



**SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE
OF AFTERLIFE
OVERWHELMING**

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00:00:10,879 --> 00:00:08,780
on this episode of skeptic Oh Chris

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00:00:12,890 --> 00:00:10,889
Carter returns to discuss his latest

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00:00:17,109 --> 00:00:12,900
book science and the afterlife

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00:00:19,960 --> 00:00:17,119
experience are there unintended

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00:00:23,090 --> 00:00:19,970
consequences for overthrowing

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00:00:25,279 --> 00:00:23,100
materialism is there a chance that the

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00:00:27,740 --> 00:00:25,289
game is gonna wind up being played one

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00:00:30,939 --> 00:00:27,750
way or another it's scientific

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00:00:34,040 --> 00:00:30,949
materialism or its Church rule and

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00:00:37,340 --> 00:00:34,050
someone has made the decision that I

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00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:37,350
choose the phony scientific materialism

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00:00:43,520 --> 00:00:41,520
over the thin phony church state one of

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00:00:45,650 --> 00:00:43,530

the major themes of my book is that

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there's a third alternative one that

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does not require a leap of faith and one

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that does not require embracing the

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00:00:53,029 --> 00:00:51,180

pseudo scientific ideology of

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materialism there's a third alternative

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and the third alternative is to examine

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00:01:00,740 --> 00:00:58,590

the evidence without prejudice without

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materialistic prejudice or religious

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00:01:16,279 --> 00:01:03,019

prejudice and see what the evidence says

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00:01:20,130 --> 00:01:18,539

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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00:01:26,639 --> 00:01:24,399

I'm your host galaxy garrison on this

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00:01:28,649 --> 00:01:26,649

episode of skeptic oh we welcome back

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00:01:31,109 --> 00:01:28,659

Chris Carter who you just heard in the

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introduction Chris is well known to many

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00:01:37,620 --> 00:01:33,579

of you listeners for his excellent books

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00:01:39,630 --> 00:01:37,630

on both the skeptics afterlife and NDEs

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00:01:42,209 --> 00:01:39,640

he's covered a lot of the topics we

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00:01:43,740 --> 00:01:42,219

cover here I enjoyed my conversation

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with them I especially enjoyed playing

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devil's advocate with Chris on a couple

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00:01:49,649 --> 00:01:47,409

of these topics that you'll hear about

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00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,659

so I don't know why I always seem to

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tangle with Chris in these kind of

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unexpected ways but maybe it makes for

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interesting conversation I'll let you

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decide I also wanted to give you a heads

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up on a skeptical listener who sent me a

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00:02:06,690 --> 00:02:04,509

link to her very interesting book and I

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00:02:08,699 --> 00:02:06,700

carry down a little email dialogue with

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00:02:10,740 --> 00:02:08,709

Cynthia and I wound up asking her to

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00:02:13,680 --> 00:02:10,750

prepare this this little promo for her

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00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:13,690

book so give a listen hey Alex is a

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00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:15,760

Cynthia Clayton parent and I'm calling

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00:02:19,920 --> 00:02:17,680

to first thank you so much for reading

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my book and secondly because you enjoyed

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00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:21,700
it for inviting me to talk briefly about

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it and to invite your listeners to

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00:02:27,660 --> 00:02:25,660
download it for free from my website the

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00:02:30,089 --> 00:02:27,670
title is belief is so last century

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00:02:32,069 --> 00:02:30,099
my thesis suggests that we must move

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00:02:34,830 --> 00:02:32,079
past both the belief of the dualist and

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00:02:37,020 --> 00:02:34,840
the believing skeptic and join forces as

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free thinkers as a way forward as your

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listeners are well aware because of the

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great successes of materialistic science

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00:02:44,309 --> 00:02:42,760
we have metaphorically speaking a big

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00:02:45,930 --> 00:02:44,319
group of scientists riding high in a

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00:02:48,240 --> 00:02:45,940

pimped-out luxury bus speeding down the

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materialistic highway and they leave

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00:02:52,199 --> 00:02:49,660

duelists with loose change in their

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00:02:54,360 --> 00:02:52,209

pockets on rocky roads in 60's VW vans

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with bumper sticker stating woohoo does

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work the fact is we must give those

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researchers willing to take more of a

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00:03:02,729 --> 00:03:00,310

free-thinking approach on the question

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of consciousness survival facilities on

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00:03:06,690 --> 00:03:05,169

a level of NASA and CERN my book

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includes solutions to help reach this

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goal and a big idea for how NDE research

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could be better served while ending a

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big ongoing contested debate in this

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country so while it's still three and I

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invite your listeners to download the

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book at belief is so last century org

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and for sharing their thoughts on your

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forum and I also want to say

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congratulations Alex so much for

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bringing 200 great shows to us explore

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the question of who the hell are we

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anyway and I'll just end by saying

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thanks again and bye for now

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so please check out Cynthia's book I'll

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have a link to it in the show notes but

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for now let's move on to my interview

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with Chris Carter today we welcome Chris

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Carter back to skeptic Oh many of you

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know Chris for his withering attacks on

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sceptical nonsense and his books science

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and the near-death experience science

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and psychic phenomena and his latest

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science in the afterlife experience

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chris holds undergraduate and master's

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degrees in philosophy from oxford he's a

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very fine writer and it's a pleasure to

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welcome him back to skeptic Oh Chris

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welcome back thanks for joining me

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thanks Alex how you doing great great

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everything's good

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this latest book is really fascinating

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it's obviously a topic that we love to

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talk about here and you really dig into

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so much I'm hoping we can talk about the

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book but also talk about a lot other

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things surrounding the books on I'm

