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LAWYER'S EVIDENCE FOR NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

VICTOR ZAMMIT #215

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on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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with Victor and Wendy Zammit about their

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new book a lawyer presents the evidence

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for the afterlife let me share another

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quote from the book that I think gets at

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this it strikes home with me because as

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I mentioned to you in my email my wife

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as a forensic psychologist and gives

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testimony in court on her expertise and

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is just grilled by the other side as is

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appropriate but but here's what you and

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Wendy write in the book when materialist

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scientists attack scientists and others

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who support the paranormal the

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materialists do not allow their

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prejudices to be examined in public

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testing the credibility the prejudices

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and the degree of expertise of an expert

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witness through cross-examination is

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another role of attorneys well the thing

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is Alex in the legal process situation

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and a cross-examination the witness has

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to answer the question this is very very

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important in a courtroom situation I'd

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have to ask as I said before I ask the

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question Larry in this simple question

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what axalife evidence you came across

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you do not agree with I have 24

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different areas of afterlife evidence to

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present it not just one this is likely

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but prosecutor having 24 witnesses in a

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murder case

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welcome to skeptic oh where we explore

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controversial science with leading

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researchers thinkers and their critics

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I'm your host Alex akira-san on this

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episode I talked with a gentleman who if

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you've been following this skeptical

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movement for any time at all you've

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00:02:08,650 --> 00:02:06,170

probably run into that is Victor Zammit

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00:02:10,930 --> 00:02:08,660

he's a fascinating guy a longtime

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00:02:12,729 --> 00:02:10,940

attorney in Australia along with his

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wife Wendy has done a lot of research

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into some of these topics

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they've just published a new book I

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00:02:21,160 --> 00:02:18,440

thought it was a great time to have them

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on here's my dialogue with Victor and

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Wendy exam it today we welcome Victor

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and Wendy Zammit - skeptic Oh Victor is

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a lawyer with a distinguished legal

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00:02:35,890 --> 00:02:32,390
career in Australia but is probably

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00:02:37,930 --> 00:02:35,900
known to most of you as an articulate

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00:02:40,690 --> 00:02:37,940
advocate of near-death experience

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00:02:43,420 --> 00:02:40,700
science and for being a thorn in the

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00:02:45,910 --> 00:02:43,430
side of skeptics and status quo

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00:02:48,610 --> 00:02:45,920
scientist that's what Victor is known

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00:02:50,800 --> 00:02:48,620
for Wendy Zammit who has an advanced

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00:02:53,500 --> 00:02:50,810
degree in psychology has along with

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00:02:56,830 --> 00:02:53,510
Victor published a new book titled a

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00:02:58,539 --> 00:02:56,840
lawyer presents the evidence for the

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00:03:01,600 --> 00:02:58,549
afterlife now you might have heard of

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00:03:04,539 --> 00:03:01,610
this book before but it's just out in a

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00:03:06,610 --> 00:03:04,549

finished form and you really need to

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00:03:08,560 --> 00:03:06,620

check it out on Amazon or any of your

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00:03:11,920 --> 00:03:08,570

favorite book sellers they're here today

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00:03:14,080 --> 00:03:11,930

to tell us about the book Victor Wendy

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welcome thanks so much for joining me on

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skeptic oh good to be here Alex

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lovely to be here with you Alex great

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00:03:25,120 --> 00:03:22,459

well the approach that you've taken in

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this book in particular you Victor as

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the title suggests is one of a lawyer

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yeah why does that perspective need to

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00:03:36,849 --> 00:03:34,329

be brought to the table isn't this

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00:03:38,860 --> 00:03:36,859

something for science really to hammer

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out we're talking about scientific

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evidence of the after election we leave

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this up to the scientists well Alex a

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big problem with scientists is that they

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00:03:53,649 --> 00:03:51,109

can hide their prejudices they can hide

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their partiality there's a huge

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difference a fundament the fandom ental

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difference between

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scientific process and the legal process

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when we were dealing with the afterlife

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this is a quote from your book that I

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thought was particularly good and it

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00:04:14,229 --> 00:04:10,569

struck me as something that really does

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00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:14,239

uniquely qualify lawyers attorneys

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00:04:18,789 --> 00:04:16,639

barristers to look at this this is from

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your book you say much of the evidence

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for the afterlife depends on the

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testimony of witnesses who claim to have

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had direct experiences of it assessing

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their credibility examining their

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character stability reputations and

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motives is a standard task for attorneys

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I think that's I think that's an

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interesting point because scientists

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seem to fumble over this time and time

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00:04:47,140 --> 00:04:44,000
again that oh my gosh you can't trust

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00:04:49,270 --> 00:04:47,150
people you can't trust their experiences

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and of course that always strikes us

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00:04:53,710 --> 00:04:51,860
says well of course we can we we do that

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00:04:55,540 --> 00:04:53,720
all the time we do that every day and

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00:04:57,999 --> 00:04:55,550
then you bring it even further and say

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00:05:00,279 --> 00:04:58,009
that lawyers are particularly skilled at

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00:05:02,620 --> 00:05:00,289
doing that so what do you think about

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00:05:05,350 --> 00:05:02,630
that you just said it Alex I'd like to

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00:05:08,469 --> 00:05:05,360
come in here on that one when we look at

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00:05:11,020 --> 00:05:08,479
what scientists can actually do so much

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00:05:13,870 --> 00:05:11,030
of the evidence these days is coming to

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00:05:15,129 --> 00:05:13,880

ordinary people so much of the things

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00:05:16,480 --> 00:05:15,139

when we're talking about near-death

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00:05:18,879 --> 00:05:16,490

experiences when we're talking

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out-of-body experiences when we're

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talking about after death contacts and

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as as we said you know in a courtroom

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this is the lawyers job the lawyers job

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is to try and work out what is this

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person's motive how credible are they do

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they have sufficient objectivity and I

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00:05:42,939 --> 00:05:40,580

would agree with it with Victor on this

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00:05:45,550 --> 00:05:42,949

one that these are definitely skills

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that an experienced courtroom lawyer has

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well I think you both do an excellent

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job in the book of laying out that

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argument in a very structured

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easy-to-follow way that winds up very

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being very compelling and I think when

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we contrast that with the skeptical

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position it just needs to be brought out

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and examined because for the longest

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time I think that the skeptics their

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basic position is reminds me of the old

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Groucho Marx quote you know who are you

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00:06:16,180 --> 00:06:12,050

going to believe me or your

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00:06:18,399 --> 00:06:16,190

lying eyes people who say hey I really

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had this experience and the scientists

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are coming along and saying no no no you

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didn't because of this and because of

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this and because of that and we look at

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these people and we say wait a minute

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these people and every other aspect of

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their life are believable trustworthy

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reliable no if they're really having

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this experience or not why would we not

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believe them here so it's kind of an

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interesting situation let me share

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another quote from the book that I think

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gets at this in another way and it

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strikes home with me because as I

