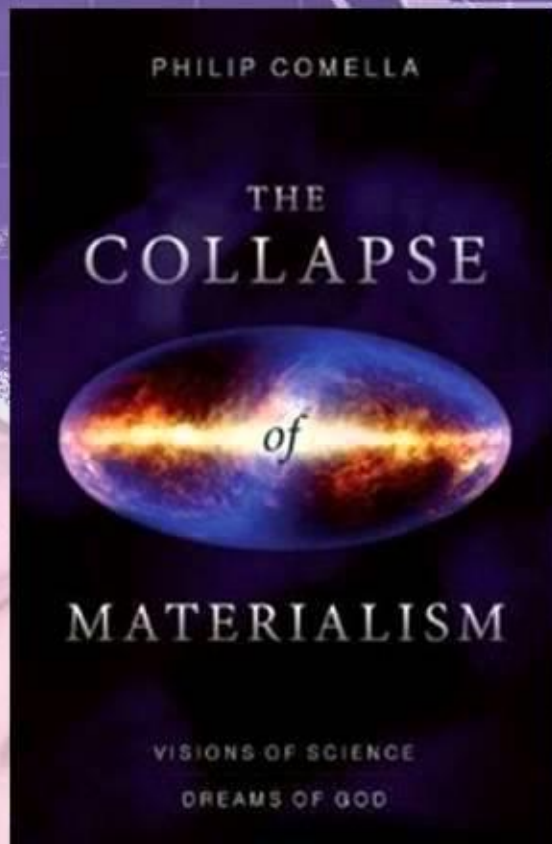


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PHILLIP COMELLA #272

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00:00:11,240 --> 00:00:09,860
on this episode of skeptic oh when you

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00:00:13,129 --> 00:00:11,250
know the science of near-death

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00:00:16,220 --> 00:00:13,139
experience and you know there's a

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00:00:18,980 --> 00:00:16,230
reality to it I think it helps you make

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00:00:21,320 --> 00:00:18,990
decisions about your life and say okay I

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00:00:23,450 --> 00:00:21,330
need to bring that in now I need to

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00:00:25,700 --> 00:00:23,460
incorporate that into my belief system I

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00:00:28,220 --> 00:00:25,710
need to live that because that's a truth

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00:00:31,580 --> 00:00:28,230
consciousness in some way I understand

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00:00:33,320 --> 00:00:31,590
survives bodily death now i have to take

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00:00:35,540 --> 00:00:33,330
action to my life and I have to live

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00:00:38,030 --> 00:00:35,550
that I'm going to emphasize something

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00:00:41,149 --> 00:00:38,040

else that I said that goes to my you

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know my legal training is that when you

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00:00:46,189 --> 00:00:43,890

give a legal argument you can't say

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00:00:48,170 --> 00:00:46,199

anything unless you cite in authority

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00:00:50,060 --> 00:00:48,180

and I think that there is a cross over

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here to what we're talking about in the

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00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:53,100

scientific world and I think near-death

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00:00:57,579 --> 00:00:55,440

experiences and parapsychology of the

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00:01:01,729 --> 00:00:57,589

Dean Radin type are perfect examples

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00:01:04,250 --> 00:01:01,739

where we are seeing phenomena with

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00:01:07,969 --> 00:01:04,260

citations to Authority with evidence

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00:01:10,039 --> 00:01:07,979

that shows these things are real and we

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00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:10,049

need to wake up and appreciate the

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00:01:15,170 --> 00:01:12,720

reality these things not so not just

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because maybe we were wrong or science

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is wrong but to me it opens up a broader

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00:01:37,220 --> 00:01:35,660

welcome to skeptic oh will react Splore

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00:01:39,590 --> 00:01:37,230

controversial science with leading

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00:01:42,020 --> 00:01:39,600

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:44,420 --> 00:01:42,030

i'm your host Alex Karras and on this

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00:01:47,450 --> 00:01:44,430

episode of skeptic Oh kind of a special

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00:01:49,730 --> 00:01:47,460

mirrored interview where this show is

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00:01:52,040 --> 00:01:49,740

being broadcast through my feet on

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00:01:53,630 --> 00:01:52,050

skeptic oh and also through the feet of

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00:01:57,020 --> 00:01:53,640

our guest who also happens to be a

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00:02:00,620 --> 00:01:57,030

podcaster and an author and someone who

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00:02:03,560 --> 00:02:00,630

was recommended to me by you skeptical

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00:02:06,410 --> 00:02:03,570

listeners so our guest is Phillip Camela

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00:02:08,960 --> 00:02:06,420

his book is the collapse of materialism

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00:02:10,639 --> 00:02:08,970

and during this dialogue we talk about a

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00:02:12,050 --> 00:02:10,649

whole variety of issues that you're

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00:02:14,060 --> 00:02:12,060

probably are going to be familiar with

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00:02:16,850 --> 00:02:14,070

if you're at all familiar with this show

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00:02:19,340 --> 00:02:16,860

we of course talk about the collapse of

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materialism and whether materialism

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really works despite all its limitations

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whether it in some way works for us in a

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00:02:29,690 --> 00:02:27,989

way that we don't fully appreciate we

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00:02:32,060 --> 00:02:29,700
also talked a little bit about atheism

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00:02:34,759 --> 00:02:32,070
and and what the atheists really do

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00:02:35,840 --> 00:02:34,769
bring to the table in this discussion we

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00:02:38,060 --> 00:02:35,850
also talked a little bit about

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conspiracies and finally we talked about

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00:02:42,710 --> 00:02:40,860
near-death experience science and about

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00:02:45,490 --> 00:02:42,720
how all this information regarding

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00:02:47,840 --> 00:02:45,500
extended consciousness can truly be

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00:02:50,360 --> 00:02:47,850
transformational it was a very

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00:02:52,400 --> 00:02:50,370
interesting fun easy dialogue between

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00:02:55,860 --> 00:02:52,410
the two of us I hope you enjoy my

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00:02:58,900 --> 00:02:55,870
interview with Phillip Camela

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00:03:01,690 --> 00:02:58,910

okay that's great I'm going to jump

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00:03:03,790 --> 00:03:01,700

right into it today we're joined by very

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00:03:05,290 --> 00:03:03,800

interesting guests and this show is

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going to be a little bit different from

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00:03:10,150 --> 00:03:07,040

a lot of the other shows we do it's kind

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00:03:13,710 --> 00:03:10,160

of a joint mirrored podcast so we're

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00:03:16,750 --> 00:03:13,720

joined by Philip Camela an lawyer turned

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00:03:19,120 --> 00:03:16,760

podcaster turned author who's written a

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00:03:22,660 --> 00:03:19,130

fascinating book the collapse of

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materialism visions of science dreams of

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God he's also the host of a very well

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00:03:33,490 --> 00:03:31,190

done podcast titled conversations beyond

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00:03:36,220 --> 00:03:33,500

science and religion it's on web talk

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00:03:37,990 --> 00:03:36,230

radio he has really terrific guests on

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there that he's been able to land and he

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covers I think a lot of the topics that

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are will be very familiar too skeptical

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listeners he does them in a very

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intelligent way probing and constantly

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kind of expanding and pushing the

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boundaries of this consciousness

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reimagined once we get past this dorky

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materialism that we both kind of rail

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against so much so with that it's a

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00:04:05,380 --> 00:04:03,560

great pleasure to welcome you fill up to

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skeptic oh thanks so much for joining me

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well thanks a lot and to return the

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favor again this is Philip Camela this

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is conversations beyond science and

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religion and with regard to Alex those

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of you probably know a lot of him on my

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show for the last seven years he's done

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his podcast skeptical science at the

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tipping point and it really is a leading

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show in this area and I and I think a

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lot of us view alex's being a

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00:04:36,910 --> 00:04:34,670

trailblazer his interview to start

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00:04:39,280 --> 00:04:36,920

studded cast of original thinkers hard

101
00:04:41,790 --> 00:04:39,290
no scientist mediums near-death

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00:04:45,610 --> 00:04:41,800
researchers parapsychologists and

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00:04:47,740 --> 00:04:45,620
everything in between I like his uh like

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00:04:49,930 --> 00:04:47,750
your adage there about the goal is to

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00:04:54,130 --> 00:04:49,940
find the truth follow the data wherever

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00:04:56,110 --> 00:04:54,140
it leads and that's something that is

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00:04:58,090 --> 00:04:56,120
close to my heart because I think that

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00:05:01,030 --> 00:04:58,100
that is really what this is all about

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00:05:02,710 --> 00:05:01,040
now alex has a new book that I've read

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00:05:05,920 --> 00:05:02,720
it's really a great read it's called

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00:05:09,760 --> 00:05:05,930
science is wrong about almost everything

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00:05:11,800 --> 00:05:09,770
and in this book he assembles excerpt

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00:05:14,369 --> 00:05:11,810

from a wide range of interviews that

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00:05:17,980 --> 00:05:14,379

he's done spliced with his own

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00:05:21,210 --> 00:05:17,990

observations to show that perhaps the

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00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:21,220

end days of science as we know it are

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00:05:27,219 --> 00:05:25,520

near so Alex thanks a lot for for

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00:05:28,930 --> 00:05:27,229

putting this together i'm looking

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00:05:31,540 --> 00:05:28,940

forward to it and since I'm the last

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person talking here I'm going to ask you

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00:05:38,260 --> 00:05:35,120

first of all what drove you down this

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00:05:42,640 --> 00:05:38,270

path to get involved in this whole

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00:05:44,559 --> 00:05:42,650

scientific challenge that you that that

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00:05:48,339 --> 00:05:44,569

you do both in your book and on your

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00:05:49,240 --> 00:05:48,349

show what was your inspiration well you

126
00:05:51,399 --> 00:05:49,250
know Phillip it's kind of interesting

127
00:05:53,950 --> 00:05:51,409
because now I've listened to a couple of

128
00:05:55,659 --> 00:05:53,960
your interviews and I think you touch on

129
00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:55,669
an aspect of this that I don't talk

130
00:06:01,149 --> 00:05:57,919
about as much but you talk about having

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00:06:03,939 --> 00:06:01,159
a lifelong kind of interest in some of

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00:06:06,189 --> 00:06:03,949
these topics and you know I never quite

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00:06:08,529 --> 00:06:06,199
see it that way but I'm really going to

134
00:06:10,480 --> 00:06:08,539
be honest I think I've always felt like

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00:06:12,279 --> 00:06:10,490
I thought a little bit differently you

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00:06:14,649 --> 00:06:12,289
know and I tried to conform and I tried

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00:06:15,850 --> 00:06:14,659
to do the and you must be able to relate

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00:06:17,980 --> 00:06:15,860

to this I mean you went through law

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00:06:20,589 --> 00:06:17,990

school became a lawyer I went through

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00:06:22,330 --> 00:06:20,599

business school got an MBA got a good

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job try to do everything everyone was

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talking about but in the meantime I

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always in the back of my mind had this

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00:06:30,939 --> 00:06:28,610

yeah but what else isn't there's got to

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be something more and I was interested

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00:06:37,450 --> 00:06:34,460

in these deeper questions I saw them as

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00:06:40,990 --> 00:06:37,460

both spiritual questions but also as

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00:06:43,209 --> 00:06:41,000

scientific questions because I at a very

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00:06:46,269 --> 00:06:43,219

I don't know early agent because I'm

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00:06:48,820 --> 00:06:46,279

older now but in my early 20s I I kind

151
00:06:50,559 --> 00:06:48,830
of put aside the traditional religious

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00:06:51,879 --> 00:06:50,569
Christian upbringing that I had and said

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you know that just doesn't really make

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00:06:57,399 --> 00:06:55,460
much sense but I still had this gnawing

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00:07:01,540 --> 00:06:57,409
feeling that there was something behind

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00:07:03,879 --> 00:07:01,550
that religion there was a kernel of

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00:07:05,200 --> 00:07:03,889
truth there that I wanted to investigate

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00:07:07,540 --> 00:07:05,210
but I want to investigate it

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00:07:10,450 --> 00:07:07,550
scientifically so when I got the

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00:07:13,570 --> 00:07:10,460
opportunity I felt like these questions

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00:07:15,610 --> 00:07:13,580
were questions that I had mold over for

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a long time but I want to kind of throw

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00:07:20,170 --> 00:07:18,050

that back at you and because I think

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that in in reading your book listening

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to your show one of the things I felt a

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00:07:26,770 --> 00:07:23,630

real

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00:07:29,140 --> 00:07:26,780

camaraderie with and I guess a symbolic

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Oh was this idea that you're somebody

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who's very grounded in the real world I

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mean you understand how the real world

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works you understand how people work and

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even that I think is a good background

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to understanding how science works to

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Sciences in some ways its own duck out

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there versus you know the law which I

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think in the you know intersects with

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with real people doing real stuff what

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00:07:58,270 --> 00:07:54,410

are you thoughts about that yeah I mean

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I i think that uh that you have to keep

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00:08:02,590 --> 00:08:00,380

your feet on the ground I think that's

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the purpose of having a ground and feet

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to begin with I think it's easy to get

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lost in the Eyrie topics in this field

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to get to abstract and to forget that

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the end of the day we have lives the

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lead and i think that the challenge is

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translating these high sounding

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principles into our daily lives and

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ultimately it to me it comes down to

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morality it comes down to incorporating

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this quote-unquote spirituality this

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this this this unified essence that's

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inside of us and and and exerting that

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outward to fulfill this moral promise

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and and frankly i think that that's one

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of my problems with materialism is that

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when you read the leaders they're

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basically you know they basically say

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and there's a quote my book lon its

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lines that science has no moral lessons

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to convey I mean I think that that is

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really a sad commentary and you know I

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00:09:08,920 --> 00:09:04,970
tell people that a lot of my inspiration

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is negative I mean I remember you know

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00:09:12,910 --> 00:09:11,030
in preparing for the show I remember the

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book the naked ape and I have you ever

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read that book but it had had that that

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sort of fascinated cover with the naked

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guy on it but let that well I had a