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00:04:38,820 --> 00:04:35,830

anxious to have you back on all right

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00:04:42,390 --> 00:04:38,830

that sounds great so Chris you begin the

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00:04:45,690 --> 00:04:42,400

book with this the manner in which we

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00:04:48,830 --> 00:04:45,700

live our lives to a large extent depends

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00:04:50,490 --> 00:04:48,840

on what we believe comes after it

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00:04:55,590 --> 00:04:50,500

fantastic love it

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00:04:58,530 --> 00:04:55,600

tell us more about that quote well right

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above what I say that I mention a quote

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by George Orwell is and it goes the

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major problem of our time is decay in

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the belief in personal immortality and

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so that's what inspired the first

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paragraph of my book

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Orwell's grim vision of the future which

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was portrayed in his novel 1984

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fortunately did not come to pass however

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many of us believe that mankind now

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faces a future even worse than anything

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Orwell imagined we have population

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growth we have global climate change we

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have increasing income inequality in

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various countries including the United

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States

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increasing environmental devastation

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gasification of the ocean hostilities

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growing hostilities around the world so

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I think that mankind needs a new message

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or perhaps an old message by which he

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can find a more perfect purposeful and

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less destructive way of living you know

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that's interesting and that certainly

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one way to take it it's very interesting

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actually that you take it that way

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because I actually took it in a much

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more positive personal sense and that's

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that in one way we struggle with these

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large social cultural issues that you

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talk about but in another way it's

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really more of a personal journey for

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all of us it's you know what decisions

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we make about the people around us about

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00:06:40,769 --> 00:06:38,409
how we care for them about how we how we

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00:06:42,869 --> 00:06:40,779
think about ourselves and our role in

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00:06:44,459 --> 00:06:42,879
our life and what it means and what it

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00:06:46,799 --> 00:06:44,469
means in relation to the people that

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00:06:49,109 --> 00:06:46,809
come before us either in our family or

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00:06:51,269 --> 00:06:49,119
friends who have passed away and in that

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00:06:53,759 --> 00:06:51,279
way the manner in which we live our

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00:06:55,559 --> 00:06:53,769
lives to a large extent ability depends

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on what we believe comes after it is a

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00:07:02,089 --> 00:06:57,959
much more optimistic a much more

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00:07:06,479 --> 00:07:02,099
positive spin to it doesn't it well I

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think that yes the belief in an

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00:07:11,429 --> 00:07:08,619

afterlife most certainly does put a more

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00:07:14,329 --> 00:07:11,439

optimistic spin on our lives but I think

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it also makes us more aware of our

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obligations to each other and to future

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generations to not use the earth or the

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Earth's atmosphere is one big garbage

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dump - to pay our fair share of

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environmental damage that we're causing

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by dumping 90 million tons of

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heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere

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every 24 hours through the burning of

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fossil fuels and on a smaller scale I

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suppose just by treating each other more

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humanely by looking after others by

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voting to sustain the planet and to

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reduce income inequality to make the the

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richer people pay their fair share and I

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hate to sound like some sort of crazy

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00:08:08,730 --> 00:08:05,440

left-wing radical I'm not I consider

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myself a moderate but I do think that

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there are very dangerous forces

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operating in the world today which

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threaten the long-term viability of

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human civilization you know that's

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really interesting Chris and I didn't

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imagine that we jump right into this

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kind of political current events kind of

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discussion but I'm really glad we did

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because I think it's an important

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landing point if you will for this whole

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discussion of survival of consciousness

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and we'll get back to talking about the

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book and survival of consciousness but I

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want to follow this line that you're on

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also because it's fascinating to me and

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we don't get a chance to talk about it

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enough and that's that while I share

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your concern and the issues that you

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raised are obviously pressing and and

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obvious to all of us but at the same

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time I can't help but feel that there's

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00:09:06,840 --> 00:09:04,240
there's another way of looking at

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00:09:08,850 --> 00:09:06,850
survival that turns all those issues on

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00:09:11,510 --> 00:09:08,860
its head right because one of the

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00:09:13,740 --> 00:09:11,520
natural conclusions from the

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understanding that the best evidence

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suggests the survival of consciousness

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is real is that it gets us out of this

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00:09:25,350 --> 00:09:22,840
time limited sense that we live in in

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00:09:27,720 --> 00:09:25,360
this pressing need to kind of fix things

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now when the time is marching and that

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evolution is here and this kind of

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treadmill that we're on doesn't it

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because now we're talking about

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consciousness really being infinite and

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with reincarnation there's really no way

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to logically conclude that we're headed

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towards anywhere other than just further

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evolution and wherever that gets to so

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isn't that another natural conclusion

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that one can draw from this whole

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understanding of consciousness being

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unlimited in terms of time I mean we

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have all the time in the world don't we

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I agree with you in a sense

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I do think that reclaiming the

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widespread belief in an afterlife which

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is something that people did have you

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know perhaps four three four or five

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hundred years ago would result in many

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practical benefits and the philosopher

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David Griffin and I agree that belief in

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an afterlife confers several practical

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benefits such as for example such a

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belief may help overcome the fear of

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death if people are convinced they are

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not ultimately subject to any earthly

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power this can increase their courage to

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fight for freedom ecologically

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sustainable policies and social justice

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and if people believe that this life is

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not the final word and that justice will

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prevail the next life this can help them

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withstand the unfairness they encounter

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in the here and now and the idea of a

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life of life as an unfolding journey

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which continues even after death can

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lead to a greater sense of connection

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with the universe as it unfolds into the

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future and finally the belief in life

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after death can help counter this

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extreme degree of materialism that has

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pervaded every niche of modern

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civilization in which I think which many

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people think is behind a great deal of

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our arsh most short-sighted and

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destructive policies I hear you I hear

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you I rail against that kind of stuff

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all the time and you are also someone

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who is known to rail against those same

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things and rail against this fundamental

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materialist dogmatic pseudo skeptic

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culture that we have and I get all that

