



THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY OF PSYCHIC MEDIUMS

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00:00:11,410 --> 00:00:09,110
on this episode of skeptic Oh Alex talks

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00:00:14,180 --> 00:00:11,420
with Michael Tim about his new book

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00:00:15,890 --> 00:00:14,190
resurrecting Leah Nora Piper you know I

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00:00:18,980 --> 00:00:15,900
think there's two ways we can look at

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00:00:21,500 --> 00:00:18,990
all this information about this period

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00:00:23,420 --> 00:00:21,510
we can look at it in terms of forgotten

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00:00:26,210 --> 00:00:23,430
history which is I think the angle that

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00:00:27,740 --> 00:00:26,220
you take you know but I got a wonder if

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00:00:29,269 --> 00:00:27,750
there isn't a totally different way of

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00:00:33,799 --> 00:00:29,279
looking at this history and that's

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almost like a textbook game plan for the

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:37,500
kind of scientism for the kind of spirit

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of denial that we live in today I mean

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it's almost like hey if you want to look

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00:00:48,920 --> 00:00:45,920

at how to take overwhelmingly

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significant evidence in Burien sweep it

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00:00:52,610 --> 00:00:50,910

under the rug and embarrass all the

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people who've touched it here's the way

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to do it just go back and look at this

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00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:56,820

part of history I agree I mean that's

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one of the reasons I wrote this book and

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for other books that I've written is to

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try and resurrect this stuff because

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it's so little-known I know a number of

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parapsychologists you know I've talked

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to a number of parapsychologists and

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they don't know it themselves that you

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know you

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I remember one who didn't even know

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Frederick Myers was and you talk about

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you know a piper Sir Oliver Lodge or

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Gladys Osborne Leonard and they're all

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names they recognize that they don't

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00:01:36,760 --> 00:01:25,770

know any of the history stay with us for

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00:01:40,670 --> 00:01:39,080

welcome to skeptic aware we explore

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00:01:43,070 --> 00:01:40,680

controversial science with leading

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00:01:45,440 --> 00:01:43,080

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:48,620 --> 00:01:45,450

I'm your host Alex Karras and on this

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00:01:50,389 --> 00:01:48,630

episode we welcome back Michael Tim to

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00:01:53,770 --> 00:01:50,399

talk about his new book resurrecting

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00:01:56,779 --> 00:01:53,780

Leonora Piper and to explore this

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fascinating part of history of a little

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more than 100 years ago you know I'm a

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big fan of history

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I love the perspective it gives us on

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00:02:07,850 --> 00:02:05,009

our modern everyday world and I think

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00:02:09,889 --> 00:02:07,860

that's especially true of the kind of

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00:02:13,400 --> 00:02:09,899

work that mike tim has done with this

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early part of the 1900s because what

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really jumps out at me is how smart

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00:02:22,130 --> 00:02:19,470
these people are you know we tend to

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00:02:24,229 --> 00:02:22,140
think that we're so smart advanced and

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00:02:26,240 --> 00:02:24,239
we have Google and our phones and all

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00:02:29,360 --> 00:02:26,250
that stuff and then you go back and you

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00:02:31,280 --> 00:02:29,370
read how these people spoke and how they

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00:02:33,979 --> 00:02:31,290
wrote and you feel well at least I do

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00:02:36,949 --> 00:02:33,989
like these people aren't my equals

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00:02:39,680 --> 00:02:36,959
they're my superiors in terms of

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00:02:41,690 --> 00:02:39,690
intellectual firepower and I hope you'll

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00:02:43,130 --> 00:02:41,700
prove that to yourself by picking up a

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00:02:45,350 --> 00:02:43,140
copy of Michael Tim's latest book

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00:02:47,000 --> 00:02:45,360
resurrecting loner Piper or any of his

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00:02:49,729 --> 00:02:47,010

previous books or you can go and just

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read the original works by William James

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and Frederik Meijer and all the rest and

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I think you'll come away equally

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impressed but let's get on to the

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interview that I just had with Mike Tim

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00:03:06,300 --> 00:03:04,230

on his latest book resurrecting Leonora

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00:03:09,150 --> 00:03:06,310

Piper here goes

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00:03:11,580 --> 00:03:09,160

today we welcome Michael Tim to skeptic

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00:03:14,309 --> 00:03:11,590

Oh Mike is the author of several books

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relating to afterlife communication and

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00:03:20,699 --> 00:03:17,040

mediumship including the articulate dead

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the afterlife revealed and his latest

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that we're going to talk about today

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resurrecting Leonora Piper how science

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discovered the afterlife it's a book

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published by white crow books which is a

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place where you'll also find Mike's

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excellent blog Mike welcome back to

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skeptic oh it's great to talk to you

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again thank you very much for having me

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on out so you've written this book about

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Leonora Piper someone who many people

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who are interested in mediumship and

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history in general might know but I

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think there's a lot of people who don't

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know who Leonora Piper was so I guess

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that's the natural place to start okay

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Lenora Piper was an American woman born

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in Nashua New Hampshire in 1859 she

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discovered her mediumistic ability

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sometime around 1883 when she was what

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24 at the time her father-in-law had

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suggested that she see a psychic healer

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for some problem she was having at the

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time and while she was seeing the

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psychic healer she dropped off into a

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trance and she started giving

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information to another person in the

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00:04:37,650 --> 00:04:35,350
room a doctor about his deceased son so

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00:04:39,600 --> 00:04:37,660
that's how she came to realize that she

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00:04:42,000 --> 00:04:39,610
had mediumistic ability and then she

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00:04:44,100 --> 00:04:42,010
started experimenting with it now and

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00:04:46,760 --> 00:04:44,110
then with friends then somewhere along

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00:04:49,380 --> 00:04:46,770
the line at first year William James's

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00:04:52,469 --> 00:04:49,390
mother William James being professor of

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00:04:55,620 --> 00:04:52,479
psychology at Harvard she had a sitting

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00:04:58,680 --> 00:04:55,630
with Eleonora and found it very

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00:05:01,159 --> 00:04:58,690
evidential and told her husband William

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00:05:03,750 --> 00:05:01,169
James all about it so William James had

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00:05:07,710 --> 00:05:03,760

his own sitting and was very much

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00:05:11,130 --> 00:05:07,720

impressed and as a result he signed up

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00:05:14,700 --> 00:05:11,140

Leonore to be a recent update for the

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next 18 years or so okay and and I still

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00:05:19,260 --> 00:05:17,409

feel and it's lien aura so I apologize

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00:05:20,159 --> 00:05:19,270

for that I'll have to do that correctly

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00:05:22,529 --> 00:05:20,169

from here on

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but I do feel we need to lay the

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backdrop here right I mean because she

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goes on to become the white crow that

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many people will will know who know

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William James know that his famous quote

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00:05:37,589 --> 00:05:35,080

about there being there only needs to be

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00:05:39,929 --> 00:05:37,599

one white crow to prove not all crows

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00:05:43,230 --> 00:05:39,939

are black and he's really talking about

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psychic ability and ability to talk with

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00:05:47,730 --> 00:05:46,120

the dead but the the timeframe that

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we're really talking about here and the

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backdrop of that is is interesting

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because we're coming out of a period

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with Darwinism with reason with a move

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away from religious thought into this

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00:06:05,670 --> 00:06:02,770

explosion of scientific free thought and

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00:06:08,459 --> 00:06:05,680

now here are these folks at the same

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00:06:10,980 --> 00:06:08,469

time who start getting this inkling that

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this spiritualism might have some real

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00:06:15,149 --> 00:06:11,860

legs to it

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can you fill in some of the history gaps

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that I'm leaving out there sure first of

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all as far as Mrs. Piper's first name

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it's it's Leonora

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Orlin or Lorros her nickname and Lia

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Nora was her full-name so either one is

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correct on that but as far as psychical

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research we formal psychical research

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didn't really begin until 1882 when the

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Society for psychical research was

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formed in London and then three years

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later it was for the American branch was

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also formed but it really goes back into

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00:06:50,129 --> 00:06:47,560
the 11th century I guess you could say

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00:06:52,950 --> 00:06:50,139
when the Catholic Church was setting

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00:06:57,059 --> 00:06:52,960
down formal guidelines for investigation

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of miracles involving saints and then we

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00:07:03,269 --> 00:07:01,270
jump up to 1741 thereabouts when an

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00:07:04,920 --> 00:07:03,279
annual Swedenborg was doing his own

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00:07:08,429 --> 00:07:04,930
personal investigation of afterlife

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00:07:11,519 --> 00:07:08,439
realms by means of clairvoyant mmm

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00:07:13,230 --> 00:07:11,529
out-of-body experiences or whatever he

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00:07:14,790 --> 00:07:13,240
was doing he was going into the heavens

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00:07:16,619 --> 00:07:14,800

and reporting on it there wasn't

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00:07:19,559 --> 00:07:16,629

research with anybody else but it was

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his own personal research and Swedenborg

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is sometimes called the first

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spiritualist they would jump up to the

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key event then on March 31st 1848 which

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00:07:35,640 --> 00:07:31,840

was the

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Fox sisters in Hinesville New York that

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sort of kicked everything off I'm sure

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many of your listeners have heard that

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story and their questions about it

