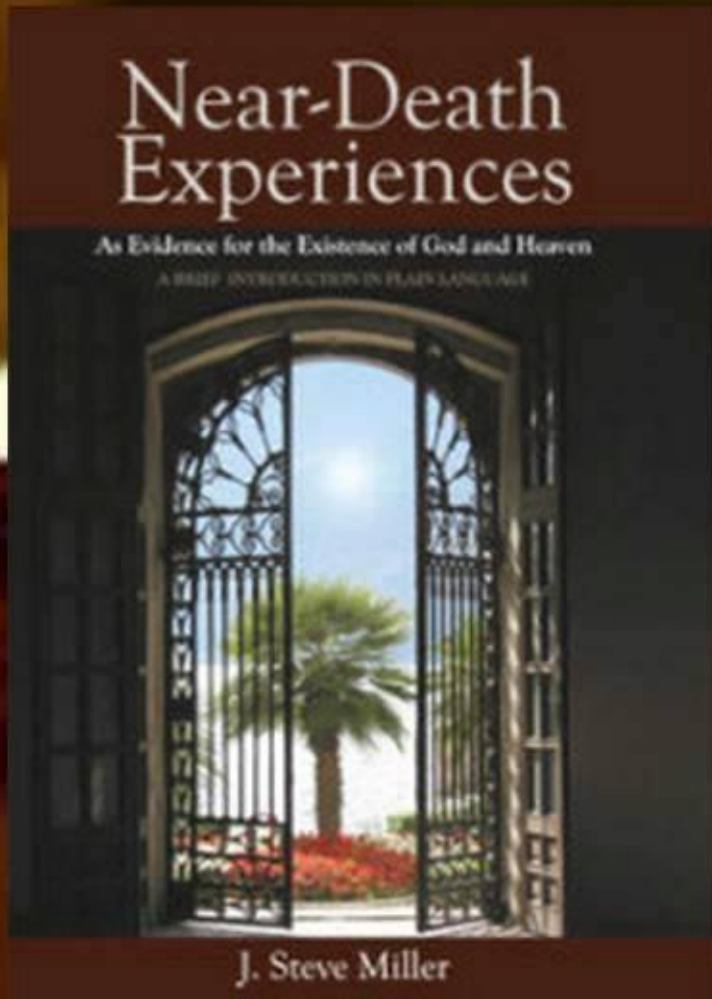


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NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE & CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

STEVE MILLER #218

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on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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with Steve Miller author of near-death

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00:00:18,370 --> 00:00:15,020
experiences as evidence for the

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00:00:22,530 --> 00:00:18,380
existence of God in heaven this NDE

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science doesn't it really contradict a

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Christian worldview an idea that Jesus

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is the only way an idea that these are

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00:00:33,939 --> 00:00:31,580
the sacred books that tell us how heaven

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00:00:36,880 --> 00:00:33,949
is how the afterlife is I mean it

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00:00:38,680 --> 00:00:36,890
contradicts that right well I don't see

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00:00:40,389 --> 00:00:38,690
that I think it's commonly held that it

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00:00:42,540 --> 00:00:40,399
does contradict and mean many people

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00:00:46,809 --> 00:00:42,550

believe that it does I think that

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certain niche Indies would certainly

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contradict certain traditional teachings

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of Christianity like having past lives

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or whatever if you accept near-death

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experience science I don't know how you

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get past the reality of past lives I

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mean it's all over the place it's not

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like these indie ears are coming back

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and saying oh the idea of reincarnation

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has been falsified by my experience I

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would say that it's rather a fringe

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experience just because of my research

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and I've not researched it

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comprehensively in this area

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00:01:34,660 --> 00:01:33,070
welcome to skeptic aware we explore

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00:01:36,940 --> 00:01:34,670
controversial science with leading

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researchers thinkers and their critics

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I'm your host Aleksic Harrison on this

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00:01:43,870 --> 00:01:41,660
episode of skeptic Oh Steve Miller joins

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00:01:46,720 --> 00:01:43,880
me to talk about his excellent new book

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on near-death experience science and in

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particular here's the part I was most

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00:01:55,860 --> 00:01:52,790
interested in and Steve obliged me with

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this dialogue is the connection between

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near-death experience research science

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and the Christian experience or

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00:02:08,109 --> 00:02:05,840

Christian doctrine as it's practiced by

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most people around the world it's a

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00:02:11,590 --> 00:02:10,010

dialogue that I really wanted to have

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00:02:13,930 --> 00:02:11,600

and have tried to have with several

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different guests but Steve was willing

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00:02:19,270 --> 00:02:17,090

to step up and really engage in that

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00:02:21,490 --> 00:02:19,280

kind of discussion and I appreciate him

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doing so here's my dialogue with Steve

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Miller today we welcome Steve Miller to

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skeptic Oh Steve is professional writer

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speaker and educator and he's here to

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00:02:34,570 --> 00:02:32,140
talk about his latest book near-death

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00:02:37,780 --> 00:02:34,580
experiences as evidence for the

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00:02:41,140 --> 00:02:37,790
existence of God in heaven a brief

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00:02:43,180 --> 00:02:41,150
introduction in plain language Steve

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00:02:45,790 --> 00:02:43,190
welcome to skeptic oh and thanks so much

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00:02:50,020 --> 00:02:45,800
for joining me today great to be here

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00:02:53,410 --> 00:02:50,030
thanks for having me well your book is I

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00:02:56,350 --> 00:02:53,420
think as advertised in the title it has

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00:02:58,840 --> 00:02:56,360
a very nice overview of the near-death

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00:03:01,120 --> 00:02:58,850
experience field it's written in plain

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00:03:04,210 --> 00:03:01,130
language but that's not to say it's

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00:03:08,229 --> 00:03:04,220
lightweight in any way it has a lot of

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00:03:10,780 --> 00:03:08,239

references to serious NDE research so in

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that respect it is a great primer for

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00:03:13,960 --> 00:03:11,300

people

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you also have glowing reviews on Amazon

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people seem to really like the book and

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00:03:20,790 --> 00:03:18,590

as well as that you have a very nice

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forward from Jeff long so

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00:03:27,479 --> 00:03:23,930

congratulations on a nice book tell us

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first who did you write this book for I

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wrote it for people in general who are

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interested in near-death experiences

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maybe they've had their own near-death

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experience in a traffic accident or open

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heart surgery or maybe someone has

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red heaven is for real or evidence for

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heaven or one of these very popular

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books about someone's personal

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experience but they're saying well yeah

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well that's cool but do I trust this

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person and you know is this you know I'm

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00:04:03,440 --> 00:04:01,560

basing it on this I mean these popular

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books tend to be based on one person's

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experience and is this really evidential

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at all or is it just one person's word

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against another so I want to take people

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a step further once they read one of

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00:04:18,409 --> 00:04:16,470
these other books and say what what does

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00:04:20,569 --> 00:04:18,419
the evidence say from the research

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that's actually gone on over the past 35

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years because I find that typically

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00:04:27,260 --> 00:04:26,190
people are totally unaware of that they

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00:04:28,310 --> 00:04:27,270
think this is just something where

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00:04:31,490 --> 00:04:28,320
people are sharing their personal

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00:04:33,620 --> 00:04:31,500
experiences and they say hey it's one

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00:04:35,930 --> 00:04:33,630
person's word against the other there's

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00:04:38,659 --> 00:04:35,940
no evidence here at all so what does the

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00:04:41,150 --> 00:04:38,669
research say well I think you're right I

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00:04:43,640 --> 00:04:41,160
think there is that gap in the knowledge

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00:04:46,000 --> 00:04:43,650
out there among the general public and I

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00:04:48,110 --> 00:04:46,010
think we can see it in the popularity of

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00:04:49,880 --> 00:04:48,120
some of the books that have come along I