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but let me play devil's advocate for a

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minute and talk about social cohesion

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and I wanted to go off and take a little

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sidetrack with you for a minute and look

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at like the vaccine controversy remember

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that guy David Wakefield who said hey

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you know he's a doctor in the UK he's a

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pediatric gastronomic guy for four kids

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and he has a bunch of parents coming to

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00:12:24,890 --> 00:12:21,000

him and saying

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00:12:27,620 --> 00:12:24,900

my kids have autism in gosh-darn and I

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00:12:28,970 --> 00:12:27,630

know it's truths directly tied to these

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00:12:31,180 --> 00:12:28,980

vaccines because we went got the

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00:12:33,620 --> 00:12:31,190

vaccines and boom then it happened so

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00:12:35,000 --> 00:12:33,630

he's just a doctor presented with

281

00:12:36,710 --> 00:12:35,010

patients who have a problem he starts

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00:12:39,110 --> 00:12:36,720

looking into this and he says hey I

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00:12:42,290 --> 00:12:39,120

think there's something to this and he

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00:12:44,270 --> 00:12:42,300

starts putting it together and Wow he

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00:12:46,730 --> 00:12:44,280

gets slammed right I mean this guy this

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00:12:50,330 --> 00:12:46,740

guy can no longer practice medicine he

287

00:12:52,670 --> 00:12:50,340

slammed and maybe he was right I mean

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00:12:54,350 --> 00:12:52,680

maybe we shouldn't pump kids with 9

289

00:12:56,900 --> 00:12:54,360

different vaccines when we've never

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00:12:59,210 --> 00:12:56,910

tested the interaction of these vaccines

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00:13:01,610 --> 00:12:59,220

together maybe he was right but at the

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00:13:04,250 --> 00:13:01,620

same time didn't we need to put this guy

293

00:13:07,040 --> 00:13:04,260

down didn't we need to destroy Wakefield

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00:13:08,450 --> 00:13:07,050

didn't we have to protect the herd we

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00:13:09,980 --> 00:13:08,460

can't have everyone running out and

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00:13:14,600 --> 00:13:09,990

saying they're not gonna vaccinate their

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00:13:18,020 --> 00:13:14,610

kids so maybe in the same way when we

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00:13:20,690 --> 00:13:18,030

hear folks like Richard Wiseman say you

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00:13:22,970 --> 00:13:20,700

know hey by any other standards SIA is

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00:13:26,329 --> 00:13:22,980

proven and he could just as easily say

301
00:13:28,610 --> 00:13:26,339
by the normal standards of any other

302
00:13:30,410 --> 00:13:28,620
area of science survival of

303
00:13:33,020 --> 00:13:30,420
consciousness is proven he could say the

304
00:13:35,630 --> 00:13:33,030
same thing but then he says but we still

305
00:13:37,610 --> 00:13:35,640
shouldn't believe it maybe what he's

306
00:13:40,130 --> 00:13:37,620
really saying is we got to protect the

307
00:13:42,470 --> 00:13:40,140
herd we got to keep this thing going

308
00:13:45,380 --> 00:13:42,480
so when guys like you smart guys like

309
00:13:47,840 --> 00:13:45,390
you and I guess me say hey we need to

310
00:13:50,720 --> 00:13:47,850
end all this materialistic nonsense

311
00:13:53,210 --> 00:13:50,730
where are we taking people where would

312
00:13:55,970 --> 00:13:53,220
where would we head if we if we didn't

313
00:13:58,640 --> 00:13:55,980

have this system you're right

314

00:14:01,000 --> 00:13:58,650

well I'm not going to sit here and

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00:14:06,620 --> 00:14:01,010

endorse the stupidity of the bullvine

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00:14:08,990 --> 00:14:06,630

mentality the herd mentality the Indians

317

00:14:11,329 --> 00:14:09,000

used to drive herds of Buffalo off of

318

00:14:14,210 --> 00:14:11,339

cliffs because they knew if they got the

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00:14:15,650 --> 00:14:14,220

herd moving the first ones would jump

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00:14:16,820 --> 00:14:15,660

off the cliff because the others behind

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00:14:18,260 --> 00:14:16,830

them we're pushing them and the rest

322

00:14:22,010 --> 00:14:18,270

would simply follow the rest of the herd

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00:14:25,840 --> 00:14:22,020

so I'm no have no admiration for the

324

00:14:28,610 --> 00:14:25,850

herd mentality with regards to Shermer I

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00:14:30,530 --> 00:14:28,620

don't think his motivation is to protect

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00:14:33,680 --> 00:14:30,540

the herd I think his motivation is to

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00:14:34,670 --> 00:14:33,690

promote his career right and I and I

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00:14:37,429 --> 00:14:34,680

hear you okay so

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00:14:39,290 --> 00:14:37,439

bison over the cliff is a great story

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00:14:41,960 --> 00:14:39,300

and it's true but there's another story

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00:14:44,030 --> 00:14:41,970

too the other story is the Huns over the

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00:14:46,249 --> 00:14:44,040

hill right so we all get real

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00:14:48,559 --> 00:14:46,259

love-dovey and start feeling all this

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00:14:50,600 --> 00:14:48,569

we're all connected and we're all good

335

00:14:54,350 --> 00:14:50,610

and all this stuff that you guys in the

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00:14:57,259 --> 00:14:54,360

are peddling and then the Huns come over

337

00:14:59,449 --> 00:14:57,269

the hill and they kill every man woman

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00:15:01,999 --> 00:14:59,459

and child because they believe their God

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00:15:04,970 --> 00:15:02,009

told them they were supposed to rule the

340

00:15:07,609 --> 00:15:04,980

world or number two the other thing is

341

00:15:08,929 --> 00:15:07,619

that the church gets all the power now

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00:15:10,549 --> 00:15:08,939

