:25:49,510 --> 00:25:47,300

to be there's something going on that

615

00:25:54,490 --> 00:25:49,520

can't be ignored and it's going to

616

00:25:56,590 --> 00:25:54,500

result in changes in the world that the

617

00:25:59,440 --> 00:25:56,600

average person doesn't see coming it's

618

00:26:02,440 --> 00:25:59,450

not predicted on the discussed on the

619

00:26:04,210 --> 00:26:02,450

evening news but there's a momentum

620

00:26:06,520 --> 00:26:04,220

building which i think is unstoppable

621

00:26:09,400 --> 00:26:06,530

and which at some point is going to kind

622

00:26:10,990 --> 00:26:09,410

of create a phase transition a shift you

623

00:26:13,930 --> 00:26:11,000

know you know the word phase transition

624

00:26:16,240 --> 00:26:13,940

when water is it like what is what is

625

00:26:18,610 --> 00:26:16,250

water boil at 212 degrees Fahrenheit at

626  
00:26:20,440 --> 00:26:18,620  
sea level if when waters at 211 degrees

627  
00:26:22,810 --> 00:26:20,450  
it doesn't seem like very much is going

628  
00:26:24,760 --> 00:26:22,820  
on it's just hot water but as soon as it

629  
00:26:26,350 --> 00:26:24,770  
reaches 212 it starts boiling and turns

630  
00:26:29,920 --> 00:26:26,360  
to steam you wouldn't have known that

631  
00:26:31,060 --> 00:26:29,930  
was coming at 211 degrees so I don't

632  
00:26:32,590 --> 00:26:31,070  
know how close we are to

633  
00:26:34,720 --> 00:26:32,600  
thing really dramatic happening but we

634  
00:26:37,690 --> 00:26:34,730  
but or even if anything dramatic is

635  
00:26:39,460 --> 00:26:37,700  
going to happen but I think it's

636  
00:26:43,330 --> 00:26:39,470  
altogether likely and we could be closer

637  
00:26:47,440 --> 00:26:43,340  
than we think you know I love to think

638  
00:26:49,570 --> 00:26:47,450

that that's true I have doubts and part

639

00:26:52,509 --> 00:26:49,580

of my doubts and I don't see this really

640

00:26:55,240 --> 00:26:52,519

being addressed by the Enlightenment

641

00:26:58,570 --> 00:26:55,250

community or the non duality community

642

00:27:01,720 --> 00:26:58,580

whatever term we want to use is how

643

00:27:04,570 --> 00:27:01,730

would that work I mean I just don't see

644

00:27:07,080 --> 00:27:04,580

how that would really work given our

645

00:27:10,090 --> 00:27:07,090

culture and I mentioned our science

646

00:27:15,730 --> 00:27:10,100

given our religion I mean I think the

647

00:27:18,990 --> 00:27:15,740

whole notion of this deep awareness of

648

00:27:25,029 --> 00:27:19,000

consciousness being somehow fundamental

649

00:27:27,190 --> 00:27:25,039

completely it it makes it makes science

650

00:27:30,759 --> 00:27:27,200

an oxymoron you know it's jumbo shrimp

651

00:27:33,639 --> 00:27:30,769

it's a military intelligence it's

652

00:27:35,409 --> 00:27:33,649

science no there there is no science

653

00:27:37,509 --> 00:27:35,419

there is no measurement we're looking at

654

00:27:39,039 --> 00:27:37,519

the wrong through the long wrong end of

655

00:27:40,749 --> 00:27:39,049

the telescope that's what you're telling

656

00:27:42,639 --> 00:27:40,759

us that's what the consciousness

657

00:27:45,190 --> 00:27:42,649

community is telling us is that we're

658

00:27:50,190 --> 00:27:45,200

creating all this why do we need to try

659

00:27:53,289 --> 00:27:50,200

and jam it back into some scientific

660

00:27:56,049 --> 00:27:53,299

understanding I mean science is a

661

00:27:58,299 --> 00:27:56,059

process it's not a position I get it

662

00:28:00,700 --> 00:27:58,309

it's a set of tools that we can use and

663

00:28:04,240 --> 00:28:00,710

apply to anything I get it but hey

664

00:28:07,180 --> 00:28:04,250

science is also a cultural phenomena

665

00:28:10,060 --> 00:28:07,190

sciences what we what we teach our kids

666

00:28:13,690 --> 00:28:10,070

what we know what we talked about and

667

00:28:16,690 --> 00:28:13,700

write about in in magazines why do we

668

00:28:20,080 --> 00:28:16,700

expect that that could be merged with

669

00:28:24,159 --> 00:28:20,090

this greater awareness I don't think it

670

00:28:26,409 --> 00:28:24,169

fits so you're saying I mean all right

671

00:28:28,810 --> 00:28:26,419

maybe I hear you saying that you know

672

00:28:30,669 --> 00:28:28,820

why are these spiritual people even

673

00:28:32,440 --> 00:28:30,679

bothering to interact with scientists

674

00:28:35,129 --> 00:28:32,450

why worry about their whole trip why not

675

00:28:37,480 --> 00:28:35,139

just pursue your spirituality and and

676  
00:28:39,610 --> 00:28:37,490  
you know enjoy it are you saying that on

677  
00:28:41,289 --> 00:28:39,620  
I'm not saying that I think I'm saying

678  
00:28:42,990 --> 00:28:41,299  
you know we're both interviewers rights

679  
00:28:46,620 --> 00:28:43,000  
for both

680  
00:28:50,100 --> 00:28:46,630  
I think what I'm getting at is how would

681  
00:28:52,740 --> 00:28:50,110  
you run culture differently and then

682  
00:28:55,200 --> 00:28:52,750  
really break that down and what you wind

683  
00:28:58,020 --> 00:28:55,210  
up with is the same kind of goofy

684  
00:29:00,450 --> 00:28:58,030  
political squabble as we get into anyway

685  
00:29:03,570 --> 00:29:00,460  
so when I hear people talking about a

686  
00:29:05,910 --> 00:29:03,580  
phase change a transformation of

687  
00:29:08,220 --> 00:29:05,920  
consciousness all that I'm like well we

688  
00:29:10,350 --> 00:29:08,230

and and what does that mean to you where

689

00:29:13,290 --> 00:29:10,360

does that lead how does that how does

690

00:29:16,500 --> 00:29:13,300

that get us in a different place I don't

691

00:29:20,310 --> 00:29:16,510

see it well maybe what you're alluding

692

00:29:22,110 --> 00:29:20,320

to is the fact that all that there are

693

00:29:23,730 --> 00:29:22,120

so many entrenched things in this world

694

00:29:26,280 --> 00:29:23,740

you know I mean you were talking earlier

695

00:29:27,630 --> 00:29:26,290

about scientific paradigms and then

696

00:29:31,050 --> 00:29:27,640

there there's the whole military

697

00:29:32,280 --> 00:29:31,060

industrial state governments and you

698

00:29:34,020 --> 00:29:32,290

know there's there's so many things that

699

00:29:35,730 --> 00:29:34,030

really seem to have a lot of money allow

700

00:29:38,760 --> 00:29:35,740

power and let's break it down even

701  
00:29:42,330 --> 00:29:38,770  
further there's there's racial tensions

702  
00:29:43,860 --> 00:29:42,340  
ethnic tensions religious tensions this

703  
00:29:46,200 --> 00:29:43,870  
isn't a new phenomenon this has been

704  
00:29:48,900 --> 00:29:46,210  
going on for thousands of years how does

705  
00:29:50,760 --> 00:29:48,910  
any of this change you know even among

706  
00:29:52,530 --> 00:29:50,770  
the you do a wonderful job of bringing

707  
00:29:55,440 --> 00:29:52,540  
together all these different traditions

708  
00:29:58,410 --> 00:29:55,450  
but where you really go is kind of off

709  
00:29:59,970 --> 00:29:58,420  
the off the reservation if you will and

710  
00:30:02,040 --> 00:29:59,980  
a lot of people that have said hey you

711  
00:30:04,530 --> 00:30:02,050  
know what those traditions don't really

712  
00:30:07,290 --> 00:30:04,540  
serve me anymore so I've kind of gone

713  
00:30:09,630 --> 00:30:07,300

and done it myself but now you're

714

00:30:12,330 --> 00:30:09,640

talking about you know from a global

715

00:30:14,360 --> 00:30:12,340

standpoint just a small small small

716

00:30:17,280 --> 00:30:14,370

fraction of people that would ever

717

00:30:19,710 --> 00:30:17,290

conceive of making that kind of leap or

718

00:30:21,360 --> 00:30:19,720

have the ability to do it through their

719

00:30:23,490 --> 00:30:21,370

their cultural background and their

720

00:30:25,860 --> 00:30:23,500

training and all the rest of that well

721

00:30:27,510 --> 00:30:25,870

the number of examples I could give you

722

00:30:30,210 --> 00:30:27,520

to illustrate this I can think of three

723

00:30:31,770 --> 00:30:30,220

in your heart about 1% of the cells are

724

00:30:33,360 --> 00:30:31,780

called pacemaker cells and they actually

725

00:30:35,850 --> 00:30:33,370

regulate the beating of the whole heart

726

00:30:39,090 --> 00:30:35,860

they kind of keep it synchronized in a

727

00:30:41,880 --> 00:30:39,100

laser square root of 1% of the photons

728

00:30:44,430 --> 00:30:41,890

if they become aligned with one another

729

00:30:45,990 --> 00:30:44,440

coherent all the rest of the photons in

730

00:30:48,120 --> 00:30:46,000

train with them and the whole thing

731

00:30:52,500 --> 00:30:48,130

becomes as if one photon one coherent

732

00:30:55,470 --> 00:30:52,510

beam of light so there are numerous

733

00:30:56,640 --> 00:30:55,480

examples in nature where a fraction of a

734

00:30:59,520 --> 00:30:56,650

certain popular

735

00:31:01,980 --> 00:30:59,530

or a group of things can actually have a

736

00:31:04,470 --> 00:31:01,990

an influence on the whole out of

737

00:31:06,630 --> 00:31:04,480

proportion with their numbers so there's

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00:31:09,840 --> 00:31:06,640