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00:04:53,900 --> 00:04:49,890
mean people I'm always surprised that

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00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:53,910
people are surprised I'm surprised that

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00:04:57,560 --> 00:04:55,440
they're surprised in a way because

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00:05:00,020 --> 00:04:57,570
obviously on this show we've dug into

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00:05:02,210 --> 00:05:00,030
this so much so look but let me turn

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00:05:04,700 --> 00:05:02,220
this slightly because we've had a really

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00:05:08,120 --> 00:05:04,710
nice email correspondence about this

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00:05:09,560 --> 00:05:08,130
interview and I pushed back pretty hard

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00:05:12,260 --> 00:05:09,570
because I said you know gee see you got

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00:05:14,840 --> 00:05:12,270

a nice book about near-death experience

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00:05:18,320 --> 00:05:14,850

here but the stuff that really interests

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00:05:21,770 --> 00:05:18,330

me on skeptic oh is I think the stuff

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00:05:24,680 --> 00:05:21,780

that happens after we accept the

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mountain of evidence that you provide in

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your book and I always think of it as

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the how can this be questioned you know

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because that was my personal experience

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when I ran across this evidence like you

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present in your book my first question

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00:05:44,890 --> 00:05:41,580

was wait a minute wait a minute how can

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00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:44,900

this be I mean this sits in a very

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uncomfortable place if you will this

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assertion that there is this body of

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scientific research that suggests that

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consciousness survives after our death

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00:05:59,790 --> 00:05:57,580

it sits in an uncomfortable place

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because on one hand it goes against

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science and on the other hand it does

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challenge a lot of the religious

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00:06:12,809 --> 00:06:10,060

doctrine that we normally accept what

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00:06:16,860 --> 00:06:12,819

are your thoughts on maybe in general

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this how can this be questioned I think

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that that a lot of people have and then

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secondly where do you think this NDE

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00:06:29,189 --> 00:06:25,389

research does sit where does it position

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itself in this culture war nonsense that

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00:06:31,879 --> 00:06:30,729

we keep running up against between

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00:06:34,620 --> 00:06:31,889

science and religion

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we've asked several questions so come

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back to me if I've missed one of them

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but I would say the priority of the

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paradigm explains a lot I mean the one

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of the best books I ever read was the

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structure of scientific revolutions by

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Kuhn and I would recommend for everyone

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to read that who's interested at all in

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00:06:57,629 --> 00:06:55,449

controversial subjects of a scientific

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nature because we tend to think of

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science as being something where this

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totally objective scientists it's in a

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lab and whatever happens whether it

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agrees or disagrees with his current

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theory he just accepts it is this

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totally objective person but the history

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of science would show this is not the

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case I mean look at how hard it was for

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Einstein's theory to be accepted and you

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had people from the top universities in

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the world saying this is ridiculous

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and it took years for people to come

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around quantum physics is even worse I

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mean Einstein he was objective enough to

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find something new but when it came to

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accepting quantum physics he resisted it

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his entire life he didn't want the

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universe to be that way he was a

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determinist he wanted he thought it was

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very important for science to be able to

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say everything is totally determined by

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past circumstances and and quantum

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physics went against that and he was

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uncomfortable so people get into their

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paradigm their way of thinking about

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things and for the last century or so

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especially naturalism has kind had a

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hold on a lot of scientists many of them

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simply think that

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things that are supernatural even if

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they happen there's no real evidence

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that they happen and they're just

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uncomfortable thinking like that and

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from my experience when I talked to

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people who hold different paradigms than

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my own and listen I I'm subject to the

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paradigm like anyone else we all have to

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fight it but when I'm talking to someone

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who's a naturalist they just look

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through my book and check off each

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paragraph and say they find a reason not

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to believe that

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well the researcher was probably a

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closet of theists trying to make it well

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there's no evidence that he was a theist

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there's no evidence he's saying that he

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didn't even believe in God in heaven

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before this and now oh yeah well but

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there's no evidence for that and they'll

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just keep coming back because they they

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look at the world through the

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rose-colored glasses and that's all they

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00:09:05,490 --> 00:09:02,500
can see so to me that's the biggest

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00:09:08,400 --> 00:09:05,500
issue it's not the evidence that the

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data is there people either ignore the

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data or they'd reinterpreted in the

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light of their paradigm hey-up I'm with

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you I mean we're totally on the same

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00:09:20,310 --> 00:09:17,440
page about that and I know you've

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00:09:22,170 --> 00:09:20,320
listened to several skeptic osho so you

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00:09:23,850 --> 00:09:22,180
know that's kind of my mantra I mean I

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00:09:25,860 --> 00:09:23,860

started this thing saying gee this is

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this is no problem we can get a handle

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on this it's about the data let's dig

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into the data and wherever the data

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falls that's where we'll follow and that

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was my own thought my own orientation

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and then I got into I said gee it's not

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about the date it's about everything

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else it's about social pressures it's

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00:09:47,220 --> 00:09:43,960

about preconceived notions and it's

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about all that so I'm with you on all

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that but let me kind of push one step

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further because you're a Christian and

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you bring a Christian sensibility to

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this book and and that's that's great

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but I have to tell you and again if

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you've listened to skeptic oh or maybe I

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should say if someone's listened to a

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lot of skeptical then they know that

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I've tried to approach this question of

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what NDEs mean to people who have a

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Christian worldview and I've approached

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that a couple times I spoke with Gary

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Habermas somebody who I really like and

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respect a very highly regarded

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teacher and author author of more than

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30 books Christian apologist kind of

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stuff

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I also talked to Michael Heizer scholar

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biblical scholar Neary studies scholar

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and it seems like I always come to the

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same point and I never am able to pin

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anyone down I say look doesn't this NDE

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stuff this in de science doesn't it

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really contradict a Christian worldview

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an idea that Jesus is the only way an

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idea that these are the sacred books

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that tell us how heaven is how the

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afterlife is I mean it contradicts that

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right well I don't see that I think it's

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commonly held that it does contradict

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and mean many people believe that it

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does I think that certain certain niche

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Indies would certainly contradict

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certain traditional teachings of

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Christianity like having past lives or

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whatever and some people will come back

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from an NDE saying that I experience

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something from a past life to move let

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me let me interject there and kind of

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pin that down that's not a core part of

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the near-death experience but it's

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certainly pretty close to a core part of

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the near-death experience I mean that

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isn't just a fringe thing and like

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that's what I get like from from Gary

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Habermas if remember that interview it's

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like a lot of dancing around like well

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00:11:55,560 --> 00:11:53,680

you know there's a lot of stuff out

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00:11:56,730 --> 00:11:55,570

there but we don't know for sure hey if

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00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:56,740

you accept

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00:12:01,890 --> 00:11:58,720

near-death experience science I don't

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00:12:05,100 --> 00:12:01,900

know how you get a past that the reality

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00:12:07,829 --> 00:12:05,110

of past lives I mean it's all over the

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00:12:10,010 --> 00:12:07,839

place it's not like these indie ears are

278

00:12:13,110 --> 00:12:10,020

coming back and saying oh the idea of

279

00:12:14,760 --> 00:12:13,120

reincarnation has been falsified by my

280

00:12:16,950 --> 00:12:14,770

experience I've never read a single

281

00:12:19,110 --> 00:12:16,960

near-death experience account that says

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00:12:21,420 --> 00:12:19,120

that and on the other hand I've read

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00:12:24,480 --> 00:12:21,430

scores and scores of them that's that

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00:12:27,540 --> 00:12:24,490

just us either assume it or directly say

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00:12:31,590 --> 00:12:27,550

that multiple lives reincarnation is a

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00:12:33,570 --> 00:12:31,600

reality well I would say that it's

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00:12:35,760 --> 00:12:33,580

rather a fringe experience just because

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00:12:36,840 --> 00:12:35,770

of my research and I've not researched

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00:12:40,650 --> 00:12:36,850

at comprehensive

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00:12:41,340 --> 00:12:40,660

in this area but looking at I took dr.