because what you're really heading

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00:15:12,290 --> 00:15:10,559

towards is some kind of spiritual

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00:15:14,809 --> 00:15:12,300

understanding we know where that goes

345

00:15:16,579 --> 00:15:14,819

it's another power grab by the the

346

00:15:18,319 --> 00:15:16,589

bishops or the priests or whoever they

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00:15:19,819 --> 00:15:18,329

want to call themselves they grab all

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00:15:21,799 --> 00:15:19,829

the power and then they start building

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00:15:23,600 --> 00:15:21,809

these nice little bonfires and putting

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00:15:25,939 --> 00:15:23,610

people on them because they don't think

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00:15:28,519 --> 00:15:25,949

they're the right ones I mean let's kind

352

00:15:31,100 --> 00:15:28,529

of go there for a little bit Chris and

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00:15:32,869 --> 00:15:31,110

not just talk about gee we want change

354

00:15:34,850 --> 00:15:32,879

and we want this let's talk about where

355

00:15:38,590 --> 00:15:34,860

that change could really lead these are

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00:15:41,989 --> 00:15:38,600

realistic unintended consequences of

357

00:15:45,259 --> 00:15:41,999

survival of consciousness becoming kind

358

00:15:47,749 --> 00:15:45,269

of the mainstream belief system well in

359

00:15:50,179 --> 00:15:47,759

my book that I wrote let's just see here

360

00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:50,189

I wrote the experiences described in the

361

00:15:53,480 --> 00:15:51,600

pages that follow have important

362

00:15:55,819 --> 00:15:53,490

implications for humanik for Humanity

363

00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:55,829

based upon my own experience and that of

364

00:15:59,540 --> 00:15:57,360

many others I sincerely believe that

365

00:16:01,340 --> 00:15:59,550

deeply beneficial changes in our view of

366

00:16:02,960 --> 00:16:01,350

the universe and our place within it

367

00:16:04,489 --> 00:16:02,970

will be gained by those who read about

368

00:16:06,799 --> 00:16:04,499

these strange and often wonderful

369

00:16:09,259 --> 00:16:06,809

experiences and then they then take

370

00:16:11,360 --> 00:16:09,269

their profound lessons to heart then I

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00:16:13,669 --> 00:16:11,370

add most people base their beliefs

372

00:16:16,549 --> 00:16:13,679

regarding the afterlife on religious or

373

00:16:19,220 --> 00:16:16,559

materialistic faith but there is a third

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00:16:22,929 --> 00:16:19,230

alternative one that requires neither a

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00:16:26,749 --> 00:16:22,939

leap of faith nor the denial of evidence

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00:16:29,840 --> 00:16:26,759

so when you're talking about some of the

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00:16:34,789 --> 00:16:29,850

crimes that were occasionally committed

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00:16:37,759 --> 00:16:34,799

by organized religion during the 15 16

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00:16:40,489 --> 00:16:37,769

17 centuries yes those crimes were real

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00:16:42,799 --> 00:16:40,499

and those crimes led to a backlash known

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00:16:45,049 --> 00:16:42,809

as the Enlightenment in which certain

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00:16:47,660 --> 00:16:45,059

philosophers not so much scientist but

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00:16:48,620 --> 00:16:47,670

philosophers such as Voltaire and

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00:16:50,810 --> 00:16:48,630

Diderot

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00:16:52,940 --> 00:16:50,820

and later in the 18th century Aldous

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00:16:56,570 --> 00:16:52,950

Huxley 19th century Aldous Huxley and

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00:17:00,040 --> 00:16:56,580

others and today in the work of Richard

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00:17:02,680 --> 00:17:00,050

Dawkins and other militant atheists

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00:17:06,430 --> 00:17:02,690

their work is essentially a backlash

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00:17:09,220 --> 00:17:06,440

against the excesses of irrational

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00:17:12,410 --> 00:17:09,230

religious belief and religious extremism

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00:17:14,180 --> 00:17:12,420

what they've gone they however have gone

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00:17:16,670 --> 00:17:14,190

to the other extreme they've embraced

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00:17:19,040 --> 00:17:16,680

the doctrine of crude materialism which

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00:17:22,400 --> 00:17:19,050

they think is implied by science which

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00:17:25,340 --> 00:17:22,410

is is really not it's implied by science

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00:17:27,800 --> 00:17:25,350

which has been long long obsolete but

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00:17:30,170 --> 00:17:27,810

they're a they're militant atheism is

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00:17:33,050 --> 00:17:30,180

based upon this doctrine of materialism

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00:17:36,560 --> 00:17:33,060

and they are going to do everything they

401
00:17:39,260 --> 00:17:36,570
possibly can in order to deny or

402
00:17:42,830 --> 00:17:39,270
discredit any evidence that falsifies

403
00:17:47,470 --> 00:17:42,840
the doctrine of materialism agreed but

404
00:17:50,540 --> 00:17:47,480
are there unintended consequences for

405
00:17:53,330 --> 00:17:50,550
overthrowing materialism I just want to

406
00:17:55,940 --> 00:17:53,340
run that speculation with you Chris

407
00:17:59,600 --> 00:17:55,950
because we're both of the same belief in

408
00:18:02,060 --> 00:17:59,610
terms of how completely idiotic that is

409
00:18:05,270 --> 00:18:02,070
in terms of trying to support that with

410
00:18:08,660 --> 00:18:05,280
any real science any real evidence but

411
00:18:11,420 --> 00:18:08,670
is there a chance that you know what the

412
00:18:13,970 --> 00:18:11,430
game is gonna wind up being played one

413
00:18:16,610 --> 00:18:13,980

way or another it's gonna be blind up

414

00:18:19,340 --> 00:18:16,620

being played with scientific materialism

415

00:18:23,510 --> 00:18:19,350

or it's gonna be wind up being played

416

00:18:26,690 --> 00:18:23,520

with church rule and what what someone

417

00:18:30,160 --> 00:18:26,700

has made the decision that at the end of

418

00:18:33,320 --> 00:18:30,170

the day I choose the science the phony

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00:18:37,100 --> 00:18:33,330