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Wendy write in the book when materialist

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scientists attack scientists and others

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who support the paranormal the

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materialists do not allow their

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testing the credibility the prejudices

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and the degree of expertise of an expert

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witness through cross-examination is

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another role of attorneys because they

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know that the outcome of many trials

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depends on the testimony of such an

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expert witness tell us about this

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cross-examination process and what you

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think would be revealed if we had the

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opportunity to cross-examine some of

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00:07:46,059 --> 00:07:44,060

these folks who are so dead set against

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00:07:48,730 --> 00:07:46,069

pardon the pun near-death experience

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science well the thing is Alex in the

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legal process situation and a

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cross-examination

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the witness has to answer the question

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00:07:59,619 --> 00:07:56,930

this is very very important in a

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courtroom situation I'd have to ask as I

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said before I ask the question Larry in

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00:08:07,719 --> 00:08:04,940

this simple question what axalife

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00:08:11,550 --> 00:08:07,729

evidence you came across you do not

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agree with I have 24 different areas of

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afterlife evidence to present not just

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one this is likely but prosecutor having

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24 witnesses in a murder case now why

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should the prosecutor call only one

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yes when he can go he can call it 2000

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witnesses well very good and Victor and

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Wendy let's go over a couple of those

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eyewitnesses that you have in a lawyer

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presents the evidence for the afterlife

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that you have quite a few as you

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mentioned a couple of them jumped out at

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me that I wanted to share with the

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audience and kind of get your additional

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feedback on so number 10

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some people have group near-death

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experiences so here we're talking about

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maybe a group of people that all have

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the same experience tell us about that

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and why that's important well I'll come

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in on that one the one that I can think

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00:09:14,170 --> 00:09:11,350
of is the group of firefighters who had

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00:09:16,540 --> 00:09:14,180
they were all unconscious at the same

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00:09:19,540 --> 00:09:16,550
time in a fire and they got to the other

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side and when they came back they

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actually shared the things that had

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happened on the other side to me that

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00:09:30,310 --> 00:09:26,720
this is really interesting and

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particularly why I like this area of

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00:09:35,620 --> 00:09:32,779

evidence is it's also been repeated in

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the Monroe Institute experiments you're

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probably aware Alex of that Robert

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Monroe had what he worked with groups of

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explorers who would go out of their body

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and would coordinate and would meet out

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00:09:52,600 --> 00:09:50,120

of their body and then would come back

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and they would discuss exactly what had

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happened to me that kind of verification

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is absolutely mind-blowing I think it is

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- you know and it's also a research

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interest of dr. Raymond moody of course

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who really pioneered this whole field

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and this idea of group near-death

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experiences so I think you're really

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onto something there let's move on to

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number 11

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some people have near-death experiences

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when there's nothing physically wrong

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with them it's interesting because when

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I've talked to skeptics think sometimes

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want to turn this around and say well

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gee not everyone has the same symptoms

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or the same medical condition when they

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have a near-death experience and really

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I mean that's more evidence for the

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unique medical mystery that this really

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is but tell us more well I'll come in on

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that one is

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well because my particular interest is

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in peak experiences and if you go right

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back to Abraham Maslow he was really

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into this sort of thing

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and Charles tart has put together the

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the website taste which is about

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scientific scientists who have these

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experiences of expanded consciousness

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which are virtually the same as many of

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the near-death experiences this there

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are so many accounts of people who have

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just had absolutely spontaneously had

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the same experiences as near-death

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experiences you can find you can find

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these on Kevin Williams website

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near-death calm he has literally case

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after case after case people just

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sitting down to meditate and they find

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themselves having an out-of-body

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experience a mystical experience and

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experience of expanded consciousness

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which is virtually the same thing so we

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clearly it is not just a brain

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misfunction right and obviously what

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we're contrasting this with is the

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important medical work that's been done

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in hospital that shows that people who

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are brain dead and we know that because

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they many times have suffered a cardiac

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arrest and are being resuscitated and

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there hasn't been any blood flow to the

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brain so we have this situation where

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people have no brain activity they are

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brain dead we know they're brain-dead

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00:12:20,470 --> 00:12:18,170

and yet they're experiencing something

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00:12:22,990 --> 00:12:20,480

that's very similar to these people who

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00:12:25,749 --> 00:12:23,000

are having these peak experiences with

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00:12:29,290 --> 00:12:25,759

no medical emergency so it's really is

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00:12:32,799 --> 00:12:29,300

quite a mystery and at the very least it

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00:12:35,769 --> 00:12:32,809

certainly falsifies this theory that you

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00:12:38,410 --> 00:12:35,779

are this biological robot that is purely

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00:12:40,869 --> 00:12:38,420

a function of your brain that just

284

00:12:43,179 --> 00:12:40,879

doesn't hold anymore when you look at

285

00:12:47,710 --> 00:12:43,189

this evidence does it not only that I

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00:12:49,329 --> 00:12:47,720

mean you mentioned the experiences when

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00:12:51,040 --> 00:12:49,339

the brain is dead I mean the classic

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00:12:53,440 --> 00:12:51,050

case so that of course is the Pam

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00:12:56,260 --> 00:12:53,450

Reynolds case I mean I

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00:12:58,810 --> 00:12:56,270

except what happened there when Pam

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00:13:01,900 --> 00:12:58,820

Reynolds when the surgeons were able to

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00:13:04,660 --> 00:13:01,910

to stop the brain from functioning they

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00:13:08,260 --> 00:13:04,670

stopped the heart from beating she was

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00:13:10,300 --> 00:13:08,270

dead for one full hour and yet she had a

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00:13:12,490 --> 00:13:10,310

full-blown near-death experience I mean

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00:13:14,860 --> 00:13:12,500

that shows that near-death experiences

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00:13:18,340 --> 00:13:14,870

are real when do you mention a minute

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00:13:20,140 --> 00:13:18,350

ago dr. Charles tart who I think is done

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00:13:22,090 --> 00:13:20,150

some fantastic work in this area he

300

00:13:25,210 --> 00:13:22,100

wrote an excellent book a few years ago

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00:13:28,210 --> 00:13:25,220

titled the end of materialism and he

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00:13:29,920 --> 00:13:28,220

lays out very convincingly the evidence

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00:13:33,400 --> 00:13:29,930

for what a lot of people call SCI

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00:13:36,040 --> 00:13:33,410

telepathy clairvoyance precognition all

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00:13:37,420 --> 00:13:36,050

these things that sometimes fall into

306

00:13:40,110 --> 00:13:37,430

this category we just lump them together

307

00:13:43,480 --> 00:13:40,120

and call them sight why is that

308

00:13:45,250 --> 00:13:43,490

important for your case for an afterlife

309

00:13:47,680 --> 00:13:45,260

because you do include that in the book

310

00:13:51,160 --> 00:13:47,690

what is the connection there okay well

311

00:13:53,350 --> 00:13:51,170

the whole point is that psi basically

312

00:13:58,720 --> 00:13:53,360

when we're looking at clairvoyant sclera

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00:14:01,930 --> 00:13:58,730