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00:07:48,180 --> 00:07:45,940

but in effect they heard knocks around

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00:07:49,950 --> 00:07:48,190

the house and they and they had been

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00:07:53,719 --> 00:07:49,960
hearing them for a number of weeks and

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00:07:55,439 --> 00:07:53,729
all of a sudden these two young girls

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00:07:57,659 --> 00:07:55,449
realized that they could communicate

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00:08:01,650 --> 00:07:57,669
with the knocks they get three knocks

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00:08:03,510 --> 00:08:01,660
and had knocked back a certain number of

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00:08:05,940 --> 00:08:03,520
times and get the same number knocks

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00:08:08,040 --> 00:08:05,950
back and then then they realized that if

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00:08:11,280 --> 00:08:08,050
they asked a question and said you know

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00:08:12,930 --> 00:08:11,290
give me three knocks for a yes and one

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00:08:14,280 --> 00:08:12,940
knock for a No or something that effect

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00:08:16,409 --> 00:08:14,290
that they could get an intelligent

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00:08:19,250 --> 00:08:16,419
response they called us to detention

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00:08:22,379 --> 00:08:19,260

their parents and and the parents

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00:08:23,990 --> 00:08:22,389

experimented and and it just took off

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from there

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not only in Hyjal New York but within a

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year this was going on all around the

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world and and at least the Western world

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and and people started looking into it

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and one of the first who looked into it

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was Judge John Edmonds who was a Supreme

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Court justice in New York he was

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probably the first real psychical

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researcher edmonds sat with dozens of

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mediums he thought it was all bunk

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initially but he soon came to believe it

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and he built the first real book on

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psychical research called spiritualism

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and then there are several others in the

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1850s Robert hare who's professor of

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chemistry at at the University of

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Pennsylvania he got into it because he

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want debunk it he thought it was just so

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much quote madness and he was out to put

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a stop to it but he became a believer

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00:09:30,350 --> 00:09:26,339
after sitting with 22 or 23 different

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mediums and then over in France was

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00:09:36,720 --> 00:09:34,240

Allan Kardec he was conducting his own

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investigation and he also became a

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believer then we go into the 1860s and

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we've got the Alpha Russell Wallace who

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was a coal originator with Charles

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Darwin of the natural

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election theory and and he became he was

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a total skeptic and after sitting with a

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number of mediums he also joined the the

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believers and then up into now eighteen

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seventy that's when when the founders of

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the SP are the Society for psychical

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research began to take an interest in

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the matter Frederick Myers who was a

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lecturer at Cambridge a poet his friend

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Edwin gurney and and Henry Sedgwick they

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became interested started sitting with

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mediums and then in 1882 they decided we

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need to have a formal peer review group

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to take a look at this material I that

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that pretty much kicked off formal

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psychical research but as far as the

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times were concerned should be pointed

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out that the 1870s was really a time of

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despair Myers talks about this quite a

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bit and William James does too that it

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took about ten years for Darwinism to

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really kick in and that that result that

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mean even before Darwinism as you know

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the you know is the age of reason the

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age of enlightenment so forth people

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Darwinism was sort of the knockout blow

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people thought well you know if the

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world wasn't created the way the Bible

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says and the whole Bible must be wrong

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and this resulted in many people

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especially the educated people falling

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away from the church and having nothing

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else to fall back on and as a result

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there was a lot of what William James

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called soul sickness in fact James

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himself said he suffered from soul

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sickness at the time and that considered

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committing suicide does James and two

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other intellectuals at that time do they

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make that connection between this kind

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00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:49,630
of nihilistic atheistic movement that's

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going on that's behind Darwinism and

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this soul sickness or this malaise

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that's kind of falling over people is

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the

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Nexen understood at that point he

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understood that mean they they were

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looking for meaning to life a meaning

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life that had seemed to seem to have

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have disappeared with Darwinism and the

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downfall of the church and they don't

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00:12:17,710 --> 00:12:15,530

always come out and say that you know

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we're looking for evidence of the

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00:12:23,140 --> 00:12:19,670