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00:12:44,040 --> 00:12:41,350

Long's

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00:12:46,680 --> 00:12:44,050

indirect site where people are sharing

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00:12:48,689 --> 00:12:46,690

their experiences and you have a

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00:12:50,579 --> 00:12:48,699

tremendous amount of them there and so I

295

00:12:53,970 --> 00:12:50,589

went through carefully about a hundred

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00:12:56,160 --> 00:12:53,980

experiences back to back in other words

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00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:56,170

I wasn't cherry picking I was just going

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00:13:00,660 --> 00:12:58,240

one after another after another and

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00:13:03,240 --> 00:13:00,670

within a hundred experiences I don't

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00:13:08,160 --> 00:13:03,250

believe I saw anywhere a person referred

301

00:13:10,650 --> 00:13:08,170

to a past life now guarantee if I go far

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00:13:13,530 --> 00:13:10,660

enough on his site I'll see some that

303

00:13:16,259 --> 00:13:13,540

have that but my question is it's not

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00:13:19,019 --> 00:13:16,269

how many of those you can probably

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00:13:20,730 --> 00:13:19,029

lineup scores of experiences and show me

306

00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:20,740

and say hey here all the people who talk

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00:13:25,829 --> 00:13:23,680

about past lives but the percentage of

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00:13:28,400 --> 00:13:25,839

them to me is very small it's like dr.

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00:13:30,780 --> 00:13:28,410

moody would say some people talk about

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00:13:32,220 --> 00:13:30,790

prophesies of the future that they went

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00:13:33,840 --> 00:13:32,230

to the other side and they told them

312

00:13:35,759 --> 00:13:33,850

about the future and then they'll say

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00:13:38,100 --> 00:13:35,769

something when they come back about this

314

00:13:39,930 --> 00:13:38,110

is a future event and it may happen or

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00:13:41,999 --> 00:13:39,940

may not but he would say that's kind of

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00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:42,009

a fringe thing it happens every now and

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00:13:47,100 --> 00:13:44,800

then and of course occasionally some bum

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00:13:49,679 --> 00:13:47,110

back talking about visiting with a

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00:13:52,650 --> 00:13:49,689

relative who is not deceased on the

320

00:13:55,290 --> 00:13:52,660

other side but those do happen you might

321

00:13:57,420 --> 00:13:55,300

could line up a good many of them but I

322

00:13:59,790 --> 00:13:57,430

just didn't see it that much in my

323

00:14:01,350 --> 00:13:59,800

research so that I would say that that's

324

00:14:04,439 --> 00:14:01,360

one of those things that sometimes

325

00:14:07,139 --> 00:14:04,449

happens I just tended to stay in my

326

00:14:10,079 --> 00:14:07,149

research with the main body of what is

327

00:14:12,480 --> 00:14:10,089

happening and what it looks like is 95

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00:14:14,579 --> 00:14:12,490

percent of the cases and I realized that

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00:14:17,670 --> 00:14:14,589

sometimes people may come back with a

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00:14:19,769 --> 00:14:17,680

false memory or people may have reasons

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00:14:21,929 --> 00:14:19,779

for saying things sometimes it's

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00:14:23,970 --> 00:14:21,939

legitimate sometimes people in a very

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00:14:26,730 --> 00:14:23,980

distraught state are going back and

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00:14:28,160 --> 00:14:26,740

forth between some kind of a delusional

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00:14:30,900 --> 00:14:28,170

experience and a near-death experience

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00:14:33,600 --> 00:14:30,910

so I just kind of stayed with what I saw

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00:14:36,269 --> 00:14:33,610

is the 95 percent of what happens in

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00:14:38,429 --> 00:14:36,279

this experience and and I stuck with

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00:14:40,590 --> 00:14:38,439

that so I didn't really go off into the

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00:14:42,329 --> 00:14:40,600

others and spend much time there even

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00:14:45,329 --> 00:14:42,339

distressing near-death experience is

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00:14:47,160 --> 00:14:45,339

very common but I didn't go there well I

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00:14:48,509 --> 00:14:47,170

don't think they are very common and I

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00:14:50,660 --> 00:14:48,519

understand where you're going but I

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00:14:52,520 --> 00:14:50,670

think that that's also problematic

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00:14:54,200 --> 00:14:52,530

because at the end of the day we don't

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00:14:56,210 --> 00:14:54,210

understand what the near-death

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00:14:58,460 --> 00:14:56,220

experience is we don't understand what

349

00:15:00,590 --> 00:14:58,470

this other realm is the implications are

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00:15:02,900 --> 00:15:00,600

clear about what it is but when we start

351

00:15:04,880 --> 00:15:02,910

digging into the content the way that

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00:15:07,910 --> 00:15:04,890

you are the content of these experiences

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00:15:10,130 --> 00:15:07,920

it becomes very problematic so I'm okay

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00:15:14,660 --> 00:15:10,140

with not going there I'm a little bit

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00:15:18,260 --> 00:15:14,670

nut is okay in saying well we can we can

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00:15:20,840 --> 00:15:18,270

therefore look for these larger patterns

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00:15:22,700 --> 00:15:20,850

because as I just said I think the the

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00:15:24,590 --> 00:15:22,710

larger pattern is clear that

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00:15:26,000 --> 00:15:24,600

reincarnation is a part of it you don't

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00:15:28,850 --> 00:15:26,010

see it that way and then we'd have some

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00:15:30,460 --> 00:15:28,860

content analysis debate let me say this

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00:15:32,840 --> 00:15:30,470

though in in that regard

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00:15:35,180 --> 00:15:32,850

some people think of Christians as

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00:15:36,290 --> 00:15:35,190

having a very tight theology and we kind

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00:15:39,170 --> 00:15:36,300

of know what's going to happen with

366

00:15:43,120 --> 00:15:39,180

everything and to me the Apostle Paul

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00:15:46,400 --> 00:15:43,130

said said that we see in a mirror darkly

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00:15:49,610 --> 00:15:46,410

but then we will see face to face I'm

369

00:15:51,500 --> 00:15:49,620

fully aware that one day when when I go

370

00:15:52,790 --> 00:15:51,510

to the other side I'll be corrected

371

00:15:54,950 --> 00:15:52,800

about a lot of the things that I believe

372

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:54,960

you know maybe some of the things that I

373

00:16:00,140 --> 00:15:57,600

thought about past lives or are actually

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00:16:01,550 --> 00:16:00,150

just nonsense and we're never clearly

375

00:16:03,680 --> 00:16:01,560

taught in the scripture as I thought

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00:16:05,600 --> 00:16:03,690

they were so I'm kind of open to the

377

00:16:07,370 --> 00:16:05,610

data out there I'm still looking I'm

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00:16:10,010 --> 00:16:07,380

still searching and trying to keep an

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00:16:12,080 --> 00:16:10,020

open mind as well fair enough and we

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00:16:13,910 --> 00:16:12,090

should all keep an open mind but I want

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00:16:15,770 --> 00:16:13,920

to come back to this to this point and

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00:16:18,200 --> 00:16:15,780

and because it's really the point that

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00:16:22,130 --> 00:16:18,210

interests me most about this thing and

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00:16:25,040 --> 00:16:22,140

that's that does the body of the

385

00:16:26,320 --> 00:16:25,050

near-death experience research does he

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00:16:29,930 --> 00:16:26,330

contradict

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00:16:31,640 --> 00:16:29,940