and communication bit telepathy when you

314

00:14:05,050 --> 00:14:01,940

are working with mediums what medium all

315

00:14:08,050 --> 00:14:05,060

mediums have first of all have to have

316

00:14:10,630 --> 00:14:08,060

very good abilities in telepathy and

317

00:14:12,520 --> 00:14:10,640

clairvoyance they have to be able to

318

00:14:16,680 --> 00:14:12,530

have those psychic abilities as a

319

00:14:19,930 --> 00:14:16,690

baseline and what we are arguing is that

320

00:14:21,850 --> 00:14:19,940

they're the same abilities except that

321

00:14:25,450 --> 00:14:21,860

the abilities are directed to a

322

00:14:29,140 --> 00:14:25,460

different dimension if we could if we

323

00:14:31,750 --> 00:14:29,150

can explain if we if we can show through

324

00:14:36,370 --> 00:14:31,760

laboratory experiments as we have done

325

00:14:38,910 --> 00:14:36,380

that PSI abilities exist then it's and

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00:14:42,700 --> 00:14:38,920

makes it's a first step to understanding

327

00:14:44,800 --> 00:14:42,710

how these abilities are then used in a

328

00:14:46,570 --> 00:14:44,810

slightly different direction let me

329

00:14:48,370 --> 00:14:46,580

switch gear is only slightly here

330

00:14:51,970 --> 00:14:48,380

because you also talked about in the

331

00:14:55,150 --> 00:14:51,980

book remote viewing and you remind us of

332

00:14:57,310 --> 00:14:55,160

this rather amazing quote from former

333

00:14:59,770 --> 00:14:57,320

United States President Jimmy Carter

334

00:15:02,230 --> 00:14:59,780

that he gave in an interview and here's

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00:15:05,110 --> 00:15:02,240

what he said he said he witnessed a

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00:15:06,840 --> 00:15:05,120

session where this remote viewer went

337

00:15:09,329 --> 00:15:06,850

into a trance and he said

338

00:15:12,150 --> 00:15:09,339

while she was in a trance she gave us

339

00:15:14,429 --> 00:15:12,160

some longitude and latitude figures we

340

00:15:17,909 --> 00:15:14,439

focused our satellite cameras on that

341

00:15:20,119 --> 00:15:17,919

point and the lost plane was there so

342

00:15:24,090 --> 00:15:20,129

here first of all this is astounding

343

00:15:25,559 --> 00:15:24,100

because in a number of respects but one

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00:15:28,139 --> 00:15:25,569

of the ways it's astounding is that

345

00:15:31,109 --> 00:15:28,149

we've had this misinformation

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00:15:34,259 --> 00:15:31,119

disinformation campaign for the longest

347

00:15:36,059 --> 00:15:34,269

time against psy and it's always come

348

00:15:37,529 --> 00:15:36,069

down to well know what doesn't we Brenda

349

00:15:40,229 --> 00:15:37,539

really did it it was never really

350

00:15:42,569 --> 00:15:40,239

successful and here we have with the

351
00:15:44,069 --> 00:15:42,579
highest ranking government official in

352
00:15:48,509 --> 00:15:44,079
the United States coming out and say

353
00:15:51,299 --> 00:15:48,519
yeah it was real I was right how can we

354
00:15:53,729 --> 00:15:51,309
really approach this whole area of the

355
00:15:58,139 --> 00:15:53,739
limits of consciousness when we have

356
00:16:00,629 --> 00:15:58,149
this official wall of skeptical nonsense

357
00:16:02,340 --> 00:16:00,639
that's out there Rupert Sheldrake was

358
00:16:04,159 --> 00:16:02,350
very interesting on this he said quite

359
00:16:06,719 --> 00:16:04,169
recently that science is becoming

360
00:16:09,090 --> 00:16:06,729
schizophrenic and I love the way he

361
00:16:12,949 --> 00:16:09,100
talked about this that the vast majority

362
00:16:16,409 --> 00:16:12,959
of people and as he was saying have had

363
00:16:19,499 --> 00:16:16,419

experiences of telepathy of after death

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00:16:21,299 --> 00:16:19,509

contacts and what's happening is science

365

00:16:23,819 --> 00:16:21,309

is actually coming into disrepute

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00:16:27,719 --> 00:16:23,829

because so many people are saying look I

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00:16:30,840 --> 00:16:27,729

don't care what you say I have had these

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00:16:35,129 --> 00:16:30,850

experiences and I know that they're real

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00:16:37,109 --> 00:16:35,139

and more and more I am in our research

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00:16:41,299 --> 00:16:37,119

we're finding that more and more people

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00:16:43,919 --> 00:16:41,309

are really going with their own

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00:16:48,989 --> 00:16:43,929

experiences rather than listening to

373

00:16:52,079 --> 00:16:48,999

scientists yeah I I totally second that

374

00:16:55,409 --> 00:16:52,089

actually yeah I tell you this Alex

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00:16:59,399 --> 00:16:55,419

I I experienced remote viewing myself

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00:17:01,889 --> 00:16:59,409

and nobody can tell me it doesn't exist

377

00:17:04,499 --> 00:17:01,899

my readings are readings Randy and I

378

00:17:07,740 --> 00:17:04,509

will read about this and a great deal we

379

00:17:10,350 --> 00:17:07,750

find China is more I'd say China is more

380

00:17:13,110 --> 00:17:10,360

advanced in remote viewing than any

381

00:17:14,669 --> 00:17:13,120

other country in the world today yeah

382

00:17:17,100 --> 00:17:14,679

and that opens up a whole bunch of other

383

00:17:19,710 --> 00:17:17,110

is let me add a throw at another little

384

00:17:20,520 --> 00:17:19,720

story about that I had a chance to

385

00:17:24,540 --> 00:17:20,530

interview

386

00:17:26,939 --> 00:17:24,550

Joe mechanical who is no you know

387

00:17:29,370 --> 00:17:26,949

psychic spy number one for the United

388

00:17:32,310 --> 00:17:29,380

States as part of the Stargate program

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00:17:33,750 --> 00:17:32,320

that a lot of people know about but a

390

00:17:36,960 --> 00:17:33,760

lot of people don't know that he's also

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00:17:38,820 --> 00:17:36,970

a near-death experiencer he had his

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00:17:40,530 --> 00:17:38,830

near-death experience while he was an

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00:17:42,450 --> 00:17:40,540

army intelligence officer in East

394

00:17:44,940 --> 00:17:42,460

Germany and it was probably the result

395

00:17:47,400 --> 00:17:44,950

of an assassination attempt but what was

396

00:17:49,920 --> 00:17:47,410

interesting is he comes out of this

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00:17:51,690 --> 00:17:49,930

near-death experience classic near-death

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00:17:52,800 --> 00:17:51,700