survival of consciousness of death in

273

00:12:25,720 --> 00:12:23,150

fact the SPR when it was formed in 1882

274

00:12:26,970 --> 00:12:25,730

they carefully avoided saying that

275

00:12:28,870 --> 00:12:26,980

they're looking for evidence for

276

00:12:31,210 --> 00:12:28,880

survival and so they're looking into

277

00:12:32,880 --> 00:12:31,220

telepathy our thought transference was a

278

00:12:36,310 --> 00:12:32,890

term they gave it then which is really

279

00:12:37,690 --> 00:12:36,320

later named telepathy and Mike and I

280

00:12:39,910 --> 00:12:37,700

think you point this out in your book

281

00:12:42,340 --> 00:12:39,920

but correct me if I'm wrong part of the

282

00:12:44,620 --> 00:12:42,350

reason they're going down the telepathy

283

00:12:46,930 --> 00:12:44,630

route when they're first investigating

284

00:12:49,360 --> 00:12:46,940

these mediums it sounds almost so

285

00:12:51,160 --> 00:12:49,370

current you know it's a repeat of so

286

00:12:52,870 --> 00:12:51,170

much the research that's been going on

287

00:12:56,350 --> 00:12:52,880

in the last 20 years and that's that

288

00:12:58,660 --> 00:12:56,360

it's more scientifically acceptable in

289

00:13:01,120 --> 00:12:58,670

kind of a strange way to say oh it's

290

00:13:03,310 --> 00:13:01,130

this ESP thing that we don't understand

291

00:13:04,750 --> 00:13:03,320

than to say it's the survival of

292

00:13:06,550 --> 00:13:04,760

consciousness thing that we don't

293

00:13:08,320 --> 00:13:06,560

understand it do I have that right or is

294

00:13:11,230 --> 00:13:08,330

that not quite yeah yeah I think that's

295

00:13:12,520 --> 00:13:11,240

that's the case is just more than and

296

00:13:15,100 --> 00:13:12,530

still more scientifically it's

297

00:13:18,640 --> 00:13:15,110

acceptable today to talk about telepathy

298

00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:18,650

than it is to talk about survival even

299

00:13:23,230 --> 00:13:20,560

to the point where a lot of NDE

300

00:13:25,300 --> 00:13:23,240

researchers won't go there when the

301
00:13:27,340 --> 00:13:25,310
connection is even more obvious I mean I

302
00:13:30,010 --> 00:13:27,350
still don't understand how you can talk

303
00:13:33,820 --> 00:13:30,020
about near-death experience research and

304
00:13:36,520 --> 00:13:33,830
not immediately jump to at least dealing

305
00:13:38,380 --> 00:13:36,530
with some of the philosophical issues

306
00:13:40,630 --> 00:13:38,390
concerning survival but yet that's

307
00:13:42,220 --> 00:13:40,640
that's where a lot of folks feel they

308
00:13:45,250 --> 00:13:42,230
need to go and dance around that whole

309
00:13:48,310 --> 00:13:45,260
survival issue so this was also very

310
00:13:50,650 --> 00:13:48,320
much on the minds of these researchers

311
00:13:54,430 --> 00:13:50,660
in particular William James as he

312
00:13:57,970 --> 00:13:54,440
started this research at Harvard in 1885

313
00:14:00,160 --> 00:13:57,980

is that right that's right you told us

314

00:14:02,470 --> 00:14:00,170

just a minute ago how this research

315

00:14:06,010 --> 00:14:02,480

starts but maybe go over that period

316

00:14:09,760 --> 00:14:06,020

again what is James trying to do and

317

00:14:12,090 --> 00:14:09,770

then he locks on to Leonora Piper and

318

00:14:14,760 --> 00:14:12,100

then where does it go from there

319

00:14:17,190 --> 00:14:14,770

well Leonor Piper was it was probably

320

00:14:18,870 --> 00:14:17,200

the best medium that he had come across

321

00:14:22,140 --> 00:14:18,880

at least in the United States or a

322

00:14:26,280 --> 00:14:22,150

couple in England that other people were

323

00:14:28,110 --> 00:14:26,290

looking at but he didn't have time to do

324

00:14:32,550 --> 00:14:28,120

an extensive study with Leonardo Piper

325

00:14:34,710 --> 00:14:32,560

so he organized he organized the

326

00:14:37,040 --> 00:14:34,720

American branches this is a Society for

327

00:14:40,620 --> 00:14:37,050

psychical research and they brought in

328

00:14:43,260 --> 00:14:40,630

dr. Richard Hutchins who was a stray

329

00:14:47,780 --> 00:14:43,270

lien who was lecturing in England I he

330

00:14:53,460 --> 00:14:50,880

in England he had debunked the number of

331

00:14:55,980 --> 00:14:53,470

mediums and also went to Indian

332

00:15:00,990 --> 00:14:55,990

supposedly debunked Madame Blavatsky's

333

00:15:05,130 --> 00:15:01,000

so they pretty much assumed that Hodgson

334

00:15:06,390 --> 00:15:05,140

was gonna debunk Piper let's talk about

335

00:15:08,760 --> 00:15:06,400

that for a minute because this is a

336

00:15:12,240 --> 00:15:08,770

fascinating aspect of this especially

337

00:15:15,210 --> 00:15:12,250

when Hodgkin comes back later in this

338

00:15:17,720 --> 00:15:15,220

story both literally comes back and

339

00:15:20,810 --> 00:15:17,730

figuratively comes back into the story

340

00:15:24,210 --> 00:15:20,820

here's a guy who as you just mentioned

341

00:15:27,600 --> 00:15:24,220

goes into this with kind of a track

342

00:15:30,900 --> 00:15:27,610

record of shooting down these mediums

343

00:15:32,520 --> 00:15:30,910

going in and scientifically or live from

344

00:15:36,150 --> 00:15:32,530

with a legal background that he has

345

00:15:38,670 --> 00:15:36,160

saying I know enough to find the fraud

346

00:15:41,820 --> 00:15:38,680

find the trickery and expose it and it's

347

00:15:43,800 --> 00:15:41,830

not like he's opposed to doing this

348

00:15:46,650 --> 00:15:43,810

research he just doesn't believe that

349

00:15:49,860 --> 00:15:46,660

it's possibly true and he's the perfect

350

00:15:53,010 --> 00:15:49,870

guy for James to kind of tap to go and

351
00:15:56,340 --> 00:15:53,020
say look at my white crow here and show

352
00:15:59,130 --> 00:15:56,350
me if she's legit right right Hutchins

353
00:16:00,540 --> 00:15:59,140
had an open mind I think and I can't

354
00:16:04,050 --> 00:16:00,550
think of the person's name offhand who

355
00:16:06,360 --> 00:16:04,060
was really President of the s.p.a

356
00:16:09,900 --> 00:16:06,370
American branch the SBR at the time but

357
00:16:11,760 --> 00:16:09,910
he was out to debunk mrs. Piper to his

358
00:16:13,620 --> 00:16:11,770
brother had been taken by a medium and

359
00:16:16,350 --> 00:16:13,630
he thought it was all bunk and I think

360
00:16:18,680 --> 00:16:16,360
he had more of a more to do with

361
00:16:20,970 --> 00:16:18,690
choosing Hudson than James did

362
00:16:24,660 --> 00:16:20,980
interesting tell us a little bit about

363
00:16:26,009 --> 00:16:24,670

that first reading Hodgson gets with

364

00:16:27,689 --> 00:16:26,019

Leonora Piper you

365

00:16:30,119 --> 00:16:27,699

documented in the book and it's quite

366

00:16:32,040 --> 00:16:30,129

fascinating yeah well I should explain

367

00:16:34,199 --> 00:16:32,050

mrs. Piper went into a trance I mean

368

00:16:36,410 --> 00:16:34,209

people don't realize it they think of

369

00:16:39,210 --> 00:16:36,420