Christian doctrine and it just does I

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00:16:33,620 --> 00:16:31,650

mean you mentioned Jeff Langue who wrote

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00:16:35,570 --> 00:16:33,630

a nice foreword introduction to your

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00:16:38,000 --> 00:16:35,580

book he's been on this show a couple

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00:16:40,840 --> 00:16:38,010

times I asked him the question directly

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00:16:44,720 --> 00:16:40,850

based on his research does this

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00:16:47,270 --> 00:16:44,730

experience support the idea of the

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00:16:49,550 --> 00:16:47,280

primacy of Christianity because that is

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00:16:52,220 --> 00:16:49,560

a claim of Christianity Christianity

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00:16:55,460 --> 00:16:52,230

doesn't claim oh I'm one of many paths

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00:16:57,170 --> 00:16:55,470

to this higher consciousness to God

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00:16:59,180 --> 00:16:57,180

however we want to understand it that's

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00:17:01,520 --> 00:16:59,190

not the Christian claim the Christian

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00:17:04,080 --> 00:17:01,530

claim is this is the path this is the

401
00:17:06,210 --> 00:17:04,090
way this is superior in some way

402
00:17:07,770 --> 00:17:06,220
even if you're an open-minded most

403
00:17:09,720 --> 00:17:07,780
liberal Christian you say hey there

404
00:17:12,000 --> 00:17:09,730
might be other paths this and that at

405
00:17:14,310 --> 00:17:12,010
one I don't see how you can really get

406
00:17:17,070 --> 00:17:14,320
that out of the scripture number one but

407
00:17:19,580 --> 00:17:17,080
number two even if you say that III

408
00:17:22,800 --> 00:17:19,590
don't think it's really the the

409
00:17:25,020 --> 00:17:22,810
mainstream view among Christians so

410
00:17:27,930 --> 00:17:25,030
given that people like Jeff long and

411
00:17:29,580 --> 00:17:27,940
virtually every not virtually every

412
00:17:32,460 --> 00:17:29,590
near-death experience researcher I've

413
00:17:34,080 --> 00:17:32,470

talked to says that the the science the

414

00:17:37,290 --> 00:17:34,090

evidence we get back from near-death

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00:17:40,320 --> 00:17:37,300

experience does not support the primacy

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00:17:43,230 --> 00:17:40,330

of Christianity then what does someone

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00:17:46,080 --> 00:17:43,240

do with that if you have a Christian

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00:17:49,320 --> 00:17:46,090

worldview well first of all I disagree

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00:17:52,620 --> 00:17:49,330

with your with your statement that

420

00:17:59,370 --> 00:17:52,630

virtually all of them don't support the

421

00:18:01,860 --> 00:17:59,380

who supports bomb hoops about did strong

422

00:18:03,570 --> 00:18:01,870

research on it just after moody he wrote

423

00:18:06,300 --> 00:18:03,580

several books on it he did two different

424

00:18:09,360 --> 00:18:06,310

very good studies also taught at emory

425

00:18:12,600 --> 00:18:09,370

university and very respected researcher

426

00:18:14,420 --> 00:18:12,610

and he became more evangelical in his

427

00:18:17,910 --> 00:18:14,430

Christian faith he was kind of a

428

00:18:20,100 --> 00:18:17,920

moderate sort of Christian when he

429

00:18:22,260 --> 00:18:20,110

started and then he saw the experience

430

00:18:24,780 --> 00:18:22,270

and he said wow there's another side and

431

00:18:26,790 --> 00:18:24,790

his time went on he became like an elder

432

00:18:28,770 --> 00:18:26,800

in his church and came to support more

433

00:18:31,170 --> 00:18:28,780

traditional doctrines so I would say

434

00:18:33,240 --> 00:18:31,180

there are those there now I think that

435

00:18:35,490 --> 00:18:33,250

there are those there that what see

436

00:18:38,490 --> 00:18:35,500

because Steve I can see how someone

437

00:18:42,030 --> 00:18:38,500

could have this experience or be exposed

438

00:18:45,180 --> 00:18:42,040

to this material and then say therefore

439

00:18:48,540 --> 00:18:45,190

I am going to choose this religious life

440

00:18:51,120 --> 00:18:48,550

I am going to express my spirituality in

441

00:18:53,730 --> 00:18:51,130

this way I can understand that what I

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00:18:55,920 --> 00:18:53,740

don't see and I don't know I I know a

443

00:18:59,130 --> 00:18:55,930

little I know that subhan is a as a

444

00:19:01,590 --> 00:18:59,140

Christian and he has that belief system

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00:19:03,930 --> 00:19:01,600

but I don't know how you get from the

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00:19:06,930 --> 00:19:03,940

evidence to that the evidence just

447

00:19:09,060 --> 00:19:06,940

doesn't support that it did just I don't

448

00:19:10,380 --> 00:19:09,070

know who who you can really say whose

449

00:19:13,170 --> 00:19:10,390

pointing to the evidence and says

450

00:19:14,820 --> 00:19:13,180

because of the evidence I think that

451
00:19:16,470 --> 00:19:14,830
leads to a Christian worldview or I

452
00:19:17,490 --> 00:19:16,480
think it supports the primacy of

453
00:19:19,650 --> 00:19:17,500
Christianity I don't see

454
00:19:21,630 --> 00:19:19,660
that anywhere well that's why I had one

455
00:19:22,890 --> 00:19:21,640
full chapter comparing many of the

456
00:19:25,830 --> 00:19:22,900
things that we learned from near-death

457
00:19:27,180 --> 00:19:25,840
experiences to Christianity now III

458
00:19:29,310 --> 00:19:27,190
think that you're a little bit

459
00:19:30,660 --> 00:19:29,320
wrongheaded in my opinion in saying that

460
00:19:33,900 --> 00:19:30,670
somebody's going to have this experience

461
00:19:37,260 --> 00:19:33,910
and then conclude Jesus is the way to

462
00:19:39,900 --> 00:19:37,270
God and all these Central Christian

463
00:19:42,030 --> 00:19:39,910

truths I don't see that I see it as more

464

00:19:43,920 --> 00:19:42,040

like natural theology where somebody

465

00:19:47,040 --> 00:19:43,930

looks up in the Stars and the heavens

466

00:19:48,660 --> 00:19:47,050

and the complexity of cells and says hey

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00:19:51,390 --> 00:19:48,670

this didn't get here by itself by

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00:19:53,250 --> 00:19:51,400

naturalistic means somehow there's got

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00:19:56,130 --> 00:19:53,260

to be something greater up there I think

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00:19:58,380 --> 00:19:56,140

beyond us so to me when I looking at

471

00:20:00,240 --> 00:19:58,390

near-death experience oh it could be

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00:20:02,040 --> 00:20:00,250

consistent with several different

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00:20:04,800 --> 00:20:02,050

religions it's not pointing to

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00:20:08,310 --> 00:20:04,810

exclusively one it could be consistent

475

00:20:12,150 --> 00:20:08,320

with many religions but it at least gets

476
00:20:13,440 --> 00:20:12,160
us past naturalism it gets us to saying

477
00:20:15,630 --> 00:20:13,450
there's something on the other side

478
00:20:18,210 --> 00:20:15,640
that's significant there's more to life

479
00:20:19,560 --> 00:20:18,220
these people have these life reviews it

480
00:20:22,290 --> 00:20:19,570
tells us something about what's

481
00:20:23,970 --> 00:20:22,300
important with life about life hey it

482
00:20:26,730 --> 00:20:23,980
could have been anything that what he

483
00:20:28,770 --> 00:20:26,740
says is the primacy of love of caring

484
00:20:30,570 --> 00:20:28,780
for those around us these are the

485
00:20:32,820 --> 00:20:30,580
important things hey you looked at the

486
00:20:35,490 --> 00:20:32,830
scriptures what does Jesus say is the

487
00:20:37,620 --> 00:20:35,500
most important thing you know love your

488
00:20:39,600 --> 00:20:37,630

neighbor as yourself and there there's

489

00:20:41,850 --> 00:20:39,610

so many things that are consistent with

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00:20:44,160 --> 00:20:41,860

it but no I don't think it's pointing

491

00:20:46,320 --> 00:20:44,170

exclusively to Christianity as and

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00:20:49,320 --> 00:20:46,330

someone has this experience and says oh

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00:20:50,520 --> 00:20:49,330

well now I know that that that God is

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00:20:53,610 --> 00:20:50,530

true now let me tell you a little

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00:20:55,620 --> 00:20:53,620

something about my theology as to why I

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00:20:57,420 --> 00:20:55,630

think you're assuming that if

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00:20:59,610 --> 00:20:57,430