scientific materialism over the thin

420

00:18:38,990 --> 00:18:37,110

phony church state I think that's a

421

00:18:41,870 --> 00:18:39,000

false dichotomy I don't think that's the

422

00:18:42,980 --> 00:18:41,880

choice one of the major themes of my

423

00:18:45,200 --> 00:18:42,990

book is that there's the third

424

00:18:47,210 --> 00:18:45,210

alternative one that does not require a

425

00:18:49,040 --> 00:18:47,220

leap of faith and one that does not

426
00:18:51,680 --> 00:18:49,050
require embracing the pseudo scientific

427
00:18:53,930 --> 00:18:51,690
ideology of materialism there's a third

428
00:18:56,260 --> 00:18:53,940
alternative and the third alternative is

429
00:18:58,790 --> 00:18:56,270
to examine the evidence without

430
00:19:00,860 --> 00:18:58,800
prejudice about materialistic prejudice

431
00:19:02,240 --> 00:19:00,870
or religious prejudice and see what the

432
00:19:03,890 --> 00:19:02,250
evidence says

433
00:19:06,050 --> 00:19:03,900
and I believe that the conclusions that

434
00:19:09,610 --> 00:19:06,060
the evidence implies are not dogmatic

435
00:19:12,560 --> 00:19:09,620
they do not ask people to go out and

436
00:19:14,750 --> 00:19:12,570
burn those who disagree with us at the

437
00:19:16,940 --> 00:19:14,760
stake or to wage war against those who

438
00:19:19,160 --> 00:19:16,950

disagree with us or to or on the other

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00:19:21,980 --> 00:19:19,170

hand to deny or suppress evidence I

440

00:19:23,480 --> 00:19:21,990

think there's a third alternative and I

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00:19:26,510 --> 00:19:23,490

could read something from my book here

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00:19:30,160 --> 00:19:26,520

right I briefly discussed that and it's

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00:19:32,750 --> 00:19:30,170

in Chapter one I believe and I say that

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00:19:34,580 --> 00:19:32,760

the deniers and debunkers tend to be

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00:19:37,190 --> 00:19:34,590

militant atheists who are motivated by

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00:19:39,050 --> 00:19:37,200

allegiance to an obsolete worldview by

447

00:19:41,630 --> 00:19:39,060

ignorance of the implications of the new

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00:19:44,300 --> 00:19:41,640

physics and by a hatred of religion and

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00:19:46,130 --> 00:19:44,310

superstition if they admitted to the

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00:19:48,320 --> 00:19:46,140

reality of psychic abilities such as

451

00:19:50,090 --> 00:19:48,330

telepathy and of the near-death

452

00:19:53,330 --> 00:19:50,100

experience as involving a genuine

453

00:19:55,070 --> 00:19:53,340

separation of mind from body then the

454

00:19:58,340 --> 00:19:55,080

materialistic foundation of their

455

00:20:00,740 --> 00:19:58,350

worldview would crumble the deniers fear

456

00:20:03,170 --> 00:20:00,750

that the demise of materialism would

457

00:20:04,610 --> 00:20:03,180

usher in a return to an age of

458

00:20:08,150 --> 00:20:04,620

superstition of religious persecution

459

00:20:10,940 --> 00:20:08,160

and irrationality this fear is evident

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00:20:12,980 --> 00:20:10,950

in the apocalyptic strain of some of the

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00:20:15,980 --> 00:20:12,990

committee committee for scientific

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00:20:17,810 --> 00:20:15,990

investigation writing for instance the

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00:20:18,920 --> 00:20:17,820

announcement of the founding of the

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00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:18,930

committee for the scientific

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00:20:24,560 --> 00:20:20,880

investigation of claims the paranormal

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00:20:25,910 --> 00:20:24,570

stated and I quote perhaps we ought not

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00:20:27,920 --> 00:20:25,920

to assume that the scientific

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00:20:31,010 --> 00:20:27,930

enlightenment will continue indefinitely

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00:20:33,010 --> 00:20:31,020

like the Hellenic civilization it may be

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00:20:36,140 --> 00:20:33,020

overwhelmed by irrationalism

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00:20:39,110 --> 00:20:36,150

subjectivism and obscurity obscurantism

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00:20:41,210 --> 00:20:39,120

and then iko iko want to say but these

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00:20:43,430 --> 00:20:41,220

fears seem to be absolutely groundless

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00:20:45,770 --> 00:20:43,440

as mentioned above surveys show that

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00:20:48,050 --> 00:20:45,780

most scientists accept the likely

476
00:20:50,000 --> 00:20:48,060
existence of psychic abilities among the

477
00:20:52,700 --> 00:20:50,010
general public belief in the reality of

478
00:20:54,620 --> 00:20:52,710
size phenomena is widespread but polls

479
00:20:56,930 --> 00:20:54,630
have also shown that over 90% of the

480
00:20:58,970 --> 00:20:56,940
public regards scientists as having

481
00:21:01,220 --> 00:20:58,980
considerable or even very great prestige

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00:21:03,470 --> 00:21:01,230
and many of the leading near-death

483
00:21:05,990 --> 00:21:03,480
experience researchers are respected

484
00:21:09,110 --> 00:21:06,000
cardiologists and neuro scientists and

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00:21:11,210 --> 00:21:09,120
so I conclude Society is unlikely to

486
00:21:14,000 --> 00:21:11,220
return to the dark ages because of

487
00:21:14,810 --> 00:21:14,010
widespread interest in psychic phenomena

488
00:21:22,220 --> 00:21:14,820

and

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00:21:25,129 --> 00:21:22,230