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reaction against that book to my in my

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own mind at a young age I knew we were

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more than naked apes and so and so it

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serve this fight to prove that this

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feeling we have inside that's that's

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telling us that we're

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or the naked days were more than then

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descended from the amoeba that that week

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that there's more potential we have that

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this is something that's never left me

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and and so but at the same time we have

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lives to lead and I think that this is

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something Alex that needs to happen in

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order to carry this forward you know to

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the field to bring it out there we have

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to convince people that this is real

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that but we're not just you know

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pontificating well but but I don't know

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you know I'm challenged by that too

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because one of the things I've really

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tried to do and I've been doing it even

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more so in the last month or two is

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really reaching out to the Atheist

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community skeptical community the

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science as we know it types the people

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were pushing against mainly in this

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struggle and I have to say every time I

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do I come away with a mixed feeling on

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one hand I get a better sense for what

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they're really up against I mean let's

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get real we still live in a world that

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is on one hand bound to some rather

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wacky religious ideas and we can kind of

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you know maneuver our way around them

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and say well the morality issue don't

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they kind of have that figured out

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better than the the atheists do and they

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don't they have the charity and the love

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part of it figured out better than the

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other ones do and that better than the

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atheists do and I would have to say they

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do and I would have to say that in terms

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00:11:17,750 --> 00:11:14,940
of the the spark of God if you will that

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maybe rest at the core of all this that

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we can't really put into terms and I

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know as soon as I throw out the word God

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00:11:24,560 --> 00:11:22,530
there it's going to turn off a lot of

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people but you can substitute anything

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you want a light intelligence source

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whatever you want but I'm getting

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sidetracked because my point is the ills

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00:11:42,320 --> 00:11:37,950
of religiosity of Orthodoxy really can't

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be easily dismissed or diminish too much

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and I think we have a tendency to

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sometimes do that and to pretend like

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everything is okay if we can just get

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rid of those dang

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ski atheist hey those atheists are kind

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of pushing some important points forward

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00:11:59,720 --> 00:11:57,959

yeah I think that you make I think you

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00:12:03,499 --> 00:11:59,730

make a good point but I think that what

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00:12:07,069 --> 00:12:03,509

we have in my view of this is that we

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00:12:09,410 --> 00:12:07,079

have a dichotomy we have which is which

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00:12:13,460 --> 00:12:09,420

is between what i would call Orthodox

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00:12:16,100 --> 00:12:13,470

religion or say creationism and material

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00:12:18,379 --> 00:12:16,110

science as if those are the only two

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00:12:20,509 --> 00:12:18,389

choices you know you can only be a

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00:12:23,389 --> 00:12:20,519

Republican or a Democrat you can't be an

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00:12:26,929 --> 00:12:23,399

independent or libertarian it's like a

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00:12:31,369 --> 00:12:26,939

to answer multiple-choice tests and too

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00:12:34,609 --> 00:12:31,379

often I think that the the two sides get

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00:12:36,530 --> 00:12:34,619

polarized and one becomes a reaction

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00:12:39,590 --> 00:12:36,540

against the other I know I know in your

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00:12:41,689 --> 00:12:39,600

own book you make a really good point

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00:12:43,939 --> 00:12:41,699

that I'm quoting here it says part of

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00:12:45,889 --> 00:12:43,949

the reason atheists are such sloppy

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00:12:48,559 --> 00:12:45,899

thinkers when it comes to big pitcher

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00:12:50,689 --> 00:12:48,569

science is they've wasted much of their

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00:12:53,419 --> 00:12:50,699

intellectual muscle debunking

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00:12:56,119 --> 00:12:53,429

Christianity and I think that this is

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00:12:58,669 --> 00:12:56,129

this is a very I think that was a very

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00:13:01,669 --> 00:12:58,679

good point i completely agree with it at

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00:13:04,369 --> 00:13:01,679

the we should be looking for common

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00:13:07,249 --> 00:13:04,379

ground though I do think Orthodox

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00:13:10,100 --> 00:13:07,259

religion is a problem and I also think

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00:13:11,659 --> 00:13:10,110

Orthodox science is a problem the only

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00:13:14,210 --> 00:13:11,669

way we're going to improve things is we

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00:13:16,489 --> 00:13:14,220

need to move beyond both and find the

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00:13:18,650 --> 00:13:16,499

common ground and find something where

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00:13:20,539 --> 00:13:18,660

we could agree upon and that's why I'm

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00:13:23,359 --> 00:13:20,549

an advocate of taking it all down and

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00:13:26,629 --> 00:13:23,369
building it up you know all over again

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00:13:29,059 --> 00:13:26,639
and that's an interesting thought and

303
00:13:30,739 --> 00:13:29,069
you know one question I guess I had for

304
00:13:33,259 --> 00:13:30,749
you and since you just said about

305
00:13:35,780 --> 00:13:33,269
tearing everything down which fits in

306
00:13:38,210 --> 00:13:35,790
perfectly with the title of your book

307
00:13:40,189 --> 00:13:38,220
which is once again folks you want to

308
00:13:42,590 --> 00:13:40,199
check this out it's on amazon's gotten

309
00:13:45,829 --> 00:13:42,600
some fantastic reviews some great blurbs

310
00:13:47,929 --> 00:13:45,839
by some really really intelligent people

311
00:13:50,210 --> 00:13:47,939
including larry dossey and a couple

312
00:13:53,210 --> 00:13:50,220
other folks the collapse of materialism

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00:13:54,769 --> 00:13:53,220

visions of science dreams of God so you

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00:13:58,429 --> 00:13:54,779

just talk Phillip about tearing

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00:14:01,579 --> 00:13:58,439

everything down as a lawyer Philip how

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00:14:04,400 --> 00:14:01,589

would you make the case for the collapse

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00:14:06,889 --> 00:14:04,410

of materialism as that being some

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00:14:09,470 --> 00:14:06,899

that we could really foresee in the

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00:14:11,600 --> 00:14:09,480

future how does materialism really

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00:14:15,079 --> 00:14:11,610

collapse isn't it aren't we totally a

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00:14:17,930 --> 00:14:15,089

meshed in materialism materialistic

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00:14:20,689 --> 00:14:17,940

thinking both in a scientific level but

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00:14:23,300 --> 00:14:20,699

also on a very personal level can we

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00:14:28,730 --> 00:14:23,310

really extricate ourselves from this

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00:14:31,490 --> 00:14:28,740

idea I think that the the movement out

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00:14:34,569 --> 00:14:31,500

of the teary ilysm is ultimately a

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00:14:37,090 --> 00:14:34,579

natural movement of consciousness is

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00:14:40,819 --> 00:14:37,100

ultimately an evolution of consciousness

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00:14:43,790 --> 00:14:40,829

one of the heirs that materialism makes

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00:14:47,900 --> 00:14:43,800

us believe in is that evolution only

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00:14:49,819 --> 00:14:47,910

only occurs in the for the organism for

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00:14:52,999 --> 00:14:49,829

the material thing you know there's

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00:14:56,840 --> 00:14:53,009

plenty of thinkers pier delle Jardine

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00:14:59,210 --> 00:14:56,850

and sri aurobindo and others who talked

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00:15:01,730 --> 00:14:59,220

about the evolution of consciousness I

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00:15:05,929 --> 00:15:01,740

think that what we are experiencing now

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00:15:08,620 --> 00:15:05,939

and for the past 20 or 30 years is we're

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00:15:11,449 --> 00:15:08,630

seeing consciousness evolve

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00:15:15,559 --> 00:15:11,459

consciousness starting to understand

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00:15:19,670 --> 00:15:15,569

that we are a meshed into the world and

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00:15:22,009 --> 00:15:19,680

so to me it's not it's not just coming

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00:15:24,170 --> 00:15:22,019

up with the with a great argument and

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00:15:27,079 --> 00:15:24,180

and and pounding somebody on the head

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00:15:30,920 --> 00:15:27,089

with all these logical points that's

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00:15:32,590 --> 00:15:30,930

part of it but but ultimately it's going

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00:15:36,110 --> 00:15:32,600

to be a to me it's gonna be a natural

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00:15:39,170 --> 00:15:36,120

movement it this is going to feel closer

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00:15:41,840 --> 00:15:39,180

to us as we move closer to the world

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00:15:44,629 --> 00:15:41,850

realize that we are really part of

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00:15:47,090 --> 00:15:44,639

nature and that it's not separate from

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00:15:50,689 --> 00:15:47,100

us but ability that's getting too

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00:15:52,850 --> 00:15:50,699

touchy-feely for me to new agey I mean

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00:15:55,460 --> 00:15:52,860

bring it down to for me as an attorney

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00:15:58,129 --> 00:15:55,470

show me the show me the evidence because

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00:16:02,809 --> 00:15:58,139

again I one of the fastest growing

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00:16:05,329 --> 00:16:02,819

groups in the spiritual realm if you

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00:16:08,990 --> 00:16:05,339

will if that if as we divide that up or

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00:16:14,090 --> 00:16:09,000

atheists are atheists are non-believers

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00:16:16,129 --> 00:16:14,100

are folks who are have turned their back

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00:16:18,300 --> 00:16:16,139

on religion those folks aren't coming

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00:16:20,600 --> 00:16:18,310

around anyway soon anytime soon

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00:16:25,230 --> 00:16:20,610

and you know I talked a lot of prominent

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00:16:27,150 --> 00:16:25,240

scientists who have seemed to have no no

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00:16:30,000 --> 00:16:27,160

inclination to move away from

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00:16:31,769 --> 00:16:30,010

materialism or if they do more

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00:16:34,380 --> 00:16:31,779

importantly when they do they have a

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00:16:36,960 --> 00:16:34,390

million little fallback positions that

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00:16:38,970 --> 00:16:36,970

are that are really just restating the

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00:16:40,350 --> 00:16:38,980

same you know it's like in consciousness

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00:16:42,060 --> 00:16:40,360

research which I've probably

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00:16:44,310 --> 00:16:42,070

investigated more than anything else you

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00:16:47,460 --> 00:16:44,320

know so yeah you pin them down and you

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00:16:49,320 --> 00:16:47,470

say is consciousness and epiphone amin

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00:16:51,450 --> 00:16:49,330

of the brain is it just a prop of the

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00:16:52,769 --> 00:16:51,460

brain and if you wrestle them to the

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00:16:56,030 --> 00:16:52,779

ground enough you can get them to say oh

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00:16:58,410 --> 00:16:56,040

okay maybe it's not oh it's a it's a

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00:17:00,300 --> 00:16:58,420

emergent property of the brain you know

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so that's their fallback position which

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00:17:05,699 --> 00:17:03,010

is really a non-starter it's the same

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00:17:08,460 --> 00:17:05,709

but it's kind of stated in a different

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00:17:10,679 --> 00:17:08,470

way it's all I just did a just

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00:17:15,600 --> 00:17:10,689

publishing a show with New York Times

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00:17:18,569 --> 00:17:15,610

bestselling author and meditator sam

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00:17:20,910 --> 00:17:18,579

Harris who's featured on the ABC news if

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00:17:23,069 --> 00:17:20,920

you turn on good morning america and you

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00:17:25,260 --> 00:17:23,079

know a great book ten percent happier

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00:17:28,199 --> 00:17:25,270

all about meditation mindfulness

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00:17:30,090 --> 00:17:28,209

meditation it should really rusher in

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00:17:32,910 --> 00:17:30,100

the kind of change that you're talking

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00:17:35,400 --> 00:17:32,920

about but it comes at meditation from a

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00:17:38,340 --> 00:17:35,410

very secular kind of perspective an

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00:17:42,480 --> 00:17:38,350

atheist Buddhist kind of perspective I

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00:17:45,270 --> 00:17:42,490

just don't think we're being if this is

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00:17:47,190 --> 00:17:45,280

really a battle that were engaged in

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00:17:49,290 --> 00:17:47,200

kind of like a legal battle that we're

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00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:49,300

engaged in I don't think we're giving

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00:17:53,850 --> 00:17:51,520

the other side enough credit when we

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00:17:55,620 --> 00:17:53,860

just talk about consciousness well

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00:17:58,950 --> 00:17:55,630

consciousness is rising and we're gonna

401
00:18:00,780 --> 00:17:58,960
be in this new age hey you know till

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00:18:03,450 --> 00:18:00,790
Williams James that right a hundred

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00:18:06,450 --> 00:18:03,460
years ago Williams James was one of the

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00:18:08,790 --> 00:18:06,460
leading scientists in the world let

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00:18:11,010 --> 00:18:08,800
alone leading psychologists at Harvard

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00:18:13,650 --> 00:18:11,020
and groundbreaker where did that all go

407
00:18:16,050 --> 00:18:13,660
it went nowhere the Spiritualist

408
00:18:17,910 --> 00:18:16,060
movement of the turn of the night in

409
00:18:20,400 --> 00:18:17,920
turn of the 20th century in the early

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00:18:23,100 --> 00:18:20,410
nineteen hundreds totally flopped and

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00:18:25,290 --> 00:18:23,110
was replaced by the kind of dorky

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00:18:28,350 --> 00:18:25,300
materialism that you rail against and I

413
00:18:30,210 --> 00:18:28,360

rail against yeah and I think that first

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00:18:31,529 --> 00:18:30,220

of all there's it's it's so important to

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00:18:35,099 --> 00:18:31,539

define terms

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00:18:38,129 --> 00:18:35,109

I had a cop had a couple atheists on my

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00:18:40,229 --> 00:18:38,139

show and there's really two questions I

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00:18:42,299 --> 00:18:40,239

would have first of all when you apply

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00:18:44,879 --> 00:18:42,309

atheism are you saying that you do not

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00:18:48,239 --> 00:18:44,889

believe in the god or gods of the Bible

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00:18:50,129 --> 00:18:48,249