Christianity were true that they would

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00:21:01,890 --> 00:20:59,620

go to the other side God would introduce

499

00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:01,900

them to Jesus and say listen here's the

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00:21:06,540 --> 00:21:04,480

one you need to follow here's how to get

501
00:21:09,240 --> 00:21:06,550
saved and you go back and get your life

502
00:21:11,750 --> 00:21:09,250
together but everything I see in the

503
00:21:16,290 --> 00:21:11,760
scripture says that that's just not

504
00:21:19,830 --> 00:21:16,300
God's mode of operation is just giving

505
00:21:22,020 --> 00:21:19,840
everyone this whole ball of theology

506
00:21:24,630 --> 00:21:22,030
himself it was always given to the

507
00:21:28,080 --> 00:21:24,640
disciples to do that

508
00:21:30,300 --> 00:21:28,090
- for people to spread the message I

509
00:21:31,350 --> 00:21:30,310
don't know why does that but that seems

510
00:21:33,630 --> 00:21:31,360
to be his method of

511
00:21:36,030 --> 00:21:33,640
operation when the Apostle Paul had a

512
00:21:37,710 --> 00:21:36,040
vision in the book of Acts he didn't

513
00:21:40,650 --> 00:21:37,720

have a vision of the whole Jesus thing

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00:21:42,900 --> 00:21:40,660

or how to get saved he was told to go to

515

00:21:46,020 --> 00:21:42,910

another person and that person and

516

00:21:49,320 --> 00:21:46,030

people within the church gave him the

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00:21:53,460 --> 00:21:49,330

further steps so if I had never heard of

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00:21:55,530 --> 00:21:53,470

an NDE and someone said okay if you if a

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00:21:58,500 --> 00:21:55,540

person who is a non-believer went to be

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00:22:01,530 --> 00:21:58,510

before God what would God tell him I

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00:22:04,590 --> 00:22:01,540

would not expect for him to to go into

522

00:22:07,230 --> 00:22:04,600

all this detail to me again it's just

523

00:22:10,590 --> 00:22:07,240

like natural theology he wants to get

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00:22:12,330 --> 00:22:10,600

you to search seek and ye shall find and

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00:22:15,240 --> 00:22:12,340

he wants that person to go back and

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00:22:17,730 --> 00:22:15,250

search but you're right it doesn't point

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00:22:20,549 --> 00:22:17,740

exclusively to Christianity and and I

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00:22:23,430 --> 00:22:20,559

wouldn't expect it to okay and just to

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00:22:25,890 --> 00:22:23,440

be clear because I've spoken about this

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00:22:28,710 --> 00:22:25,900

many times I totally agree with the

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00:22:31,409 --> 00:22:28,720

first part of what you said I think we

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00:22:34,370 --> 00:22:31,419

are on solid ground when we say that the

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00:22:38,880 --> 00:22:34,380

near ette near-death experience one

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00:22:41,360 --> 00:22:38,890

falsifies this craziness that we find

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00:22:45,150 --> 00:22:41,370

ourselves in this atheistic

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00:22:49,280 --> 00:22:45,160

materialistic craziness that tells you

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00:22:54,210 --> 00:22:49,290

that you are just your brain you are a

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00:22:57,720 --> 00:22:54,220

biological robot that's nuts and we need

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00:23:00,450 --> 00:22:57,730

to firmly stand up and say that I think

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00:23:03,180 --> 00:23:00,460

your book does that I think the evidence

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00:23:05,610 --> 00:23:03,190

that you bring forward does that and I'm

542

00:23:08,460 --> 00:23:05,620

very comfortable saying that I am also

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00:23:11,220 --> 00:23:08,470

comfortable moving from there and saying

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00:23:15,090 --> 00:23:11,230

okay if we're willing to accept this

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00:23:17,789 --> 00:23:15,100

data this body of evidence then what is

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00:23:19,710 --> 00:23:17,799

the what are we willing to accept in

547

00:23:22,710 --> 00:23:19,720

terms of the content of the message and

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00:23:25,200 --> 00:23:22,720

I'm totally in agreement with you the

549

00:23:28,169 --> 00:23:25,210

content of the message and this is often

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00:23:29,850 --> 00:23:28,179

overlooked by it's not overlooked but

551
00:23:32,340 --> 00:23:29,860
it's downplayed by some near-death

552
00:23:36,240 --> 00:23:32,350
experience researchers because it

553
00:23:38,250 --> 00:23:36,250
challenges our spiritual sensibilities

554
00:23:40,710 --> 00:23:38,260
and we like to kind of play it clean and

555
00:23:43,620 --> 00:23:40,720
and not get too woowoo with it and

556
00:23:45,220 --> 00:23:43,630
that's that it's about love right it's

557
00:23:47,680 --> 00:23:45,230
about caring for other

558
00:23:50,560 --> 00:23:47,690
people it's not about promoting yourself

559
00:23:53,020 --> 00:23:50,570
or any of your big accomplishments it's

560
00:23:55,419 --> 00:23:53,030
about the smile you gave that that

561
00:23:58,570 --> 00:23:55,429
person it's helping someone who need it

562
00:24:01,210 --> 00:23:58,580
it's it's the it's true charity it's the

563
00:24:03,789 --> 00:24:01,220

unselfish acts we do that comes through

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00:24:05,830 --> 00:24:03,799

loud and clear I stand on that from this

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00:24:08,980 --> 00:24:05,840

near-death experience research as you do

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00:24:11,140 --> 00:24:08,990

and say that that's true I just think

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00:24:15,250 --> 00:24:11,150

we're getting crossways a little bit

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00:24:17,620 --> 00:24:15,260

Steve in terms of when we say what does

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00:24:21,250 --> 00:24:17,630

that mean because the other part of this

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00:24:24,669 --> 00:24:21,260

how can this be question is how can this

571

00:24:27,190 --> 00:24:24,679

not be in my church how can that's not

572

00:24:30,400 --> 00:24:27,200

be in my Christian doctrine how can this

573

00:24:33,340 --> 00:24:30,410

not be in my scripture that I think is

574

00:24:36,159 --> 00:24:33,350

such an important part of my spiritual

575

00:24:39,159 --> 00:24:36,169

experience so it I look at it as not

576
00:24:44,530 --> 00:24:39,169
like the the near-death experience

577
00:24:46,390 --> 00:24:44,540
research precludes my belief in Chris

578
00:24:48,820 --> 00:24:46,400
Christian faith or Christian

579
00:24:50,320 --> 00:24:48,830
spirituality because I'm a big tent guy

580
00:24:51,640 --> 00:24:50,330
when I come to that when I come to that

581
00:24:53,919 --> 00:24:51,650
I just look at the evidence for

582
00:24:55,810 --> 00:24:53,929
Christianity and say hey there's plenty

583
00:24:58,270 --> 00:24:55,820
of people that seem to have this

584
00:25:01,060 --> 00:24:58,280
Christian experience and it seems to

585
00:25:03,760 --> 00:25:01,070
lead to all these things that are

586
00:25:05,409 --> 00:25:03,770
positive and are in line with what this

587
00:25:07,150 --> 00:25:05,419
near-death experience research is

588
00:25:09,400 --> 00:25:07,160

telling us they do seem more loving

589

00:25:11,260 --> 00:25:09,410

hey they do seem to be more less

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00:25:13,830 --> 00:25:11,270