mediums today they see John Edward and

370

00:16:41,400 --> 00:16:39,220

Lisa Williams and James Van Praagh and

371

00:16:43,530 --> 00:16:41,410

so forth on the television and I think

372

00:16:45,239 --> 00:16:43,540

that clairvoyant type mediumship

373

00:16:47,910 --> 00:16:45,249

represents all of the old mediumship

374

00:16:51,090 --> 00:16:47,920

when it doesn't it's really quite a bit

375

00:16:53,369 --> 00:16:51,100

different mrs. Piper was a trans medium

376

00:16:57,419 --> 00:16:53,379

she would sit down or take her a minute

377

00:16:59,819 --> 00:16:57,429

or two to go into a trance state her

378

00:17:02,340 --> 00:16:59,829

eyes would would roll back into her head

379

00:17:05,610 --> 00:17:02,350

and all of a sudden you know her voice

380

00:17:09,000 --> 00:17:05,620

would change if it was a male so that's

381

00:17:11,909 --> 00:17:09,010

what Hudson was looking at this this

382

00:17:13,919 --> 00:17:11,919

woman speaking to him in another voice

383

00:17:16,889 --> 00:17:13,929

and the voice in this case was that of

384

00:17:19,860 --> 00:17:16,899

Fred his boyhood playmate and Fred gave

385

00:17:21,840 --> 00:17:19,870

up some little details as to what you

386

00:17:25,340 --> 00:17:21,850

know they did when they were boys

387

00:17:28,919 --> 00:17:25,350

playing leapfrog and and Fred actually

388

00:17:31,649 --> 00:17:28,929

had a fatal injury when he was I don't

389

00:17:33,029 --> 00:17:31,659

know 14 or something like that and there

390

00:17:34,769 --> 00:17:33,039

are other evidential details I don't

391

00:17:36,480 --> 00:17:34,779

recall I'm right now but that got

392

00:17:38,460 --> 00:17:36,490

Hodgson to thinking maybe there is

393

00:17:40,830 --> 00:17:38,470

something to this you know Mike it's

394

00:17:43,710 --> 00:17:40,840

interesting I just finished an interview

395

00:17:46,500 --> 00:17:43,720

with dr. Julie beshal who I you know of

396

00:17:49,200 --> 00:17:46,510

course and you wrote a nice blurb for

397

00:17:52,200 --> 00:17:49,210

her recent book but in talking to Julie

398

00:17:54,450 --> 00:17:52,210

we were talking about this topic of your

399

00:17:57,810 --> 00:17:54,460

first reading and a reading with a

400

00:17:59,580 --> 00:17:57,820

medium who gives you information that's

401
00:18:02,460 --> 00:17:59,590
just highly evidential that just makes

402
00:18:04,740 --> 00:18:02,470
you go whoa there is just no way and

403
00:18:08,669 --> 00:18:04,750
it's usually personal information and

404
00:18:10,500 --> 00:18:08,679
that's how it was with Hodgson too he he

405
00:18:13,529 --> 00:18:10,510
touches on some of the information from

406
00:18:15,810 --> 00:18:13,539
his first love that he doesn't even want

407
00:18:18,419 --> 00:18:15,820
to share but it obviously affects him

408
00:18:20,370 --> 00:18:18,429
deeply and I think also and Julie

409
00:18:24,480 --> 00:18:20,380
mentioned this as well you know I think

410
00:18:26,879 --> 00:18:24,490
this idea of getting around the trickery

411
00:18:28,620 --> 00:18:26,889
of a cold reading is something that

412
00:18:30,210 --> 00:18:28,630
isn't that hard to do right I mean you

413
00:18:32,129 --> 00:18:30,220

don't give out a lot of information and

414

00:18:34,169 --> 00:18:32,139

also the information that comes through

415

00:18:36,450 --> 00:18:34,179

if it's of a very personal nature that

416

00:18:39,720 --> 00:18:36,460

no one else could know you immediately

417

00:18:42,450 --> 00:18:39,730

are a convert and it sounds like

418

00:18:46,280 --> 00:18:42,460

in a lot of ways that's what happens to

419

00:18:48,330 --> 00:18:46,290

Hudson so even though he continues to

420

00:18:51,120 --> 00:18:48,340

pursue this in a very scientific

421

00:18:52,590 --> 00:18:51,130

rigorous way and he's a very intelligent

422

00:18:55,890 --> 00:18:52,600

guy that's the other thing that comes

423

00:18:57,930 --> 00:18:55,900

through is these people are not I didn't

424

00:18:59,310 --> 00:18:57,940

want to say they're they're not inferior

425

00:19:01,560 --> 00:18:59,320

to us that you'll read them

426

00:19:03,450 --> 00:19:01,570

intellectually they're probably superior

427

00:19:06,210 --> 00:19:03,460

to us in a lot of ways certainly their

428

00:19:08,700 --> 00:19:06,220

writing and their their speaking I'd

429

00:19:10,200 --> 00:19:08,710

hate to have an email exchange with any

430

00:19:12,630 --> 00:19:10,210

of these people because I'd just be

431

00:19:15,870 --> 00:19:12,640

embarrassed by my grammar in my language

432

00:19:18,180 --> 00:19:15,880

these were very intelligent people so

433

00:19:20,520 --> 00:19:18,190

here's a guy who has a reading and says

434

00:19:22,770 --> 00:19:20,530

wow there's something here I need to

435

00:19:23,310 --> 00:19:22,780

investigate it right so what happens

436

00:19:29,270 --> 00:19:23,320

after that

437

00:19:31,500 --> 00:19:29,280

mrs. Piper to a contract and and began

438

00:19:32,970 --> 00:19:31,510

sitting to heights and began sitting

439

00:19:35,250 --> 00:19:32,980

with her three times a week on the

440

00:19:36,840 --> 00:19:35,260

average and actually just went for 18

441

00:19:40,590 --> 00:19:36,850

years he sat with her I mean outside of

442

00:19:43,020 --> 00:19:40,600

a couple of trips he took to England he

443

00:19:46,050 --> 00:19:43,030

had hundreds of the sittings with her he

444

00:19:48,810 --> 00:19:46,060

would arrange for other people to come

445

00:19:53,340 --> 00:19:48,820

in and sit with her he would be present

446

00:19:57,480 --> 00:19:53,350

he'd sit there and take notes and you

447

00:19:59,490 --> 00:19:57,490

know record all this stuff you know they

448

00:20:01,470 --> 00:19:59,500

didn't do one of the problems with with

449

00:20:04,080 --> 00:20:01,480

that type of research of it they didn't

450

00:20:06,240 --> 00:20:04,090

really keep count as Julie julia's told

451
00:20:09,650 --> 00:20:06,250
you probably and told me that you know

452
00:20:12,750 --> 00:20:09,660
her type of research you can put some

453
00:20:15,330 --> 00:20:12,760
statistical numbers to it and you know

454
00:20:17,550 --> 00:20:15,340
you can come out say 70% correct here

455
00:20:20,340 --> 00:20:17,560
and sticky percent correct here and

456
00:20:22,080 --> 00:20:20,350
chance Jessie would only be 5 percent or

457
00:20:23,880 --> 00:20:22,090
whatever whereas they didn't really do

458
00:20:27,480 --> 00:20:23,890
that with Piper it's just you've got to

459
00:20:29,820 --> 00:20:27,490
look at the whole research to see ask

460
00:20:33,750 --> 00:20:29,830
yourself is it possible that this

461
00:20:37,320 --> 00:20:33,760
information could have come through the

462
00:20:39,120 --> 00:20:37,330
you know by by pure guessing what one of

463
00:20:42,150 --> 00:20:39,130

the big problems was and William James

464

00:20:44,340 --> 00:20:42,160

didn't seem to get this in the research

465

00:20:49,770 --> 00:20:44,350

William James keeps talking about mrs.