I have to say you do build a very very

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00:21:27,590 --> 00:21:25,139

strong case in the book and anyone who's

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00:21:30,830 --> 00:21:27,600

familiar with your previous books will

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00:21:33,950 --> 00:21:30,840

appreciate the level of depth you go

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00:21:35,899 --> 00:21:33,960

into and the extent of you the evidence

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00:21:37,310 --> 00:21:35,909

and it's all very well documented in the

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00:21:39,409 --> 00:21:37,320

way you put it together I think it's

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00:21:42,049 --> 00:21:39,419

very very convincing let's talk a little

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00:21:44,180 --> 00:21:42,059

bit about the skeptical arguments

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00:21:46,070 --> 00:21:44,190

against survival because you also

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00:21:47,720 --> 00:21:46,080

address those in the book you jump over

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00:21:51,080 --> 00:21:47,730

on the other side and say hey here's my

501
00:21:53,570 --> 00:21:51,090
best argument against the skeptical

502
00:21:55,519 --> 00:21:53,580
arguments and you spend some time

503
00:21:57,619 --> 00:21:55,529
talking about the materialistic

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00:22:00,230 --> 00:21:57,629
arguments but you really make pretty

505
00:22:03,049 --> 00:22:00,240
quick work of a lot of that because it's

506
00:22:04,399 --> 00:22:03,059
mostly nonsense and favors there's the

507
00:22:06,950 --> 00:22:04,409
argument that there isn't any evidence

508
00:22:08,210 --> 00:22:06,960
and there that it's all fraud and you

509
00:22:10,039 --> 00:22:08,220
just kind of handle us you say hey

510
00:22:12,889 --> 00:22:10,049
there's a ton of evidence and here it is

511
00:22:14,389 --> 00:22:12,899
and you say with regard to fraud you

512
00:22:15,860 --> 00:22:14,399
know there's always going to be isolated

513
00:22:17,570 --> 00:22:15,870

instances of fraud but it's not

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00:22:20,389 --> 00:22:17,580

reasonable to think that that's gonna

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00:22:22,220 --> 00:22:20,399

account for very much of the best

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00:22:25,269 --> 00:22:22,230

evidence that you put forward in the

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00:22:29,240 --> 00:22:25,279

book but you spend a lot more time

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00:22:31,909 --> 00:22:29,250

talking about the super SCI explanation

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00:22:36,519 --> 00:22:31,919

or as you call it in the book the super

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00:22:40,509 --> 00:22:36,529

ESP hypothesis as a possible explanation

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00:22:45,129 --> 00:22:40,519

for this survival of consciousness

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00:22:49,789 --> 00:22:45,139

explain to us maybe start by what is

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00:22:51,159 --> 00:22:49,799

super ESP and then why you think it

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00:22:54,919 --> 00:22:51,169

doesn't hold up

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00:22:57,320 --> 00:22:54,929

okay well let's treat this in a sort of

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00:23:00,529 --> 00:22:57,330

historical manner to see just how the

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00:23:03,919 --> 00:23:00,539

super ESP explanation came to be

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00:23:06,019 --> 00:23:03,929

proposed for as long as there have been

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00:23:09,440 --> 00:23:06,029

human beings and for all we know perhaps

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00:23:12,169 --> 00:23:09,450

even longer there seems to have been

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00:23:14,389 --> 00:23:12,179

evidence suggesting that human beings

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00:23:16,220 --> 00:23:14,399

and perhaps other living things survive

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00:23:18,110 --> 00:23:16,230

the deaths of their bodies I mean we had

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00:23:20,419 --> 00:23:18,120

that the at Neanderthals they buried

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00:23:22,879 --> 00:23:20,429

their dead with flowers and jewelry and

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00:23:23,880 --> 00:23:22,889

utensils presumably for use in the next

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00:23:27,840 --> 00:23:23,890

life

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00:23:31,740 --> 00:23:27,850

so all through human civilization we've

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had people believing that they will

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00:23:36,630 --> 00:23:33,190

survive the deaths of their bodies and

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many many people simply accepted it as a

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00:23:43,980 --> 00:23:41,080

matter of course it wasn't questioned so

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00:23:46,320 --> 00:23:43,990

why do they believe this well every

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00:23:48,600 --> 00:23:46,330

indication seems to be that in all

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00:23:52,230 --> 00:23:48,610

societies past and present people have

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00:23:54,720 --> 00:23:52,240

experienced certain phenomena that would

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00:23:58,320 --> 00:23:54,730

lead them to believe in survival I'm

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00:24:01,049 --> 00:23:58,330

talking about things like near-death

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00:24:03,419 --> 00:24:01,059

experiences deathbed visions people who

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00:24:07,250 --> 00:24:03,429

report seeing deceased relatives coming

551
00:24:13,640 --> 00:24:10,110
children who remember previous lives in

552
00:24:18,330 --> 00:24:15,650
apparitions which have been reported

553
00:24:21,690 --> 00:24:18,340
from all societies which we have record

554
00:24:26,159 --> 00:24:21,700
and communication with the dead which

555
00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:26,169
also seems to be been found and

556
00:24:31,350 --> 00:24:28,000
virtually all societies of which we have

557
00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:31,360
record so the obvious inference from