that thought another thought to throw in

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00:31:11,490 --> 00:31:09,850

is that another metaphor if you want

740

00:31:14,040 --> 00:31:11,500

to change the course of a river let's

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00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:14,050

say the Ganges you couldn't do it really

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00:31:18,210 --> 00:31:16,000

at the mouth where it enters into the

743

00:31:19,860 --> 00:31:18,220

Bay of Bengal it's the whole river has

744

00:31:21,900 --> 00:31:19,870

already run its course by then and it

745

00:31:23,700 --> 00:31:21,910

has a great momentum to it maybe half

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00:31:24,630 --> 00:31:23,710

way upstream you know stretching the

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00:31:26,280 --> 00:31:24,640

metaphor because it wouldn't be

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00:31:27,900 --> 00:31:26,290

practical actually do this but half way

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00:31:29,280 --> 00:31:27,910

upstream you can maybe change the course

750

00:31:31,050 --> 00:31:29,290

of half the river and it wouldn't be as

751

00:31:32,790 --> 00:31:31,060

difficult as down at the mouth but if

752

00:31:35,070 --> 00:31:32,800

you could go to the source of the Ganges

753

00:31:36,360 --> 00:31:35,080

up in the Himalayas someplace maybe you

754

00:31:39,420 --> 00:31:36,370

could send the whole river off in a

755

00:31:41,490 --> 00:31:39,430

different direction so the the metaphor

756

00:31:44,100 --> 00:31:41,500

is meant to suggest that the more

757

00:31:46,890 --> 00:31:44,110

fundamental level at which you can

758

00:31:49,440 --> 00:31:46,900

operate the more influential you can be

759

00:31:51,540 --> 00:31:49,450

and so we have to ask ourselves what

760

00:31:53,820 --> 00:31:51,550

changes culture what is it that really

761

00:31:55,770 --> 00:31:53,830

changes the way people think and the

762

00:31:58,410 --> 00:31:55,780

institutions that appear to be in

763

00:32:03,000 --> 00:31:58,420

control the politicians the corporations

764

00:32:06,030 --> 00:32:03,010

and so on I would argue that the the the

765

00:32:08,940 --> 00:32:06,040

lowest common denominator in every on

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00:32:12,570 --> 00:32:08,950

all of human activity is consciousness

767

00:32:15,000 --> 00:32:12,580

itself and if you can have a relatively

768

00:32:17,100 --> 00:32:15,010

small number of people awake to pure

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00:32:19,440 --> 00:32:17,110

consciousness and operating from that

770

00:32:21,510 --> 00:32:19,450

level then their influence their impact

771

00:32:24,060 --> 00:32:21,520

can be much greater than you would

772

00:32:27,060 --> 00:32:24,070

expect looking at their numbers and the

773

00:32:28,410 --> 00:32:27,070

whole you know I mean the rudder of a

774

00:32:30,570 --> 00:32:28,420

ship is actually a relatively small

775

00:32:32,040 --> 00:32:30,580

thing compared to the entire ship but it

776

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

can actually influence the direction of

777

00:32:37,830 --> 00:32:34,330

the whole ship so I would argue that you

778

00:32:39,570 --> 00:32:37,840

know the more fundamental level at which

779

00:32:41,820 --> 00:32:39,580

people are operating in terms of their

780

00:32:43,820 --> 00:32:41,830

conscious awareness the more impact they

781

00:32:46,590 --> 00:32:43,830

will have and as their numbers increase

782

00:32:49,080 --> 00:32:46,600

as it appears to be happening the

783

00:32:53,640 --> 00:32:49,090

likelihood of a major shift in culture

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00:32:55,440 --> 00:32:53,650

and in whole society increases Rick do

785

00:32:58,140 --> 00:32:55,450

you think that is an opinion that's

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00:33:01,140 --> 00:32:58,150

shared by most of your guests and other

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00:33:02,610 --> 00:33:01,150

people in this in the community that

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00:33:04,590 --> 00:33:02,620

you're talking about or do you think I

789

00:33:06,930 --> 00:33:04,600

know there's a diversity of opinion of

790

00:33:09,540 --> 00:33:06,940

it because the other I guess position

791

00:33:10,440 --> 00:33:09,550

opinion that I kind of I guess favor

792

00:33:12,690 --> 00:33:10,450

more is

793

00:33:15,060 --> 00:33:12,700

kind of more of a gnostic sensibility of

794

00:33:17,540 --> 00:33:15,070

just you know this is not what this

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00:33:20,940 --> 00:33:17,550

world is for you know this world is for

796

00:33:25,100 --> 00:33:20,950

people who basically are buying into the

797

00:33:28,860 --> 00:33:25,110

materialistic kind of run the planet as

798

00:33:33,630 --> 00:33:28,870

a resource kind of thing and that you

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00:33:36,300 --> 00:33:33,640