A or B does that mean that you don't

422

00:18:54,810 --> 00:18:50,139

think that there's any type of

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00:18:57,330 --> 00:18:54,820

underlying spirit unity source divinity

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00:19:00,719 --> 00:18:57,340

to human existence those are two

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00:19:04,379 --> 00:19:00,729

separate questions and I think that for

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00:19:06,570 --> 00:19:04,389

example Einstein was really a pantheist

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00:19:08,700 --> 00:19:06,580

he really thought that nature is God

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00:19:11,310 --> 00:19:08,710

when you read a lot of the quote unquote

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00:19:14,849 --> 00:19:11,320

material science books they believe that

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00:19:18,779 --> 00:19:14,859

God is the laws of nature they believe

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00:19:22,229 --> 00:19:18,789

in the harmony of the world I think so

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00:19:23,460 --> 00:19:22,239

so it really isn't there atheists in the

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00:19:25,499 --> 00:19:23,470

sense that they may not believe that

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00:19:30,180 --> 00:19:25,509

Jesus Christ rose from the dead or the

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00:19:32,369 --> 00:19:30,190

Mohammed wrote the Quran but but they

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00:19:35,099 --> 00:19:32,379

are not atheists in the sense that they

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00:19:38,549 --> 00:19:35,109

don't believe in some kind of underlying

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00:19:40,499 --> 00:19:38,559

purpose or harmony so I think that

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00:19:42,690 --> 00:19:40,509

that's I think that's really important

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00:19:44,219 --> 00:19:42,700

to make that distinction well I mean I

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00:19:46,979 --> 00:19:44,229

think that's a that's a wonderful

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00:19:48,930 --> 00:19:46,989

distinction for us to make because it

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00:19:51,570 --> 00:19:48,940

kind of pulls some of those folks into

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00:19:53,639 --> 00:19:51,580

our camp but I just don't see that out

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00:19:55,619 --> 00:19:53,649

there I mean certainly in the internet

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00:19:57,450 --> 00:19:55,629

when you talk about atheism you're not

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00:19:59,879 --> 00:19:57,460

talking about any of those people these

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00:20:02,580 --> 00:19:59,889

people people and that's not to this is

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00:20:04,499 --> 00:20:02,590

not to denigrate them that they have a

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00:20:06,389 --> 00:20:04,509

definite position in their position you

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00:20:08,190 --> 00:20:06,399

know let's talk a little bit about their

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00:20:11,339 --> 00:20:08,200

social position because in a lot of

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00:20:14,789 --> 00:20:11,349

respects they their social positions I

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00:20:17,759 --> 00:20:14,799

find very compatible with my own belief

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00:20:19,200 --> 00:20:17,769

so you know gay marriage they're all why

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00:20:21,269 --> 00:20:19,210

would we not have gay marriage what's

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00:20:26,009 --> 00:20:21,279

wrong with gay marriage and yet we have

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00:20:29,039 --> 00:20:26,019

a the moralistic Christian side of our

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00:20:31,499 --> 00:20:29,049

society has fought that vehemently for

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00:20:33,629 --> 00:20:31,509

20 years same with abortion stem cell

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00:20:37,129 --> 00:20:33,639

research all these kind of progressive

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00:20:41,909 --> 00:20:37,139

social issues that are also i think

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00:20:44,609 --> 00:20:41,919

issues for issues in this discourse

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00:20:45,360 --> 00:20:44,619

between science and religion are issues

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00:20:47,790 --> 00:20:45,370

that the eighth

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this are on the right side of even if

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00:20:51,090 --> 00:20:49,030

they're on the right side of them for

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00:20:54,060 --> 00:20:51,100

the wrong reasons I mean why on earth

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00:20:55,830 --> 00:20:54,070

would we want to prevent two people who

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00:20:57,870 --> 00:20:55,840

love each other from getting married it

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00:20:59,780 --> 00:20:57,880

seems like a silly issue and the only

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00:21:02,280 --> 00:20:59,790

thing that's prevented it has been

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00:21:04,170 --> 00:21:02,290

religious fundamentalism but it's not

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00:21:05,549 --> 00:21:04,180

just fundamentalism you know I often

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00:21:08,130 --> 00:21:05,559

tell people I mean I live in Southern

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00:21:11,970 --> 00:21:08,140

California man in San Diego almost

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00:21:14,520 --> 00:21:11,980

liberal places in the country and you

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00:21:16,320 --> 00:21:14,530

know I have gone to church up out here

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00:21:17,880 --> 00:21:16,330

even though I haven't been a Christian

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00:21:20,580 --> 00:21:17,890

the whole time I've been out here I've

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00:21:22,680 --> 00:21:20,590

gone I like to connect with people who

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00:21:27,990 --> 00:21:22,690

are looking for that higher source but

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00:21:29,940 --> 00:21:28,000

in my very liberal presbyterian church

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00:21:33,840 --> 00:21:29,950

right up the road that we have gone to

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00:21:36,120 --> 00:21:33,850

their extremely again there's extremely

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00:21:38,669 --> 00:21:36,130

against gay marriage they're extremely

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00:21:40,830 --> 00:21:38,679

against gay priests all that stuff so

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00:21:43,049 --> 00:21:40,840

don't the atheists kinda have a point

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00:21:45,030 --> 00:21:43,059

with with these kind of social issues

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00:21:46,680 --> 00:21:45,040

and in the but the larger question is

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00:21:48,360 --> 00:21:46,690

back to my question which I feel like I

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00:21:50,820 --> 00:21:48,370

got a pin you down a little bit on

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00:21:53,040 --> 00:21:50,830

Phillip this what about this collapse of

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00:21:56,850 --> 00:21:53,050

materialism man it ain't going to happen

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00:21:59,820 --> 00:21:56,860

we added there's too much too much we've

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00:22:02,040 --> 00:21:59,830

built into materialism and there's too

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00:22:04,140 --> 00:22:02,050

many other forces like I was just

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00:22:07,290 --> 00:22:04,150

talking about with the church and the

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00:22:10,140 --> 00:22:07,300

the inability for the church to get get

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00:22:11,930 --> 00:22:10,150

outside of its own dogma yeah i think

501
00:22:17,790 --> 00:22:11,940
frankly i think you're mixing up some

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00:22:19,919 --> 00:22:17,800
different concepts uh and you know in

503
00:22:23,070 --> 00:22:19,929
your in your question in the way you in

504
00:22:25,799 --> 00:22:23,080
the way you presented that to me it's a

505
00:22:29,430 --> 00:22:25,809
function of coming up with a theory that

506
00:22:31,890 --> 00:22:29,440
explains more materialism doesn't

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00:22:35,190 --> 00:22:31,900
explain the full range of human

508
00:22:36,830 --> 00:22:35,200
experience it doesn't explain your death

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00:22:39,660 --> 00:22:36,840
experiences it does explain

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00:22:41,990 --> 00:22:39,670
parapsychology it doesn't explain

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00:22:44,340 --> 00:22:42,000
phantom limbs i don't think it explains

512
00:22:46,650 --> 00:22:44,350
explains consciousness it doesn't

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00:22:50,310 --> 00:22:46,660

explain where this funny idea of spirit

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00:22:54,480 --> 00:22:50,320

or God came from to me it's a it's a

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00:22:56,580 --> 00:22:54,490

function of of replacing the scientific

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00:22:58,950 --> 00:22:56,590

theory or that or the underlying

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00:23:03,060 --> 00:22:58,960

worldview of materialism

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with a broader-based consciousness base

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00:23:08,970 --> 00:23:06,190

or mind base or mine first world view I

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00:23:12,570 --> 00:23:08,980

think this is a scientific revolution

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00:23:15,299 --> 00:23:12,580

and let me let me be very clear here we

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00:23:17,820 --> 00:23:15,309

are never going to give up the outside

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00:23:21,240 --> 00:23:17,830

world this is the world we live in all

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00:23:24,029 --> 00:23:21,250

we ever do in my view of things is to

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00:23:26,250 --> 00:23:24,039

change our perspective we change our

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00:23:30,090 --> 00:23:26,260

perspective we accept things like energy

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00:23:33,260 --> 00:23:30,100

healing as part of medical science we

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00:23:36,000 --> 00:23:33,270

accept parapsychology clairvoyance

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00:23:38,909 --> 00:23:36,010

near-death experiences maybe an

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00:23:42,029 --> 00:23:38,919

afterlife we accept these things as

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00:23:45,510 --> 00:23:42,039

credible parts of our world instead of

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00:23:48,600 --> 00:23:45,520

rejecting them out of hand because they

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00:23:50,220 --> 00:23:48,610

don't fit the model so to me materialism

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00:23:52,220 --> 00:23:50,230

is collapsing because it's not

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00:23:54,779 --> 00:23:52,230

explaining the full range of human

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00:23:58,590 --> 00:23:54,789

experiences and there's more and more

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00:24:01,409 --> 00:23:58,600

people understanding that that that you

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00:24:05,519 --> 00:24:01,419

don't have to be a card-carrying

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00:24:09,029 --> 00:24:05,529

materialist to be a rational person and

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00:24:11,100 --> 00:24:09,039

so this is so this is where I'm coming

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00:24:13,919 --> 00:24:11,110

from I think that materialism is

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00:24:17,250 --> 00:24:13,929

collapsing because it's failing to

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00:24:20,399 --> 00:24:17,260

explain the very world we live in you

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00:24:23,610 --> 00:24:20,409

know we haven't even started with all

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00:24:25,289 --> 00:24:23,620

the all the problems but but to me Alex

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00:24:29,850 --> 00:24:25,299

and I want I want to say something here

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00:24:32,159 --> 00:24:29,860

that that is sort of recent but there is

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00:24:34,080 --> 00:24:32,169

a fundamental inconsistency in

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00:24:38,399 --> 00:24:34,090

materialism because remember there's no

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00:24:42,060 --> 00:24:38,409

mind or spirit or involved in the world

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00:24:44,490 --> 00:24:42,070

of the materialist and but as as the

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00:24:48,570 --> 00:24:44,500

more scientists look at the world from

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00:24:50,669 --> 00:24:48,580

the outer cosmos to the brain to human

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00:24:54,680 --> 00:24:50,679

life the more complicated is and the

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00:24:57,659 --> 00:24:54,690

more organized it seems and so therefore

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00:25:00,630 --> 00:24:57,669

science is starting to see to me that

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00:25:02,279 --> 00:25:00,640

the only source of that order must be

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00:25:04,649 --> 00:25:02,289

themselves we are looking at a

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00:25:07,950 --> 00:25:04,659

reflection of ourselves because we're

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00:25:10,110 --> 00:25:07,960

the only things around that can give

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00:25:12,539 --> 00:25:10,120

order to the week that can give order to

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00:25:12,880 --> 00:25:12,549

the world a mine must be giving order to

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00:25:17,800 --> 00:25:12,890

the

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00:25:20,560 --> 00:25:17,810

where we accept it as being as being

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00:25:23,140 --> 00:25:20,570

part of science as opposed to being some

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00:25:26,100 --> 00:25:23,150

outlier thing you read about on these on

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00:25:29,620 --> 00:25:26,110

these vision retreats you know obviously

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00:25:32,530 --> 00:25:29,630

Phillip right there with you and had

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00:25:34,870 --> 00:25:32,540

investigated these same issues and have

570

00:25:36,790 --> 00:25:34,880

sent come to the same conclusion but I

571

00:25:40,240 --> 00:25:36,800

want to continue to kind of go along

572

00:25:42,460 --> 00:25:40,250

this line of playing devil's advocate a

573

00:25:45,430 --> 00:25:42,470

little bit because we could sit here and

574

00:25:49,300 --> 00:25:45,440

talk about the same stuff that we've

575

00:25:51,910 --> 00:25:49,310

both found in terms of the failings of

576

00:25:54,250 --> 00:25:51,920

materialism to explain consciousness the

577

00:25:56,170 --> 00:25:54,260

craziness of this idea that we are

578

00:25:59,920 --> 00:25:56,180

biological robots in a meaningless

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00:26:02,020 --> 00:25:59,930

universe and all that's meant so but so

580

00:26:03,790 --> 00:26:02,030

let me jump over then and play devil's

581

00:26:06,040 --> 00:26:03,800

advocate a little bit because it's going

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00:26:07,600 --> 00:26:06,050

to be more fun for me and I'd like you

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00:26:10,150 --> 00:26:07,610

just made some good points there i'd

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00:26:12,550 --> 00:26:10,160

like to hear some more of that here's i

585

00:26:14,890 --> 00:26:12,560

guess where i was really pushing is that

586

00:26:17,410 --> 00:26:14,900

back to my point of view being a

587

00:26:19,480 --> 00:26:17,420

practical guy me being a practical guy

588

00:26:21,760 --> 00:26:19,490

I'm a business guy you're a lawyer you

589

00:26:25,360 --> 00:26:21,770

know I really step back and I say you

590

00:26:27,420 --> 00:26:25,370

know ideally what you're saying is great

591

00:26:29,590 --> 00:26:27,430

makes sense love to see that

592

00:26:33,360 --> 00:26:29,600

transformation from a practical

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00:26:36,390 --> 00:26:33,370

standpoint I know we live in a world of

594

00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:36,400

absurdities this absurdity of

595

00:26:44,020 --> 00:26:40,010

materialism isn't the only absurdity we

596

00:26:47,320 --> 00:26:44,030

live in the absurdity of children around

597

00:26:50,620 --> 00:26:47,330

the world starving from a lack of water

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00:26:54,220 --> 00:26:50,630