materialistic and more in tune with that

591

00:25:16,930 --> 00:25:13,840

I think that's strong evidence for

592

00:25:19,630 --> 00:25:16,940

something real happening in their

593

00:25:21,909 --> 00:25:19,640

Christian experience but I'm not will I

594

00:25:26,669 --> 00:25:21,919

have to draw the line there and say I'm

595

00:25:29,770 --> 00:25:26,679

also kind of really a stickler about

596

00:25:32,169 --> 00:25:29,780

connecting these things logically and

597

00:25:34,870 --> 00:25:32,179

rationally and when I do that I say

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00:25:37,000 --> 00:25:34,880

there are problems that we have to admit

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00:25:39,640 --> 00:25:37,010

that we've been kind of led down this

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00:25:41,140 --> 00:25:39,650

path in terms of Christianity in the way

601
00:25:42,909 --> 00:25:41,150
it's practiced in the United States the

602
00:25:46,570 --> 00:25:42,919
way it's practiced in the world in terms

603
00:25:47,860 --> 00:25:46,580
of that doctrine that Dogma and what

604
00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:47,870
we're finding from the near-death

605
00:25:53,289 --> 00:25:51,200
experience research so I don't know it

606
00:25:55,120 --> 00:25:53,299
does I don't know if that helps you

607
00:25:56,680 --> 00:25:55,130
understand where I'm coming from but I'm

608
00:25:58,840 --> 00:25:56,690
not against someone having a Christian

609
00:26:01,060 --> 00:25:58,850
experience in becoming more

610
00:26:02,890 --> 00:26:01,070
spiritual or that affecting their life I

611
00:26:04,270 --> 00:26:02,900
think there's a reality to that I mean I

612
00:26:06,340 --> 00:26:04,280
don't only have a problem with that I

613
00:26:08,110 --> 00:26:06,350

think that's a reality I just don't

614

00:26:09,670 --> 00:26:08,120

think it connects with the science in

615

00:26:11,790 --> 00:26:09,680

the way that that maybe you're talking

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00:26:14,680 --> 00:26:11,800

about yeah I don't think it it

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00:26:17,440 --> 00:26:14,690

disconnects I again I just don't think

618

00:26:19,330 --> 00:26:17,450

if you're only looking at near-death

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00:26:21,070 --> 00:26:19,340

experiences as your only piece of

620

00:26:23,890 --> 00:26:21,080

evidence I don't get all the way to

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00:26:26,050 --> 00:26:23,900

Christianity I get to God I get to love

622

00:26:27,730 --> 00:26:26,060

I get to saying there are beings on the

623

00:26:29,340 --> 00:26:27,740

other side there's more to this world

624

00:26:31,930 --> 00:26:29,350

than meets the eye

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00:26:34,300 --> 00:26:31,940

many things that are very important that

626
00:26:35,860 --> 00:26:34,310
I get to through near-death experiences

627
00:26:37,900 --> 00:26:35,870
but I don't get all the way it's just

628
00:26:43,150 --> 00:26:37,910
one line of the evidence now to me

629
00:26:45,190 --> 00:26:43,160
personally what what brings me all the

630
00:26:47,440 --> 00:26:45,200
way over to Christianity tends to be

631
00:26:49,390 --> 00:26:47,450
other types of evidence like the

632
00:26:51,940 --> 00:26:49,400
historical evidence concerning the

633
00:26:53,020 --> 00:26:51,950
scriptures things like and I mean these

634
00:26:54,070 --> 00:26:53,030
are things that we don't need to get

635
00:26:57,310 --> 00:26:54,080
into because they're really off the

636
00:26:59,590 --> 00:26:57,320
point but there's a cumulative case for

637
00:27:02,170 --> 00:26:59,600
me that goes beyond near-death

638
00:27:03,880 --> 00:27:02,180

experiences that I bring in so the

639

00:27:05,740 --> 00:27:03,890

near-death experiences don't get me all

640

00:27:07,270 --> 00:27:05,750

the way there but but let me bring us

641

00:27:09,850 --> 00:27:07,280

back to one other thing and I know that

642

00:27:11,260 --> 00:27:09,860

you're two you two you you've been

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00:27:14,200 --> 00:27:11,270

through all these interviews and you've

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00:27:16,780 --> 00:27:14,210

got excellent encourage any listener if

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00:27:19,270 --> 00:27:16,790

this is your first one to listen to go

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00:27:22,180 --> 00:27:19,280

in and listen to these other interviews

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00:27:23,950 --> 00:27:22,190

alex has collected some tremendous

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00:27:27,880 --> 00:27:23,960

interviews here from many different

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00:27:30,490 --> 00:27:27,890

perspectives but for so many of the

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00:27:32,680 --> 00:27:30,500

listeners they're nowhere near where

651
00:27:34,810 --> 00:27:32,690
alex is and his comprehension of this

652
00:27:39,160 --> 00:27:34,820
data that we're talking about of the

653
00:27:41,710 --> 00:27:39,170
last 35 years I was totally shocked

654
00:27:43,120 --> 00:27:41,720
totally shocked after I read heaven is

655
00:27:45,010 --> 00:27:43,130
for real and I said well this is an

656
00:27:47,530 --> 00:27:45,020
interesting heart touching story but

657
00:27:50,620 --> 00:27:47,540
there's no real evidence there and then

658
00:27:53,260 --> 00:27:50,630
one of the people who wrote a blurb for

659
00:27:54,760 --> 00:27:53,270
that book said that they had studied the

660
00:27:56,800 --> 00:27:54,770
research or they were researching

661
00:27:58,390 --> 00:27:56,810
near-death experiences and this was

662
00:28:01,030 --> 00:27:58,400
consistent with their research and I

663
00:28:02,820 --> 00:28:01,040

thought who's researching this stuff now

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00:28:05,170 --> 00:28:02,830

I've heard of Moody's book from back in

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00:28:07,150 --> 00:28:05,180

1975 but I never read it because I

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00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:07,160

thought this is just people's personal

667

00:28:12,270 --> 00:28:10,010

opinions what is this so I begin to get

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00:28:14,850 --> 00:28:12,280

into the research and find out that

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00:28:17,210 --> 00:28:14,860

over 900 articles on near-death

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00:28:20,340 --> 00:28:17,220

experiences were published in scholarly

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00:28:23,250 --> 00:28:20,350

material literature prior to 2005

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00:28:25,890 --> 00:28:23,260

they've been it's been in journals such

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00:28:27,990 --> 00:28:25,900

as psychiatry The Lancet critical care

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00:28:29,789 --> 00:28:28,000

quarterly the journal for near-death

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00:28:32,250 --> 00:28:29,799

experiences there's an entire journal

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00:28:35,279 --> 00:28:32,260

that's set up for this the journal has

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00:28:39,450 --> 00:28:35,289

articles Pro and against by naturalist

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00:28:41,789 --> 00:28:39,460

by theists neurology journal in the past

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00:28:44,850 --> 00:28:41,799