know don't get involved in that it get

800

00:33:38,610 --> 00:33:36,310

involved where you can but be selective

801  
00:33:40,230 --> 00:33:38,620  
about thinking that you're going to kind

802  
00:33:41,520 --> 00:33:40,240  
of sit on the throne control the world

803  
00:33:43,500 --> 00:33:41,530  
and you're going to do a better job than

804  
00:33:46,260 --> 00:33:43,510  
the idiots were already doing it the

805  
00:33:48,780 --> 00:33:46,270  
problem is ever you know it's who would

806  
00:33:51,420 --> 00:33:48,790  
ever want that job that's the problem is

807  
00:33:54,720 --> 00:33:51,430  
that no one who is even the least bit

808  
00:33:57,150 --> 00:33:54,730  
awakened would want to to do that and

809  
00:33:59,130 --> 00:33:57,160  
take on all that that entails it's an

810  
00:34:00,660 --> 00:33:59,140  
impossible thing well first of all I

811  
00:34:02,820 --> 00:34:00,670  
think a lot of my guests would agree

812  
00:34:04,170 --> 00:34:02,830  
with that what I just said some of them

813  
00:34:05,640 --> 00:34:04,180

would kind of shrug their shoulders and

814

00:34:07,710 --> 00:34:05,650

say I don't know and I don't care you

815

00:34:09,900 --> 00:34:07,720

know I'm just focused on unconsciousness

816

00:34:11,340 --> 00:34:09,910

here but I've heard some of them say

817

00:34:13,380 --> 00:34:11,350

that but a lot of them actually do feel

818

00:34:14,970 --> 00:34:13,390

that there are social implications to

819

00:34:17,910 --> 00:34:14,980

all this that's not just sort of an

820

00:34:19,560 --> 00:34:17,920

individual and I exploration and one

821

00:34:21,500 --> 00:34:19,570

subjective experience but that

822

00:34:24,150 --> 00:34:21,510

inevitably the individual is going to

823

00:34:26,840 --> 00:34:24,160

influence the society but in light of

824

00:34:28,550 --> 00:34:26,850

what you just said it's not that the

825

00:34:32,550 --> 00:34:28,560

spiritually enlightened individuals

826

00:34:35,550 --> 00:34:32,560

become some kind of you know controlling

827

00:34:37,710 --> 00:34:35,560

force and that their individuality in

828

00:34:39,960 --> 00:34:37,720

some way begins to call the shots rather

829

00:34:41,700 --> 00:34:39,970

their individuality gets pretty much

830

00:34:43,950 --> 00:34:41,710

surrendered to universal intelligence

831

00:34:45,690 --> 00:34:43,960

and they become conduits for the will of

832

00:34:48,260 --> 00:34:45,700

God if you will or for the divine

833

00:34:52,140 --> 00:34:48,270

intelligence universal intelligence and

834

00:34:53,730 --> 00:34:52,150

kind of enliven that in collective

835

00:34:56,010 --> 00:34:53,740

consciousness by virtue of their own

836

00:34:57,810 --> 00:34:56,020

experience of it so that that can

837

00:34:59,580 --> 00:34:57,820

predominate more if you read the doll

838

00:35:01,380 --> 00:34:59,590

teaching for instance loud so talks

839

00:35:05,460 --> 00:35:01,390

about you know various degrees of

840

00:35:08,070 --> 00:35:05,470

government and and you know the ideally

841

00:35:09,990 --> 00:35:08,080

a government would hardly even exist or

842

00:35:12,090 --> 00:35:10,000

no no one would know it existed because

843

00:35:13,650 --> 00:35:12,100

everyone would be so much in tune with

844

00:35:16,470 --> 00:35:13,660

the doll that their action would be

845

00:35:18,690 --> 00:35:16,480

spontaneously in accordance with cosmic

846

00:35:19,410 --> 00:35:18,700

intelligence or whatever term he used so

847

00:35:21,510 --> 00:35:19,420

that's the kind of thing I'm talking

848

00:35:23,130 --> 00:35:21,520

about I'm not talking about some some

849

00:35:25,980 --> 00:35:23,140

little cadre of enlightened people

850

00:35:27,420 --> 00:35:25,990

sitting behind you know monitor kind of

851  
00:35:28,590 --> 00:35:27,430  
pulling the strings and controlling the

852  
00:35:31,020 --> 00:35:28,600  
world I'm talking about something much

853  
00:35:33,960 --> 00:35:31,030  
more fundamental and organic in which

854  
00:35:35,850 --> 00:35:33,970  
the whole society settles down to a more

855  
00:35:39,090 --> 00:35:35,860  
natural and harmonious way of

856  
00:35:41,010 --> 00:35:39,100  
functioning by virtue of Greater you

857  
00:35:45,420 --> 00:35:41,020  
know abundance of people who function

858  
00:35:48,300 --> 00:35:45,430  
that way themselves nice how odd love

859  
00:35:52,200 --> 00:35:48,310  
the idea I I don't think any of the

860  
00:35:55,680 --> 00:35:52,210  
people in power out of every what star

861  
00:35:58,080 --> 00:35:55,690  
shuttle yet the prospect of of that kind

862  
00:36:01,110 --> 00:35:58,090  
of a revolution happening but little do

863  
00:36:02,970 --> 00:36:01,120

they know what it'll do ring let's talk

864

00:36:05,570 --> 00:36:02,980

about something else that I think is an

865

00:36:10,020 --> 00:36:05,580

issue that I think is really really

866

00:36:12,960 --> 00:36:10,030

interesting and I think central to your

867

00:36:14,870 --> 00:36:12,970

community and has direct implications of

868

00:36:17,490 --> 00:36:14,880

some of the questions we've looked at on

869

00:36:21,380 --> 00:36:17,500

skeptic oh and that gets back to this

870

00:36:25,890 --> 00:36:21,390

issue of experience you know because I

871

00:36:29,520 --> 00:36:25,900

think there's such a kind of interesting

872

00:36:32,100 --> 00:36:29,530

play that we have with experience and in

873

00:36:33,750 --> 00:36:32,110

particular with experience and these

874

00:36:38,940 --> 00:36:33,760

tools of science that we're talking

875

00:36:41,910 --> 00:36:38,950

about because experience can only get

876

00:36:44,700 --> 00:36:41,920

you so far in that it's your experience

877

00:36:48,780 --> 00:36:44,710

and that that experience takes on a

878

00:36:50,910 --> 00:36:48,790

deeper and a richer meaning when we look

879

00:36:53,100 --> 00:36:50,920

at it in the broader sense of other

880

00:36:56,580 --> 00:36:53,110

people's experience so again that's a

881

00:36:58,740 --> 00:36:56,590

wonderful gift that you bring to to

882

00:37:01,410 --> 00:36:58,750

people through bat gap and sometimes

883

00:37:02,880 --> 00:37:01,420

that that comes up in some rather I

884

00:37:05,220 --> 00:37:02,890

don't know all those uncomfortable

885

00:37:07,830 --> 00:37:05,230

moments when you talk to people who are

886

00:37:09,480 --> 00:37:07,840

very fixed fixated on the fact that

887

00:37:11,340 --> 00:37:09,490

their experience is it and their

888

00:37:12,600 --> 00:37:11,350

experience you know met is the only one

889

00:37:15,720 --> 00:37:12,610

that matters and you kind of gently

890

00:37:17,850 --> 00:37:15,730

guide them towards kind of other ideas

891

00:37:20,460 --> 00:37:17,860

other positions that other people have

892

00:37:23,910 --> 00:37:20,470

so I think that's it I run into that too

893

00:37:25,590 --> 00:37:23,920

in in with skeptical you know you go

894

00:37:27,480 --> 00:37:25,600

into near-death experience and someone

895

00:37:29,640 --> 00:37:27,490

will have a near-death experience a

896

00:37:33,000 --> 00:37:29,650

transformational spiritual experience in

897

00:37:36,090 --> 00:37:33,010

logo therefore this is it because this

898

00:37:38,070 --> 00:37:36,100

was my experience and

899

00:37:40,260 --> 00:37:38,080

those cases I think it's useful to pull

900

00:37:42,660 --> 00:37:40,270

people back a little bit and say well

901  
00:37:44,340 --> 00:37:42,670  
look if you have some scientific data

902  
00:37:46,410 --> 00:37:44,350  
here we've done some good scientific

903  
00:37:48,150 --> 00:37:46,420  
surveys and we've looked at this across

904  
00:37:50,540 --> 00:37:48,160  
cultures we've also looked at this

905  
00:37:53,490 --> 00:37:50,550  
through these other lenses these other

906  
00:37:56,160 --> 00:37:53,500  
qualifiers that we can what about this

907  
00:38:00,030 --> 00:37:56,170  
dance with experience and this

908  
00:38:03,540 --> 00:38:00,040  
willingness to let go of our experience

909  
00:38:05,400 --> 00:38:03,550  
a little bit in order to kind of bring

910  
00:38:07,890 --> 00:38:05,410  
in the broader experience of other

911  
00:38:09,360 --> 00:38:07,900  
people well if you compare the kind of

912  
00:38:10,440 --> 00:38:09,370  
people I'm talking about like the kind

913  
00:38:13,320 --> 00:38:10,450

of people who would attend that

914

00:38:15,630 --> 00:38:13,330

conference for instance with you know

915

00:38:18,260 --> 00:38:15,640

people who are in various political

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00:38:21,240 --> 00:38:18,270

parties or who are in various religions

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00:38:24,300 --> 00:38:21,250

who you know are literally killing each

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00:38:27,480 --> 00:38:24,310

other over their certainty of their own

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00:38:28,940 --> 00:38:27,490

correctness you know and their own you

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00:38:32,600 --> 00:38:28,950

know the certainty of their own beliefs

921

00:38:35,850 --> 00:38:32,610

there's a much more relaxed light

922

00:38:37,740 --> 00:38:35,860

easygoing sort of orientation among

923

00:38:39,630 --> 00:38:37,750

people who are actually having genuine

924

00:38:42,720 --> 00:38:39,640

experience of these deeper levels of

925

00:38:45,530 --> 00:38:42,730

life I mean the the deeper and more

926  
00:38:47,940 --> 00:38:45,540  
genuine your actual experiences the more

927  
00:38:50,370 --> 00:38:47,950  
universal you become in your thinking

928  
00:38:52,620 --> 00:38:50,380  
the more accepting and and you know

929  
00:38:57,480 --> 00:38:52,630  
appreciative of others you become in

930  
00:38:59,310 --> 00:38:57,490  
your thinking so you know I guess that

931  
00:39:01,860 --> 00:38:59,320  
sort of answers you're sure about that I

932  
00:39:04,260 --> 00:39:01,870  
mean you'd you'd hold to that I mean

933  
00:39:08,690 --> 00:39:04,270  
that has some you know if you pull on

934  
00:39:10,950 --> 00:39:08,700  
that string too far it kind of has some

935  
00:39:12,990 --> 00:39:10,960  
uncomfortable implications in terms of

936  
00:39:15,240 --> 00:39:13,000  
saying well this is best this is a

937  
00:39:16,800 --> 00:39:15,250  
better path you know there's some kind

938  
00:39:18,810 --> 00:39:16,810

of and then it gets into moral you know

939

00:39:20,880 --> 00:39:18,820

there's a moral imperative that we're

940

00:39:22,560 --> 00:39:20,890

going towards you know and some things

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00:39:25,440 --> 00:39:22,570

that make people uncomfortable that

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00:39:27,330 --> 00:39:25,450

sound very unscientific then you know

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00:39:29,280 --> 00:39:27,340

yeah well some people are that way and

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00:39:31,980 --> 00:39:29,290

you know there are non dual

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00:39:35,280 --> 00:39:31,990

fundamentalists who you know terrorize

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00:39:37,110 --> 00:39:35,290

the chat groups and insist upon their

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00:39:39,480 --> 00:39:37,120

rightness and are very critical of

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00:39:41,460 --> 00:39:39,490

others and and so on and so forth so you

949

00:39:44,220 --> 00:39:41,470

know i would say regarding them that

950

00:39:46,170 --> 00:39:44,230

they're non dualism is probably much

951  
00:39:49,410 --> 00:39:46,180  
more conceptual than it is experiential

952  
00:39:49,829 --> 00:39:49,420  
and that you know in my opinion genuine

953  
00:39:51,959 --> 00:39:49,839  
experience

954  
00:39:56,130 --> 00:39:51,969  
erience does make one more broad-minded

955  
00:39:57,209 --> 00:39:56,140  
and accepting and tolerant and and you

956  
00:40:00,599 --> 00:39:57,219  
know and that's the whole problem with

957  
00:40:03,479 --> 00:40:00,609  
religion is that you know most of these

958  
00:40:05,609 --> 00:40:03,489  
people don't have even a taste of the

959  
00:40:07,170 --> 00:40:05,619  
experience that the founder of their

960  
00:40:10,170 --> 00:40:07,180  
religion was probably talking about

961  
00:40:12,959 --> 00:40:10,180  
they're just stuck with beliefs what

962  
00:40:14,609 --> 00:40:12,969  
they've read in some book and and so you

963  
00:40:17,130 --> 00:40:14,619

know the the the awareness is very

964

00:40:19,589 --> 00:40:17,140

narrow and one is very rigid and adamant

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00:40:21,989 --> 00:40:19,599

about one's beliefs and it and therefore

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00:40:24,509 --> 00:40:21,999

they clash with everybody else's beliefs

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00:40:26,130 --> 00:40:24,519

but genuine spiritual experience if you

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00:40:27,930 --> 00:40:26,140

got together the founders of every

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00:40:29,400 --> 00:40:27,940

religion in the world in a room and have

970

00:40:31,140 --> 00:40:29,410

them have a chat they'd probably just be

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00:40:33,749 --> 00:40:31,150

having a grand old time there would be

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00:40:35,700 --> 00:40:33,759

complete you know appreciation and

973

00:40:39,749 --> 00:40:35,710

agreement upon what you know their

974

00:40:42,620 --> 00:40:39,759

various perspectives so I don't know I

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00:40:44,640 --> 00:40:42,630

get what you're saying I don't know if I

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00:40:46,559 --> 00:40:44,650

totally agree because I think there's

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00:40:48,509 --> 00:40:46,569

there's a whole flip side of that too

978

00:40:51,180 --> 00:40:48,519

and it gets out of question that I think

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00:40:54,599 --> 00:40:51,190

nas at me and that's that you know how

980

00:40:56,819 --> 00:40:54,609

does Christ consciousness continue this

981

00:40:58,650 --> 00:40:56,829

is one question you could rephrase it

982

00:41:01,079 --> 00:40:58,660

many different ways for other different

983

00:41:03,870 --> 00:41:01,089

spiritual traditions but since we're in

984

00:41:06,140 --> 00:41:03,880

a judeo-christian kind of culture you

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00:41:10,200 --> 00:41:06,150