experience he's above as bada he doesn't

399

00:17:55,830 --> 00:17:52,810

even know what's going on

400

00:17:58,650 --> 00:17:55,840

seize him seize his mates drive him to

401
00:18:02,070 --> 00:17:58,660
the hospital and bang down the door then

402
00:18:04,350 --> 00:18:02,080
he has this extraordinary divine

403
00:18:06,690 --> 00:18:04,360
experience this meeting with what he

404
00:18:08,880 --> 00:18:06,700
feels like his god and he comes out of

405
00:18:10,950 --> 00:18:08,890
this and he's immediately interrogated

406
00:18:11,880 --> 00:18:10,960
by army intelligence because that's his

407
00:18:13,920 --> 00:18:11,890
job and they want to know everything

408
00:18:15,720 --> 00:18:13,930
that happened and he tells him the whole

409
00:18:17,580 --> 00:18:15,730
story about his near-death experience

410
00:18:20,910 --> 00:18:17,590
now here's what's interesting fast

411
00:18:23,160 --> 00:18:20,920
forward a few years later he's sent to

412
00:18:25,650 --> 00:18:23,170
Stanford Research Institute where

413
00:18:28,920 --> 00:18:25,660

Russell Targ and Hal put-off are doing

414

00:18:30,300 --> 00:18:28,930

these remote viewing projects and here's

415

00:18:33,030 --> 00:18:30,310

the part that I thought was amazing

416

00:18:36,570 --> 00:18:33,040

he says they go into his permanent file

417

00:18:39,450 --> 00:18:36,580

his military file and they pull out this

418

00:18:41,640 --> 00:18:39,460

sealed thing that says not to be opened

419

00:18:44,670 --> 00:18:41,650

by anyone except the commander of

420

00:18:46,830 --> 00:18:44,680

intelligence and therein is the report

421

00:18:52,830 --> 00:18:46,840

of his near-death experience and a copy

422

00:18:55,110 --> 00:18:52,840

of Raymond Moody's book know what this

423

00:18:57,090 --> 00:18:55,120

tells me and how it relates to what

424

00:19:00,510 --> 00:18:57,100

we're both talking about here is that

425

00:19:02,520 --> 00:19:00,520

the military knew about the reality of

426

00:19:05,190 --> 00:19:02,530

near-death experience knew its

427

00:19:08,400 --> 00:19:05,200

connection to psychic experience and

428

00:19:10,410 --> 00:19:08,410

extended human consciousness and yet to

429

00:19:13,860 --> 00:19:10,420

connect it back to our skeptical friends

430

00:19:16,170 --> 00:19:13,870

when they wanted to kind of put out the

431

00:19:18,600 --> 00:19:16,180

disinformation campaign they went and

432

00:19:21,510 --> 00:19:18,610

hired a skeptic like they hired ray

433

00:19:23,910 --> 00:19:21,520

Hyman from University of Oregon to write

434

00:19:25,650 --> 00:19:23,920

this report and say that Stargate oh it

435

00:19:26,460 --> 00:19:25,660

never happened it never produced any

436

00:19:30,419 --> 00:19:26,470

results

437

00:19:32,970 --> 00:19:30,429

so you know back to this point of how

438

00:19:33,870 --> 00:19:32,980

can we ever really get to the bottom of

439

00:19:36,260 --> 00:19:33,880

this

440

00:19:40,320 --> 00:19:36,270

when there is such an organized

441

00:19:42,960 --> 00:19:40,330

orchestrated effort to dis inform to

442

00:19:45,780 --> 00:19:42,970

miss inform people about the reality of

443

00:19:49,260 --> 00:19:45,790

this well as I said before these

444

00:19:53,640 --> 00:19:49,270

scientists who are targeting the

445

00:19:56,850 --> 00:19:53,650

paranormal researchers are getting

446

00:19:59,010 --> 00:19:56,860

funded by big corporations it's it's in

447

00:20:04,500 --> 00:19:59,020

the interest of big corporations not to

448

00:20:08,280 --> 00:20:04,510

allow this paranormal to to be accepted

449

00:20:09,750 --> 00:20:08,290

by my people everywhere and I think Alex

450

00:20:12,450 --> 00:20:09,760

you're onto something about a paid

451
00:20:15,120 --> 00:20:12,460
disinformation campaign I mean we're

452
00:20:18,060 --> 00:20:15,130
seeing now very clearly that there has

453
00:20:22,020 --> 00:20:18,070
been a a a very serious disinformation

454
00:20:25,410 --> 00:20:22,030
campaign about UFOs and it would not

455
00:20:27,930 --> 00:20:25,420
surprise us if that was extended to the

456
00:20:31,050 --> 00:20:27,940
whole of psychic phenomena obviously

457
00:20:34,290 --> 00:20:31,060
they didn't they don't want people to

458
00:20:36,510 --> 00:20:34,300
know just how powerful this is yeah and

459
00:20:38,640 --> 00:20:36,520
I've always thought that some people

460
00:20:40,290 --> 00:20:38,650
take that too far and think that there's

461
00:20:42,030 --> 00:20:40,300
some smoky room where all these people

462
00:20:43,710 --> 00:20:42,040
are making these decisions I don't think

463
00:20:46,170 --> 00:20:43,720

it really has to go that way there's

464

00:20:48,210 --> 00:20:46,180

enough people who are naturally inclined

465

00:20:50,130 --> 00:20:48,220

as you point out in the book and we'll

466

00:20:53,550 --> 00:20:50,140

talk about that in a minute to have a

467

00:20:55,680 --> 00:20:53,560

strong bias against this because it's so

468

00:20:57,870 --> 00:20:55,690

contradicts their worldview that it

469

00:21:01,200 --> 00:20:57,880

really doesn't take much for someone to

470

00:21:03,810 --> 00:21:01,210

shape this information in particular way

471

00:21:06,180 --> 00:21:03,820

nudge it this way nudge it that way and

472

00:21:08,160 --> 00:21:06,190

as far as pushing it I mean I think at

473

00:21:10,530 --> 00:21:08,170

the simplest level these folks are

474

00:21:13,050 --> 00:21:10,540

interested in defending the status quo I

475

00:21:15,180 --> 00:21:13,060

mean they just don't want to change even

476
00:21:17,610 --> 00:21:15,190
if they aren't sure what the change

477
00:21:20,250 --> 00:21:17,620
would be they're like let's just kind of

478
00:21:22,500 --> 00:21:20,260
keep the wheels on the track here and

479
00:21:25,200 --> 00:21:22,510
keep things moving along so we can

480
00:21:26,460 --> 00:21:25,210
continue doing what we do but I want to

481
00:21:28,890 --> 00:21:26,470
totally switch gears for a minute

482
00:21:31,560 --> 00:21:28,900
and talk about a topic that I think is a

483
00:21:33,510 --> 00:21:31,570
little bit harder to wrestle down

484
00:21:35,550 --> 00:21:33,520
because I don't know if we're in total

485
00:21:38,490 --> 00:21:35,560
sync on this and you mentioned in your

486
00:21:40,440 --> 00:21:38,500
book that your book is not religious but

487
00:21:43,170 --> 00:21:40,450
at the same point you know religion

488
00:21:44,910 --> 00:21:43,180

plays such a dominant role in West

489

00:21:46,620 --> 00:21:44,920