466

00:20:51,930 --> 00:20:49,780

Piper fishing for information but she

467

00:20:53,100 --> 00:20:51,940

really wasn't fishing and one of the one

468

00:20:53,460 --> 00:20:53,110

of the reasons I wrote the book is

469

00:20:55,590 --> 00:20:53,470

because

470

00:20:58,250 --> 00:20:55,600

as the scientific writers they don't

471

00:21:01,110 --> 00:20:58,260

really set the foundation for you or

472

00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:01,120

it's you know give you the background

473

00:21:06,510 --> 00:21:04,480

and they don't tell you enough to know

474

00:21:09,120 --> 00:21:06,520

what you know it took me about three or

475

00:21:12,450 --> 00:21:09,130

four readings of the SPI records before

476
00:21:14,340 --> 00:21:12,460
I began to figure out what was going on

477
00:21:16,770 --> 00:21:14,350
I didn't know the difference between a

478
00:21:18,870 --> 00:21:16,780
direct voice medium and a trans voice

479
00:21:20,940 --> 00:21:18,880
medium when I first read it and that

480
00:21:22,440 --> 00:21:20,950
that was confusing to me don't tell us

481
00:21:24,659 --> 00:21:22,450
what what are what are the differences

482
00:21:29,010 --> 00:21:24,669
there what a trans voice medium is one

483
00:21:31,710 --> 00:21:29,020
who the communication actually comes

484
00:21:36,990 --> 00:21:31,720
from her mouth I mean she goes into a

485
00:21:40,830 --> 00:21:37,000
trance and supposedly the spirit entity

486
00:21:43,820 --> 00:21:40,840
takes over her body and speaks right

487
00:21:46,919 --> 00:21:43,830
through her own mouth or a direct voice

488
00:21:48,450 --> 00:21:46,929

it can be transferred not necessary

489

00:21:49,799 --> 00:21:48,460

trance but the voice is coming from

490

00:21:54,960 --> 00:21:49,809

another part of the room and comes

491

00:21:58,320 --> 00:21:54,970

through a a trumpeter or something who

492

00:22:00,270 --> 00:21:58,330

magnifies the voice and this totally

493

00:22:02,250 --> 00:22:00,280

said that the medium can be sitting

494

00:22:03,600 --> 00:22:02,260

there talking to sub-8 next to her and

495

00:22:07,340 --> 00:22:03,610

the voice is still coming through and

496

00:22:10,620 --> 00:22:07,350

usually two or three feet above and

497

00:22:12,630 --> 00:22:10,630

above her or him and you know off to the

498

00:22:14,669 --> 00:22:12,640

right so the it's not coming through the

499

00:22:18,060 --> 00:22:14,679

medium herself the direct voice or

500

00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:18,070

sometimes called independent voice just

501
00:22:23,310 --> 00:22:20,799
comes from some point in the in the air

502
00:22:24,960 --> 00:22:23,320
above the medium and you know I was at

503
00:22:26,580 --> 00:22:24,970
that time I was reading this I was

504
00:22:28,440 --> 00:22:26,590
reading some you know things about

505
00:22:31,440 --> 00:22:28,450
direct voice mediums as well as trans

506
00:22:33,390 --> 00:22:31,450
voice and it just didn't really sink in

507
00:22:34,909 --> 00:22:33,400
as to what the difference was but the

508
00:22:37,799 --> 00:22:34,919
biggest thing that they didn't explain

509
00:22:40,890 --> 00:22:37,809
was the control aspect they keep talking

510
00:22:45,630 --> 00:22:40,900
about mrs. Piper's and early control was

511
00:22:51,750 --> 00:22:45,640
a person called dr. Finn a PETA's spell

512
00:22:53,850 --> 00:22:51,760
Phin uit and at times they would say dr.

513
00:22:58,049 --> 00:22:53,860

Finn I said this other times it's alien

514

00:23:00,810 --> 00:22:58,059

aura Piper said this and you know it was

515

00:23:02,909 --> 00:23:00,820

very confusing and that whole control

516

00:23:06,120 --> 00:23:02,919

process has never really explained what

517

00:23:07,370 --> 00:23:06,130

what happens is that on the other side

518

00:23:13,080 --> 00:23:07,380

the

519

00:23:15,600 --> 00:23:13,090

are able to speak through mediums for

520

00:23:17,760 --> 00:23:15,610

some reason or other I think they have

521

00:23:20,519 --> 00:23:17,770

to put themselves into an altered state

522

00:23:23,220 --> 00:23:20,529

of consciousness in order to communicate

523

00:23:26,250 --> 00:23:23,230

and it's like humans trying to meditate

524

00:23:28,409 --> 00:23:26,260

there's only a certain small percentage

525

00:23:30,180 --> 00:23:28,419

of humans that are able to effectively

526
00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:30,190
meditate and I think that's the same on

527
00:23:34,230 --> 00:23:32,080
the other side there's only a small

528
00:23:35,789 --> 00:23:34,240
percentage of spirits who can put

529
00:23:38,389 --> 00:23:35,799
themselves into this altered state of

530
00:23:40,740 --> 00:23:38,399
consciousness that allows them to

531
00:23:43,620 --> 00:23:40,750
communicate through a medium at one

532
00:23:45,360 --> 00:23:43,630
point in the book you talk about mediums

533
00:23:49,649 --> 00:23:45,370
on the other side and again we should

534
00:23:53,010 --> 00:23:49,659
add that this is all just your gleaning

535
00:23:54,870 --> 00:23:53,020
this from these reports of these folks

536
00:23:58,590 --> 00:23:54,880
so it's not like you're saying this is

537
00:24:00,630 --> 00:23:58,600
this is true it's just what they've it's

538
00:24:02,370 --> 00:24:00,640

their research that you've gone back and

539

00:24:04,320 --> 00:24:02,380

tried to sort through and give us the

540

00:24:06,090 --> 00:24:04,330

best you can but go back to that point

541

00:24:07,560 --> 00:24:06,100

that at one point they talked about

542

00:24:10,529 --> 00:24:07,570

mediums on the other side that is

543

00:24:12,690 --> 00:24:10,539

mediums spirit mediums who are helping

544

00:24:15,690 --> 00:24:12,700

spirits on the other side connect with

545

00:24:17,880 --> 00:24:15,700

the human medium on this side have that

546

00:24:20,940 --> 00:24:17,890

right that's right and that's what they

547

00:24:22,139 --> 00:24:20,950

call the control so the control was the

548

00:24:24,149 --> 00:24:22,149

medium on the other side where the

549

00:24:26,760 --> 00:24:24,159

control would do would get the

550

00:24:31,080 --> 00:24:26,770

information from the spirit that was

551
00:24:34,740 --> 00:24:31,090
communicating he would then pass it

552
00:24:38,340 --> 00:24:34,750
through the medium and then on to the

553
00:24:40,110 --> 00:24:38,350
community on to the the sitter there so

554
00:24:42,200 --> 00:24:40,120
that there were you know there was a lot

555
00:24:46,649 --> 00:24:42,210
of distortion going on first of all the

556
00:24:50,430 --> 00:24:46,659
apparently the control doesn't receive

557
00:24:54,029 --> 00:24:50,440
the information from the communicator

558
00:24:55,919 --> 00:24:54,039
the spirit communicator verbally is is

559
00:24:58,440 --> 00:24:55,929
my thought transference so a lot of

560
00:25:02,519 --> 00:24:58,450
times the control again dr. tsanay being

561
00:25:04,289 --> 00:25:02,529
the early control he had to interpret

562
00:25:05,580 --> 00:25:04,299
what the spirits were telling him and

563
00:25:08,460 --> 00:25:05,590

then frequently he didn't interpret it

564

00:25:11,330 --> 00:25:08,470

correctly and he would fish so William

565

00:25:14,070 --> 00:25:11,340

James thought Mrs. Piper was fishing but

566

00:25:16,470 --> 00:25:14,080

Dr. Pinette was actually not was

567

00:25:18,810 --> 00:25:16,480

occupying Mrs. Fennel or Mrs. Piper's

568

00:25:20,279 --> 00:25:18,820

body and he was doing the fishy he's

569

00:25:21,210 --> 00:25:20,289

trying to figure out what is this spirit

570

00:25:23,039 --> 00:25:21,220

trying to tell me

571

00:25:28,049 --> 00:25:23,049

I'm not getting it clearly and so he

572

00:25:30,360 --> 00:25:28,059

would fish from this from the spirit not

573

00:25:32,909 --> 00:25:30,370

not the sitter and that's what James

574

00:25:36,029 --> 00:25:32,919

never got clearly or never stated

575

00:25:39,149 --> 00:25:36,039

clearly where Hudson and and later Dr.