know how does Christ consciousness

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00:41:14,430 --> 00:41:10,210

continue to shine through these kind of

987

00:41:16,019 --> 00:41:14,440

goofy religions that form about it and I

988

00:41:18,329 --> 00:41:16,029

think there's some goofy religions that

989

00:41:19,769 --> 00:41:18,339

seem very mainstream and there's some

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00:41:22,049 --> 00:41:19,779

other goofy religions that we know are

991

00:41:23,910 --> 00:41:22,059

goofy religions like Mormonism I mean

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00:41:26,430 --> 00:41:23,920

you just have to go back and look at the

993

00:41:28,170 --> 00:41:26,440

history and this guy Joseph Smith we

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00:41:30,450 --> 00:41:28,180

still have his criminal records when he

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00:41:33,390 --> 00:41:30,460

was arrested for you know going and

996

00:41:35,700 --> 00:41:33,400

pulling this same ski seeing stone scam

997

00:41:37,079 --> 00:41:35,710

with other farmers before he even I mean

998

00:41:39,839 --> 00:41:37,089

all this stuff is in the record books

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00:41:41,999 --> 00:41:39,849

but let me get off of that because the

1000

00:41:45,779 --> 00:41:42,009

point I'm making is that despite all

1001

00:41:48,299 --> 00:41:45,789

that it does shine through I mean so

1002

00:41:50,969 --> 00:41:48,309

it's almost the flip side of what you're

1003

00:41:54,719 --> 00:41:50,979

saying is that you know if you practice

1004

00:41:57,479 --> 00:41:54,729

earnestly in any one of these traditions

1005

00:42:00,690 --> 00:41:57,489

some form of this enlightenment does

1006

00:42:03,540 --> 00:42:00,700

seem and Mike in my read of it to seep

1007

00:42:05,820 --> 00:42:03,550

through and I guess that's one

1008

00:42:08,190 --> 00:42:05,830

teak I think I'd have of the nandu up

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00:42:12,840 --> 00:42:08,200

non-dual community non-duality community

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00:42:14,040 --> 00:42:12,850

is this you know and I in the you're

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00:42:16,020 --> 00:42:14,050

right in the broader minded people they

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00:42:18,630 --> 00:42:16,030

don't say it but the appreciation for

1013

00:42:21,330 --> 00:42:18,640

that there's different levels and ways

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00:42:23,700 --> 00:42:21,340

of Awakening and there isn't like this

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00:42:25,890 --> 00:42:23,710

perfect awakening you know and

1016

00:42:28,200 --> 00:42:25,900

everyone's trying to integrate whatever

1017

00:42:29,940 --> 00:42:28,210

awakening they have with the rest of

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00:42:32,670 --> 00:42:29,950

their life which is really the trick of

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00:42:34,800 --> 00:42:32,680

it and that yeah there's a lot of people

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00:42:37,290 --> 00:42:34,810

that are caught up in what seemed to us

1021

00:42:39,210 --> 00:42:37,300

to be goofy religions and they're still

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00:42:41,630 --> 00:42:39,220

making progress despite all that

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00:42:45,570 --> 00:42:41,640

goofiness what are your thoughts on that

1024

00:42:47,850 --> 00:42:45,580

yeah I mean in the in the name of

1025

00:42:50,100 --> 00:42:47,860

broad-mindedness I would say that you

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00:42:51,780 --> 00:42:50,110

know if people are in a goof what we

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00:42:53,220 --> 00:42:51,790

would perceive is a goofy religion then

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00:42:55,560 --> 00:42:53,230

it's probably the right thing for them

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00:42:56,790 --> 00:42:55,570

at that time for it their level of

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00:43:00,570 --> 00:42:56,800

consciousness at their level of

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00:43:02,430 --> 00:43:00,580

spiritual maturity and if they you know

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00:43:03,900 --> 00:43:02,440

evolve or mature spiritually to the

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00:43:05,940 --> 00:43:03,910

point at which it's no longer relevant

1034

00:43:07,800 --> 00:43:05,950

to them then probably they'll find

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00:43:09,540 --> 00:43:07,810

something else and you see that all the

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00:43:11,400 --> 00:43:09,550

time people are they've grown up in a

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00:43:13,380 --> 00:43:11,410

fundamentalist cult or something and now

1038

00:43:15,270 --> 00:43:13,390

and then a certain point said this this

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00:43:17,580 --> 00:43:15,280

doesn't sit with me anymore and then

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00:43:19,140 --> 00:43:17,590

they've gone on to other things a person

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00:43:20,940 --> 00:43:19,150

might spend their whole life you know

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00:43:23,070 --> 00:43:20,950

thinking that way and you know holding

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00:43:24,120 --> 00:43:23,080

up placards saying god hates or

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00:43:26,550 --> 00:43:24,130

whatever you know with like that guy on

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00:43:28,640 --> 00:43:26,560

the Westboro Baptist Church so you know

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00:43:31,560 --> 00:43:28,650

they're always going to be nutcases and

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00:43:33,000 --> 00:43:31,570

and but you know we're really talking

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00:43:35,670 --> 00:43:33,010

about apples and oranges to a great

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00:43:38,130 --> 00:43:35,680

extent when you compare people in

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00:43:40,620 --> 00:43:38,140

fundamentalist cults such as maybe Isis

1051  
00:43:42,420 --> 00:43:40,630  
or whatever with with sincere spiritual

1052  
00:43:44,900 --> 00:43:42,430  
seekers who are really who really have

1053  
00:43:49,110 --> 00:43:44,910  
an experiential orientation and are not

1054  
00:43:50,700 --> 00:43:49,120  
hung up on you know what it says in some

1055  
00:43:54,060 --> 00:43:50,710  
book or whatever but who are really

1056  
00:43:55,920 --> 00:43:54,070  
earnestly exploring deeper levels of

1057  
00:43:58,230 --> 00:43:55,930  
consciousness that their worlds worlds

1058  
00:44:00,720 --> 00:43:58,240  
apart Oh Rick isn't that the problem

1059  
00:44:03,360 --> 00:44:00,730  
that I was alluding to are they really

1060  
00:44:05,580 --> 00:44:03,370  
worlds apart well I think is a vast

1061  
00:44:07,080 --> 00:44:05,590  
spectrum let me put it that way maybe

1062  
00:44:09,630 --> 00:44:07,090  
they're all on the same spectrum but

1063  
00:44:11,550 --> 00:44:09,640

it's it's a broad one ok so now put

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00:44:13,650 --> 00:44:11,560

yourself in a position of power or

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00:44:15,960 --> 00:44:13,660

control that you want to be to change

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00:44:17,040 --> 00:44:15,970

the world and tell me how you slice and

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00:44:20,430 --> 00:44:17,050

dice that

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00:44:24,390 --> 00:44:20,440

you legislate that how you enforce that

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00:44:28,110 --> 00:44:24,400

uh that that diversity how you promote

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00:44:29,970 --> 00:44:28,120

the right way of being I don't know I

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00:44:31,860 --> 00:44:29,980

don't know how you do it I don't think

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00:44:35,010 --> 00:44:31,870

in light I don't think enlightened

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00:44:37,170 --> 00:44:35,020

people would be into enforcing mentality

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00:44:39,570 --> 00:44:37,180

I me if you got Eckhart Tolle and algae

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00:44:41,370 --> 00:44:39,580

Shanti and you know Francis the CEO and

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00:44:43,860 --> 00:44:41,380

set some of these spiritual teachers

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00:44:45,930 --> 00:44:43,870

they're not they don't have an enforcing

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00:44:47,970 --> 00:44:45,940

bone in their body you know it's just

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00:44:51,380 --> 00:44:47,980

not their trip it's not their Dharma I

1080

00:44:54,180 --> 00:44:51,390

mean there may be political leaders who

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00:44:55,650 --> 00:44:54,190

you know will want to because it's their

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00:44:57,360 --> 00:44:55,660

Dharma who want to be working on

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00:44:59,010 --> 00:44:57,370

legislation and this and that but they

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00:45:01,080 --> 00:44:59,020

are governed by collective consciousness

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00:45:02,970 --> 00:45:01,090

yeah but this is and this goes back to

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00:45:05,340 --> 00:45:02,980

the conversation we had before on

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00:45:07,710 --> 00:45:05,350

skeptic oh hey buddy there's always the

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00:45:10,230 --> 00:45:07,720

Huns who are going to come galloping

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00:45:12,870 --> 00:45:10,240

over the hill and they're going to say

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00:45:14,910 --> 00:45:12,880

well you can be accepting all you want

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00:45:17,310 --> 00:45:14,920

because I got something you're going to

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00:45:19,440 --> 00:45:17,320

accept it's my way and that's the way

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00:45:23,190 --> 00:45:19,450

we're going to do it I mean that is the

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00:45:24,960 --> 00:45:23,200

reality of of history that we've lived

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00:45:28,020 --> 00:45:24,970

through that's the only history we know

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00:45:30,600 --> 00:45:28,030

is of conquest and people who want to

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00:45:32,450 --> 00:45:30,610

conquer other people I don't know how

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00:45:35,790 --> 00:45:32,460

you think we're going to somehow

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00:45:38,010 --> 00:45:35,800

transcend that when at the very moment

1100

00:45:39,570 --> 00:45:38,020

that we're talking about you have this

1101

00:45:41,610 --> 00:45:39,580

experience with all these wonderful

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00:45:44,280 --> 00:45:41,620

people who are enlightened and at the

1103

00:45:45,930 --> 00:45:44,290

same time we can just turn on the news

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00:45:48,030 --> 00:45:45,940

and see a bunch of people who obviously

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00:45:49,950 --> 00:45:48,040

aren't very enlightened and that's

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00:45:52,050 --> 00:45:49,960

always going to be the way it is we're

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00:45:54,560 --> 00:45:52,060

not everyone's going to magically change

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00:45:58,740 --> 00:45:54,570