from a lack of food from a lack of basic

599

00:26:56,920 --> 00:26:54,230

medicine that we know how to deliver we

600

00:26:59,110 --> 00:26:56,930

know how to distribute we know all that

601
00:27:01,420 --> 00:26:59,120
that that kind of suffering doesn't have

602
00:27:02,920 --> 00:27:01,430
to go on but you and I are going to lay

603
00:27:06,210 --> 00:27:02,930
our heads on the pillow tonight and

604
00:27:09,970 --> 00:27:06,220
that's going to happen and the we can't

605
00:27:11,200 --> 00:27:09,980
put our arms around why that happens but

606
00:27:14,170 --> 00:27:11,210
we're going to get up tomorrow we're

607
00:27:16,900 --> 00:27:14,180
going to do our thing and the world is

608
00:27:18,850 --> 00:27:16,910
not going to change in that way tomorrow

609
00:27:20,830 --> 00:27:18,860
now maybe we can change it a little bit

610
00:27:24,460 --> 00:27:20,840
but it's going to be hard so in that

611
00:27:26,490 --> 00:27:24,470
sense from a real sense I don't see the

612
00:27:29,340 --> 00:27:26,500
kind of transformation

613
00:27:32,670 --> 00:27:29,350

that that you're talking about happening

614

00:27:36,840 --> 00:27:32,680

I see a lot of reasons why it will not

615

00:27:39,570 --> 00:27:36,850

happen and why we are so amesh in this

616

00:27:43,380 --> 00:27:39,580

materialism and it's become a system

617

00:27:46,020 --> 00:27:43,390

that works for us as crazy as it is it

618

00:27:49,230 --> 00:27:46,030

works for us to kind of put on the

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00:27:51,900 --> 00:27:49,240

blinders and pretend like the world is a

620

00:27:54,630 --> 00:27:51,910

giant newtonian clock that's been wound

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00:27:56,820 --> 00:27:54,640

up and is just playing out even though

622

00:27:58,530 --> 00:27:56,830

for the last hundred years and you do a

623

00:28:01,650 --> 00:27:58,540

great job of pointing this out in your

624

00:28:04,800 --> 00:28:01,660

book we've known that Newtonian physics

625

00:28:10,350 --> 00:28:04,810

doesn't work in that way yet we still

626

00:28:12,840 --> 00:28:10,360

play that game so in that way I I again

627

00:28:15,990 --> 00:28:12,850

want to ask you why do we really think

628

00:28:18,270 --> 00:28:16,000

that materialism is going to change and

629

00:28:20,670 --> 00:28:18,280

don't you see a lot of the same

630

00:28:23,160 --> 00:28:20,680

obstacles that i'm talking about that

631

00:28:25,290 --> 00:28:23,170

would prevent a real kind of paradigm

632

00:28:27,270 --> 00:28:25,300

shift like you're talking about well i

633

00:28:30,270 --> 00:28:27,280

think first of all you start with a very

634

00:28:32,460 --> 00:28:30,280

basic question and and then you know you

635

00:28:35,640 --> 00:28:32,470

come to a road and and there's the old

636

00:28:38,460 --> 00:28:35,650

famous fork there and the first question

637

00:28:40,080 --> 00:28:38,470

you you ask yourself is is this all

638

00:28:42,990 --> 00:28:40,090

hopeless should i give up and just go

639

00:28:45,540 --> 00:28:43,000

home or should i venture and give it a

640

00:28:46,950 --> 00:28:45,550

shot no no I'm sorry to interrupt but I

641

00:28:48,510 --> 00:28:46,960

want to interject a different question

642

00:28:50,100 --> 00:28:48,520

because I hear that a lot that's but

643

00:28:52,260 --> 00:28:50,110

that's not my point that's not where I'm

644

00:28:54,000 --> 00:28:52,270

coming from I'd come in from a different

645

00:28:56,250 --> 00:28:54,010

standpoint I'd come out and say my

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00:28:58,140 --> 00:28:56,260

conclusion is this to put my hand down

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00:29:00,390 --> 00:28:58,150

there is it's all about personal

648

00:29:02,940 --> 00:29:00,400

transformation but if you're trying to

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00:29:05,760 --> 00:29:02,950

make sense of this world and trying to

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00:29:07,860 --> 00:29:05,770

fit it into some larger paradigm I guess

651
00:29:11,040 --> 00:29:07,870
I have a much more of a gnostic kind of

652
00:29:13,320 --> 00:29:11,050
point of view I don't know exactly what

653
00:29:15,930 --> 00:29:13,330
this world is for but maybe this world

654
00:29:18,300 --> 00:29:15,940
is perfect the way that it is maybe all

655
00:29:19,980 --> 00:29:18,310
this pain and suffering and in and I

656
00:29:22,680 --> 00:29:19,990
experienced so much less pain that it's

657
00:29:25,200 --> 00:29:22,690
easy for me to say that because I have a

658
00:29:27,330 --> 00:29:25,210
very very comfortable lifestyle compared

659
00:29:29,400 --> 00:29:27,340
to eighty percent of the people in the

660
00:29:33,330 --> 00:29:29,410
world who live on like a hundred dollars

661
00:29:36,690 --> 00:29:33,340
a year or less but still I just have to

662
00:29:39,419 --> 00:29:36,700
wonder if this transformation that I

663
00:29:40,380 --> 00:29:39,429

hear so many people talk about is really

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00:29:42,680 --> 00:29:40,390

where the action

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00:29:44,790 --> 00:29:42,690

is about or whether it's really about

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00:29:46,800 --> 00:29:44,800

personal transformation the

667

00:29:50,210 --> 00:29:46,810

transformation that you or I can make in

668

00:29:53,700 --> 00:29:50,220

an instant when we make that shift

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00:29:56,100 --> 00:29:53,710

inside ourselves well I think it begins

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00:30:02,040 --> 00:29:56,110

with the personal transformation but I

671

00:30:06,810 --> 00:30:02,050

think that there is power in unity and

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00:30:08,940 --> 00:30:06,820

there's power in a critical mass the the

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00:30:11,820 --> 00:30:08,950

whole there's an underlying there's a

674

00:30:14,940 --> 00:30:11,830

win-win underlying this just like

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00:30:19,010 --> 00:30:14,950

there's a win-win underlying morality I

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00:30:21,600 --> 00:30:19,020

think that as the the personal

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00:30:24,260 --> 00:30:21,610

transformations continue and as they

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00:30:28,320 --> 00:30:24,270

build and as there's people of like

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00:30:31,170 --> 00:30:28,330

minds going down the same path in other

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00:30:34,590 --> 00:30:31,180

words we break down the barriers that

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00:30:36,990 --> 00:30:34,600

are separating different religions we

682

00:30:39,450 --> 00:30:37,000

start looking at people as human beings

683

00:30:42,210 --> 00:30:39,460

as opposed to people of different race

684

00:30:44,610 --> 00:30:42,220

colors and creeds and we start treating

685

00:30:46,950 --> 00:30:44,620

it so each other better now that maybe

686

00:30:49,700 --> 00:30:46,960

sounds like a bunch of happy talk and

687

00:30:52,410 --> 00:30:49,710

maybe it is but the point is is that

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00:30:54,060 --> 00:30:52,420

materialism teaches that we are separate

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00:30:55,710 --> 00:30:54,070

we're separate from each other we're

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00:30:57,990 --> 00:30:55,720

separate from the world and we're

691

00:31:00,230 --> 00:30:58,000

separate from God or whatever we're

692

00:31:04,170 --> 00:31:00,240

going to call the source and that

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00:31:06,210 --> 00:31:04,180

teaching I don't think is valid and I

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00:31:09,090 --> 00:31:06,220

think that that teaching is separating

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00:31:12,660 --> 00:31:09,100

ourselves from taking advantage of the

696

00:31:14,790 --> 00:31:12,670

power of the world and I think the big

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00:31:18,170 --> 00:31:14,800

the big thing here Alex and this will

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00:31:22,770 --> 00:31:18,180

ask you a question now imagine that

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00:31:25,320 --> 00:31:22,780

people start living longer they start

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00:31:28,470 --> 00:31:25,330

staying younger longer and it's because

701
00:31:32,190 --> 00:31:28,480
of this consciousness raising whatever

702
00:31:36,810 --> 00:31:32,200
were we want to use suppose we see real

703
00:31:40,830 --> 00:31:36,820
change in the world we start seeing it's

704
00:31:45,360 --> 00:31:40,840
it's like it's like a energy healing on

705
00:31:48,330 --> 00:31:45,370
more of a global scale it starts working

706
00:31:49,800 --> 00:31:48,340
now you try to tell me that we're going

707
00:31:52,740 --> 00:31:49,810
to run back and start taking our

708
00:31:54,300 --> 00:31:52,750
pharmaceutical drugs and start you know

709
00:31:56,010 --> 00:31:54,310
make as much money as possible as

710
00:31:58,260 --> 00:31:56,020
cream all over ourselves and everything

711
00:32:00,450 --> 00:31:58,270
we're gonna go back to materialism now

712
00:32:03,000 --> 00:32:00,460
this is this is what I'm time talking

713
00:32:05,790 --> 00:32:03,010

about and this you know you want to

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00:32:08,310 --> 00:32:05,800

practically i think that the only way

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00:32:11,610 --> 00:32:08,320

this revolution will ever work is if

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00:32:13,710 --> 00:32:11,620

there is real change in the world and in

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00:32:18,180 --> 00:32:13,720

ourselves that because then it will

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00:32:22,050 --> 00:32:18,190

build on itself so so this is this is

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00:32:24,600 --> 00:32:22,060

where i think the the power of this

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00:32:26,280 --> 00:32:24,610

comes from it's not you it's personal

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00:32:28,830 --> 00:32:26,290

transformation but it's also leading

722

00:32:33,240 --> 00:32:28,840

towards unity and let me ask you

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00:32:39,450 --> 00:32:33,250

something what do you think the barriers

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00:32:43,220 --> 00:32:39,460

are to changing mindsets good i think

725

00:32:46,320 --> 00:32:43,230

there are many and i think it's easy to

726

00:32:50,330 --> 00:32:46,330

underestimate like i'm like i was saying

727

00:32:53,880 --> 00:32:50,340

the amount of force that is behind

728

00:32:55,830 --> 00:32:53,890

materialism as we know it science as we

729

00:32:58,110 --> 00:32:55,840

know it and i think one of the wonderful

730

00:33:00,980 --> 00:32:58,120

things about the internet is that it's

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00:33:04,110 --> 00:33:00,990

allowed people like you and I to form

732

00:33:07,470 --> 00:33:04,120

communities and to join those

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00:33:10,380 --> 00:33:07,480

communities and you know it strengthen

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00:33:12,750 --> 00:33:10,390

ourselves strengthen each other with

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00:33:15,840 --> 00:33:12,760

these ideas that are certainly

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00:33:18,180 --> 00:33:15,850

empowering enriching they've enriched my

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00:33:20,190 --> 00:33:18,190

life tremendously I mean my show skeptic

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00:33:23,090 --> 00:33:20,200

oh I can't tell you how much it's

739

00:33:25,830 --> 00:33:23,100
changed me as a person both

740

00:33:27,570 --> 00:33:25,840
intellectually but spiritually in a very

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00:33:29,970 --> 00:33:27,580
deep and profound way that I don't

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00:33:32,610 --> 00:33:29,980
usually talk about on the show so I'm

743

00:33:35,550 --> 00:33:32,620
right there with you but I think the

744

00:33:40,020 --> 00:33:35,560
flip side of that is that I think we can

745

00:33:43,580 --> 00:33:40,030
sometimes get a skewed view of how our

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00:33:46,230 --> 00:33:43,590
smaller communities fit into the larger

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00:33:48,330 --> 00:33:46,240
scheme of things and that's why I guess

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00:33:50,670 --> 00:33:48,340
I was kind of reaching for the the

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00:33:52,800 --> 00:33:50,680
Atheist thing because I have been

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00:33:56,640 --> 00:33:52,810
talking to them and when I reach out and

751

00:33:58,800 --> 00:33:56,650

I really get into their shoes one I see

752

00:34:01,020 --> 00:33:58,810

them as fundamentalists I see them

753

00:34:03,000 --> 00:34:01,030

falling into the same traps that the

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00:34:06,150 --> 00:34:03,010

fundamentalist Christians that they rail

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00:34:07,289 --> 00:34:06,160

against have fallen into of dogma

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00:34:09,899 --> 00:34:07,299

doctrine or

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00:34:12,270 --> 00:34:09,909

ah doc see they're all bound up in that

758

00:34:15,089 --> 00:34:12,280

stuff but at the same time they do have

759

00:34:18,299 --> 00:34:15,099

a lot of points in terms of what's wrong

760

00:34:20,099 --> 00:34:18,309

how hopeless we are in terms of figuring

761

00:34:22,680 --> 00:34:20,109

this stuff out I guess the other

762

00:34:24,659 --> 00:34:22,690

influence that I have that I haven't

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00:34:26,849 --> 00:34:24,669

heard you talk about and I think it's

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00:34:28,950 --> 00:34:26,859

kind of I wouldn't be surprised if you

765

00:34:32,780 --> 00:34:28,960

haven't investigated it that much but i

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00:34:35,909 --> 00:34:32,790

think the the conspiracy issues are are

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00:34:37,139 --> 00:34:35,919

right in the center of this well it's

768

00:34:39,240 --> 00:34:37,149

funny you should say that because i just

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00:34:41,309 --> 00:34:39,250

circled the work in spiracy on my nose

770

00:34:43,289 --> 00:34:41,319

before you said that so so I'm sorry it

771

00:34:45,809 --> 00:34:43,299

for interrupt touch but you're right on

772

00:34:48,059 --> 00:34:45,819

point go ahead I'm sorry no that's cool

773

00:34:50,190 --> 00:34:48,069

that's quite alright and I mean here's

774

00:34:51,839 --> 00:34:50,200

and before people take that the wrong

775

00:34:55,409 --> 00:34:51,849

way and kind of think i'm going to say

776

00:34:57,690 --> 00:34:55,419

some kind of wacky stuff you know coming

777

00:35:00,359 --> 00:34:57,700

from the business world you know when i

778

00:35:03,030 --> 00:35:00,369

started out my business career with my

779

00:35:04,890 --> 00:35:03,040

mba i went to work for a large

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00:35:09,150 --> 00:35:04,900

accounting firm what was price

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00:35:10,620 --> 00:35:09,160

waterhouse is now what is it pw cooper

782

00:35:12,450 --> 00:35:10,630

whatever still one of largest accounting

783

00:35:14,339 --> 00:35:12,460

firms in the world I was fresh out of

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00:35:16,410 --> 00:35:14,349