Western culture and I hear from people

490

00:21:47,330 --> 00:21:46,630

in Europe all the time and they go no no

491

00:21:50,720 --> 00:21:47,340

no and I

492

00:21:55,010 --> 00:21:50,730

say gee you know if you fail to see how

493

00:21:58,190 --> 00:21:55,020

deeply ingrained the judeo-christian

494

00:21:59,870 --> 00:21:58,200

Islamic Adriatic tradition is and

495

00:22:03,710 --> 00:21:59,880

everything we do then you're just not

496

00:22:05,540 --> 00:22:03,720

paying attention so given all that can

497

00:22:08,570 --> 00:22:05,550

we really ignore the religious

498

00:22:12,500 --> 00:22:08,580

implications of what nd E's are telling

499

00:22:15,170 --> 00:22:12,510

us I'm not saying in the book that we

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00:22:18,140 --> 00:22:15,180

should ignore a religion I'm not saying

501
00:22:19,610 --> 00:22:18,150
that what that religions are wrong about

502
00:22:22,910 --> 00:22:19,620
the afterlife

503
00:22:25,550 --> 00:22:22,920
I almost said that as a matter of fact I

504
00:22:27,730 --> 00:22:25,560
had Catholic priests saying gee that's

505
00:22:30,860 --> 00:22:27,740
great that you you are giving something

506
00:22:33,020 --> 00:22:30,870
presenting scientific proof that the

507
00:22:36,380 --> 00:22:33,030
afterlife exists this is great for us

508
00:22:37,940 --> 00:22:36,390
because it makes us feel good well we

509
00:22:40,280 --> 00:22:37,950
have now proved that they have to love

510
00:22:42,980 --> 00:22:40,290
does it's not just theory not just

511
00:22:45,410 --> 00:22:42,990
belief Alex let me come in on this one I

512
00:22:47,780 --> 00:22:45,420
think what what we take in the book is

513
00:22:52,270 --> 00:22:47,790

the fact that all religions began with

514

00:22:53,540 --> 00:22:52,280

psychic phenomena and these things made

515

00:23:02,750 --> 00:22:53,550

experiences

516

00:23:05,600 --> 00:23:02,760

the naturally occurring things which

517

00:23:08,840 --> 00:23:05,610

came about and which people then

518

00:23:11,840 --> 00:23:08,850

codified into the various religions but

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00:23:15,020 --> 00:23:11,850

if we go back to the actual experiences

520

00:23:17,390 --> 00:23:15,030

which generated these religions I

521

00:23:20,270 --> 00:23:17,400

believe we can go back to those and

522

00:23:23,540 --> 00:23:20,280

those are occurring today not just in

523

00:23:26,930 --> 00:23:23,550

the past fair enough and I would agree

524

00:23:29,660 --> 00:23:26,940

with you I just think we also have to be

525

00:23:31,880 --> 00:23:29,670

upfront in acknowledging that there are

526

00:23:34,730 --> 00:23:31,890

a lot of people who are going to find

527

00:23:37,310 --> 00:23:34,740

conflict with the near-death experience

528

00:23:39,980 --> 00:23:37,320

science approaching it just head-on like

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00:23:41,480 --> 00:23:39,990

you are without whitewashing it or

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00:23:43,040 --> 00:23:41,490

trying to fit it one way or another and

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00:23:45,080 --> 00:23:43,050

their religious beliefs

532

00:23:47,840 --> 00:23:45,090

I mean this blows out of the water the

533

00:23:51,430 --> 00:23:47,850

primacy of Christianity forget it if you

534

00:23:55,460 --> 00:23:51,440

think Christianity is the only way to

535

00:23:57,740 --> 00:23:55,470

experience the divine then you are not

536

00:23:59,780 --> 00:23:57,750

going to be comfortable with the body of

537

00:24:01,220 --> 00:23:59,790

near-death experience it just directly

538

00:24:03,760 --> 00:24:01,230

contradicts that there

539

00:24:07,070 --> 00:24:03,770

no way around it there's something most

540

00:24:10,669 --> 00:24:07,080

fundamental that what one has to accept

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00:24:14,060 --> 00:24:10,679

that mediums for centuries have told us

542

00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:14,070

that we have a duplicate body of our

543

00:24:19,400 --> 00:24:16,080

physical body we have a duplicate

544

00:24:23,090 --> 00:24:19,410

spiritual etheric body so that when we

545

00:24:25,190 --> 00:24:23,100

cross over the physical body is is dies

546

00:24:28,340 --> 00:24:25,200

and it's burns like like an old coat

547

00:24:31,610 --> 00:24:28,350

right but the the the etheric spiritual

548

00:24:34,159 --> 00:24:31,620

body continues and in the afterlife

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00:24:37,490 --> 00:24:34,169

now that's very important because this

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00:24:40,130 --> 00:24:37,500

is what NDE is about that with that

551
00:24:42,830 --> 00:24:40,140
spiritual that etheric spiritual body

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00:24:45,200 --> 00:24:42,840
comes out of the physical body when

553
00:24:46,520 --> 00:24:45,210
there is a near-death experience Wendy

554
00:24:48,640 --> 00:24:46,530
did you want to add anything to that I

555
00:24:51,020 --> 00:24:48,650
think you're talking about

556
00:24:54,610 --> 00:24:51,030
fundamentalist Christians that the kind

557
00:24:59,539 --> 00:24:54,620
of people who really believe that

558
00:25:01,669 --> 00:24:59,549
anything other than Christianity is not

559
00:25:03,710 --> 00:25:01,679
worth anything but I think you'll find

560
00:25:06,680 --> 00:25:03,720
that the the majority of Christians

561
00:25:08,900 --> 00:25:06,690
these days are taking a much broader

562
00:25:11,690 --> 00:25:08,910
view yeah I really think the

563
00:25:18,350 --> 00:25:11,700

fundamentalists are in a minority well I

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00:25:20,419 --> 00:25:18,360

wish I wish that were true I have to

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00:25:23,030 --> 00:25:20,429

tell you I mean I live in a very I live

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00:25:25,880 --> 00:25:23,040

in a very liberal part of the United

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00:25:29,120 --> 00:25:25,890

States in Southern California and up

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00:25:31,330 --> 00:25:29,130

until about a year ago we used to attend

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00:25:34,210 --> 00:25:31,340

me and my family used to attend a local

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00:25:37,370 --> 00:25:34,220