I think it really depends on what the

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00:46:01,380 --> 00:45:58,750

the ambient level of consciousness is in

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00:46:04,710 --> 00:46:01,390

the world as a whole and you know I can

1111

00:46:07,290 --> 00:46:04,720

imagine a world in which the the kind of

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00:46:09,840 --> 00:46:07,300

predominant consciousness is so high so

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00:46:11,760 --> 00:46:09,850

pure that you know they're just wouldn't

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00:46:14,640 --> 00:46:11,770

be those elements to which you allude

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00:46:16,650 --> 00:46:14,650

but that is not our world at the present

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00:46:19,080 --> 00:46:16,660

time and I you know I could bring up the

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00:46:22,890 --> 00:46:19,090

point that perhaps you know spiritual

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00:46:25,770 --> 00:46:22,900

people will will sort of generate some

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00:46:28,920 --> 00:46:25,780

kind of good vibes that that will

1120

00:46:30,330 --> 00:46:28,930

prevent them from from being invaded by

1121

00:46:30,810 --> 00:46:30,340

the Huns but look what happened to the

1122

00:46:32,940 --> 00:46:30,820

Tibetan

1123

00:46:35,220 --> 00:46:32,950

in China Tibet you know with the Chinese

1124

00:46:36,720 --> 00:46:35,230

invasion most of them got murdered so I

1125

00:46:39,300 --> 00:46:36,730

don't want to give any simplistic or

1126

00:46:41,640 --> 00:46:39,310

glib answers but but the broader

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00:46:45,630 --> 00:46:41,650

principle and we can take this as a hype

1128

00:46:47,340 --> 00:46:45,640

working hypothesis is that there is you

1129

00:46:48,990 --> 00:46:47,350

know there's a certain individuals have

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00:46:50,400 --> 00:46:49,000

a certain level of consciousness groups

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00:46:52,260 --> 00:46:50,410

have a certain level of group

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00:46:53,580 --> 00:46:52,270

consciousness countries have a certain

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00:46:55,380 --> 00:46:53,590

level of country consciousness and the

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00:46:58,200 --> 00:46:55,390

globe as a whole has a certain level of

1135

00:47:00,210 --> 00:46:58,210

consciousness and you know at our

1136

00:47:02,790 --> 00:47:00,220

current level of world consciousness

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00:47:04,320 --> 00:47:02,800

it's quite inevitable and natural that

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00:47:06,270 --> 00:47:04,330

there are all kinds of conflicts and

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00:47:08,850 --> 00:47:06,280

slavery and all kinds of horrible things

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00:47:10,610 --> 00:47:08,860

happening maybe not as bad as it was 500

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00:47:14,310 --> 00:47:10,620

years ago there have been improvements

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00:47:16,500 --> 00:47:14,320

but theoretically at least we could

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00:47:19,200 --> 00:47:16,510

imagine world consciousness rising much

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00:47:21,080 --> 00:47:19,210

higher and having a much more ideal

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00:47:23,700 --> 00:47:21,090

world a much more peaceful world

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00:47:27,000 --> 00:47:23,710

spontaneously naturally with leaders and

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00:47:28,680 --> 00:47:27,010

politicians and so on who just enact let

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00:47:31,590 --> 00:47:28,690

you know legislation if it takes

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00:47:33,990 --> 00:47:31,600

legislation that is in tune with a more

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00:47:36,090 --> 00:47:34,000

enlightened perspective but they can't

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00:47:38,430 --> 00:47:36,100

do it if the world consciousness is low

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00:47:41,250 --> 00:47:38,440

you could put you know God incarnate

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00:47:43,290 --> 00:47:41,260

into the president's see and he wouldn't

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00:47:48,090 --> 00:47:43,300

be able to do much if the general

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00:47:49,680 --> 00:47:48,100

collective consciousness is low okay let

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00:47:52,860 --> 00:47:49,690

me touch on a couple other things that

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00:47:55,950 --> 00:47:52,870

we talked about here inside a skeptic oh

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00:47:58,020 --> 00:47:55,960

and i'm interested in terms of what your

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00:48:00,590 --> 00:47:58,030

community kind of feels about and that

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00:48:03,000 --> 00:48:00,600

first would be UFOs and an

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00:48:05,220 --> 00:48:03,010

extraterrestrial presence and an

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00:48:08,460 --> 00:48:05,230

extraterrestrial consciousness that

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00:48:11,160 --> 00:48:08,470

really if you're halfway honest about

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00:48:14,670 --> 00:48:11,170

looking at the data it's just the

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00:48:17,250 --> 00:48:14,680

reality of that is inescapable not that

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00:48:19,830 --> 00:48:17,260

I know what that reality is but that

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00:48:23,760 --> 00:48:19,840

there is some reality to it and it is

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00:48:26,460 --> 00:48:23,770

being controlled and hidden from us to

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00:48:28,710 --> 00:48:26,470

me seems like just the inescapable truth

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00:48:31,170 --> 00:48:28,720

it's just what the data says what are

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00:48:34,320 --> 00:48:31,180

what are you and in your community

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00:48:36,030 --> 00:48:34,330

generally how do they process that well

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00:48:37,380 --> 00:48:36,040

I agree with you I very much have that

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00:48:39,270 --> 00:48:37,390

same perspective and I've gone through

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00:48:40,560 --> 00:48:39,280

phases of being very fascinated with

1176  
00:48:42,150 --> 00:48:40,570  
that whole thing of reading books about

1177  
00:48:43,770 --> 00:48:42,160  
it and everything I definitely think

1178  
00:48:44,620 --> 00:48:43,780  
there's something going on I'd like to

1179  
00:48:45,760 --> 00:48:44,630  
get Steven

1180  
00:48:47,740 --> 00:48:45,770  
you're on the show or somebody like that

1181  
00:48:49,570 --> 00:48:47,750  
at some point just to talk about the

1182  
00:48:51,370 --> 00:48:49,580  
spiritual dimension of the whole UFO

1183  
00:48:56,260 --> 00:48:51,380  
phenomenon that would be my angle on it

1184  
00:48:58,600 --> 00:48:56,270  
I don't know what percentage of people

1185  
00:49:00,430 --> 00:48:58,610  
I've interviewed would have an opinion

1186  
00:49:02,670 --> 00:49:00,440  
about it or whether their opinion would

1187  
00:49:05,110 --> 00:49:02,680  
would resonate with ours yours in mine

1188  
00:49:06,970 --> 00:49:05,120

but that's my orientation I think

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00:49:10,120 --> 00:49:06,980

there's really something going on it's

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00:49:13,870 --> 00:49:10,130

very interesting I think it has serious

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00:49:15,550 --> 00:49:13,880

implications for the world and it you

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00:49:17,200 --> 00:49:15,560

know but it's spiritual development of

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00:49:19,000 --> 00:49:17,210

the world perhaps even the technological

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00:49:20,590 --> 00:49:19,010

development of the world I don't know

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00:49:22,360 --> 00:49:20,600

how that's all going to pan out whether

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00:49:24,550 --> 00:49:22,370

we'll actually see concrete evidence of

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00:49:26,890 --> 00:49:24,560

it in our lifetimes you know the

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00:49:29,440 --> 00:49:26,900

proverbial UFO on the White House lawn

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00:49:31,480 --> 00:49:29,450

but I think it's exciting and I'd love

1200

00:49:33,310 --> 00:49:31,490

to see something happen I think crop

1201

00:49:35,230 --> 00:49:33,320

circles are fascinating I think a lot of

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00:49:37,000 --> 00:49:35,240

them aren't explainable most of Martok's

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00:49:39,700 --> 00:49:37,010

many of them are explainable by any

1204

00:49:41,530 --> 00:49:39,710

conventional explanation so that's a

1205

00:49:43,450 --> 00:49:41,540

fascinating thing I mean you just got my

1206

00:49:45,070 --> 00:49:43,460

head I got my hat handed to me on the

1207

00:49:46,960 --> 00:49:45,080

crop circles so we got a shy away from

1208

00:49:49,690 --> 00:49:46,970

that right stay with Matt for now but

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00:49:51,070 --> 00:49:49,700

yeah it's an interesting thing but let

1210

00:49:52,720 --> 00:49:51,080

me interject there it's hard to cut you

1211

00:49:53,770 --> 00:49:52,730

off but the crop circle thing I ate my

1212

00:49:55,210 --> 00:49:53,780

lunch which is good it's a humbling

1213

00:49:57,100 --> 00:49:55,220

experience to go out and say because I

1214

00:50:01,690 --> 00:49:57,110

said the same thing you did and I think

1215

00:50:03,310 --> 00:50:01,700

I was I was persuaded that Illi can't be

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00:50:06,910 --> 00:50:03,320

too strong and saying that there's a lot

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00:50:09,610 --> 00:50:06,920

of evidence that the vast majority of

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00:50:10,930 --> 00:50:09,620

them are man-made and then once you get

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00:50:12,870 --> 00:50:10,940

past that what are you really talking

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00:50:15,610 --> 00:50:12,880

about you it it changes the whole

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00:50:17,440 --> 00:50:15,620

discussion but okay and I don't have a

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00:50:19,720 --> 00:50:17,450

ax to grind on that whole thing is just

1223

00:50:21,850 --> 00:50:19,730

you know I have a very layman's you know

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00:50:22,990 --> 00:50:21,860

experience of it looks interesting looks

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00:50:25,210 --> 00:50:23,000