school I was a you know they slap a

785

00:35:17,730 --> 00:35:16,420

Brooks Brothers suit on you and kind of

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00:35:19,980 --> 00:35:17,740

send you out there like you know what

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00:35:22,859 --> 00:35:19,990

you're doing and you really don't but I

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00:35:24,420 --> 00:35:22,869

was naive as to what I was doing and how

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00:35:27,539 --> 00:35:24,430

things were working I was at a low level

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00:35:29,880 --> 00:35:27,549

and there weren't any conspiracies in

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00:35:32,579 --> 00:35:29,890

business business was a pretty much a

792

00:35:35,160 --> 00:35:32,589

straight transaction and that's how it

793

00:35:37,079 --> 00:35:35,170

looked well as my career advanced and

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00:35:39,839 --> 00:35:37,089

eventually I had my own company and

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00:35:41,730 --> 00:35:39,849

eventually I was doing larger deals and

796

00:35:44,280 --> 00:35:41,740

I eventually sold my company to a

797

00:35:47,579 --> 00:35:44,290

publicly traded company when you're at

798

00:35:49,829 --> 00:35:47,589

that level it's all a conspiracy every

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00:35:52,099 --> 00:35:49,839

bit of it is a conspiracy and I'm sure

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00:35:54,450 --> 00:35:52,109

you can relate to that for as a lawyer

801
00:35:57,000 --> 00:35:54,460
everyone is going behind each other's

802
00:35:59,280 --> 00:35:57,010
back peddling information trying to

803
00:36:01,559 --> 00:35:59,290
influence people conspiring with other

804
00:36:04,140 --> 00:36:01,569
people that you know everything is a

805
00:36:06,960 --> 00:36:04,150
conspiracy when the money or power is

806
00:36:09,569 --> 00:36:06,970
involved and I think people who are

807
00:36:13,410 --> 00:36:09,579
naive to that who don't understand that

808
00:36:16,140 --> 00:36:13,420
are not seeing the whole picture I think

809
00:36:18,599 --> 00:36:16,150
that certainly has a hand is a hand in

810
00:36:20,160 --> 00:36:18,609
it when it comes to science but I think

811
00:36:22,829 --> 00:36:20,170
it also has a

812
00:36:25,799 --> 00:36:22,839
wrong hand in the way culture is shaped

813
00:36:29,010 --> 00:36:25,809

the way society is shaped and the way

814

00:36:32,640 --> 00:36:29,020

that this consciousness revolution that

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00:36:35,220 --> 00:36:32,650

we would like to see happen I think that

816

00:36:38,309 --> 00:36:35,230

people that are in power would have

817

00:36:41,220 --> 00:36:38,319

something to say about that and I'm not

818

00:36:43,589 --> 00:36:41,230

trying to be obtuse there or allude to

819

00:36:46,620 --> 00:36:43,599

anything but anything that is going to

820

00:36:50,039 --> 00:36:46,630

seriously upset the machine that we live

821

00:36:52,650 --> 00:36:50,049

in they're going to have a say in it and

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00:36:55,260 --> 00:36:52,660

I think they already do have a say in it

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00:36:57,059 --> 00:36:55,270

and that's why I think science is the

824

00:36:59,940 --> 00:36:57,069

way that it is and that's why I think

825

00:37:02,970 --> 00:36:59,950

we're stuck with this phony science

826
00:37:05,789 --> 00:37:02,980
versus religion a drama that gets played

827
00:37:08,370 --> 00:37:05,799
out that as you so correctly point out

828
00:37:10,559 --> 00:37:08,380
in your book is completely beside the

829
00:37:13,109 --> 00:37:10,569
point you know it got to mrs. the misses

830
00:37:16,230 --> 00:37:13,119
the target on both sides yeah but well

831
00:37:18,930 --> 00:37:16,240
there's something in law in antitrust is

832
00:37:21,690 --> 00:37:18,940
called unconscious parallelism just a

833
00:37:24,059 --> 00:37:21,700
big word it's sort of like even if

834
00:37:27,480 --> 00:37:24,069
people don't intentionally fix prices

835
00:37:31,349 --> 00:37:27,490
there's this unconscious agreement so I

836
00:37:34,260 --> 00:37:31,359
i I'm more of a fan of calling it this

837
00:37:39,530 --> 00:37:34,270
unconscious agreement than sort of an

838
00:37:42,390 --> 00:37:39,540

overt conspiracy I am getting closer to

839

00:37:43,920 --> 00:37:42,400

thinking that's more obvious but you

840

00:37:45,660 --> 00:37:43,930

know there's that famous saying i think

841

00:37:47,130 --> 00:37:45,670

it was Wigner and i'm sure other folks

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00:37:48,930 --> 00:37:47,140

in your show of tzedakah is one of my

843

00:37:51,510 --> 00:37:48,940

favorite the whole thing about the

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00:37:54,510 --> 00:37:51,520

science progresses funeral by funeral I

845

00:37:57,289 --> 00:37:54,520

mean I I think that that that says a lot

846

00:37:59,760 --> 00:37:57,299

I mean what I'm talking about is a

847

00:38:02,670 --> 00:37:59,770

generational thing I think it's going to

848

00:38:05,069 --> 00:38:02,680

take a long time to get where we need to

849

00:38:07,319 --> 00:38:05,079

go I don't think it's going to happen

850

00:38:10,230 --> 00:38:07,329

tomorrow so I would agree with you Alex

851

00:38:13,020 --> 00:38:10,240

said that it's very easy to get pie in

852

00:38:15,599 --> 00:38:13,030

the sky with some of this stuff but on

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00:38:17,940 --> 00:38:15,609

the other hand you sort of have to start

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00:38:20,640 --> 00:38:17,950

from somewhere I sort of view it like

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00:38:23,760 --> 00:38:20,650

attacking the Citadel you know attacking

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00:38:26,130 --> 00:38:23,770

a castle and it's going to take years

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00:38:28,440 --> 00:38:26,140

and decades and maybe generations to get

858

00:38:31,380 --> 00:38:28,450

there but each of us has our little role

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00:38:33,220 --> 00:38:31,390

to play I mean your show is made great

860

00:38:36,040 --> 00:38:33,230

strides in

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00:38:38,080 --> 00:38:36,050

ringing to the public you know these

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00:38:41,590 --> 00:38:38,090

leading thinkers and you know you're a

863

00:38:44,410 --> 00:38:41,600

very pro being inquisitive interviewer

864

00:38:46,630 --> 00:38:44,420

so so you challenged people and you know

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00:38:49,690 --> 00:38:46,640

I think that that just that's great

866

00:38:51,730 --> 00:38:49,700

because what we want to do to use the

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00:38:54,340 --> 00:38:51,740

Royal we is to get people thinking for

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00:38:58,510 --> 00:38:54,350

themselves and that's ultimately what

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00:39:01,660 --> 00:38:58,520

I'm trying to do because truth should be

870

00:39:04,330 --> 00:39:01,670

a universal thing I mean too much of the

871

00:39:06,970 --> 00:39:04,340

time both in Orthodox religion and

872

00:39:09,160 --> 00:39:06,980

science it's pounded into your head this

873

00:39:11,349 --> 00:39:09,170

is what you're supposed to believe in

874

00:39:12,849 --> 00:39:11,359

order to go to heaven this is what you

875

00:39:15,670 --> 00:39:12,859

have to believe in order to get the

876

00:39:18,490 --> 00:39:15,680

grant to get the PhD to get an a on your

877

00:39:21,820 --> 00:39:18,500

paper this is what you have to do that

878

00:39:25,690 --> 00:39:21,830

we don't we need more independent

879

00:39:29,590 --> 00:39:25,700

thinkers so that so that we we are not

880

00:39:33,010 --> 00:39:29,600

burdened by history and by culture and

881

00:39:36,670 --> 00:39:33,020

so you know you mentioned the Internet

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00:39:39,160 --> 00:39:36,680

it's been an unbelievable benefit to all

883

00:39:41,290 --> 00:39:39,170

of us because those who did not have a

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00:39:43,599 --> 00:39:41,300

voice before now have a voice and

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00:39:47,530 --> 00:39:43,609

frankly Alex I think a lot of this is

886

00:39:49,630 --> 00:39:47,540

sort of the search for credibility the

887

00:39:52,810 --> 00:39:49,640

search for credibility if you look at

888

00:39:55,000 --> 00:39:52,820

the leading thinkers the leading

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00:39:57,700 --> 00:39:55,010

scientists they're virtually without

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00:39:59,470 --> 00:39:57,710

exception materialists and that's the

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00:40:02,020 --> 00:39:59,480

message that we're hearing you know

892

00:40:04,599 --> 00:40:02,030

Stephen Hawking the you know the movie

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00:40:06,550 --> 00:40:04,609

theory no love story blah blah blah but

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00:40:09,460 --> 00:40:06,560

the point is that this guy is a

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00:40:11,740 --> 00:40:09,470

hard-core materialist he thinks that we

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00:40:14,980 --> 00:40:11,750

are chemical scum that's a that that's a

897

00:40:18,370 --> 00:40:14,990

quote that heaven doesn't exist and and

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00:40:21,400 --> 00:40:18,380

so we need to change the messaging and

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00:40:23,290 --> 00:40:21,410

that's sort of what what I'm about and I

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00:40:27,609 --> 00:40:23,300

think frankly that's what you're about

901
00:40:31,120 --> 00:40:27,619
well no I I agree with you to a point

902
00:40:34,390 --> 00:40:31,130
I'm very a 1 i'm delighted that you feel

903
00:40:36,520 --> 00:40:34,400
that way and I mean that's then my my

904
00:40:37,870 --> 00:40:36,530
thing as well I'm always a little

905
00:40:40,000 --> 00:40:37,880
uncomfortable when we start talking

906
00:40:42,580 --> 00:40:40,010
about the message you know because then

907
00:40:45,099 --> 00:40:42,590
we're becoming what we yeah we're

908
00:40:46,870 --> 00:40:45,109
becoming what we kind of are trying to

909
00:40:48,880 --> 00:40:46,880
oppose to a certain extent

910
00:40:51,670 --> 00:40:48,890
I'm very much in a conic last you know I

911
00:40:54,130 --> 00:40:51,680
love collapsing yeah let's tear it all

912
00:40:56,620 --> 00:40:54,140
down and build it up the other thing I

913
00:40:59,680 --> 00:40:56,630

guess that that I am about and I think

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00:41:02,109 --> 00:40:59,690

that I've personally experienced and I

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00:41:04,480 --> 00:41:02,119

want everyone else to experience who

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00:41:07,990 --> 00:41:04,490

listens to skeptic oh is that this

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00:41:10,150 --> 00:41:08,000

search for the truth that you're talking

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00:41:13,749 --> 00:41:10,160

about this true the search for the data

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00:41:17,769 --> 00:41:13,759

following the data can really take you a

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00:41:21,670 --> 00:41:17,779

long way and as you just pointed out the

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00:41:26,319 --> 00:41:21,680

Internet is the great equalizer you can

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00:41:29,620 --> 00:41:26,329

lay side by side Hawking and his critics

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00:41:32,859 --> 00:41:29,630

and these papers folks you know even

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00:41:35,259 --> 00:41:32,869

these peer-reviewed papers that seem so

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00:41:37,329 --> 00:41:35,269

you know unreachable to the average

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00:41:39,460 --> 00:41:37,339
person they're not you know why because

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00:41:42,849 --> 00:41:39,470
more and more scientists are having to

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00:41:47,140 --> 00:41:42,859
write for interdisciplinary publications

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00:41:48,730 --> 00:41:47,150
and cross-disciplinary academics who are

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00:41:50,710 --> 00:41:48,740
maybe not trained in their particular

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00:41:53,440 --> 00:41:50,720
thing you can't go in there and you can

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00:41:55,259 --> 00:41:53,450
pull apart this research yourself so you

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00:41:58,089 --> 00:41:55,269
can recent listen to Philip and his

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00:42:00,279 --> 00:41:58,099
guests summarize it for you and tell you

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00:42:02,650 --> 00:42:00,289
their opinions on conversations beyond

936
00:42:04,900 --> 00:42:02,660
science and religion or if you want you

937
00:42:06,759 --> 00:42:04,910
can go in and you can follow up and you

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00:42:08,529 --> 00:42:06,769

can pull up those papers and you can

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00:42:10,450 --> 00:42:08,539

pull them apart and read them and we've

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00:42:14,230 --> 00:42:10,460

done a lot of that on skeptical as well

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00:42:17,349 --> 00:42:14,240

but that process is doable and is a

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00:42:20,620 --> 00:42:17,359

knowable process that I think from my

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00:42:23,170 --> 00:42:20,630

experience has led to a transformation

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00:42:27,370 --> 00:42:23,180

for me a transformation not because I

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00:42:30,339 --> 00:42:27,380

had a any kind of divine or psychic

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00:42:33,609 --> 00:42:30,349

experience but just by following the

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00:42:35,529 --> 00:42:33,619

data by doing as you described in no one

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00:42:37,420 --> 00:42:35,539

of your I think on your website there

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00:42:39,130 --> 00:42:37,430

you know just doing some of the basic

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00:42:41,319 --> 00:42:39,140

stuff you learned as a lawyer in terms

951
00:42:43,569 --> 00:42:41,329
of breaking down an argument putting

952
00:42:45,220 --> 00:42:43,579
both sides doing the old Ben Franklin

953
00:42:48,660 --> 00:42:45,230
the pros and the cons and weighing the

954
00:42:51,549 --> 00:42:48,670
evidence that stuff can can lead to a

955
00:42:53,140 --> 00:42:51,559
transformation that's what my works

956
00:42:55,990 --> 00:42:53,150
about that's what's kept goes about and

957
00:42:58,420 --> 00:42:56,000
i do think i have to say from reading

958
00:42:59,890 --> 00:42:58,430
your book and listening to enough of

959
00:43:00,490 --> 00:42:59,900
your show now i think that's what you're

960
00:43:03,070 --> 00:43:00,500
about to

961
00:43:05,320 --> 00:43:03,080
yeah I think that you know we could

962
00:43:09,100 --> 00:43:05,330
control ourselves that's one thing that

963
00:43:10,660 --> 00:43:09,110

is guaranteed and they mean and you

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00:43:13,840 --> 00:43:10,670

could put this in a lot of different

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00:43:16,420 --> 00:43:13,850

ways such as writing your own story you

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00:43:18,760 --> 00:43:16,430

know directing your own destiny all that

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00:43:20,740 --> 00:43:18,770

kind of all that kind of stuff but

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00:43:25,060 --> 00:43:20,750

heaven but you know you know for

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00:43:27,910 --> 00:43:25,070

heaven's sake up find your own way and

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00:43:32,500 --> 00:43:27,920

think for yourself I mean I I think that

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00:43:35,170 --> 00:43:32,510