Presbyterian kind of very mainstream

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00:25:38,330 --> 00:25:37,380

liberal Protestant denomination even

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00:25:40,549 --> 00:25:38,340

though we're not Christians

573

00:25:44,150 --> 00:25:40,559

I just think God shows up you know

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00:25:48,530 --> 00:25:44,160

wherever you want but no they are not

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00:25:53,120 --> 00:25:48,540

they they are not as a whole open they

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00:25:56,180 --> 00:25:53,130

are very locked into certain values

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00:25:58,970 --> 00:25:56,190

certain beliefs into the inerrancy of

578

00:26:00,770 --> 00:25:58,980

Scripture so yeah it's nice to think

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00:26:03,560 --> 00:26:00,780

that but I really think that the

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00:26:06,919 --> 00:26:03,570

majority of Christians would be

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00:26:09,020 --> 00:26:06,929

welcoming in a very selective way of the

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00:26:11,210 --> 00:26:09,030

near-death experience message and I

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00:26:13,460 --> 00:26:11,220

think there's another level beyond that

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00:26:14,780 --> 00:26:13,470

in terms of doing the kind of work that

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00:26:17,590 --> 00:26:14,790

you all have done in

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00:26:19,850 --> 00:26:17,600

your book and really getting down to

587

00:26:23,330 --> 00:26:19,860

expanding our view of what consciousness

588

00:26:25,070 --> 00:26:23,340

is and and being willing to go all the

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00:26:27,110 --> 00:26:25,080

different places that you go in terms of

590

00:26:28,910 --> 00:26:27,120

you know what about mediumship like you

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00:26:31,400 --> 00:26:28,920

talked so much about in the book what

592

00:26:33,860 --> 00:26:31,410

about wrote this remote viewing this and

593

00:26:35,090 --> 00:26:33,870

these other psychic abilities I think

594

00:26:37,730 --> 00:26:35,100

there's a lot of people that are still

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00:26:40,100 --> 00:26:37,740

reluctant to go there or even the UFO

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00:26:42,800 --> 00:26:40,110

phenomenon which i think is somehow

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00:26:44,660 --> 00:26:42,810

related to this extended human

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00:26:47,000 --> 00:26:44,670

consciousness that we're talking about

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00:26:50,390 --> 00:26:47,010

again as you move further and further

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00:26:53,360 --> 00:26:50,400

out I think you narrow down the audience

601
00:26:56,030 --> 00:26:53,370
among the believer crowd that are

602
00:26:58,130 --> 00:26:56,040
willing to go there my experience is not

603
00:27:00,890 --> 00:26:58,140
so much with Protestant religion in

604
00:27:03,770 --> 00:27:00,900
extreme it's more with Catholics and a

605
00:27:06,860 --> 00:27:03,780
huge number of ethics have become very

606
00:27:08,660 --> 00:27:06,870
very comfortable with mediumship it's

607
00:27:10,580 --> 00:27:08,670
really interesting if you actually

608
00:27:12,890 --> 00:27:10,590
actually look at the number of Catholics

609
00:27:15,770 --> 00:27:12,900
I'm talking about people like John

610
00:27:19,040 --> 00:27:15,780
Edward who and some of the other mediums

611
00:27:21,770 --> 00:27:19,050
who are very very comfortable moving

612
00:27:25,100 --> 00:27:21,780
between mediumship and Catholicism it's

613
00:27:27,830 --> 00:27:25,110

amazing how many people within the

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00:27:30,470 --> 00:27:27,840

Catholic Church happily go to Mass on

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00:27:33,260 --> 00:27:30,480

Sunday and then go on to a spiritualist

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00:27:36,290 --> 00:27:33,270

service or go along and consult a medium

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00:27:39,200 --> 00:27:36,300

during the week finally I want to return

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00:27:43,130 --> 00:27:39,210

to the topic of the skeptics because

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00:27:45,560 --> 00:27:43,140

after you have been a tireless critic of

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00:27:47,060 --> 00:27:45,570

the sceptical nonsense that we've seen

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00:27:49,010 --> 00:27:47,070

and one of the things that I came across

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00:27:52,310 --> 00:27:49,020

on your website which you do have an

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00:27:56,090 --> 00:27:52,320

excellent website at Victor's amacom but

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00:27:59,060 --> 00:27:56,100

was the nine reasons why it's a waste of

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00:28:01,160 --> 00:27:59,070

time to argue with closed-minded

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00:28:03,620 --> 00:28:01,170

skeptics and I got quite a kick out of

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00:28:06,740 --> 00:28:03,630

this and again we can't go over all nine

628

00:28:09,140 --> 00:28:06,750

but I did want to touch on two of them

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00:28:12,590 --> 00:28:09,150

number one and number nine let's start

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00:28:15,650 --> 00:28:12,600

with number one rationalization through

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00:28:17,510 --> 00:28:15,660

cognitive dissidence and you know what

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00:28:19,400 --> 00:28:17,520

what intrigues me here is you know this

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00:28:21,380 --> 00:28:19,410

idea of cognitive dissonance is

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00:28:25,070 --> 00:28:21,390

something that gets thrown around a lot

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00:28:26,600 --> 00:28:25,080

but it's really very real in a way that

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00:28:28,640 --> 00:28:26,610

people don't understand I have

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00:28:30,770 --> 00:28:28,650

experiences myself in

638

00:28:33,740 --> 00:28:30,780

interviewing some very well-known well

639

00:28:36,470 --> 00:28:33,750

credentialed scientists who just freaked

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00:28:39,380 --> 00:28:36,480

out when they're really confronted with

641

00:28:43,460 --> 00:28:39,390

evidence that challenges their worldview

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00:28:46,910 --> 00:28:43,470

tell us about your experience with this

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00:28:51,080 --> 00:28:46,920

yeah well cognitive dissonance is this

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00:28:53,540 --> 00:28:51,090

is a defense when a person has deeply

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00:28:56,240 --> 00:28:53,550

entrenched beliefs let's say a skeptic a

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00:28:59,450 --> 00:28:56,250

deeply entrenched beliefs that there is

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00:29:02,380 --> 00:28:59,460

no afterlife for example now if I come

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00:29:04,760 --> 00:29:02,390

along and and and explain to him the

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00:29:07,610 --> 00:29:04,770

evidence for the afterlife twenty four

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00:29:10,880 --> 00:29:07,620

of them that which people found it

651
00:29:14,240 --> 00:29:10,890
impossible to revive but what happens to

652
00:29:16,490 --> 00:29:14,250
to that skeptic he tries to rationalize

653
00:29:18,380 --> 00:29:16,500
his beliefs this is because the

654
00:29:20,930 --> 00:29:18,390
information he's getting from me which

655
00:29:25,040 --> 00:29:20,940
is fundamentally inconsistent with his

656
00:29:28,240 --> 00:29:25,050
own cherished beliefs will speed up his

657
00:29:32,210 --> 00:29:28,250
blood pressure he starts to sweat

658
00:29:34,100 --> 00:29:32,220
anxiety sets in and and to offset this

659
00:29:36,799 --> 00:29:34,110
anxiety the skeptic will try to

660
00:29:38,930 --> 00:29:36,809
rationalize the saying oh you can't be

661
00:29:41,690 --> 00:29:38,940
right you can't be right because you

662
00:29:44,150 --> 00:29:41,700
know all my life I I didn't believe in

663
00:29:46,820 --> 00:29:44,160

this and you you know I can't be wrong

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00:29:49,250 --> 00:29:46,830