558
00:24:38,039 --> 00:24:35,440
this data was that we survived the

559
00:24:40,530 --> 00:24:38,049
deaths of our bodies and sometimes those

560
00:24:45,810 --> 00:24:40,540
who've gone before us can return and

561
00:24:50,100 --> 00:24:45,820
communicate now later on these beliefs

562
00:24:52,020 --> 00:24:50,110
were hardened into various dogmas with

563
00:24:54,180 --> 00:24:52,030

the rise of Agriculture came the rise of

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00:24:57,990 --> 00:24:54,190

organized religion and priestly castes

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00:24:59,430 --> 00:24:58,000

and of course layers of dogma were added

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00:25:01,230 --> 00:24:59,440

to the ancient beliefs in accordance

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00:25:03,299 --> 00:25:01,240

with the conditions of the various

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00:25:04,860 --> 00:25:03,309

societies so some societies had peaceful

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00:25:07,950 --> 00:25:04,870

religions some societies at war like

570

00:25:12,299 --> 00:25:07,960

religions and so forth but they all had

571

00:25:14,280 --> 00:25:12,309

various priestly castes this did lead of

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00:25:17,539 --> 00:25:14,290

course in some places particularly the

573

00:25:19,890 --> 00:25:17,549

West with its fragmented geography into

574

00:25:20,940 --> 00:25:19,900

various religious schisms which

575

00:25:22,680 --> 00:25:20,950

sometimes settle their differences

576

00:25:24,600 --> 00:25:22,690

violently and then you had the

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00:25:28,409 --> 00:25:24,610

Scientific Revolution due to people like

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00:25:31,140 --> 00:25:28,419

Kepler Galileo and Newton now Newton put

579

00:25:33,600 --> 00:25:31,150

forward a theory of physics which was

580

00:25:35,130 --> 00:25:33,610

very mechanistic and mechanical the

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00:25:39,109 --> 00:25:35,140

universe was now seen as a gigantic

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00:25:43,559 --> 00:25:41,879

and now Newton himself was a religious

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00:25:45,749 --> 00:25:43,569

man he thought that the planets

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00:25:48,479 --> 00:25:45,759

originally hurled by the hand of God and

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00:25:50,339 --> 00:25:48,489

he thought that he thought that human

586

00:25:52,229 --> 00:25:50,349

beings were the sole exception in an

587

00:25:56,429 --> 00:25:52,239

otherwise deterministic mechanistic

588

00:25:58,559 --> 00:25:56,439

universe but his followers philosophers

589

00:26:02,549 --> 00:25:58,569

such as Voltaire Diderot and so forth

590

00:26:05,309 --> 00:26:02,559

they wanted to attack the authority of

591

00:26:07,289 --> 00:26:05,319

the church the horrors of religious wars

592

00:26:10,739 --> 00:26:07,299

were fresh in their minds and so they

593

00:26:12,869 --> 00:26:10,749

used Newtonian physics to do to support

594

00:26:15,389 --> 00:26:12,879

the ancient philosophy of materialism

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00:26:18,149 --> 00:26:15,399

which essentially says that all that

596

00:26:21,119 --> 00:26:18,159

matters is matter and the mind is at

597

00:26:23,369 --> 00:26:21,129

most a useless epiphenomena a by-product

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00:26:25,709 --> 00:26:23,379

produced by the brain and so therefore

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00:26:28,679 --> 00:26:25,719

Minds have no causal role in nature the

600

00:26:30,089 --> 00:26:28,689

universe is causally closed and we

601
00:26:35,489 --> 00:26:30,099
should not believe in superstitious

602
00:26:38,819 --> 00:26:35,499
things or in organized religion then of

603
00:26:42,589 --> 00:26:38,829
course Darwin came along and with his

604
00:26:45,119 --> 00:26:42,599
theory of natural selection based upon

605
00:26:47,609 --> 00:26:45,129
natural selection operating upon random

606
00:26:49,529 --> 00:26:47,619
variation in order to Alfred Russel

607
00:26:51,869 --> 00:26:49,539
Wallace came along right Darwin and

608
00:26:53,399 --> 00:26:51,879
Wallace discovered or invented theories

609
00:26:55,549 --> 00:26:53,409
their theory of evolution by natural

610
00:26:57,689 --> 00:26:55,559
selection at just about the same time

611
00:27:00,079 --> 00:26:57,699
Wallace probably came up with it first

612
00:27:02,549 --> 00:27:00,089
it's hard to say and then they put the

613
00:27:06,449 --> 00:27:02,559

Darwin basically panicked and decided to

614

00:27:12,209 --> 00:27:06,459

publish his book so anyway this was a

615

00:27:15,629 --> 00:27:12,219

further nail in the coffin of well it

616

00:27:20,539 --> 00:27:15,639

was it was further fuller ammunition for

617

00:27:22,859 --> 00:27:20,549

the militant atheists and so in response

618

00:27:25,109 --> 00:27:22,869

the British and American Society of

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00:27:28,619 --> 00:27:25,119