30 year period after moody published

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00:28:47,840 --> 00:28:44,860

life after life 55 researchers are teams

681

00:28:51,029 --> 00:28:47,850

published at least 65 studies of over

682

00:28:53,430 --> 00:28:51,039

3500 in DES now the reason I bring that

683

00:28:56,610 --> 00:28:53,440

up and that's old school to you Alex you

684

00:28:59,159 --> 00:28:56,620

know all this but I don't when I put

685

00:29:00,539 --> 00:28:59,169

something on a website or I make some

686

00:29:03,240 --> 00:29:00,549

argument concerning near-death

687

00:29:05,279 --> 00:29:03,250

experiences what I see is the vast

688

00:29:07,919 --> 00:29:05,289

majority of people who are against them

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00:29:10,260 --> 00:29:07,929

come back with responses that show they

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00:29:12,450 --> 00:29:10,270

have no clue about what the data is

691

00:29:15,570 --> 00:29:12,460

they're not even arguing about the data

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00:29:18,210 --> 00:29:15,580

they've not read subohm they've not read

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00:29:20,220 --> 00:29:18,220

moody they've not read these people

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00:29:22,970 --> 00:29:20,230

they've read an article on an atheist

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00:29:26,100 --> 00:29:22,980

site about it and now they think they're

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00:29:27,659 --> 00:29:26,110

their experts but we've got to somehow

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00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:27,669

get back into this because this is

698

00:29:33,840 --> 00:29:30,640

serious I mean if if life is more than

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00:29:37,140 --> 00:29:33,850

meets the eye if naturalism in our brain

700

00:29:38,789 --> 00:29:37,150

is not all it is we need to we need to

701
00:29:41,370 --> 00:29:38,799
get in tune with it and we may disagree

702
00:29:43,740 --> 00:29:41,380
on some specifics of Christianity or

703
00:29:46,169 --> 00:29:43,750
new-age interpretations but this is

704
00:29:47,850 --> 00:29:46,179
important stuff and people need to get

705
00:29:49,919 --> 00:29:47,860
into the evidence and take a little more

706
00:29:52,140 --> 00:29:49,929
time with it and that's what I'm trying

707
00:29:54,330 --> 00:29:52,150
to lead people with my book and to say

708
00:29:56,490 --> 00:29:54,340
here's your an introduction and here are

709
00:29:58,680 --> 00:29:56,500
some other books you can read positive

710
00:29:59,940 --> 00:29:58,690
and negative to get at the evidence

711
00:30:02,520 --> 00:29:59,950
because that's what I see people not

712
00:30:05,730 --> 00:30:02,530
doing today and you do a really nice job

713
00:30:08,190 --> 00:30:05,740

of that Steve as we said before it's you

714

00:30:10,770 --> 00:30:08,200

know it's not a long book you can jump

715

00:30:12,570 --> 00:30:10,780

right into it but you break it down in a

716

00:30:15,029 --> 00:30:12,580

way that's understandable but you still

717

00:30:17,220 --> 00:30:15,039

keep it rich with the references to the

718

00:30:21,060 --> 00:30:17,230

data like you just mentioned so all that

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00:30:23,460 --> 00:30:21,070

I think is is to your credit I think

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00:30:25,970 --> 00:30:23,470

this process is is important and I think

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00:30:27,710 --> 00:30:25,980

us talking about this

722

00:30:31,220 --> 00:30:27,720

in the way that you just did in terms of

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00:30:32,870 --> 00:30:31,230

being personal kind of thing that you

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00:30:34,549 --> 00:30:32,880

have to you know you didn't know and

725

00:30:36,860 --> 00:30:34,559

then you knew and then you had to dig

726

00:30:40,279 --> 00:30:36,870

deeper I mean I think it lets other

727

00:30:42,200 --> 00:30:40,289

people know that you know what you have

728

00:30:46,669 --> 00:30:42,210

to go through if you want to get to that

729

00:30:48,379 --> 00:30:46,679

other side of knowing well when I was in

730

00:30:51,620 --> 00:30:48,389

high school is when I started getting

731

00:30:53,779 --> 00:30:51,630

serious about my personal faith but but

732

00:30:56,720 --> 00:30:53,789

I continually went through personal

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00:31:02,450 --> 00:30:56,730

doubts about am I on the right track am

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00:31:04,970 --> 00:31:02,460

i not and and so a lot of my formal

735

00:31:07,159 --> 00:31:04,980

education was actually studying people

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00:31:08,690 --> 00:31:07,169

with different perspectives I studied at

737

00:31:11,509 --> 00:31:08,700

the University of Georgia and their

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00:31:14,570 --> 00:31:11,519

philosophy department and studied

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00:31:16,279 --> 00:31:14,580

history of religions under a former

740

00:31:19,279 --> 00:31:16,289

Buddhist monk who was probably still a

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00:31:21,110 --> 00:31:19,289

Buddhist Chantal right Myakka and then I

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00:31:23,659 --> 00:31:21,120

would study at a conservative Bible

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00:31:25,820 --> 00:31:23,669

School I studied Greek for three and a

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00:31:27,560 --> 00:31:25,830

half years Hebrew for a couple of years

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00:31:30,019 --> 00:31:27,570

so that I could get at the background

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00:31:34,700 --> 00:31:30,029

and understand things when I'm talking

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00:31:36,799 --> 00:31:34,710

about religion Jesus teaching on it was

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00:31:39,200 --> 00:31:36,809

and his Sermon on the Mount he said seek

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00:31:41,930 --> 00:31:39,210

and ye shall find and in the original

750

00:31:45,230 --> 00:31:41,940

Greek that word for seek is in a tense

751
00:31:47,629 --> 00:31:45,240
that means seek and keep on seeking I

752
00:31:51,110 --> 00:31:47,639
mean you look at Solomon back in the Old

753
00:31:53,930 --> 00:31:51,120
Testament and this guy was just a sponge

754
00:31:56,509 --> 00:31:53,940
for wisdom and knowledge and today what

755
00:31:58,549 --> 00:31:56,519
people seem to want to do is to go to

756
00:32:01,129 --> 00:31:58,559
some site that agrees with what they

757
00:32:04,129 --> 00:32:01,139
agree with and come and get a few quotes

758
00:32:07,879 --> 00:32:04,139
and use them to attack someone else but

759
00:32:10,879 --> 00:32:07,889
seeking takes time and a lot of the

760
00:32:12,889 --> 00:32:10,889
things in my book you can look at and

761
00:32:15,409 --> 00:32:12,899
you can just dismiss them outright at

762
00:32:19,279 --> 00:32:15,419
first thought but if you go on your back

763
00:32:21,049 --> 00:32:19,289

deck light up a philosophical pipe and

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00:32:24,320 --> 00:32:21,059

just smoke on this thing a little while

765

00:32:28,190 --> 00:32:24,330

you have to think about it you have to

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00:32:30,440 --> 00:32:28,200

say okay what if this is true what are

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00:32:33,560 --> 00:32:30,450

it's it's something that you can't have

768

00:32:35,960 --> 00:32:33,570

quick and easy like fast food and you

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00:32:38,600 --> 00:32:35,970

know this with research there's nuance

770

00:32:39,320 --> 00:32:38,610

to facts there are certain things that

771

00:32:40,970 --> 00:32:39,330

are just very

772

00:32:42,470 --> 00:32:40,980

very clear and you look at and some

773

00:32:44,660 --> 00:32:42,480

people like to be dogmatic about

774

00:32:47,600 --> 00:32:44,670

everything but there's another side and

775

00:32:50,330 --> 00:32:47,610

to be open to that is extremely

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00:32:53,150 --> 00:32:50,340

difficult and I'm sorry but it takes I

777

00:32:56,180 --> 00:32:53,160

mean if you looking at this I don't know

778

00:32:58,400 --> 00:32:56,190

if you can see I've got my my house has

779

00:33:00,350 --> 00:32:58,410

thousands of books in it some of these

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00:33:02,210 --> 00:33:00,360

books back on the shelf or near death

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00:33:05,180 --> 00:33:02,220

experience books I probably had to read

782

00:33:08,570 --> 00:33:05,190

thousands of pages to try to get at this

783

00:33:11,930 --> 00:33:08,580

evidence I just don't see people willing

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00:33:13,250 --> 00:33:11,940

to really seek people want to be

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00:33:14,990 --> 00:33:13,260

comfortable with their opinions if

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00:33:16,730 --> 00:33:15,000

they're a Republican they'll listen to

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00:33:18,920 --> 00:33:16,740