I win or this this view of the world the

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00:43:38,650 --> 00:43:35,180

consciousness based of my based approach

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00:43:42,880 --> 00:43:38,660

wins at the end of the day for the open

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00:43:45,970 --> 00:43:42,890

minded crowd that's because that's where

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00:43:48,670 --> 00:43:45,980

things lead but it's just like anything

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00:43:51,420 --> 00:43:48,680

else the only way you really convince

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00:43:55,240 --> 00:43:51,430

somebody is if they convince themselves

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00:43:57,640 --> 00:43:55,250

all you could do is lead them is try to

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00:43:59,740 --> 00:43:57,650

try to get them to consider different

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00:44:01,990 --> 00:43:59,750

ideas and if they go through that

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00:44:04,510 --> 00:44:02,000

thought process themselves and reach

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00:44:06,880 --> 00:44:04,520

that conclusions ie that the world is

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00:44:09,550 --> 00:44:06,890

conscious of space for example as

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00:44:12,760 --> 00:44:09,560

opposed to matter based now we're

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00:44:15,040 --> 00:44:12,770

talking about something and so this this

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00:44:17,320 --> 00:44:15,050

is this is why Alex I think this is

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00:44:19,060 --> 00:44:17,330

going to take a while this is not gonna

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00:44:20,290 --> 00:44:19,070

I mean but but look at this way I mean

989

00:44:22,720 --> 00:44:20,300

you've been doing your show for seven

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00:44:25,090 --> 00:44:22,730

eight years now right and and I and now

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00:44:28,570 --> 00:44:25,100

what have you seen things change do you

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00:44:30,040 --> 00:44:28,580

see any any any mind minds opening you

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00:44:31,720 --> 00:44:30,050

see a changing your gas and your

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00:44:34,900 --> 00:44:31,730

listeners I mean have you seen anything

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00:44:36,610 --> 00:44:34,910

the grow over over the time you've been

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00:44:39,850 --> 00:44:36,620

doing your show I have to admit that

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00:44:42,390 --> 00:44:39,860

that yes I have I'm just reluctant to

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00:44:46,150 --> 00:44:42,400

make too much of that you know because

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00:44:50,560 --> 00:44:46,160

have you ever read any of Michael Tim's

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00:44:52,060 --> 00:44:50,570

books or seeing his his website people

1001
00:44:54,670 --> 00:44:52,070
might die I did an interview with them

1002
00:44:59,170 --> 00:44:54,680
and you can also well the an incredible

1003
00:45:01,300 --> 00:44:59,180
job of documenting the sum of the real

1004
00:45:02,920 --> 00:45:01,310
giants of the Spiritualist movement

1005
00:45:06,670 --> 00:45:02,930
again around the turn of the 20th

1006
00:45:09,580 --> 00:45:06,680
century early 1900s and many of the

1007
00:45:11,260 --> 00:45:09,590
mediums we still have extensive records

1008
00:45:13,450 --> 00:45:11,270
hundreds of pages that have been

1009
00:45:14,440 --> 00:45:13,460
collected on those people on the

1010
00:45:17,349 --> 00:45:14,450
readings

1011
00:45:21,069 --> 00:45:17,359
the the brightest and best minds of the

1012
00:45:22,960 --> 00:45:21,079
age were very interested in this and had

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00:45:25,480 --> 00:45:22,970

applied the best science to

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00:45:28,300 --> 00:45:25,490

investigating it and had concluded that

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00:45:30,670 --> 00:45:28,310

there was a reality to it you know yes I

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00:45:33,609 --> 00:45:30,680

always see that as a cautionary tale of

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00:45:35,890 --> 00:45:33,619

this idea that we're making progress and

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00:45:38,470 --> 00:45:35,900

the revolution is right around the

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00:45:42,550 --> 00:45:38,480

corner consciousness rising yeah maybe

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00:45:45,190 --> 00:45:42,560

maybe not and that's why I prefer to say

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00:45:46,569 --> 00:45:45,200

again I relate everything back to my

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00:45:48,400 --> 00:45:46,579

personal experience because that's all I

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00:45:50,800 --> 00:45:48,410

can talk about that's all I can talk

1024

00:45:54,670 --> 00:45:50,810

about on The Skeptical show is that for

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00:45:57,099 --> 00:45:54,680

me I don't care about I mean I'd love to

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00:45:59,740 --> 00:45:57,109

see that happen I'd love to to help

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00:46:04,030 --> 00:45:59,750

others along their path whatever their

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00:46:09,010 --> 00:46:04,040

path is but my message is I have been

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00:46:12,370 --> 00:46:09,020

transformed by the data not by any guru

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00:46:14,440 --> 00:46:12,380

or special kind of spiritual experience

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00:46:17,109 --> 00:46:14,450

just the data can be transformational

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00:46:19,420 --> 00:46:17,119

and the way I wake up every day is

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00:46:21,900 --> 00:46:19,430

different because of what I've learned

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00:46:25,059 --> 00:46:21,910

so it doesn't matter if there's a

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00:46:27,760 --> 00:46:25,069

consciousness shift if there's this

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00:46:29,829 --> 00:46:27,770

global change because the global change

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00:46:32,349 --> 00:46:29,839

for me has already happened the global

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00:46:34,120 --> 00:46:32,359

change for my wife who can tolerate me

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00:46:35,680 --> 00:46:34,130

maybe a tiny bit more has already

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00:46:38,109 --> 00:46:35,690

happened for my kids it's already

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00:46:40,240 --> 00:46:38,119

happened hopefully every day I practice

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00:46:41,890 --> 00:46:40,250

and try and be a better person to the

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00:46:43,359 --> 00:46:41,900

people around me that's the kind of

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00:46:45,069 --> 00:46:43,369

transformation we don't have to wait

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00:46:47,470 --> 00:46:45,079

five minutes for that we can make that

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00:46:48,760 --> 00:46:47,480

happen right now I I think that that's a

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00:46:51,250 --> 00:46:48,770

very I think that's a really good point

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00:46:54,069 --> 00:46:51,260

i think we we get lost sometimes in the

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00:46:56,620 --> 00:46:54,079

terminology and i think that it it sort

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00:46:59,200 --> 00:46:56,630

of puts a lot of people off in the

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00:47:02,260 --> 00:46:59,210
scientists i mean i think it if you want

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00:47:03,790 --> 00:47:02,270
to disillusion a scientist quickly you

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00:47:08,170 --> 00:47:03,800
know you start using words like

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00:47:11,349 --> 00:47:08,180
consciousness-raising and end up you

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00:47:15,579 --> 00:47:11,359
know conscious evolution and New Age and

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00:47:17,859 --> 00:47:15,589
spirituality I mean it's it's not those

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00:47:21,700 --> 00:47:17,869
terms don't have scientific currency

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00:47:24,849 --> 00:47:21,710
right now and I I myself struggle to use

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00:47:27,069 --> 00:47:24,859
terminology that has some weight and

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00:47:27,970 --> 00:47:27,079
credibility to it but i think but i

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00:47:29,410 --> 00:47:27,980
think the point you're

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00:47:33,370 --> 00:47:29,420
making is really good because at the end

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00:47:35,080 --> 00:47:33,380

of the day it is a personal

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00:47:37,120 --> 00:47:35,090

transformation I would agree with you

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00:47:39,790 --> 00:47:37,130

and what does it really mean it means

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00:47:41,560 --> 00:47:39,800

that we're better people I think that's

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00:47:44,470 --> 00:47:41,570

what it means because if it doesn't mean

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00:47:45,820 --> 00:47:44,480

that then this is not worth it right you

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00:47:48,370 --> 00:47:45,830

know that's what that's what it means

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00:47:50,050 --> 00:47:48,380

it's sort of like Buddha you know you

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00:47:53,580 --> 00:47:50,060

know we sit there and we recite the

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00:47:56,050 --> 00:47:53,590

Eightfold Path and I'll right conduct

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00:47:59,620 --> 00:47:56,060

right education well one of them is is

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00:48:03,790 --> 00:47:59,630

is moral is right conduct its thinking

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00:48:08,020 --> 00:48:03,800

it's it's it's part of its part of not

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00:48:09,910 --> 00:48:08,030

only appreciating the world and the

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00:48:12,580 --> 00:48:09,920

miracle the world or the wonder of the

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00:48:16,120 --> 00:48:12,590

world as Tim freaky would say but it's

1079

00:48:18,609 --> 00:48:16,130

also realizing that we're part of

1080

00:48:21,640 --> 00:48:18,619

something and that it's good at and that

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00:48:24,640 --> 00:48:21,650

were more than a random combination of

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00:48:27,700 --> 00:48:24,650

particles and so I would be perfectly

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00:48:30,910 --> 00:48:27,710

happy if if when everything is said and

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00:48:33,370 --> 00:48:30,920

done we have people that are better

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00:48:35,710 --> 00:48:33,380

people that are nicer to each other that

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00:48:38,950 --> 00:48:35,720

are more respectful of each other end of

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00:48:41,320 --> 00:48:38,960

the world that would be that's really

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00:48:43,780 --> 00:48:41,330

what this is all about when you when you

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00:48:45,250 --> 00:48:43,790

boil it down to its essence we're not

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00:48:48,670 --> 00:48:45,260

going to have people flying around like

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00:48:50,980 --> 00:48:48,680

angels or going off to mountain retreats

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00:48:54,040 --> 00:48:50,990

all maybe we still will but the point is

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00:48:56,230 --> 00:48:54,050

is that this whole movement i think is

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00:48:59,200 --> 00:48:56,240

supposed to affect the way we look at

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00:49:01,900 --> 00:48:59,210

the person across the table across the

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00:49:04,060 --> 00:49:01,910

street that's what this is about so i

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00:49:06,580 --> 00:49:04,070

can ply agree with you on that night and

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00:49:10,060 --> 00:49:06,590

I also think your point that too much of

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00:49:13,720 --> 00:49:10,070

this gets lost in the airiness of the

1100

00:49:15,550 --> 00:49:13,730

concepts is is it really is really good

1101

00:49:18,070 --> 00:49:15,560

I mean I think that you know you

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00:49:21,040 --> 00:49:18,080

meditate yeah I've tried it and I've

1103

00:49:23,980 --> 00:49:21,050

been having given up but to me if it

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00:49:26,710 --> 00:49:23,990

makes me more relaxed and and ted and

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00:49:28,599 --> 00:49:26,720

deal with the stress better that's

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00:49:31,150 --> 00:49:28,609

that's cool that's that's good because

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00:49:36,370 --> 00:49:31,160

it's now having an impact on my daily

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00:49:38,349 --> 00:49:36,380

life so so i think that um that your

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00:49:42,030 --> 00:49:38,359

point here about bringing us down to

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00:49:45,160 --> 00:49:42,040

earth are great let me ask you

1111

00:49:47,680 --> 00:49:45,170

where do you in all the people you've

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00:49:49,540 --> 00:49:47,690

spoken to where do you think this is

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00:49:51,430 --> 00:49:49,550

heading what do you think the future is

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00:49:53,130 --> 00:49:51,440

going to bring us you think we're always

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00:49:57,040 --> 00:49:53,140

going to have this dichotomy between

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00:49:59,950 --> 00:49:57,050

between the the atheistic scientists and

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00:50:03,880 --> 00:49:59,960

the religion do you see any anything of

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00:50:05,500 --> 00:50:03,890

that ever changing well I mean that's a

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00:50:08,920 --> 00:50:05,510

tough one and I think we spent a good

1120

00:50:12,599 --> 00:50:08,930

part of this our kind of discussing that

1121

00:50:16,180 --> 00:50:12,609

and I don't think we we know for sure

1122

00:50:17,620 --> 00:50:16,190

maybe I'd turn it back to the last five

1123

00:50:19,780 --> 00:50:17,630

minutes that we're just talking about

1124

00:50:21,220 --> 00:50:19,790

and I'd add this part to it the other

1125

00:50:23,319 --> 00:50:21,230

thing that I think sometimes turns

1126

00:50:28,240 --> 00:50:23,329

people off is when we talk about

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00:50:32,950 --> 00:50:28,250

morality morality has been so mixed up

1128

00:50:34,960 --> 00:50:32,960

with religion in kind of a not-so-good

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00:50:38,079 --> 00:50:34,970

way you know for all the great things

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00:50:41,530 --> 00:50:38,089

that religion can mean two people and

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00:50:43,390 --> 00:50:41,540

can give people a sense of meaning in

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00:50:45,460 --> 00:50:43,400

their life in a sense of morality and

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00:50:47,740 --> 00:50:45,470

just a sense of goodness you know then

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00:50:51,579 --> 00:50:47,750

science can't come close to there's a

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00:50:53,470 --> 00:50:51,589

lot of ills in in religion too so I

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00:50:56,470 --> 00:50:53,480

think there's a lot of people out there

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00:50:59,140 --> 00:50:56,480

that are just trying to make good

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00:51:01,059 --> 00:50:59,150

decisions about how to run their life

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00:51:02,950 --> 00:51:01,069

yeah I mean it's really as simple as

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00:51:05,289 --> 00:51:02,960

that and I love what you said about

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00:51:07,089 --> 00:51:05,299

meditation I mean that's so real Philip

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00:51:09,430 --> 00:51:07,099

and that's what it is it's like hey I

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00:51:11,470 --> 00:51:09,440

tried it I'm not so sure I'm willing to

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00:51:14,079 --> 00:51:11,480

give it up I can't say it's changed my

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00:51:15,640 --> 00:51:14,089

life but you know I'm going to keep

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00:51:17,200 --> 00:51:15,650

trying because if it makes me a little

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00:51:19,030 --> 00:51:17,210

bit more relaxed a little bit more

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00:51:21,970 --> 00:51:19,040

compassionate then maybe that's a good

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00:51:24,520 --> 00:51:21,980

thing terrific for me it's I've been a

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00:51:26,710 --> 00:51:24,530

long time yoga practitioner because I'm

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00:51:28,690 --> 00:51:26,720

not so great at meditation either it's

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00:51:30,609 --> 00:51:28,700

led me into a better meditation practice

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00:51:32,020 --> 00:51:30,619

but I'm still that's not it but I've

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00:51:35,530 --> 00:51:32,030

come to appreciate that that's not

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00:51:38,620 --> 00:51:35,540

important what is important is being

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00:51:42,390 --> 00:51:38,630

able to for me what's important is being

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00:51:46,569 --> 00:51:42,400

able to make decisions about my life

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00:51:48,970 --> 00:51:46,579

based on solid ground you know and

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00:51:50,680 --> 00:51:48,980

that's what I think the work you're

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00:51:53,230 --> 00:51:50,690

doing and the work that I'm doing is

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00:51:55,420 --> 00:51:53,240

trying to do is say yeah you alluded to

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00:51:57,339 --> 00:51:55,430

near death experience science

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00:51:59,230 --> 00:51:57,349