576

00:25:41,310 --> 00:25:39,159

James Hislop who succeeded Hodgson they

577

00:25:43,020 --> 00:25:41,320

they saw it very clear that you know

578

00:25:45,240 --> 00:25:43,030

this is Piper's not fishing it's it's

579

00:25:46,409 --> 00:25:45,250

it's the spirit control who's fishing

580

00:25:48,690 --> 00:25:46,419

for information

581

00:25:51,330 --> 00:25:48,700

you know Mike you've mentioned William

582

00:25:54,120 --> 00:25:51,340

James now a couple times in less than

583

00:25:56,310 --> 00:25:54,130

glowing terms which he's always referred

584

00:25:58,890 --> 00:25:56,320

to and he wrote an interesting blog post

585

00:26:00,899 --> 00:25:58,900

a while back that I remember the title

586

00:26:04,919 --> 00:26:00,909

really sticks in my head it's a-you know

587

00:26:06,830 --> 00:26:04,929

was William James a wimp and I'd like to

588

00:26:09,390 --> 00:26:06,840

go into that for a minute because I

589

00:26:12,299 --> 00:26:09,400

think you come to the conclusion that

590

00:26:14,760 --> 00:26:12,309

William James although he stepped into

591

00:26:18,419 --> 00:26:14,770

this territory that was just even at the

592

00:26:19,980 --> 00:26:18,429

time toxic in terms of career-wise to

593

00:26:23,130 --> 00:26:19,990

kind of go there and he was brave enough

594

00:26:26,250 --> 00:26:23,140

to go there he maybe didn't go as far as

595

00:26:29,490 --> 00:26:26,260

he could've in terms of advancing this

596

00:26:32,549 --> 00:26:29,500

whole area and elevating it to a

597

00:26:34,830 --> 00:26:32,559

scientific level that that would change

598

00:26:40,049 --> 00:26:34,840

the world more what would tell us about

599

00:26:42,450 --> 00:26:40,059

that yeah well he didn't want to have

600

00:26:44,399 --> 00:26:42,460

his reputation damaged by coming out and

601
00:26:46,500 --> 00:26:44,409
saying yes I believe in spirits and

602
00:26:49,080 --> 00:26:46,510
spirit start communicating that might

603
00:26:53,100 --> 00:26:49,090
have ended his academic career and even

604
00:26:54,870 --> 00:26:53,110
today as you know Julie and many others

605
00:26:56,539 --> 00:26:54,880
will tell you that you know if you start

606
00:27:00,680 --> 00:26:56,549
talking about spirits in an academic

607
00:27:03,029 --> 00:27:00,690
setting you're risking losing your job

608
00:27:05,520 --> 00:27:03,039
and it was much more so I guess back

609
00:27:07,799 --> 00:27:05,530
then so he had to sort of sit on the

610
00:27:09,570 --> 00:27:07,809
fence I mean I think reading between the

611
00:27:11,850 --> 00:27:09,580
lines with William James I think he

612
00:27:13,440 --> 00:27:11,860
believes in spirits he he made a number

613
00:27:16,020 --> 00:27:13,450

of statements that said he was leaning

614

00:27:19,440 --> 00:27:16,030

in that direction but he didn't come

615

00:27:21,390 --> 00:27:19,450

directly out like Hodgson and his lap

616

00:27:23,970 --> 00:27:21,400

and sir Oliver lodges and Frederik

617

00:27:26,130 --> 00:27:23,980

Meijer I mean they all started as

618

00:27:29,100 --> 00:27:26,140

skeptics and at some point in time they

619

00:27:31,590 --> 00:27:29,110

says okay I've got enough I now believe

620

00:27:33,870 --> 00:27:31,600

that spirits are communicating with us I

621

00:27:34,920 --> 00:27:33,880

believe in life after death James never

622

00:27:36,390 --> 00:27:34,930

said that he just

623

00:27:38,550 --> 00:27:36,400

continue to sit on the fence the whole

624

00:27:40,230 --> 00:27:38,560

time I think there's two ways that a lot

625

00:27:42,450 --> 00:27:40,240

of times it seems like these researchers

626

00:27:44,550 --> 00:27:42,460

want to go one is to kind of play it

627

00:27:47,370 --> 00:27:44,560

tight to the vest like Williams James

628

00:27:50,370 --> 00:27:47,380

did and you can almost in reading

629

00:27:52,830 --> 00:27:50,380

between the lines read this assumption

630

00:27:55,380 --> 00:27:52,840

that they have that you know in the long

631

00:27:57,810 --> 00:27:55,390

run this will play out there's enough

632

00:27:59,940 --> 00:27:57,820

evidence behind this I don't need to

633

00:28:01,680 --> 00:27:59,950

stick my neck out all the way it's just

634

00:28:03,810 --> 00:28:01,690

gonna get chopped off it won't advance

635

00:28:05,310 --> 00:28:03,820

the cause let me kind of play this

636

00:28:07,410 --> 00:28:05,320

middle ground here even though that's

637

00:28:10,290 --> 00:28:07,420

not what I really believe in the long

638

00:28:12,480 --> 00:28:10,300

run that'll get us closer and the other

639

00:28:15,300 --> 00:28:12,490

person is just kind of the convert who

640

00:28:18,750 --> 00:28:15,310

says what why we can't kind of live in

641

00:28:20,670 --> 00:28:18,760

this world of Hall of Mirrors where we

642

00:28:22,950 --> 00:28:20,680

don't say what we've really found and we

643

00:28:24,510 --> 00:28:22,960

need to come out and report it don't you

644

00:28:27,030 --> 00:28:24,520

see that same thing kind of going on

645

00:28:29,400 --> 00:28:27,040

today and I guess there's you can make a

646

00:28:31,560 --> 00:28:29,410

case for either one I mean sometimes if

647

00:28:34,680 --> 00:28:31,570

the public at large isn't ready to

648

00:28:38,100 --> 00:28:34,690

accept an idea maybe it isn't best to go

649

00:28:41,700 --> 00:28:38,110

out with it to boldly yeah I think we

650

00:28:44,820 --> 00:28:41,710

just keep reinventing the wheel to give

651
00:28:49,680 --> 00:28:44,830
you an example i'm i was at there's an

652
00:28:51,750 --> 00:28:49,690
anthology of spiritual things being put

653
00:28:54,390 --> 00:28:51,760
together by a professor in northern

654
00:28:58,560 --> 00:28:54,400
california and i was asked to write a

655
00:29:00,630 --> 00:28:58,570
five thousand word essay on ectoplasm so

656
00:29:05,550 --> 00:29:00,640
i put it together and sent it to the

657
00:29:07,140 --> 00:29:05,560
professor and and he said it's not

658
00:29:10,170 --> 00:29:07,150
balanced enough you got to put more of

659
00:29:13,770 --> 00:29:10,180
the skeptics view into it and i pointed

660
00:29:16,680 --> 00:29:13,780
out to him that the researchers that i

661
00:29:19,620 --> 00:29:16,690
cited which were rachel and Gustav D Lee

662
00:29:22,490 --> 00:29:19,630
and and shrank not seeing and all those

663
00:29:24,810 --> 00:29:22,500

who who did a lot of research with

664

00:29:27,120 --> 00:29:24,820

mediums who were giving off ectoplasm

665

00:29:28,800 --> 00:29:27,130

they'd already they started a skeptic

666

00:29:30,770 --> 00:29:28,810

they had already ruled out the skeptical

667

00:29:33,780 --> 00:29:30,780

side of it so why do I have to bring in

668

00:29:35,340 --> 00:29:33,790

skeptics who saw it only one time or had

669

00:29:37,230 --> 00:29:35,350

to had this idea that it wasn't true

670

00:29:40,170 --> 00:29:37,240

because it you know there's no natural

671

00:29:42,990 --> 00:29:40,180

cause for it or whatever and I said it's

672

00:29:45,120 --> 00:29:43,000

already been you know addressed and it's

673

00:29:46,920 --> 00:29:45,130

this league for balance it's a false

674

00:29:48,690 --> 00:29:46,930

balance it's it's an art it's an

675

00:29:51,389 --> 00:29:48,700

artificial balance

676

00:29:54,389 --> 00:29:51,399

and it's really a sleight of hand in

677

00:29:57,659 --> 00:29:54,399

kind of turning science on its head it's

678

00:30:01,019 --> 00:29:57,669

the dr. Richard Wiseman quote that says

679

00:30:03,629 --> 00:30:01,029

hey ESP has been proven by the normal

680

00:30:05,789 --> 00:30:03,639

standards of science but that raises the

681

00:30:08,879 --> 00:30:05,799

question do we need a different standard

682

00:30:11,369 --> 00:30:08,889

and I think that's that gets repeated

683

00:30:14,190 --> 00:30:11,379

over and over again you know I guess I'd

684

00:30:17,190 --> 00:30:14,200

I'd pull back from that and and ask

685

00:30:19,499 --> 00:30:17,200

about the purpose of your book in

686

00:30:23,580 --> 00:30:19,509

general because you know Mike you've

687

00:30:26,489 --> 00:30:23,590

done just a yeoman's job of chronicling

688

00:30:28,529 --> 00:30:26,499

this aspect of history looking at it in

689

00:30:30,570 --> 00:30:28,539

a number of different ways that no one

690

00:30:32,879 --> 00:30:30,580

else has pulled together you have an

691

00:30:35,700 --> 00:30:32,889

interesting perspective in this book

692

00:30:37,409 --> 00:30:35,710

resurrecting Leonora Piper you know I

693

00:30:40,680 --> 00:30:37,419

think there's two ways we can look at

694

00:30:43,019 --> 00:30:40,690

all this information about this period

695

00:30:44,940 --> 00:30:43,029

we can look at it in terms of forgotten

696

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

history which is I think the angle that

697

00:30:49,129 --> 00:30:46,960

you take you know if only we would go

698

00:30:51,239 --> 00:30:49,139

back and an honest person with

699

00:30:54,590 --> 00:30:51,249

open-minded person would look at this

700

00:30:57,629 --> 00:30:54,600

data it's pretty hard not to be

701
00:30:59,609 --> 00:30:57,639
extremely aware that there's in a

702
00:31:02,639 --> 00:30:59,619
significant amount of this history

703
00:31:04,169 --> 00:31:02,649
that's been lost but I got a wonder if

704
00:31:05,700 --> 00:31:04,179
there isn't a totally different way of

705
00:31:10,229 --> 00:31:05,710
looking at this history and that's

706
00:31:13,919 --> 00:31:10,239
almost like a textbook game plan for the

707
00:31:16,979 --> 00:31:13,929
kind of scientism for the kind of spirit

708
00:31:19,409 --> 00:31:16,989
of denial that we live in today I mean

709
00:31:22,340 --> 00:31:19,419
it's almost like hey if you want to look

710
00:31:25,349 --> 00:31:22,350
at how to take overwhelmingly

711
00:31:27,299 --> 00:31:25,359
significant evidence in Burien sweep it

712
00:31:28,499 --> 00:31:27,309
under the rug and embarrass all the

713
00:31:30,570 --> 00:31:28,509

people who've touched it

714

00:31:32,279 --> 00:31:30,580

hey here here's the way to good here's

715

00:31:33,450 --> 00:31:32,289

the way to do it just go back and look

716

00:31:35,609 --> 00:31:33,460

at this part of history

717

00:31:37,619 --> 00:31:35,619

I agree I mean I mean that's one of the

718

00:31:39,029 --> 00:31:37,629

reasons I wrote this book and for other

719

00:31:41,479 --> 00:31:39,039

books that I've written is to try and

720

00:31:44,659 --> 00:31:41,489

resurrect this stuff because it's so

721

00:31:46,590 --> 00:31:44,669

little-known I know a number of

722

00:31:48,389 --> 00:31:46,600

parapsychologists you know I've talked

723

00:31:50,249 --> 00:31:48,399

to a number of parapsychologists and

724

00:31:52,200 --> 00:31:50,259

they don't know it themselves that you

725

00:31:55,320 --> 00:31:52,210

know you I remember one who didn't even

726
00:31:59,580 --> 00:31:55,330
know Frederick Myers was and you talked

727
00:32:01,830 --> 00:31:59,590
about you know a piper sir Oliver Lodge

728
00:32:03,540 --> 00:32:01,840
you're Gladys Osborne Leonard and

729
00:32:05,180 --> 00:32:03,550
they're all names they recognize but

730
00:32:07,890 --> 00:32:05,190
they don't know any of the history I

731
00:32:09,930 --> 00:32:07,900
don't know what they what they teach him

732
00:32:12,630 --> 00:32:09,940
when they're you know pursuing their

733
00:32:16,380 --> 00:32:12,640
degrees in parapsychology but they seem

734
00:32:20,340 --> 00:32:16,390
to escape the or avoid the early stuff

735
00:32:23,460 --> 00:32:20,350
well parapsychology formerly as it's

736
00:32:26,220 --> 00:32:23,470
taught has become really anomalous

737
00:32:28,610 --> 00:32:26,230
psychology it's why people believe weird

738
00:32:32,670 --> 00:32:28,620

things I mean that's what that's where

739

00:32:34,890 --> 00:32:32,680

parapsychology is really being taken so

740

00:32:37,590 --> 00:32:34,900

it's not surprising that they're not

741

00:32:40,260 --> 00:32:37,600

interested in history but it's from

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00:32:43,530 --> 00:32:40,270

another perspective it is interesting

743

00:32:47,000 --> 00:32:43,540

how we in our modern age in our iPhone

744

00:32:50,400 --> 00:32:47,010

internet age feel a complete disconnect

745

00:32:52,650 --> 00:32:50,410

with even this history that's a little

746

00:32:53,910 --> 00:32:52,660

more than a hundred years ago one of the

747

00:32:56,790 --> 00:32:53,920

things that I think your book does a

748

00:32:59,130 --> 00:32:56,800

great job of doing is connecting us with

749

00:33:02,130 --> 00:32:59,140

that time period and connecting us with

750

00:33:05,550 --> 00:33:02,140

the events that have gone on since then

751
00:33:07,620 --> 00:33:05,560
that become really just smaller stepping

752
00:33:09,810 --> 00:33:07,630
stones that that we can see how the path

753
00:33:12,510 --> 00:33:09,820
is gone that's how I felt from the book

754
00:33:14,820 --> 00:33:12,520
I felt you know what I'm really not that

755
00:33:17,010 --> 00:33:14,830
much different than these people I don't

756
00:33:19,830 --> 00:33:17,020
know how anyone could have done it any

757
00:33:22,380 --> 00:33:19,840
different than they did so what are your

758
00:33:25,470 --> 00:33:22,390
thoughts on our connection or our lack

759
00:33:27,840 --> 00:33:25,480
of connection with this time period well

760
00:33:30,320 --> 00:33:27,850
I agree with you that it's you know most

761
00:33:32,910 --> 00:33:30,330
of this has been filed away and

762
00:33:35,190 --> 00:33:32,920
dust-covered cabinets and and people

763
00:33:37,050 --> 00:33:35,200

just don't know about it and part of the

764

00:33:38,940 --> 00:33:37,060

reasons not only because of the

765

00:33:40,830 --> 00:33:38,950

scientific fundamentalists but the

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00:33:44,190 --> 00:33:40,840