like something's going on but you could

1226  
00:50:28,480 --> 00:50:25,220  
probably convince me otherwise so what

1227  
00:50:32,980 --> 00:50:28,490  
do you make what's your gut feel for why

1228  
00:50:35,110 --> 00:50:32,990  
there isn't more kind of concrete is

1229  
00:50:39,670 --> 00:50:35,120  
maybe the wrong term but solid

1230  
00:50:42,040 --> 00:50:39,680  
experiential data coming back from your

1231  
00:50:44,710 --> 00:50:42,050  
group about that why aren't more people

1232  
00:50:48,570 --> 00:50:44,720  
a lot why aren't more people sitting

1233  
00:50:51,910 --> 00:50:48,580  
down going to that plane of all-knowing

1234  
00:50:53,950 --> 00:50:51,920  
existence incoming bankim yeah there's

1235  
00:50:55,990 --> 00:50:53,960  
et right there and here's what they're

1236  
00:50:58,050 --> 00:50:56,000  
saying I know there's some very few

1237  
00:51:02,040 --> 00:50:58,060  
people to do but why isn't that more

1238  
00:51:03,390 --> 00:51:02,050

common I think it's a whole you know

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00:51:04,920 --> 00:51:03,400

it's one thing to experience pure

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00:51:06,840 --> 00:51:04,930

consciousness but it's another thing to

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00:51:09,480 --> 00:51:06,850

actually develop what they call cities

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00:51:12,150 --> 00:51:09,490

where you can you can explore and

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00:51:13,920 --> 00:51:12,160

investigate subtle phenomenon that are

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00:51:16,260 --> 00:51:13,930

not apparent to the you no ordinary

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00:51:19,650 --> 00:51:16,270

senses and there are a number of people

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00:51:23,220 --> 00:51:19,660

whom I've interviewed who do say that

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00:51:26,970 --> 00:51:23,230

they routinely talk to or experience or

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00:51:30,060 --> 00:51:26,980

perceive celestial beings and gods and

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00:51:31,500 --> 00:51:30,070

other levels of existence and that's

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00:51:32,970 --> 00:51:31,510

very much congruent with my

1251  
00:51:34,650 --> 00:51:32,980  
understanding of things which is again

1252  
00:51:35,970 --> 00:51:34,660  
like you know using the ocean analogy

1253  
00:51:38,010 --> 00:51:35,980  
that we're just kind of floating on the

1254  
00:51:41,190 --> 00:51:38,020  
surface and that there's a vast range of

1255  
00:51:43,830 --> 00:51:41,200  
subtle realms and those realms are as

1256  
00:51:47,250 --> 00:51:43,840  
populated with intelligent life as the

1257  
00:51:48,720 --> 00:51:47,260  
you know world around us is and I I've

1258  
00:51:50,880 --> 00:51:48,730  
interviewed a number of people who

1259  
00:51:52,290 --> 00:51:50,890  
actually experienced that routinely as

1260  
00:51:55,320 --> 00:51:52,300  
routinely as you and I experienced

1261  
00:51:57,300 --> 00:51:55,330  
people as we walk through the mall so

1262  
00:51:59,520 --> 00:51:57,310  
and maybe some of that life is

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00:52:01,200 --> 00:51:59,530

extraterrestrial and maybe some of maybe

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00:52:03,600 --> 00:52:01,210

some of what is sometimes thought to be

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00:52:05,430 --> 00:52:03,610

extraterrestrial is actually terrestrial

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00:52:06,990 --> 00:52:05,440

it's just subtle among the whole

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00:52:09,600 --> 00:52:07,000

community of people who are into

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00:52:11,940 --> 00:52:09,610

spiritual stuff and into awakening and

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00:52:15,000 --> 00:52:11,950

who have awakened perhaps only a subset

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00:52:18,030 --> 00:52:15,010

of those have opened to subtle

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00:52:20,880 --> 00:52:18,040

perception most of them are just sort of

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00:52:23,130 --> 00:52:20,890

into kind of the self-realization stage

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00:52:25,770 --> 00:52:23,140

without having develop the kind of

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00:52:28,440 --> 00:52:25,780

refined perception that would be needed

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00:52:30,980 --> 00:52:28,450

to experience these these subtler

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00:52:33,810 --> 00:52:30,990

phenomenon or subtler beings and so on

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00:52:35,610 --> 00:52:33,820

great and then I guess the final area

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00:52:38,490 --> 00:52:35,620

that I just want to chat a little bit

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00:52:42,450 --> 00:52:38,500

about is related in a way and that's the

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00:52:46,490 --> 00:52:42,460

near-death experience phenomena and how

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00:52:49,230 --> 00:52:46,500

do you think that fits into this

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00:52:52,650 --> 00:52:49,240

layering that you're talking about if

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00:52:55,140 --> 00:52:52,660

that's one way to look at it or just in

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00:52:58,230 --> 00:52:55,150

general what is your sense of what's

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00:52:59,970 --> 00:52:58,240

going on there well anita moorjani was

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00:53:01,620 --> 00:52:59,980

my most popular interview of all time

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00:53:04,350 --> 00:53:01,630

actually she has more views on YouTube

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00:53:06,720 --> 00:53:04,360

than any of the other ones and in any

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00:53:09,570 --> 00:53:06,730

case I think that I think it's very

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00:53:10,950 --> 00:53:09,580

relevant in a way because it shows

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00:53:13,080 --> 00:53:10,960

people very

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00:53:15,810 --> 00:53:13,090

like even Alexander for instance who

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00:53:18,240 --> 00:53:15,820

were locked into a very materialistic

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00:53:20,850 --> 00:53:18,250

worldview that there's a whole other

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00:53:23,670 --> 00:53:20,860

world you know that that is just kind of

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00:53:26,250 --> 00:53:23,680

has been eluding us because we've been

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00:53:30,270 --> 00:53:26,260

we've been sort of you know focused on

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00:53:31,680 --> 00:53:30,280

on just the gross phenomena and so it's

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00:53:33,510 --> 00:53:31,690

cool when these people have these

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00:53:36,510 --> 00:53:33,520

experiences and come back to report them

1301  
00:53:37,920 --> 00:53:36,520  
and and it's in it gives people greater

1302  
00:53:40,770 --> 00:53:37,930  
conviction that there's more to life

1303  
00:53:42,480 --> 00:53:40,780  
than meets the eye I think that

1304  
00:53:44,490 --> 00:53:42,490  
obviously we can't all wouldn't want

1305  
00:53:47,490 --> 00:53:44,500  
wouldn't all want to have near-death

1306  
00:53:50,670 --> 00:53:47,500  
experiences there are safer and easier

1307  
00:53:53,850 --> 00:53:50,680  
ways of tapping into the transcendent

1308  
00:53:56,580 --> 00:53:53,860  
and and you know exploring these deeper

1309  
00:53:58,380 --> 00:53:56,590  
realms of experience but for some people

1310  
00:54:00,810 --> 00:53:58,390  
that has been their way and it's been

1311  
00:54:03,300 --> 00:54:00,820  
hugely transformative for them but don't

1312  
00:54:08,010 --> 00:54:03,310  
we run into a little bit of a conflict

1313  
00:54:12,240 --> 00:54:08,020

in terms of the the nature of the

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00:54:14,040 --> 00:54:12,250

experience in terms of it seems like so

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00:54:17,760 --> 00:54:14,050

many of the Enlightenment non-duality

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00:54:20,550 --> 00:54:17,770

folks are going past you don't keep

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00:54:23,790 --> 00:54:20,560

going past keep going past to the kind

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00:54:26,460 --> 00:54:23,800

of nothingness of being sassoon din to

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00:54:28,920 --> 00:54:26,470

the greater one consciousness stuff

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00:54:32,220 --> 00:54:28,930

which which I don't kind of agree with

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00:54:34,860 --> 00:54:32,230

that but that that's kind of not my

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00:54:37,770 --> 00:54:34,870

position on all that is that we just can

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00:54:40,110 --> 00:54:37,780

never conceptualize that you know we

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00:54:43,860 --> 00:54:40,120

have to bring it back and and stuff it

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00:54:45,600 --> 00:54:43,870