I think that's critical anyone who

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00:52:01,299 --> 00:51:59,240

hasn't really dug into near-death

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00:52:04,000 --> 00:52:01,309

experience science needs to do so and

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00:52:06,579 --> 00:52:04,010

you need to dig into it so you know it

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00:52:09,150 --> 00:52:06,589

so you know all the arguments against it

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00:52:12,250 --> 00:52:09,160

you know what all those arguments fail

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00:52:14,440 --> 00:52:12,260

scientifically so you know why every

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00:52:16,630 --> 00:52:14,450

prominent near-death experience

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00:52:18,099 --> 00:52:16,640

researcher across the board and these

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00:52:20,140 --> 00:52:18,109

are not religious folks these are just

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00:52:22,450 --> 00:52:20,150

people like cardiologist PIM van Lommel

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00:52:23,980 --> 00:52:22,460

who cut people open and see him die on

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00:52:25,780 --> 00:52:23,990

the table and then see him come back to

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00:52:28,000 --> 00:52:25,790

life and say hey Doc when my heart was

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00:52:30,339 --> 00:52:28,010

open you said this and that and they say

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00:52:31,870 --> 00:52:30,349

oh my god how did you know that so when

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00:52:33,790 --> 00:52:31,880

you know the science of near-death

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00:52:36,880 --> 00:52:33,800

experience and you know there's a

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00:52:39,640 --> 00:52:36,890

reality to it I think it helps you make

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00:52:41,950 --> 00:52:39,650

decisions about your life and say okay I

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00:52:44,200 --> 00:52:41,960

need to bring that in now I need to

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00:52:46,359 --> 00:52:44,210

incorporate that into my belief system I

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00:52:49,660 --> 00:52:46,369

need to live that because that's a truth

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00:52:52,089 --> 00:52:49,670

that I've discovered and nailed down as

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00:52:53,980 --> 00:52:52,099

much as I can I've nailed it down

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00:52:57,250 --> 00:52:53,990

consciousness in some way I don't

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00:52:59,170 --> 00:52:57,260

understand survives bodily death now i

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00:53:01,450 --> 00:52:59,180

have to take action in my life and I

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00:53:04,270 --> 00:53:01,460

have to live that and that's I think

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00:53:06,280 --> 00:53:04,280

that's I think powerful that I think is

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00:53:09,400 --> 00:53:06,290

is powerful is to say I don't have to

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00:53:11,200 --> 00:53:09,410

worry about the big picture like you can

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00:53:12,670 --> 00:53:11,210

listen I think with essence of what you

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00:53:15,970 --> 00:53:12,680

were saying you know I have to chunk

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00:53:17,859 --> 00:53:15,980

this down into meaningful bits of

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00:53:20,260 --> 00:53:17,869

information that i can use in my life

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00:53:22,599 --> 00:53:20,270

and I near death experiences one of

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00:53:25,750 --> 00:53:22,609

those yeah yeah and I think that what

1201
00:53:29,109 --> 00:53:25,760
what what you're saying about follow the

1202
00:53:30,819 --> 00:53:29,119
data is critical and I'm going to

1203
00:53:33,490 --> 00:53:30,829
emphasize something else that I said

1204
00:53:36,760 --> 00:53:33,500
that goes to my you know my legal

1205
00:53:40,690 --> 00:53:36,770
training is that when you give a legal

1206
00:53:43,150 --> 00:53:40,700
argument in most appellate courts you

1207
00:53:45,819 --> 00:53:43,160
can't say anything unless you cite in

1208
00:53:48,520 --> 00:53:45,829
authority you can't just the courts are

1209
00:53:51,039 --> 00:53:48,530
not interested in what you or I or any

1210
00:53:54,190 --> 00:53:51,049
other has this has to say what their

1211
00:53:56,559 --> 00:53:54,200
opinions are you have to have authority

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00:53:58,420 --> 00:53:56,569
and I think that there is a cross over

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00:54:02,410 --> 00:53:58,430

here to what we're talking about in the

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00:54:04,780 --> 00:54:02,420

scientific world and I think near-death

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00:54:06,900 --> 00:54:04,790

experiences and parapsychology of the

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00:54:08,710 --> 00:54:06,910

Dean Radin type are perfect examples

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00:54:12,010 --> 00:54:08,720

where we are

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00:54:15,070 --> 00:54:12,020

seeing phenomena with citations to

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00:54:17,830 --> 00:54:15,080

Authority with evidence that shows these

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00:54:20,530 --> 00:54:17,840

things are real and we need to wake up

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00:54:23,560 --> 00:54:20,540

and appreciate the reality these things

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00:54:25,960 --> 00:54:23,570

not so not just because maybe we were

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00:54:29,349 --> 00:54:25,970

wrong or science is wrong but to me it

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00:54:33,010 --> 00:54:29,359

opens up a broader world it opens up

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00:54:36,010 --> 00:54:33,020

vistas in our experience of the world it

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00:54:39,609 --> 00:54:36,020
makes it a richer place to live and I do

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00:54:42,849 --> 00:54:39,619
think that leads to to being kind ler

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00:54:46,030 --> 00:54:42,859
gentler as corny as that as that is I do

1229
00:54:50,410 --> 00:54:46,040
think that that this whole thing leads

1230
00:54:53,170 --> 00:54:50,420
in that direction and you know I this is

1231
00:54:55,089 --> 00:54:53,180
a mystery to me it's a mystery I said it

1232
00:54:56,770 --> 00:54:55,099
earlier I don't know what is going to

1233
00:54:58,839 --> 00:54:56,780
work and I don't know whether anything

1234
00:55:01,930 --> 00:54:58,849
is going to work but I think we have

1235
00:55:04,410 --> 00:55:01,940
this obligation to keep our minds open

1236
00:55:07,839 --> 00:55:04,420
as you say I like to follow the data and

1237
00:55:09,880 --> 00:55:07,849
to keep banging down doors that are shut

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00:55:13,660 --> 00:55:09,890

in that should and that should be open

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00:55:15,190 --> 00:55:13,670

because because we to me and I think you

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00:55:16,960 --> 00:55:15,200

know we only have one life to lead as

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00:55:18,540 --> 00:55:16,970

long as you know as far as we know there

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00:55:21,370 --> 00:55:18,550

might be an afterlife and that's great

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00:55:24,940 --> 00:55:21,380

but this is our challenge in our

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00:55:27,310 --> 00:55:24,950

opportunity now and therefore we I think

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00:55:31,690 --> 00:55:27,320

we need to continue questioning these

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00:55:33,880 --> 00:55:31,700

these these unsupported of beliefs

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00:55:37,359 --> 00:55:33,890

whether it's religion or whether it's

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00:55:38,980 --> 00:55:37,369

science and see where things head so i

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00:55:42,190 --> 00:55:38,990

think i think you know it's amazing to

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00:55:44,349 --> 00:55:42,200

me that we come from this from different

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00:55:47,050 --> 00:55:44,359

directions and maybe I'm a little bit

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00:55:50,290 --> 00:55:47,060

more optimistic than you are but we tend

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00:55:55,630 --> 00:55:50,300

to be going in the same direction here I

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00:55:57,609 --> 00:55:55,640

mean your your book you know you say

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00:56:01,060 --> 00:55:57,619

that why science is wrong about almost

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00:56:04,359 --> 00:56:01,070

everything and what and you know that's

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00:56:05,950 --> 00:56:04,369

a pretty radical statement to say the

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00:56:09,099 --> 00:56:05,960

science is wrong about almost everything

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00:56:11,740 --> 00:56:09,109

what what led you to pick that title

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00:56:13,530 --> 00:56:11,750

well I'll tell you and then we'll wrap

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00:56:16,690 --> 00:56:13,540

it up because you just gave a great

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00:56:19,720 --> 00:56:16,700

summation counselor right there I

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00:56:21,880 --> 00:56:19,730

thought you did a great job and I love

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00:56:22,520 --> 00:56:21,890

when you tie it back to some of the

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00:56:25,100 --> 00:56:22,530

legal

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00:56:27,320 --> 00:56:25,110

principles um because I think that has a

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00:56:30,590 --> 00:56:27,330

real weight to it and I think it's also

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00:56:33,260 --> 00:56:30,600

interesting to note of course that you

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00:56:35,810 --> 00:56:33,270

know when we talk about this materialism

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00:56:37,370 --> 00:56:35,820

and this I always talk about this dopey

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00:56:39,140 --> 00:56:37,380

scientific paradigm that you are a

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00:56:41,420 --> 00:56:39,150

biological robot in a meaningless

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00:56:43,400 --> 00:56:41,430

universe which implies you have no free

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00:56:45,680 --> 00:56:43,410

will you have no choice you have no

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00:56:47,450 --> 00:56:45,690

consciousness and it's interesting to

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00:56:49,910 --> 00:56:47,460

see how the legal profession is

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00:56:52,100 --> 00:56:49,920

completely ignored that nonsense I mean

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00:56:54,440 --> 00:56:52,110

we wouldn't have a legal system if we

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00:56:57,050 --> 00:56:54,450

really believe that if we believe that

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00:56:59,330 --> 00:56:57,060

there was no free will if we believe

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00:57:01,190 --> 00:56:59,340

there was no choice to believe that

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00:57:03,470 --> 00:57:01,200

people didn't have the ability to make

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00:57:05,270 --> 00:57:03,480

conscious decisions you know it's just

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00:57:08,510 --> 00:57:05,280

another absurdity right it's an

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00:57:10,730 --> 00:57:08,520

absurdity that we have this science that

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00:57:12,740 --> 00:57:10,740

is built on that so it can kind of

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00:57:14,840 --> 00:57:12,750

measure things in it's dorky little way

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00:57:16,850 --> 00:57:14,850

and then the rest of us get on with life

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00:57:18,590 --> 00:57:16,860

and say well of course that's I

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00:57:20,870 --> 00:57:18,600

mean of course we know that we have

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00:57:23,630 --> 00:57:20,880

choice of course we have free will of

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00:57:26,930 --> 00:57:23,640

course we have that feeling of love and

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00:57:29,300 --> 00:57:26,940

compassion towards our family and

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00:57:31,460 --> 00:57:29,310

towards our children we know that you

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00:57:33,620 --> 00:57:31,470

know you mentioned Tim freak I thought

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00:57:35,450 --> 00:57:33,630

he liked interviewed and he has a

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00:57:39,740 --> 00:57:35,460

wonderful thing and he says you know

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00:57:42,500 --> 00:57:39,750

science is stuck in its just thinking so

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00:57:45,200 --> 00:57:42,510

when they you hear the birds in the

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00:57:48,140 --> 00:57:45,210

morning and it just raises your heart

1301
00:57:50,150 --> 00:57:48,150
and lifts you up and science scientists

1302
00:57:52,490 --> 00:57:50,160
comes along goes oh that's just a bird's

1303
00:57:55,850 --> 00:57:52,500
marking their territory and seek inmates

1304
00:57:58,730 --> 00:57:55,860
yes well it might be that but it's not

1305
00:58:01,880 --> 00:57:58,740
just that you know you look into your

1306
00:58:04,010 --> 00:58:01,890
newborn child's eyes and you get like

1307
00:58:06,020 --> 00:58:04,020
still many parents every parent

1308
00:58:08,540 --> 00:58:06,030
throughout time as at this instant

1309
00:58:09,980 --> 00:58:08,550
connection that's indescribable love

1310
00:58:12,230 --> 00:58:09,990
where you feel like a piece of your

1311
00:58:14,360 --> 00:58:12,240
heart has been lifted out of you and put

1312
00:58:16,460 --> 00:58:14,370
into this other person and you have this

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00:58:18,950 --> 00:58:16,470

feeling and the scientist comes along

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00:58:21,320 --> 00:58:18,960

goes well that's just the nurturing

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00:58:24,260 --> 00:58:21,330

instinct it has been biologically bread

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00:58:27,200 --> 00:58:24,270

and you get it there might be some of

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that but it's not just that yeah I know