religious fundamentalists they oppose it

767

00:33:45,780 --> 00:33:44,200

as much as scientific fundamentalist say

768

00:33:48,110 --> 00:33:45,790

you know read things in the Old

769

00:33:51,000 --> 00:33:48,120

Testament that the dead know nothing and

770

00:33:55,080 --> 00:33:51,010

you know stay away from speaking with

771

00:33:56,700 --> 00:33:55,090

the dead and so forth and and so you got

772

00:33:58,290 --> 00:33:56,710

the scientific fundamentalist on one

773

00:34:00,420 --> 00:33:58,300

side your religious fundamentalist on

774

00:34:02,010 --> 00:34:00,430

the other side and not much left in the

775

00:34:04,320 --> 00:34:02,020

middle and that's why we don't know

776

00:34:07,080 --> 00:34:04,330

about it today I have a very good friend

777

00:34:09,270 --> 00:34:07,090

who's a lawyer he's a born-again

778

00:34:12,000 --> 00:34:09,280

Christian you know when I start talking

779

00:34:15,090 --> 00:34:12,010

to him about this he thinks I'm you know

780

00:34:18,810 --> 00:34:15,100

representing the devil I mean I all we

781

00:34:20,610 --> 00:34:18,820

he fears for my salvation because I'm I

782

00:34:21,300 --> 00:34:20,620

believe that you can communicate with

783

00:34:24,320 --> 00:34:21,310

spirits

784

00:34:27,390 --> 00:34:24,330

this guy's a lawyer I mean I was a judge

785

00:34:28,740 --> 00:34:27,400

that you've chronicled this history and

786

00:34:31,260 --> 00:34:28,750

you've you've really gone much further

787

00:34:34,710 --> 00:34:31,270

than the book resurrecting Leonora Piper

788

00:34:38,130 --> 00:34:34,720

are you a believer in a pattern is there

789

00:34:41,580 --> 00:34:38,140

a direction that this is going and is it

790

00:34:44,370 --> 00:34:41,590

being directed by someone or something I

791

00:34:47,190 --> 00:34:44,380

think the early spirit communication was

792

00:34:50,310 --> 00:34:47,200

directed by the spirits themselves there

793

00:34:51,870 --> 00:34:50,320

were messages coming through through a

794

00:34:57,150 --> 00:34:51,880

number of very credible mediums that

795

00:34:59,130 --> 00:34:57,160

indicated that Benjamin Franklin working

796

00:35:03,030 --> 00:34:59,140

with Emanuel Swedenborg is the one who

797

00:35:05,250 --> 00:35:03,040

figured out how to communicate by means

798

00:35:07,740 --> 00:35:05,260

of wraps that you know that whatever it

799

00:35:09,600 --> 00:35:07,750

took to get these wraps through from the

800

00:35:11,940 --> 00:35:09,610

other side it was it was Ben Franklin

801
00:35:14,610 --> 00:35:11,950
and Manuel Swedenborg who figured it out

802
00:35:16,320 --> 00:35:14,620
and there were a number of other

803
00:35:18,720 --> 00:35:16,330
messages indicating there's a hierarchy

804
00:35:20,430 --> 00:35:18,730
of spirits there on the other side who

805
00:35:23,010 --> 00:35:20,440
were directing this and at some point

806
00:35:25,350 --> 00:35:23,020
for the the problem was with the higher

807
00:35:26,940 --> 00:35:25,360
spirits have a more difficult time

808
00:35:30,000 --> 00:35:26,950
communicating with us in the lower

809
00:35:32,460 --> 00:35:30,010
spirits because they're a very much

810
00:35:33,810 --> 00:35:32,470
higher vibration level so they have to

811
00:35:36,240 --> 00:35:33,820
come down through these various area

812
00:35:40,200 --> 00:35:36,250
levels of vibration and they have to use

813
00:35:42,570 --> 00:35:40,210

lower level spirits to get through to us

814

00:35:45,740 --> 00:35:42,580

and there was one message that came

815

00:35:48,360 --> 00:35:45,750

through from impair occur he was a

816

00:35:50,100 --> 00:35:48,370

supposedly high spirit that communicated

817

00:35:52,980 --> 00:35:50,110

with William stinking Moses back during

818

00:35:55,110 --> 00:35:52,990

the 1880s and he says we miss we we

819

00:35:57,600 --> 00:35:55,120

misjudged we thought we would be able to

820

00:35:59,640 --> 00:35:57,610

get this information through better than

821

00:36:02,790 --> 00:35:59,650

than we have we didn't realize there's

822

00:36:08,130 --> 00:36:02,800

going to be so much interference in the

823

00:36:13,080 --> 00:36:08,140

lower levels among the spirits and so

824

00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:13,090

much rejection by your scientists are

825

00:36:17,520 --> 00:36:16,000

asking for better explanations so there

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00:36:20,430 --> 00:36:17,530

were indications they pull back they

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00:36:22,860 --> 00:36:20,440

were beginning to pull back you know

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00:36:24,180 --> 00:36:22,870

after that and I think that's what

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00:36:26,280 --> 00:36:24,190

happened I think they just said you know

830

00:36:28,320 --> 00:36:26,290

there's no point there was a lot of

831

00:36:32,250 --> 00:36:28,330

physical mediumship going on

832

00:36:35,280 --> 00:36:32,260

that many genuine mediums were being

833

00:36:36,990 --> 00:36:35,290

disparaged called sheets because people

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00:36:40,890 --> 00:36:37,000

didn't understand what was going on it

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00:36:46,010 --> 00:36:40,900

was just beyond their comprehension that

836

00:36:49,320 --> 00:36:46,020

these ectoplasm and materialized beans

837

00:36:50,850 --> 00:36:49,330

emerging out of the sector plasm and you

838

00:36:53,310 --> 00:36:50,860

know in the meantime there were actual

839

00:36:54,540 --> 00:36:53,320

frauds that became involved and people

840

00:36:56,910 --> 00:36:54,550

couldn't tell the difference between the

841

00:36:58,680 --> 00:36:56,920

frauds and the genuine mediums and so I

842

00:37:01,620 --> 00:36:58,690

think a spirit world pulled back that

843

00:37:03,780 --> 00:37:01,630

explanation always feels a little bit

844

00:37:05,640 --> 00:37:03,790

Hollow I don't know if it's true it may

845

00:37:07,980 --> 00:37:05,650

be true but it feels a little bit

846

00:37:10,530 --> 00:37:07,990

lacking in the same way that you know

847

00:37:13,770 --> 00:37:10,540

I've started to delve into a little bit

848

00:37:15,840 --> 00:37:13,780

the extra-terrestrial hypothesis because

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00:37:18,330 --> 00:37:15,850

again it's this area where there's an

850

00:37:20,070 --> 00:37:18,340

overwhelming amount of evidence for a

851
00:37:21,990 --> 00:37:20,080
long period of time many credible people

852
00:37:23,430 --> 00:37:22,000
have come forward and said hey this has

853
00:37:24,870 --> 00:37:23,440
happened there's this extended

854
00:37:26,730 --> 00:37:24,880
consciousness we connect with these

855
00:37:28,860 --> 00:37:26,740
other beings and then you have the whole

856
00:37:31,140 --> 00:37:28,870
psychedelic field and they're their

857
00:37:34,020 --> 00:37:31,150
research matches up with that and you

858
00:37:37,470 --> 00:37:34,030
have the DMT stuff and dr. Rick

859
00:37:39,660 --> 00:37:37,480
Strassman and people in the Amazon who

860
00:37:41,430 --> 00:37:39,670
are seeing aliens the same way that

861
00:37:43,440 --> 00:37:41,440
these people are seeing aliens there's

862
00:37:45,900 --> 00:37:43,450
this whole body of extended

863
00:37:48,450 --> 00:37:45,910

consciousness and you again run into the

864

00:37:50,760 --> 00:37:48,460

same kind of problem it which is if

865

00:37:54,390 --> 00:37:50,770

there's this extended consciousness of

866

00:37:57,210 --> 00:37:54,400

other beings we'll call them aliens

867

00:37:59,220 --> 00:37:57,220

why aren't they landing on the White

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00:38:02,040 --> 00:37:59,230

House lawn and we could say the same

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00:38:04,470 --> 00:38:02,050

thing with our spirits here you know

870

00:38:07,230 --> 00:38:04,480

they're really so limited that they

871

00:38:09,600 --> 00:38:07,240

can't communicate with us in a more

872

00:38:12,270 --> 00:38:09,610

effective way we have all these folks

873

00:38:14,280 --> 00:38:12,280

that come forward as Chandler's or as

874

00:38:15,780 --> 00:38:14,290

people who have had this special

875

00:38:18,210 --> 00:38:15,790

connection with these spirits and say

876

00:38:20,150 --> 00:38:18,220

hey here it is here is everything you

877

00:38:22,500 --> 00:38:20,160

need to know and they're often

878

00:38:25,110 --> 00:38:22,510

contradictory one contradicts another I

879

00:38:28,470 --> 00:38:25,120

just talked to Chris Carter he's written

880

00:38:30,030 --> 00:38:28,480

an excellent book and in there a part of

881

00:38:31,530 --> 00:38:30,040

our conversation she says hey I've come

882

00:38:34,920 --> 00:38:31,540

to the conclusion that we reincarnate

883

00:38:37,080 --> 00:38:34,930

three to four times because one of the

884

00:38:38,310 --> 00:38:37,090

sources that he had that's he felt was

885

00:38:40,020 --> 00:38:38,320

very credible and that was their

886

00:38:42,000 --> 00:38:40,030

information well that idea is

887

00:38:45,570 --> 00:38:42,010

contradicted by you

888

00:38:48,000 --> 00:38:45,580

any number of near death experience

889

00:38:52,380 --> 00:38:48,010

accounts medium accounts and and an

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00:38:54,900 --> 00:38:52,390

other Gnostic texts that will tell you

891

00:38:57,570 --> 00:38:54,910

that that's not at all true so those are

892

00:39:01,320 --> 00:38:57,580

the kind of explanations that even for

893

00:39:04,260 --> 00:39:01,330

the open-minded person I think creates a

894

00:39:06,570 --> 00:39:04,270

lot of a lot of confusion a lot of

895

00:39:08,610 --> 00:39:06,580

uncertainty do you know where I'm

896

00:39:10,650 --> 00:39:08,620

heading there I understand that but you

897

00:39:12,480 --> 00:39:10,660

know the other thing I was gonna say is

898

00:39:14,580 --> 00:39:12,490

that you know I'm not sure that we're

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00:39:17,910 --> 00:39:14,590

supposed to know you know with certainty

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00:39:22,470 --> 00:39:17,920

I think right you know the one quote

901
00:39:26,070 --> 00:39:22,480
that I cited a number of times and

902
00:39:30,420 --> 00:39:26,080
several of my books comes from Victor

903
00:39:32,280 --> 00:39:30,430
Hugo's research back in the 1850s he was

904
00:39:36,630 --> 00:39:32,290
sitting with a number of mediums and and

905
00:39:38,010 --> 00:39:36,640
he asked one will whoever he's

906
00:39:41,370 --> 00:39:38,020
communicating with through this one

907
00:39:43,440 --> 00:39:41,380
reading he asked you know why you know

908
00:39:47,310 --> 00:39:43,450
why is it so difficult why doesn't God

909
00:39:48,930 --> 00:39:47,320
better reveal themselves and right he

910
00:39:50,490 --> 00:39:48,940
was actually as Martin Luther's

911
00:39:51,720 --> 00:39:50,500
supposedly Martin Luther that was

912
00:39:55,020 --> 00:39:51,730
communicating with it at the time and

913
00:39:57,240 --> 00:39:55,030

Martin Luther replied says because doubt

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00:39:58,890 --> 00:39:57,250

is the instrument which forges the human

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00:40:01,350 --> 00:39:58,900

spirit if the day were to come when the

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00:40:03,330 --> 00:40:01,360

human spirit no longer doubted the human

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00:40:06,270 --> 00:40:03,340

soul would fly off and leave the cloud

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00:40:10,320 --> 00:40:06,280

behind for would have required acquired

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00:40:12,240 --> 00:40:10,330

wings the earth would be be fallow now

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00:40:14,370 --> 00:40:12,250