back into our mechanism here and that's

1326  
00:54:49,680 --> 00:54:45,610  
always going to be limited it's always

1327  
00:54:52,110 --> 00:54:49,690  
going to be a limited understanding of

1328  
00:54:53,910 --> 00:54:52,120  
what's going on but to the extent that

1329  
00:54:55,520 --> 00:54:53,920  
we can and we do because we like talked

1330  
00:54:57,840 --> 00:54:55,530  
and we like having these conversations

1331  
00:55:00,690 --> 00:54:57,850  
doesn't there seem to be some kind of

1332  
00:55:05,490 --> 00:55:00,700  
fundamental conflict between what the ND

1333  
00:55:07,020 --> 00:55:05,500  
years are telling us and what the you

1334  
00:55:10,350 --> 00:55:07,030  
know i don't know enlightenment

1335  
00:55:12,840 --> 00:55:10,360  
community is telling us I suppose there

1336  
00:55:14,540 --> 00:55:12,850  
might be in terms of some individuals

1337  
00:55:18,360 --> 00:55:14,550  
within each of those communities but

1338  
00:55:19,800 --> 00:55:18,370

there is no conflict for me and i think

1339

00:55:20,970 --> 00:55:19,810

i could probably introduce you to a lot

1340

00:55:23,190 --> 00:55:20,980

of people for whom there would be no

1341

00:55:24,819 --> 00:55:23,200

conflict they would just fit it all

1342

00:55:26,949 --> 00:55:24,829

together nicely

1343

00:55:28,539 --> 00:55:26,959

um I think that your your point about

1344

00:55:30,309 --> 00:55:28,549

the nothingness folks there are folks

1345

00:55:31,779 --> 00:55:30,319

who sort of our heavy on the sort of

1346

00:55:34,390 --> 00:55:31,789

nothingness and it's all an illusion

1347

00:55:38,319 --> 00:55:34,400

kind of emphasis but I think that's a

1348

00:55:39,519 --> 00:55:38,329

phase and you know I don't maybe it's a

1349

00:55:41,229 --> 00:55:39,529

phase they'll be stuck in all their

1350

00:55:44,049 --> 00:55:41,239

lives i don't know but i've seen a lot

1351

00:55:45,219 --> 00:55:44,059

of people if if you would ask me you

1352

00:55:48,459 --> 00:55:45,229

know do what i see some kind of

1353

00:55:51,849 --> 00:55:48,469

evolution in this non-dual community i

1354

00:55:54,579 --> 00:55:51,859

would have to say that it's in terms of

1355

00:55:59,229 --> 00:55:54,589

the word embodiment best sums it up

1356

00:56:01,449 --> 00:55:59,239

where people have kind of had a taste or

1357

00:56:04,239 --> 00:56:01,459

perhaps you know total plunge into the

1358

00:56:06,370 --> 00:56:04,249

absolute abstract on manifest value and

1359

00:56:08,620 --> 00:56:06,380

then they're thinking or then they're

1360

00:56:10,839 --> 00:56:08,630

kind of realizing yeah that's great but

1361

00:56:13,059 --> 00:56:10,849

I'm a human being you know I have a life

1362

00:56:15,430 --> 00:56:13,069

I have a family I have a job but how do

1363

00:56:17,440 --> 00:56:15,440

i integrate that into my humaneness and

1364

00:56:18,729 --> 00:56:17,450

so there's a lot of emphasis and a lot

1365

00:56:22,569 --> 00:56:18,739

of teachers are talking about it very

1366

00:56:24,880 --> 00:56:22,579

specifically on integrating that sort of

1367

00:56:27,910 --> 00:56:24,890

nothingness value into the somethingness

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00:56:30,239 --> 00:56:27,920