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00:58:31,910 --> 00:58:29,430

that's crap you know but we've been

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00:58:34,040 --> 00:58:31,920

battered into you know we don't let our

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00:58:35,330 --> 00:58:34,050

kids go to school and raise their hand

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00:58:36,150 --> 00:58:35,340

and say hey wait a minute that's a bunch

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00:58:38,010 --> 00:58:36,160

of crap everyone

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00:58:39,779 --> 00:58:38,020

knows that we tell them like you were

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00:58:42,150 --> 00:58:39,789

saying just go along get a good grade on

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00:58:44,190 --> 00:58:42,160

the test you know listen to what they

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00:58:48,809 --> 00:58:44,200
have to say and you know all the rest of

1327
00:58:52,950 --> 00:58:48,819
that so you know as we wrap things up I

1328
00:58:55,460 --> 00:58:52,960
guess that's what I was pulling for with

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00:58:57,660 --> 00:58:55,470
that book title that I stand behind

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00:58:59,819 --> 00:58:57,670
because you know the book would it

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00:59:01,650 --> 00:58:59,829
really relates to is why science is

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00:59:03,480 --> 00:59:01,660
wrong about almost everything here's the

1333
00:59:05,730 --> 00:59:03,490
short answer because science is wrong

1334
00:59:08,130 --> 00:59:05,740
about consciousness and if they're wrong

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00:59:10,140 --> 00:59:08,140
about consciousness the wrong about

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00:59:13,710 --> 00:59:10,150
almost everything because consciousness

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00:59:16,770 --> 00:59:13,720
is your minute by minute experience of

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00:59:19,289 --> 00:59:16,780

life it's who you think you are it's

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00:59:21,900 --> 00:59:19,299

that voice inside your head and if you

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00:59:24,900 --> 00:59:21,910

get that wrong it doesn't matter how

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00:59:28,740 --> 00:59:24,910

good you are at lasers and I phones and

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00:59:32,099 --> 00:59:28,750

GPS systems all that small stuff you've

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00:59:34,380 --> 00:59:32,109

missed the big stuff yeah and I think

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00:59:38,490 --> 00:59:34,390

that you do a really good job of

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00:59:41,819 --> 00:59:38,500

focusing your book why science is wrong

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00:59:45,289 --> 00:59:41,829

about almost everything on on that point

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00:59:48,900 --> 00:59:45,299

and you know it's like you were saying

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00:59:51,930 --> 00:59:48,910

talking to people with credentials with

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00:59:55,079 --> 00:59:51,940

our particulate they've researched it

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00:59:58,650 --> 00:59:55,089

one-on-one like you do like I do it's

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01:00:01,230 --> 00:59:58,660

really you know it's changed me it's

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01:00:03,960 --> 01:00:01,240

it's it made me realize that I'm not the

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01:00:06,660 --> 01:00:03,970

only one sort of with with these

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01:00:10,819 --> 01:00:06,670

questions in my head and I'm also really

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01:00:14,789 --> 01:00:10,829

encouraged Alex that so many credible

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01:00:18,089 --> 01:00:14,799

intelligent people are going down this

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01:00:20,490 --> 01:00:18,099

road it's not it's not just sort of the

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01:00:24,539 --> 01:00:20,500

hippies from the 1960s we are having

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01:00:27,359 --> 01:00:24,549

people opening up their minds to to this

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01:00:29,190 --> 01:00:27,369

field and I for I'm very great point

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01:00:31,799 --> 01:00:29,200

that's a great big way I'm very

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01:00:35,609 --> 01:00:31,809

encouraged in the in the in the medical

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01:00:38,099 --> 01:00:35,619

side of things of energy healing I'm the

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01:00:40,950 --> 01:00:38,109

more I talk you know the more I talk to

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01:00:44,460 --> 01:00:40,960

folks in the medical side it could be

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01:00:47,190 --> 01:00:44,470

someday that will be sort of the first

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01:00:49,589 --> 01:00:47,200

treatment you'll get before they start

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01:00:50,040 --> 01:00:49,599

cutting things open you know before they

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01:00:53,880 --> 01:00:50,050

start

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01:00:56,820 --> 01:00:53,890

radiating the the the cancer cells or

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01:01:00,840 --> 01:00:56,830

something I mean it sounds sort of maybe

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01:01:03,990 --> 01:01:00,850

science fiction right now but I think

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01:01:05,670 --> 01:01:04,000

we're heading in that direction so you

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01:01:10,050 --> 01:01:05,680

know you're right we've we've come to

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01:01:12,510 --> 01:01:10,060

the end and I want to thank you for

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01:01:14,480 --> 01:01:12,520

getting this started and I want to thank

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01:01:17,130 --> 01:01:14,490

you for your your inquisitive

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01:01:21,420 --> 01:01:17,140

questioning I think that you do a

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01:01:24,900 --> 01:01:21,430

service with your show and I'm happy

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01:01:28,110 --> 01:01:24,910

that I'm not the only one out there sort

1381

01:01:30,000 --> 01:01:28,120

of beating this drum and you know we

1382

01:01:33,510 --> 01:01:30,010

could we should do this more often and

1383

01:01:35,610 --> 01:01:33,520

check up on each other every Philip it's

1384

01:01:37,680 --> 01:01:35,620

been it's been great and I do you know

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01:01:41,580 --> 01:01:37,690

when one of my listeners recommended

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01:01:44,670 --> 01:01:41,590

your book to me and I I just glanced at

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01:01:48,810 --> 01:01:44,680

and go oh my here's a here's a kindred

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01:01:50,670 --> 01:01:48,820

spirit here's a fellow Chicagoland kind

1389

01:01:52,950 --> 01:01:50,680

of person just like I grew up in the

1390

01:01:55,530 --> 01:01:52,960

suburb the western suburbs of Chicago in

1391

01:01:57,810 --> 01:01:55,540

lagrange but here's a guy who's kind of

1392

01:02:00,630 --> 01:01:57,820

followed along finally found some of the

1393

01:02:02,940 --> 01:02:00,640

same cookie crumbs on the trail and has

1394

01:02:05,910 --> 01:02:02,950

decided to follow him just like I did so

1395

01:02:07,440 --> 01:02:05,920

it's been great and yeah I had to push

1396

01:02:10,770 --> 01:02:07,450

you a little bitter it would've been a

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01:02:14,000 --> 01:02:10,780

skeptic of dialogue yeah yeah well you

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01:02:17,310 --> 01:02:14,010

know I i know i think the topic of

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01:02:21,480 --> 01:02:17,320

skepticism itself is such a rich topic

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01:02:24,240 --> 01:02:21,490

and i did a blog recently on 360 degrees

1401

01:02:28,200 --> 01:02:24,250

i read that it's great skepticism you

1402

01:02:30,240 --> 01:02:28,210

know we need to be you know 360 degrees

1403

01:02:32,730 --> 01:02:30,250

skeptical not just get to go about

1404

01:02:34,710 --> 01:02:32,740

things we don't believe in right the

1405

01:02:36,600 --> 01:02:34,720

whole self examination and you know

1406

01:02:38,460 --> 01:02:36,610

there's a lot there and and I and

1407

01:02:40,350 --> 01:02:38,470

frankly I think that science needs to

1408

01:02:43,170 --> 01:02:40,360

turn back in itself and be skeptical of

1409

01:02:44,550 --> 01:02:43,180

some of its own theories although I do

1410

01:02:47,460 --> 01:02:44,560

have faith that science is a

1411

01:02:50,010 --> 01:02:47,470

self-correcting field and so you know

1412

01:02:52,970 --> 01:02:50,020

I'm a scientist at heart maybe like you

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01:02:56,520 --> 01:02:52,980

are as well and I am optimistic about

1414

01:02:58,530 --> 01:02:56,530

about the the future but like I'm not

1415

01:03:01,110 --> 01:02:58,540

going to make any predictions on when

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01:03:04,049 --> 01:03:01,120

when something's going to happen I sort

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01:03:06,900 --> 01:03:04,059

of like your approach this to focus on

1418

01:03:09,449 --> 01:03:06,910

numero uno change yourself do the

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01:03:12,299 --> 01:03:09,459

possible and you know you never know

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01:03:14,009 --> 01:03:12,309

what might happen exactly otherwise I

1421

01:03:16,949 --> 01:03:14,019

just have said one more time that I love

1422

01:03:20,849 --> 01:03:16,959

the way you coined that term 360 degrees

1423

01:03:23,370 --> 01:03:20,859

skepticism and hafta have to use that so

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01:03:26,099 --> 01:03:23,380

it's it's been great having you on again

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01:03:28,549 --> 01:03:26,109

our guest has been Phillip Camela his

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01:03:33,709 --> 01:03:28,559

book is the collapse of materialism

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01:03:35,279 --> 01:03:33,719

visions of science dreams of God and the

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01:03:36,420 --> 01:03:35,289

podcasts that you're really going to

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01:03:39,329 --> 01:03:36,430

want to check out there's some great

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01:03:41,789 --> 01:03:39,339

guests on there our conversations beyond

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01:03:44,339 --> 01:03:41,799

science and religion Phillip it's been

1432

01:03:47,099 --> 01:03:44,349

great spending this hour with you thanks

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01:03:49,559 --> 01:03:47,109

again so much and Alex I thank you very

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01:03:51,719 --> 01:03:49,569

much in Alex's book is why science is

1435

01:03:54,479 --> 01:03:51,729

wrong about almost everything and of

1436

01:03:56,420 --> 01:03:54,489

course his pot his own podcast is

1437

01:03:59,160 --> 01:03:56,430

skeptical science at the tipping point

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01:04:00,779 --> 01:03:59,170

this is Phillip Camela conversations

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01:04:02,429 --> 01:04:00,789

beyond science religion thank you very

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01:04:07,859 --> 01:04:02,439

much listening and alex has been great

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01:04:09,419 --> 01:04:07,869

talking to you likewise thanks again to

1442

01:04:11,519 --> 01:04:09,429

Phillip Camela for joining me today on

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01:04:13,859 --> 01:04:11,529

skeptic oh I cuz I'd have one question

1444

01:04:16,620 --> 01:04:13,869

to tee up from this interview and it has

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01:04:18,359 --> 01:04:16,630

to do with the lead in peace there do

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01:04:20,459 --> 01:04:18,369

you think the scientific data for

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01:04:22,729 --> 01:04:20,469

near-death experience and extended

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01:04:24,449 --> 01:04:22,739

consciousness in general is

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01:04:26,189 --> 01:04:24,459

transformational I said it's

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01:04:27,870 --> 01:04:26,199

transformational to me I think the

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01:04:30,569 --> 01:04:27,880

evidence is so overwhelming that it kind

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01:04:33,029 --> 01:04:30,579

of demands that I re-examine my

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01:04:35,279 --> 01:04:33,039

worldview reexamine and incorporate that

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01:04:37,499 --> 01:04:35,289

into my life how does that work for you

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01:04:39,900 --> 01:04:37,509

do you see it as such do you see the

1456

01:04:42,299 --> 01:04:39,910

data as something that moves you or

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01:04:43,650 --> 01:04:42,309

maybe you say the data isn't there yet

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01:04:45,630 --> 01:04:43,660

or maybe you're one of these people say

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01:04:47,669 --> 01:04:45,640

you know the data alone could never move

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01:04:49,620 --> 01:04:47,679

me it had to be some kind of personal

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01:04:51,719 --> 01:04:49,630

experience I have okay so I guess the

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01:04:53,549 --> 01:04:51,729

question this time around takes us a

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01:04:55,709 --> 01:04:53,559

little bit out of the intellectual part

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01:04:58,410 --> 01:04:55,719

and down to the personal experience part

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01:05:02,729 --> 01:04:58,420

and that is what is transformational for

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01:05:05,910 --> 01:05:02,739

you and it can information alone be

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01:05:07,890 --> 01:05:05,920

transformational so the place to fire

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01:05:12,989 --> 01:05:07,900

back and answer to that is through the

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01:05:15,539 --> 01:05:12,999

skeptic Oh website at ske pti KO kaam

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01:05:17,200 --> 01:05:15,549

from there i always recommend you go

1471

01:05:19,570 --> 01:05:17,210

over to the forum

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01:05:22,000 --> 01:05:19,580

where there's always someone hanging out

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01:05:24,010 --> 01:05:22,010

and offering up an opinion of one sword

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01:05:25,780 --> 01:05:24,020

in the other and you can link right

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01:05:27,910 --> 01:05:25,790

through there through the skeptical

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01:05:30,670 --> 01:05:27,920

website or you can go to skeptic Oh dash

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01:05:32,500 --> 01:05:30,680

forum and get there directly you can

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01:05:34,870 --> 01:05:32,510

also connect with me on Facebook send me

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01:05:37,660 --> 01:05:34,880

an email all the old-fashioned ways of

1480

01:05:39,250 --> 01:05:37,670

doing it still work as well as always I

1481

01:05:42,820 --> 01:05:39,260

have a number of shows coming up I've

1482

01:05:44,710 --> 01:05:42,830

put this show out on a one-week interval

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01:05:47,350 --> 01:05:44,720

rather than my usual two-week intervals

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01:05:48,940 --> 01:05:47,360

but since I didn't do a transcript on

1485

01:05:51,460 --> 01:05:48,950

this one it isn't going to keep me from

1486

01:05:54,010 --> 01:05:51,470

getting another one out to you next week

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01:05:55,600 --> 01:05:54,020

and I may even have another one the week

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01:05:58,060 --> 01:05:55,610

after that I got to get some of these

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01:06:00,670 --> 01:05:58,070

cleared up that I've been back logging

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01:06:03,910 --> 01:06:00,680

and I apologize to my guests for my

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01:06:05,200 --> 01:06:03,920

tardiness in publishing these so I hope

1492

01:06:06,850 --> 01:06:05,210

to get that more up to date because I

1493

01:06:09,490 --> 01:06:06,860

have a lot more interviews coming down

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01:06:11,050 --> 01:06:09,500

the pipe as well so much going on look

1495

01:06:13,270 --> 01:06:11,060

it looks like it's going to be a busy

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01:06:16,090 --> 01:06:13,280

summer here at skeptic oh and I hope