so this anxiety this this intense

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00:29:52,910 --> 00:29:49,260

anxiety the accepted things hick remove

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00:29:56,330 --> 00:29:52,920

it by rationalizing trying to dilute

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00:29:58,340 --> 00:29:56,340

himself what he believes in it's correct

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00:30:00,830 --> 00:29:58,350

well moreover this is something that we

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00:30:03,590 --> 00:30:00,840

all experience if we're honest about it

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00:30:05,660 --> 00:30:03,600

and I you know regretfully can look back

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00:30:07,310 --> 00:30:05,670

at times when you know I think I'm a

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00:30:10,130 --> 00:30:07,320

pretty open-minded person but there's

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00:30:12,790 --> 00:30:10,140

been times when when this is just how

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00:30:15,590 --> 00:30:12,800

we're all wired you know we're all

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00:30:17,240 --> 00:30:15,600

navigate through these complicated lives

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00:30:20,990 --> 00:30:17,250

that we have and we think we do a pretty

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00:30:24,650 --> 00:30:21,000

good job at it so we're pretty well when

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00:30:26,360 --> 00:30:24,660

to these ideas and beliefs that we have

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00:30:28,370 --> 00:30:26,370

and it's no wonder that when they're

680

00:30:32,419 --> 00:30:28,380

challenged we kind of freak out a little

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00:30:35,960 --> 00:30:32,429

bit it depends entirely how open a

682

00:30:38,750 --> 00:30:35,970

person is to new in information and but

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00:30:41,210 --> 00:30:38,760

there are reasons for some people to be

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00:30:44,990 --> 00:30:41,220

aggressive against the paranormal

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00:30:48,560 --> 00:30:45,000

as I said before there I gave nine

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00:30:50,529 --> 00:30:48,570

reasons and you have those one of the

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00:30:52,580 --> 00:30:50,539

number six this is about the primary

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00:30:56,029 --> 00:30:52,590

motivation and perhaps is for money

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00:30:57,500 --> 00:30:56,039

power status and their job is some time

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00:30:59,029 --> 00:30:57,510

and you know I think that's an

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00:31:03,740 --> 00:30:59,039

interesting one but I think that is

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00:31:06,980 --> 00:31:03,750

often a subconscious motivation in that

693

00:31:08,600 --> 00:31:06,990

you know they've run through the formula

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00:31:10,460 --> 00:31:08,610

and how this works and what it would

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00:31:13,340 --> 00:31:10,470

mean to really take this other position

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00:31:15,260 --> 00:31:13,350

and they don't even have to bring it up

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00:31:16,549 --> 00:31:15,270

to a conscious level to know that's not

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00:31:17,810 --> 00:31:16,559

going to be good for them but I'll tell

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00:31:19,520 --> 00:31:17,820

you the last one I wanted to hit at

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00:31:22,070 --> 00:31:19,530

because I hit on because I got a kick

701
00:31:25,970 --> 00:31:22,080
out of it is number nine you say is

702
00:31:28,250 --> 00:31:25,980
being spiritually [h__\h] tell us about

703
00:31:31,370 --> 00:31:28,260
that what do you mean well we do a

704
00:31:33,529 --> 00:31:31,380
little research and there's a very

705
00:31:36,909 --> 00:31:33,539
spiritual advanced teacher from the

706
00:31:41,779 --> 00:31:36,919
afterlife very very highly credible

707
00:31:45,830 --> 00:31:41,789
teacher who says that those skeptics are

708
00:31:48,380 --> 00:31:45,840
may not be spiritually advanced enough

709
00:31:50,539 --> 00:31:48,390
for them to understand what what what is

710
00:31:52,760 --> 00:31:50,549
going on about the afterlife and you

711
00:31:54,500 --> 00:31:52,770
point out in in the book or in on the

712
00:31:57,799 --> 00:31:54,510
website this is on your website that you

713
00:32:00,440 --> 00:31:57,809

just don't mean religious or the

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00:32:03,230 --> 00:32:00,450

spiritual in the traditional sense you

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00:32:05,720 --> 00:32:03,240

mean just a certain kind of openness

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00:32:08,060 --> 00:32:05,730

that we can't quite put our finger on

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00:32:10,250 --> 00:32:08,070

why people are more open in that way but

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00:32:12,320 --> 00:32:10,260

some people are and some people are just

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00:32:15,620 --> 00:32:12,330

totally shut down to any kind of

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00:32:18,890 --> 00:32:15,630

experience that is outside of their

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00:32:20,840 --> 00:32:18,900

immediate kind of here and now why

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00:32:23,870 --> 00:32:20,850

that's right and that there's one thing

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00:32:26,690 --> 00:32:23,880

I'd like to remind your listeners and

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00:32:31,279 --> 00:32:26,700

especially those who those skeptics is

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00:32:33,980 --> 00:32:31,289

that we have the evidence the absolute

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00:32:36,440 --> 00:32:33,990

irrefutable evidence that consciousness

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00:32:38,480 --> 00:32:36,450

survives that's no question about that

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00:32:42,020 --> 00:32:38,490

right we know what where we're heading

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00:32:45,399 --> 00:32:42,030

and we have some of the most brilliant

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00:32:48,470 --> 00:32:45,409

and most intelligent scientists who

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00:32:50,630 --> 00:32:48,480

after they investigated conceded they

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00:32:52,940 --> 00:32:50,640

said yes they had or open-minded enough

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00:32:54,560 --> 00:32:52,950

to say yes the afterlife here what we

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00:32:59,149 --> 00:32:54,570

accept him right

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00:33:02,060 --> 00:32:59,159

but there isn't one parent one scientist

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00:33:05,810 --> 00:33:02,070

one closed-minded scientist who wrote a

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00:33:08,590 --> 00:33:05,820

book saying why the afterlife cannot

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00:33:11,899 --> 00:33:08,600

exist there isn't one genius

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00:33:15,680 --> 00:33:11,909

close-minded skeptic to show that that

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00:33:18,289 --> 00:33:15,690

the the afterlife cannot exist you know

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we have hundreds and hundreds of books

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by long very intelligent scientists why

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00:33:29,720 --> 00:33:26,879

they accepted the afterlife and yet

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there isn't one book well counselor I'd

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00:33:35,690 --> 00:33:31,649

say that's a pretty good that's summary

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closing argument Wendy tell us what else