God is the sower and man is the harvest

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00:40:16,980 --> 00:40:14,380

here the celestial seed demands that the

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00:40:19,230 --> 00:40:16,990

human plowshare remain in the furrow of

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00:40:20,970 --> 00:40:19,240

life so in effect what he was saying is

924

00:40:23,040 --> 00:40:20,980

that we have to you know if we knew

925

00:40:25,290 --> 00:40:23,050

everything for sure it would take away a

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00:40:28,650 --> 00:40:25,300

lot of the challenges of the reason the

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00:40:33,570 --> 00:40:28,660

the reason we're here living this earth

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00:40:36,990 --> 00:40:33,580

life and it would hinder our progress so

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00:40:38,940 --> 00:40:37,000

I I guess that's the answer that we're

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00:40:41,090 --> 00:40:38,950

you know we're not meant to know for

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00:40:43,220 --> 00:40:41,100

sure but we can at least have some

932

00:40:47,120 --> 00:40:43,230

assurance I keep saying you know we're

933

00:40:50,130 --> 00:40:47,130

we're never going to get absolute proof

934

00:40:54,570 --> 00:40:50,140

that consciousness survives death but we

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00:40:55,710 --> 00:40:54,580

can at least move up to the 99% belief

936

00:40:57,630 --> 00:40:55,720

level

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00:41:00,870 --> 00:40:57,640

yeah fair enough I wonder if we don't

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00:41:02,910 --> 00:41:00,880

also run into a problem when we put we

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00:41:06,750 --> 00:41:02,920

in there instead of I one of the

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00:41:10,500 --> 00:41:06,760

conclusions I've come to is that this is

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00:41:13,589 --> 00:41:10,510

about each person's personal journey

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00:41:16,589 --> 00:41:13,599

soul journey if you want to go there but

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00:41:18,270 --> 00:41:16,599

just your journey through understanding

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00:41:20,970 --> 00:41:18,280

and advancing yourself and trying to

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00:41:22,680 --> 00:41:20,980

understand so I often wonder if when we

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00:41:24,780 --> 00:41:22,690

start saying we and start generalizing

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00:41:26,940 --> 00:41:24,790

and saying this how all people I don't

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00:41:30,390 --> 00:41:26,950

know I don't know how anyone else is I'm

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00:41:33,120 --> 00:41:30,400

on my own little path my own little

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00:41:35,310 --> 00:41:33,130

journey and it may be relatable to you

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00:41:38,460 --> 00:41:35,320
and to other people but it may just be

952
00:41:41,640 --> 00:41:38,470
the way God for lack of a better term

953
00:41:44,700 --> 00:41:41,650
has set things up to play out for me I

954
00:41:46,770 --> 00:41:44,710
think so I agree well Mike it's been

955
00:41:48,390 --> 00:41:46,780
great this is a great book that people

956
00:41:51,420 --> 00:41:48,400
should really check out again it's

957
00:41:53,520 --> 00:41:51,430
resurrecting Leonora Piper how science

958
00:41:58,020 --> 00:41:53,530
discovered the afterlife it's

959
00:42:00,690 --> 00:41:58,030
fascinating to just discover these great

960
00:42:02,760 --> 00:42:00,700
minds and how they handled some of the

961
00:42:05,130 --> 00:42:02,770
same questions that we seem to be

962
00:42:07,950 --> 00:42:05,140
wrestling with over and over again today

963
00:42:09,839 --> 00:42:07,960

so a great book and thanks so much for

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00:42:12,329 --> 00:42:09,849

joining me Mike thanks very much for

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00:42:13,920 --> 00:42:12,339

having me on Alex I appreciate it thanks

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00:42:16,890 --> 00:42:13,930

again to Mike Tim for joining me today

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00:42:19,130 --> 00:42:16,900

on skeptical a couple of questions I'd T

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00:42:22,740 --> 00:42:19,140

up for you that we might want to discuss

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00:42:25,470 --> 00:42:22,750

the first obviously is what do you make

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00:42:28,320 --> 00:42:25,480

of Leonora Piper was she really tapping

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00:42:30,180 --> 00:42:28,330

into a spiritual dimension beyond this

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00:42:32,280 --> 00:42:30,190

world that allowed her to communicate

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00:42:34,380 --> 00:42:32,290

with the dead I think the evidence is

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00:42:36,300 --> 00:42:34,390

pretty overwhelming and I think it's and

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00:42:38,370 --> 00:42:36,310

I think it's especially interesting to

976
00:42:41,550 --> 00:42:38,380
look at the testing and challenging that

977
00:42:44,130 --> 00:42:41,560
they did of her abilities and the extent

978
00:42:46,170 --> 00:42:44,140
to which she wished did that testing so

979
00:42:48,510 --> 00:42:46,180
I'd be interested to see what you think

980
00:42:51,060 --> 00:42:48,520
if you think she was properly tested and

981
00:42:53,460 --> 00:42:51,070
if you think she was stood those tests

982
00:42:56,070 --> 00:42:53,470
and the second question I'd offer up and

983
00:42:59,220 --> 00:42:56,080
I guess you probably saw this coming is

984
00:43:03,510 --> 00:42:59,230
what does this episode in history mean

985
00:43:05,910 --> 00:43:03,520
to us right now in terms of this push

986
00:43:08,640 --> 00:43:05,920
for a paradigm change or this push

987
00:43:09,550 --> 00:43:08,650
towards an evolution in consciousness or

988
00:43:12,310 --> 00:43:09,560

this sense

989

00:43:15,280 --> 00:43:12,320

of moving forward and I guess there's

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00:43:17,440 --> 00:43:15,290

really two sub questions that go with

991

00:43:19,420 --> 00:43:17,450

that the first is hey haven't we been

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00:43:21,760 --> 00:43:19,430

there before anyone who thinks we're at

993

00:43:24,670 --> 00:43:21,770

the cusp of some kind of paradigm change

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00:43:26,440 --> 00:43:24,680

needs to go back and look at this part

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00:43:28,960 --> 00:43:26,450

of history and see how you can get

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00:43:31,810 --> 00:43:28,970

pretty darn close and then you can fall

997

00:43:34,630 --> 00:43:31,820

back down into the materialistic abyss

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00:43:38,560 --> 00:43:34,640

and the second part of the sub question

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00:43:41,620 --> 00:43:38,570

of that is where do we get the arrogance

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00:43:44,920 --> 00:43:41,630

to think that that we know so much or

1001
00:43:47,050 --> 00:43:44,930
that we're discovering anything are we

1002
00:43:49,960 --> 00:43:47,060
so mesmerised with our little toys and

1003
00:43:53,050 --> 00:43:49,970
gadgets that we can't step back and look

1004
00:43:55,060 --> 00:43:53,060
at how in adequately we've addressed the

1005
00:43:57,880 --> 00:43:55,070
biggest most important scientific

1006
00:44:00,370 --> 00:43:57,890
questions and that the underlying reason

1007
00:44:02,530 --> 00:44:00,380
we've been so inadequate is because

1008
00:44:05,290 --> 00:44:02,540
we've been willfully ignorant and

1009
00:44:08,740 --> 00:44:05,300
willfully blind of answering those

1010
00:44:10,930 --> 00:44:08,750
questions okay now I don't know how

1011
00:44:13,420 --> 00:44:10,940
anyone is gonna unravel that and answer

1012
00:44:15,580 --> 00:44:13,430
that as one question but hey but you can

1013
00:44:17,830 --> 00:44:15,590

just do your best and we'll see what you

1014

00:44:20,140 --> 00:44:17,840

come up with of course the place to do

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00:44:21,970 --> 00:44:20,150

that and to respond and to share with me

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00:44:26,650 --> 00:44:21,980

your thoughts is on the skeptical

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00:44:28,090 --> 00:44:26,660

website at sk EPT lko calm you can do so

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00:44:30,550 --> 00:44:28,100

by adding a comment right there on the

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00:44:32,640 --> 00:44:30,560

website or clicking on over to the forum

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00:44:35,050 --> 00:44:32,650

and joining a discussion over there

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00:44:37,990 --> 00:44:35,060

while there you can also check out our

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00:44:40,780 --> 00:44:38,000

over 200 previous episodes of skeptic oh

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00:44:43,060 --> 00:44:40,790

they're all there on the past shows page

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00:44:44,920 --> 00:44:43,070

and you can also connect with me and

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00:44:46,660 --> 00:44:44,930

drop me an email or connect with me on

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00:44:48,700 --> 00:44:46,670

Facebook well that's going to do it for

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00:44:51,460 --> 00:44:48,710

this episode of skeptic Oh many

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00:44:53,320 --> 00:44:51,470

interesting shows in the hopper going a

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00:44:55,810 --> 00:44:53,330

number of different directions they're

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00:44:58,450 --> 00:44:55,820

all fun and exciting for me and I hope