Rush Limbaugh and believe everything he

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00:33:20,840 --> 00:33:18,930

says if they're a Democrat they've got

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00:33:23,000 --> 00:33:20,850

their own sources and they believe what

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00:33:24,560 --> 00:33:23,010

they say but listen we've got to come

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00:33:26,510 --> 00:33:24,570

with an open mind because these issues

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00:33:29,900 --> 00:33:26,520

are important they involve a whole

793

00:33:32,450 --> 00:33:29,910

eternity and not just time doesn't that

794

00:33:34,640 --> 00:33:32,460

deserve our research it does and it's

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00:33:36,860 --> 00:33:34,650

like I tell people if you get to debate

796

00:33:38,660 --> 00:33:36,870

and you'd it's just an impasse because

797

00:33:41,060 --> 00:33:38,670

someone's really closed-minded I said

798

00:33:43,070 --> 00:33:41,070

just remember one thing when you get

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00:33:45,320 --> 00:33:43,080

over there and it's all black look for a

800

00:33:47,060 --> 00:33:45,330

little bit of light look just remember

801

00:33:49,580 --> 00:33:47,070

I'm telling you this now look for that

802

00:33:51,950 --> 00:33:49,590

little speck of light and follow it it's

803

00:33:54,590 --> 00:33:51,960

it's an advice that you might really

804

00:33:57,170 --> 00:33:54,600

take advantage of a final question for

805

00:34:00,260 --> 00:33:57,180

you Steve you mentioned it a little bit

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00:34:02,180 --> 00:34:00,270

ago this culture war thing that we are

807

00:34:05,180 --> 00:34:02,190

in the middle of it you mentioned it I

808

00:34:08,120 --> 00:34:05,190

mentioned it and that's that you know we

809

00:34:12,190 --> 00:34:08,130

live in this kind of schizophrenic

810

00:34:15,590 --> 00:34:12,200

culture where we embrace sometimes

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00:34:17,930 --> 00:34:15,600

spirituality religion we do not elect

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00:34:21,410 --> 00:34:17,940

people unless they have this claim of

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00:34:25,370 --> 00:34:21,420

faith even though we seriously doubt

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that for example mr. Obama President

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Obama is as he claims a you know devout

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follower and a really religious guy has

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he had to claim when he was you know

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being elect and then we let's say T did

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we really think that's true or George

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Bush you know who was really pandering

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to the Christians and now yo does he

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really go to church anymore I mean

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there's a lot of the guy never goes to

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church any worried he did it as a

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political necessity so we live in a

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culture where that is a reality but we

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also live in a culture that is really a

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mystic I mean when we really look at it

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science is certainly atheistic our news

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00:35:03,800 --> 00:35:00,120

media for the most part is definitely

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has this atheistic bent on it so you

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come along and you see this need and I

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see this need for digging into the data

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using the data to kind of bootstrap us

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into a new paradigm come on is that

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really gonna happen

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it may happen to one or a few people you

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know we don't know that I'm convinced

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I've written some on personal finance

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I'm investing and all these great

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economists from the California

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universities and places where the

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government takes its data from when

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they're trying to predict the economy

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the one thing we know is they may be

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right about where we are right now but

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00:35:44,720 --> 00:35:42,030

they're consistently wrong in predicting

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a year or two years out we don't know

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where this culture is going

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00:35:50,960 --> 00:35:48,540

we really don't a good book on this

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00:35:53,690 --> 00:35:50,970
might be the twilight of atheism by

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00:35:57,230 --> 00:35:53,700
Alister McGrath he goes back and looks

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at the history of thought you know with

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the French Revolution and all these

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different times when people are against

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00:36:06,590 --> 00:36:03,510
religion and so they kind of threw it

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00:36:08,330 --> 00:36:06,600
all out and said you know we'd be much

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better off without it let's let's start

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00:36:14,600 --> 00:36:11,390
out on an atheistic foundation well the

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1900's were were an experiment in that

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and we had the Russian Revolution and it

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was a disaster you know all these

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00:36:24,560 --> 00:36:22,290

atheist states that came up well then

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after that many people from Russia were

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very open to religion because they had

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that background well right now we're

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going through a time where because of

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9/11 because people are saying religion

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can be dangerous so there's a feeling in

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00:36:45,170 --> 00:36:41,460

the air that oh we become open to people

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00:36:47,870 --> 00:36:45,180

saying all religion is crazy but we have

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to be careful because these cultural

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things even in academia a philosophy in

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the 1900s is very very secular but now

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it's coming around a turning point so I

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see ourselves intellectually as being at

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a real turning point in philosophy we're

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kind of past all the

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you know language clarification where

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you just kind of discussed God out of

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existence we're past that there's a

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vigorous debate in theism and many

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strong theists that are philosophers at

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this point in cosmology look at where we

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are a hundred years ago everybody was

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saying that the universe had always been

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there for these things could have come

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about and with an infinite enough amount

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of time anything could happen now

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they're saying it had a beginning well

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that has implications but I think we've

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thought through these implications

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objectively enough to see where we are

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but when we have things like people

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because of religious motivations bombing

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us I think that makes our culture very

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open to people who come in and say hey

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hey just look at all this religion it's

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just a farce and we have to be careful

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because we went through that once in the

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1900s and it was a disaster millions and

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millions of millions of people killed

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under atheist states and the one thing

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00:38:12,440 --> 00:38:10,050
that these people agreed on who are

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00:38:15,020 --> 00:38:12,450
leading these states is that nobody's

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00:38:16,880 --> 00:38:15,030
watching us from outside near death

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00:38:18,589 --> 00:38:16,890
experiences say hey wait a minute

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00:38:20,809 --> 00:38:18,599
there's evidence that somebody is

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00:38:23,960 --> 00:38:20,819
looking over you and that you're going

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00:38:26,750 --> 00:38:23,970
to be accountable for that and I think

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00:38:30,410 --> 00:38:26,760
this is a great turn but the lines are

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00:38:33,680 --> 00:38:30,420
divided people who see atheism and

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naturalism can seem to only see this the

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theists see their perspective we need to

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read each other we need to think because

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these are deep issues they're important

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issues and we need to have these

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discussions thanks for having it with me

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Alex

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thank you Steve again the book folks is

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near-death experiences as evidence for

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the existence of God in heaven a brief

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introduction plain language Steve the I

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should mention the book is also very

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affordable as a matter of fact if you

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have a Kindle you can borrow it for free

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at least I saw that offer available on

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Amazon or you can download it for a very

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reasonable price wish you the best of

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luck with it and thanks again so much

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for joining me today on skeptic oh

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thanks for having me thanks again to

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Steve Miller for joining me today

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and skeptic oh do check out his

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excellent book he really has a lot of

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good information in there about

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near-death experience research and as he

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points out I think oftentimes on this

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show we make the assumption that

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everyone knows that there is this good

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solid scholarly peer-reviewed research

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behind this near-death experience and

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that's an assumption that we need to

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flesh out and let people know that that

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really is the case and books like

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Steve's allow people to jump into that

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research and get their arms around it so

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one question that I would tea up from

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this interview and it is the question

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that I focused I think most of my energy

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on and that is does the near-death

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experience phenomena as we know it from

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the research contradict Christian

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doctrine would love to hear your opinion

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over to our popular forum or you'll find

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plenty of other folks who would love to

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engage in a dialogue with you on this

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topic while you're at the sceptical

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website be sure to check out all our

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past shows there's quite a collection

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there on a variety of topics that you

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might find interesting

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and you can also connect with me

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directly there by dropping me an email

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or connecting with me through Facebook

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well that's going to do it for this

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episode of skeptic Oh working on a

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number of different projects and shows

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coming up I hope you'll stay with me for