value and being able to sort of bridge

1369

00:56:33,039 --> 00:56:30,249

both worlds and live live in both worlds

1370

00:56:36,670 --> 00:56:33,049

simultaneously being in the world but

1371

00:56:39,130 --> 00:56:36,680

not of it so in terms of the NDE thing I

1372

00:56:41,289 --> 00:56:39,140

you know it really does give people a

1373

00:56:43,420 --> 00:56:41,299

very profound taste transforms their

1374

00:56:46,779 --> 00:56:43,430

lives in most cases makes them realize

1375

00:56:48,729 --> 00:56:46,789

that you know were this is this human

1376

00:56:50,829 --> 00:56:48,739

life is just a brief kind of stopped on

1377

00:56:52,719 --> 00:56:50,839

a much grander journey and I think

1378

00:56:54,579 --> 00:56:52,729

that's a profound spiritual insight but

1379

00:56:56,259 --> 00:56:54,589

it's you know n DS are not the only way

1380

00:56:57,729 --> 00:56:56,269

you can get that insight and I think

1381

00:57:01,089 --> 00:56:57,739

people who have really gotten it in

1382

00:57:05,640 --> 00:57:01,099

other ways would be very appreciative

1383

00:57:08,559 --> 00:57:05,650

and accepting of any nde person's story

1384

00:57:12,249 --> 00:57:08,569

what's next for you Rick where is bat

1385

00:57:14,439 --> 00:57:12,259

gap heading mm-hmm well I just keep

1386

00:57:16,239 --> 00:57:14,449

rolling along there's an arranged a

1387

00:57:18,579 --> 00:57:16,249

fellow named Leonard Jacobson next on

1388

00:57:20,439 --> 00:57:18,589

the docket and I've just finished

1389

00:57:23,079 --> 00:57:20,449

reading his book and listening to a

1390

00:57:25,059 --> 00:57:23,089

bunch of his audios and I like him a lot

1391

00:57:26,709 --> 00:57:25,069

because he has a very complete kind of

1392

00:57:31,209 --> 00:57:26,719

understanding along the lines of what I

1393

00:57:33,099 --> 00:57:31,219

was just saying so far I'm just

1394

00:57:35,109 --> 00:57:33,109

interviewing one person a week and and

1395

00:57:37,029 --> 00:57:35,119

it's it's you know we'll see what

1396

00:57:38,500 --> 00:57:37,039

develops possibly next year I'll start

1397

00:57:43,890 --> 00:57:38,510

doing two a week we'll see

1398

00:57:47,680 --> 00:57:43,900

eh yeah um and but you know it's like I

1399

00:57:49,450 --> 00:57:47,690

don't have a particular plan in terms of

1400

00:57:52,210 --> 00:57:49,460

exactly where this is going I'm just

1401  
00:57:55,510 --> 00:57:52,220  
doing it and enjoying it and letting it

1402  
00:57:57,040 --> 00:57:55,520  
unfold and it hasn't always unfolded as

1403  
00:58:00,610 --> 00:57:57,050  
quickly as I might like but I think it's

1404  
00:58:04,020 --> 00:58:00,620  
unfolded at a perfect pace and there's a

1405  
00:58:07,930 --> 00:58:04,030  
lot of great people helping my wife

1406  
00:58:10,090 --> 00:58:07,940  
Irene and I have people have a

1407  
00:58:11,350 --> 00:58:10,100  
translation and transcription team of

1408  
00:58:13,750 --> 00:58:11,360  
people that are around the world

1409  
00:58:14,740 --> 00:58:13,760  
volunteering their time and there's a

1410  
00:58:16,300 --> 00:58:14,750  
guy who does all the video

1411  
00:58:17,860 --> 00:58:16,310  
post-production another guy who does the

1412  
00:58:20,050 --> 00:58:17,870  
audio post-production so it's kind of

1413  
00:58:24,010 --> 00:58:20,060

grown into this whole little community

1414

00:58:26,380 --> 00:58:24,020

of volunteers and helpers and people and

1415

00:58:27,790 --> 00:58:26,390

I'm certainly not the whole kit and

1416

00:58:29,410 --> 00:58:27,800

caboodle I'm just kind of the guy who

1417

00:58:32,290 --> 00:58:29,420

gets on the camera and gets on the

1418

00:58:33,940 --> 00:58:32,300

microphone and ask the questions but

1419

00:58:36,010 --> 00:58:33,950

it's a lot of people kind of who are

1420

00:58:38,440 --> 00:58:36,020

involved in it like that see the value

1421

00:58:40,210 --> 00:58:38,450

of it and you know that's changed their

1422

00:58:43,690 --> 00:58:40,220

lives profoundly and so they want to

1423

00:58:46,660 --> 00:58:43,700

participate in having it you know help

1424

00:58:48,310 --> 00:58:46,670

to change others that's a great thing so

1425

00:58:53,560 --> 00:58:48,320

for folks who haven't checked it out

1426  
00:58:55,630 --> 00:58:53,570  
back gap ba TG AAP kaam just a wonderful

1427  
00:58:58,270 --> 00:58:55,640  
experience you dip in there I you know I

1428  
00:58:59,650 --> 00:58:58,280  
have to kind of offer a different

1429  
00:59:03,160 --> 00:58:59,660  
perspective on something you said

1430  
00:59:05,620 --> 00:59:03,170  
earlier about people who might go there

1431  
00:59:07,630 --> 00:59:05,630  
and listen to a couple of interviews and

1432  
00:59:10,270 --> 00:59:07,640  
then they're going to turn away if

1433  
00:59:12,910 --> 00:59:10,280  
they're not into your thing I don't know

1434  
00:59:16,900 --> 00:59:12,920  
I mean even myself i can think of years

1435  
00:59:19,060 --> 00:59:16,910  
ago I ran across bat gap and I listened

1436  
00:59:20,710 --> 00:59:19,070  
a little bit and it wasn't exactly my

1437  
00:59:22,450 --> 00:59:20,720  
cup of tea I don't know who I came

1438  
00:59:24,370 --> 00:59:22,460

across you know it wasn't you but it was

1439

00:59:27,670 --> 00:59:24,380

one of the gas or it just didn't strike

1440

00:59:29,920 --> 00:59:27,680

me but it planted a seed you know and I

1441

00:59:31,990 --> 00:59:29,930

think that's what you're doing you're

1442

00:59:33,790 --> 00:59:32,000

out there planting seeds and you just

1443

00:59:35,560 --> 00:59:33,800

don't know where those are going to

1444

00:59:37,690 --> 00:59:35,570

germinate but I certainly wish you the

1445

00:59:39,670 --> 00:59:37,700

best of luck there's such a variety of

1446

00:59:40,990 --> 00:59:39,680

people i mean if you listen to five or

1447

00:59:43,420 --> 00:59:41,000

ten minutes of one interview and it

1448

00:59:46,120 --> 00:59:43,430

doesn't you know who let your fire then

1449

00:59:47,080 --> 00:59:46,130

then go on to the next one I mean you're

1450

00:59:48,880 --> 00:59:47,090

probably not going to get through them

1451  
00:59:50,440 --> 00:59:48,890  
all anyway so why spend time on one that

1452  
00:59:52,450 --> 00:59:50,450  
you're not enjoying but

1453  
00:59:54,550 --> 00:59:52,460  
there are there are some menus under the

1454  
00:59:57,130 --> 00:59:54,560  
past interviews menu at backup there's

1455  
01:00:00,819 --> 00:59:57,140  
there's a alphabetical listing of all

1456  
01:00:02,620 --> 01:00:00,829  
the people there's a a categorical

1457  
01:00:04,810 --> 01:00:02,630  
there's a chronological there's also a

1458  
01:00:07,300 --> 01:00:04,820  
categorical where we try to categorize

1459  
01:00:08,950 --> 01:00:07,310  
all these people by different by their

1460  
01:00:12,069 --> 01:00:08,960  
own personal background and also by

1461  
01:00:14,589 --> 01:00:12,079  
their current teaching emphasis so you

1462  
01:00:16,780 --> 01:00:14,599  
know there's you might find that a

1463  
01:00:21,760 --> 01:00:16,790

particular category appeals to you and

1464

01:00:24,880 --> 01:00:21,770

maybe not others so another thing we'd

1465

01:00:26,560 --> 01:00:24,890

like to develop is a kind of an events

1466

01:00:28,540 --> 01:00:26,570

database where people could say like

1467

01:00:30,520 --> 01:00:28,550

what's going on in London and they would

1468

01:00:32,410 --> 01:00:30,530

immediately see okay this teacher is

1469

01:00:35,339 --> 01:00:32,420

coming on such and such a day and this

1470

01:00:37,930 --> 01:00:35,349

teachers here and and so on or you know

1471

01:00:39,819 --> 01:00:37,940

they could sort it and sift it in

1472

01:00:41,349 --> 01:00:39,829

different ways in order to fight to plug

1473

01:00:42,940 --> 01:00:41,359

into something near them because we get

1474

01:00:44,290 --> 01:00:42,950

a lot of inquiries from people like that

1475

01:00:46,569 --> 01:00:44,300

saying you know do you know anybody in

1476

01:00:48,520 --> 01:00:46,579

Czechoslovakia and it's really hard to

1477

01:00:50,530 --> 01:00:48,530

remember so if we get that set up

1478

01:00:53,050 --> 01:00:50,540

properly it'll be a really useful

1479

01:00:54,990 --> 01:00:53,060

resource for people to connect with

1480

01:00:58,000 --> 01:00:55,000

someone that you know inspires them

1481

01:00:59,650 --> 01:00:58,010

excellent excellent well certainly wish

1482

01:01:01,690 --> 01:00:59,660

you the best of luck with it Rick and

1483

01:01:04,660 --> 01:01:01,700

thanks again our guest today has been

1484

01:01:08,500 --> 01:01:04,670

Rick Archer from Buddha at the gas pump

1485

01:01:10,180 --> 01:01:08,510

thanks again Rick thanks Ivan thanks

1486

01:01:12,430 --> 01:01:10,190

again to Rick Archer for joining me on

1487

01:01:15,059 --> 01:01:12,440

skeptic 01 question i tee up from this

1488

01:01:18,220 --> 01:01:15,069

interview is what do you think it takes

1489

01:01:20,200 --> 01:01:18,230

for our society for our culture to

1490

01:01:23,500 --> 01:01:20,210

experience a shift in consciousness and

1491

01:01:24,760 --> 01:01:23,510

become more enlightened if you will so

1492

01:01:27,280 --> 01:01:24,770

that's a topic we talked quite a bit

1493

01:01:29,980 --> 01:01:27,290

about in this interview and I'd love to

1494

01:01:31,750 --> 01:01:29,990

get your thoughts on that of course the

1495

01:01:33,849 --> 01:01:31,760

place to do that is well there's

1496

01:01:36,339 --> 01:01:33,859

actually let me stop and say there's

1497

01:01:38,020 --> 01:01:36,349

many places to do that and one of the

1498

01:01:40,950 --> 01:01:38,030

things I've been doing lately is trying

1499

01:01:44,559 --> 01:01:40,960

to reach out a little bit more on

1500

01:01:46,990 --> 01:01:44,569

facebook twitter and through my other

1501

01:01:49,450 --> 01:01:47,000

website why science is wrong that

1502

01:01:51,520 --> 01:01:49,460

coincides with my book of course and try

1503

01:01:53,650 --> 01:01:51,530

and connect with people in more in

1504

01:01:56,050 --> 01:01:53,660

different ways because that really is my

1505

01:01:58,660 --> 01:01:56,060

goal is connecting with you the listener

1506

01:02:00,790 --> 01:01:58,670

and forming our own little community and

1507

01:02:02,829 --> 01:02:00,800

helping inform each other and helping

1508

01:02:03,880 --> 01:02:02,839

each other grow so I'm looking for more

1509

01:02:06,039 --> 01:02:03,890

ways to do that in

1510

01:02:08,890 --> 01:02:06,049

in youtube which I'm kind of trying to

1511

01:02:11,289 --> 01:02:08,900

expand that channel too so I do

1512

01:02:12,940 --> 01:02:11,299

encourage you to connect with me I'd

1513

01:02:15,309 --> 01:02:12,950

love to connect with you in any way you

1514

01:02:17,859 --> 01:02:15,319

can like me over on facebook please

1515

01:02:19,329 --> 01:02:17,869

please please do that follow me on

1516

01:02:20,920 --> 01:02:19,339

twitter i'm going to be more active on

1517

01:02:22,839 --> 01:02:20,930

Twitter so please do that it's just a

1518

01:02:24,279 --> 01:02:22,849

click and I found it to be a great tool

1519

01:02:26,410 --> 01:02:24,289

I've used it for a while but I was never

1520

01:02:28,539 --> 01:02:26,420

really into it very much and now i'm

1521

01:02:30,940 --> 01:02:28,549

going to try and get more into it so if

1522

01:02:32,319 --> 01:02:30,950

you want connect with me over there and

1523

01:02:35,349 --> 01:02:32,329

it's a good way for us to stay in touch

1524

01:02:38,740 --> 01:02:35,359

of course the usual ways work as well

1525

01:02:40,569 --> 01:02:38,750

join me over on The Skeptical form join

1526

01:02:43,240 --> 01:02:40,579

me by writing comments right on the

1527

01:02:45,279 --> 01:02:43,250

website or you can email me if you do

1528

01:02:47,500 --> 01:02:45,289

come to the website I should probably

1529

01:02:52,059 --> 01:02:47,510

spell it out for you so you can get the

1530

01:02:53,769 --> 01:02:52,069

correct spelling it's ske pti k Oh calm

1531

01:02:57,849 --> 01:02:53,779

and when you're there you can of course

1532

01:03:00,450 --> 01:02:57,859

find all our over 250 previous shows all

1533

01:03:03,789 --> 01:03:00,460

available there for free download mp3

1534

01:03:05,680 --> 01:03:03,799

most of them are transcribed almost all

1535

01:03:07,569 --> 01:03:05,690

of them are transcribed and I should

1536

01:03:08,920 --> 01:03:07,579

mention that as well in the future what

1537

01:03:12,359 --> 01:03:08,930

I'm going to plant what I plan on doing

1538

01:03:15,700 --> 01:03:12,369

is transcribing a little bit less

1539

01:03:18,309 --> 01:03:15,710

transcribing highlights and but but in

1540

01:03:19,990 --> 01:03:18,319

exchange for them to offer links into

1541

01:03:22,210 --> 01:03:20,000

the audio where you can listen to those

1542

01:03:24,789 --> 01:03:22,220

parts and one of the reasons I'm doing

1543

01:03:26,859 --> 01:03:24,799

that is one I want to add that feature

1544

01:03:28,839 --> 01:03:26,869

of highlighting different parts of the

1545

01:03:30,880 --> 01:03:28,849

show rather than just providing one long

1546

01:03:33,009 --> 01:03:30,890

transcript that I think is difficult for

1547

01:03:35,710 --> 01:03:33,019

people to read through I know that's how

1548

01:03:37,480 --> 01:03:35,720

i would like to consume this information

1549

01:03:39,190 --> 01:03:37,490

so that's kind of how i do it for other

1550

01:03:41,589 --> 01:03:39,200

people and the other reason is i'm

1551

01:03:44,140 --> 01:03:41,599

trying to shorten my cycle a little bit

1552

01:03:46,180 --> 01:03:44,150

in terms of how long it takes me to get

1553

01:03:48,759 --> 01:03:46,190

these shows out and one of the things

1554

01:03:51,039 --> 01:03:48,769

that holds that up is I send these shows

1555

01:03:53,289 --> 01:03:51,049

out to transcription and I can only do

1556

01:03:55,180 --> 01:03:53,299

that after I've edited them and then

1557

01:03:56,950 --> 01:03:55,190

that takes laughs a while and then it

1558

01:03:59,019 --> 01:03:56,960

takes people a while to transcribe these

1559

01:04:01,569 --> 01:03:59,029

shows so I'm trying to shorten that

1560

01:04:03,849 --> 01:04:01,579

cycle down and get to be a little bit

1561

01:04:07,059 --> 01:04:03,859

more efficient so that I can do more

1562

01:04:09,370 --> 01:04:07,069

cool stuff so those are just some little

1563

01:04:11,620 --> 01:04:09,380

changes that you'll see coming down the

1564

01:04:14,499 --> 01:04:11,630

road and I hope they work out for all of

1565

01:04:16,819 --> 01:04:14,509

you and I hope you keep listening and

1566

01:04:20,029 --> 01:04:16,829

help you share this show with who

1567

01:04:22,219 --> 01:04:20,039

ever you think can benefit from it well

1568

01:04:25,549 --> 01:04:22,229

that's going to do it for today I do

1569

01:04:27,229 --> 01:04:25,559

have a bunch of really cool shows coming

1570

01:04:30,259 --> 01:04:27,239

up I'm so excited about it I have

1571

01:04:33,680 --> 01:04:30,269

reached out to more skeptical people and

1572

01:04:36,469 --> 01:04:33,690

I have some pretty big names coming on

1573

01:04:38,539 --> 01:04:36,479

the show in addition to I'm going to be

1574

01:04:41,509 --> 01:04:38,549

going on more shows I should mention

1575

01:04:44,749 --> 01:04:41,519

that as I go on these other shows I am

1576

01:04:48,049 --> 01:04:44,759

posting those over on the why science is

1577

01:04:49,249 --> 01:04:48,059

wrong calm website so you can go listen

1578

01:04:51,170 --> 01:04:49,259

to those shows if you're at all

1579

01:04:52,609 --> 01:04:51,180

interested in them and some of them I've

1580

01:04:53,809 --> 01:04:52,619

really enjoyed do them and I think they

1581

01:04:56,239 --> 01:04:53,819

have some good information that we don't

1582

01:04:57,709 --> 01:04:56,249

always get out on The Skeptical show but

1583

01:04:59,900 --> 01:04:57,719

anyways that's going to be there and

1584

01:05:02,630 --> 01:04:59,910

we'll also have a thread on The

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01:05:06,349 --> 01:05:02,640

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