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00:33:40,999 --> 00:33:38,610

folks might find in a lawyer presents

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00:33:43,310 --> 00:33:41,009

the evidence for the afterlife and tell

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00:33:43,850 --> 00:33:43,320

us a little bit about the website as

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00:33:46,460 --> 00:33:43,860

well

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00:33:48,860 --> 00:33:46,470

Victor's amacom because I know you were

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00:33:50,509 --> 00:33:48,870

involved heavily both in the writing of

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00:33:52,669 --> 00:33:50,519

the book and in maintaining the website

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00:33:55,549 --> 00:33:52,679

and the newsletter that you all put it

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00:33:58,279 --> 00:33:55,559

well thanks Alex well yes the one of the

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00:34:00,889 --> 00:33:58,289

things about the book is we tried to

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00:34:03,680 --> 00:34:00,899

write it in plain English without any

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00:34:06,649 --> 00:34:03,690

any technical terms which we

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00:34:09,200 --> 00:34:06,659

deliberately kept in mind that many of

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00:34:12,109 --> 00:34:09,210

our readers these days are coming from

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00:34:15,020 --> 00:34:12,119

languages other than English and so

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00:34:16,909 --> 00:34:15,030

we've tried to have short sentences the

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00:34:19,339 --> 00:34:16,919

other thing in the book is we've started

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00:34:22,490 --> 00:34:19,349

off with the common experiences that

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00:34:24,559 --> 00:34:22,500

people have things that are people will

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00:34:27,500 --> 00:34:24,569

talk about and people are talking much

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00:34:29,990 --> 00:34:27,510

more about those experiences of after

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00:34:33,619 --> 00:34:30,000

death contacts how to recognize and

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00:34:35,690 --> 00:34:33,629

after death contact how to have how to

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00:34:38,599 --> 00:34:35,700

help somebody who's had a near-death

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00:34:41,079 --> 00:34:38,609

experience all of those very very

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00:34:43,879 --> 00:34:41,089

frequently experience things like

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00:34:47,990 --> 00:34:43,889

deathbed visions and how they can help

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00:34:51,290 --> 00:34:48,000

people who are dying the website itself

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00:34:55,339 --> 00:34:51,300

has a lot more research-based and we

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00:34:59,530 --> 00:34:55,349

have assembled a lot of videos to make

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it easier for people to actually see the

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experimenters I think when you see

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00:35:05,720 --> 00:35:03,810

people on video you can get a sense of

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their credibility you get more

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00:35:09,850 --> 00:35:07,140

information than just

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00:35:14,300 --> 00:35:09,860

watching rereading what they have said

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00:35:16,970 --> 00:35:14,310

the the book is available now of course

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00:35:18,590 --> 00:35:16,980

as you mentioned on amazon.com but the

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00:35:20,780 --> 00:35:18,600

other thing we'd like to mention to

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00:35:23,300 --> 00:35:20,790

people is that we have an earlier

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00:35:25,250 --> 00:35:23,310

version of the book on the website which

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is available free of charge that they

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can download the other thing on the

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website is we they can sign up for our

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weekly Friday report every Friday we

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00:35:40,570 --> 00:35:35,910

send out a report on the latest research

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00:35:43,760 --> 00:35:40,580

and interesting topics on paranormal and

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00:35:46,760 --> 00:35:43,770

afterlife research which has links to a

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lot of videos we have thousands of

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00:35:51,620 --> 00:35:48,750

people from all over the world subscribe

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00:35:53,780 --> 00:35:51,630

to that report and they get a great deal

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00:35:55,880 --> 00:35:53,790

out of it well great it's wonderful work

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00:35:57,770 --> 00:35:55,890

that you've done and I really appreciate

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00:35:59,530 --> 00:35:57,780

the book I think it's out and very

801
00:36:02,300 --> 00:35:59,540
nicely done I encourage anyone

802
00:36:04,880 --> 00:36:02,310
obviously it's free and available on the

803
00:36:07,520 --> 00:36:04,890
website but you can also grab a copy and

804
00:36:10,280 --> 00:36:07,530
give it to someone and really open them

805
00:36:11,780 --> 00:36:10,290
up to this Victor Wendy thank you both

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00:36:13,700 --> 00:36:11,790
so much for joining me today on

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00:36:17,450 --> 00:36:13,710
skeptical all right thank you Alex

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00:36:19,490 --> 00:36:17,460
thanks thanks again to Victor and Wendy

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00:36:21,860 --> 00:36:19,500
Zammit for joining me today on skeptic

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00:36:24,770 --> 00:36:21,870
oh I have a couple of questions on my

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tee up as a result of this interview the

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00:36:31,220 --> 00:36:28,350
first has to do with Victor's legal

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00:36:33,590 --> 00:36:31,230

approach to these issues and it strikes

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me as having a certain truth to it I

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mentioned in the lead-in the part about

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00:36:40,660 --> 00:36:38,250

expert witness and I think that really

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00:36:43,210 --> 00:36:40,670

is an important part of the near-death

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experience as well as these other

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experiences that science often throws up

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00:36:49,940 --> 00:36:48,600

their arms and says gee how we can't get

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00:36:52,430 --> 00:36:49,950

our arms around these these are

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00:36:54,650 --> 00:36:52,440

anecdotal and it always struck me as

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being completely out of sync with the

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way that our society operates but we

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trust or don't trust people in every

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walk of life in politics certainly in

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the legal system as Victor points out

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and we seem to have honed our skills

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pretty well at deciding what accounts

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are reasonable what accounts are true we

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have all sorts of systems even social

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science systems to determine that so

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let's probe into that a little bit

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and and re-examine the role that witness

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testimony might play in answering some

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of these questions the second question I

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tee up has to do with government

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involvement and we just kind of stumbled

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across this in the interview but I think

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it's very significant to again go back

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and revisit the account of former US

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President Jimmy Carter where he walks in

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on a remote viewing session one that

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turned out to be extraordinarily

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successful and impossible to explain in

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normal means so there's so many parts to

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this but one there was an active program

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to was getting results and then three

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most importantly we have to square that

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with the fact that we live with a

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position of official denial on this I

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think that impossible to resolve

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00:38:14,430 --> 00:38:10,450

contradiction between the official story

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and the reality of how SCI is used in

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our military in our government is

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something that I'd like the probe so I

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guess the question would be what do you

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make of that how involved are US and

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other governments in the application of

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these kinds of extended human

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consciousness including SCI that we've

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talked about so if you'd like to weigh

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in on any of those questions or other

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questions the place to do that is The

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Skeptical website it's at sk EPT ICAO

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comm you'll find a comment section there

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or a link to the forum which is quite

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popular and you can pop over and join a

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00:38:55,230 --> 00:38:54,250

dialogue over there of course while

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00:38:58,500 --> 00:38:55,240

you're at the web site you can also

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check out our over 200 previous episodes

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of skeptical all available for free

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download from the website and through

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iTunes well that's going to do it for

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this episode have a number of

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interesting projects and interviews in

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the works I hope you'll stay with me for