psychical Research were formed in first

620

00:27:32,129 --> 00:27:28,629

in England later on in Boston and they

621

00:27:36,329 --> 00:27:32,139

were horrified by the materialism which

622

00:27:38,039 --> 00:27:36,339

was helping to sweep away spiritual

623

00:27:41,119 --> 00:27:38,049

beliefs and so they wanted to take on

624

00:27:43,529 --> 00:27:41,129

the materialists up their own game

625

00:27:48,599 --> 00:27:43,539

they want to find scientific evidence

626
00:27:53,509 --> 00:27:48,609
for survival and so they did they found

627
00:27:58,070 --> 00:27:55,419
and from communication through mediums

628
00:28:00,619 --> 00:27:58,080
so then they seem to have good evidence

629
00:28:05,440 --> 00:28:00,629
good experimental evidence that in favor

630
00:28:10,419 --> 00:28:05,450
of survival the hypothesis that

631
00:28:13,159 --> 00:28:10,429
extrasensory perception could be used to

632
00:28:15,379 --> 00:28:13,169
explain these mediumistic communications

633
00:28:17,810 --> 00:28:15,389
was put forward it was perhaps the

634
00:28:19,310 --> 00:28:17,820
mediums are very gifted in terms of

635
00:28:21,200 --> 00:28:19,320
extrasensory perception in terms of

636
00:28:22,970 --> 00:28:21,210
'kathy and clairvoyance and they're

637
00:28:28,999 --> 00:28:22,980
simply reading the minds of the sitters

638
00:28:30,649 --> 00:28:29,009

in order to infants convey messages that

639

00:28:31,970 --> 00:28:30,659

seem to be from the deceased but are

640

00:28:35,560 --> 00:28:31,980

actually from the minds of the sitters

641

00:28:38,509 --> 00:28:35,570

right so that's that's your super ESP

642

00:28:40,340 --> 00:28:38,519

hypothesis right no no not yet that's

643

00:28:43,039 --> 00:28:40,350

only that's the ordinary ESP yeah yeah

644

00:28:44,840 --> 00:28:43,049

that's a ordinary ESP okay so what

645

00:28:47,359 --> 00:28:44,850

happened then was an experiment was

646

00:28:50,299 --> 00:28:47,369

proposed the so called proxy sittings

647

00:28:52,340 --> 00:28:50,309

and that's where one person sits with

648

00:28:54,739 --> 00:28:52,350

the medium on behalf of a third person

649

00:28:56,269 --> 00:28:54,749

who was not present and the person who

650

00:28:59,840 --> 00:28:56,279

sits with the medium is told nothing

651
00:29:02,269 --> 00:28:59,850
more then then the deceased person's

652
00:29:03,649 --> 00:29:02,279
name and date of death so they don't

653
00:29:05,749 --> 00:29:03,659
know the person you know nothing about

654
00:29:08,210 --> 00:29:05,759
person except for that they go see the

655
00:29:11,090 --> 00:29:08,220
medium on behalf of that person and the

656
00:29:12,799 --> 00:29:11,100
so called proxy sittings and then see if

657
00:29:14,509 --> 00:29:12,809
you get results and see if the results

658
00:29:16,519 --> 00:29:14,519
are as good as if the person was there

659
00:29:19,639 --> 00:29:16,529
and what they found is that the proxy

660
00:29:22,820 --> 00:29:19,649
sittings gave results every bit as good

661
00:29:23,210 --> 00:29:22,830
as if the sitter who knew the person was

662
00:29:26,239 --> 00:29:23,220
there

663
00:29:28,820 --> 00:29:26,249

so this conclusively proved false the

664

00:29:30,950 --> 00:29:28,830

idea that the medium was either fishing

665

00:29:32,629 --> 00:29:30,960

for information in other words looking

666

00:29:34,999 --> 00:29:32,639

for visual cues and following up on

667

00:29:37,039 --> 00:29:35,009

visual cues and so forth and Chris

668

00:29:38,930 --> 00:29:37,049

remind everyone what time frame we're

669

00:29:41,149 --> 00:29:38,940

talking about here and who are some of

670

00:29:43,850 --> 00:29:41,159

the key players both mediums and

671

00:29:47,629 --> 00:29:43,860

scientists who are investigating and

672

00:29:49,279 --> 00:29:47,639

really scrutinizing very carefully these

673

00:29:52,909 --> 00:29:49,289

mediums for any kind of fraud or

674

00:29:54,350 --> 00:29:52,919

impropriety throughout some names well

675

00:29:56,029 --> 00:29:54,360

the British and American Society of

676

00:29:59,029 --> 00:29:56,039

cyclical research were really in full

677

00:30:01,359 --> 00:29:59,039

swing from about the Year 1800 to about

678

00:30:03,890 --> 00:30:01,369

the years I don't know

679

00:30:06,500 --> 00:30:03,900

1935 1940 though

680

00:30:08,900 --> 00:30:06,510

the heyday of psychical research into

681

00:30:13,240 --> 00:30:08,910

these things and some of the people were

682

00:30:15,740 --> 00:30:13,250

oh the physicists are all Arbor Lodge

683

00:30:19,280 --> 00:30:15,750

who at the time was one of the most

684

00:30:21,650 --> 00:30:19,290

respected intellectuals and scientists

685

00:30:24,560 --> 00:30:21,660

of his day right that's absolutely right

686

00:30:28,850 --> 00:30:24,570

and there were various let's see who

687

00:30:32,320 --> 00:30:28,860

else was there sir Oliver Lodge Henry

688

00:30:35,510 --> 00:30:32,330

Sidgwick the Cambridge philosopher

689

00:30:37,150 --> 00:30:35,520

Frederik Meijer scholar of classics at

690

00:30:40,700 --> 00:30:37,160

Cambridge

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00:30:43,490 --> 00:30:40,710

mr. Hodgson and several others William

692

00:30:45,800 --> 00:30:43,500

James in United States so there are some

693

00:30:49,480 --> 00:30:45,810

of the very best intellectuals of the

694

00:30:53,750 --> 00:30:49,490

time scientists philosophers statesmen

695

00:30:58,610 --> 00:30:53,760

yeah so anyway the proxy sittings were

696

00:31:00,770 --> 00:30:58,620

invented and so it ruled out it ruled

697

00:31:02,960 --> 00:31:00,780

out fishing where the medium fishes for

698

00:31:04,910 --> 00:31:02,970

information based upon various clues you

699

00:31:07,460 --> 00:31:04,920

know they say it might say well I see a

700

00:31:10,070 --> 00:31:07,470

man with dark hair if the person goes

701
00:31:13,760 --> 00:31:10,080
they go oh yes yes he's a man with dark

702
00:31:16,460 --> 00:31:13,770
hair I see a woman with blonde hair no

703
00:31:19,010 --> 00:31:16,470
no no okay let's forget that that's

704
00:31:20,540 --> 00:31:19,020
that's a technique of fishing so proxy

705
00:31:22,940 --> 00:31:20,550
sittings this French effectively ruled

706
00:31:26,810 --> 00:31:22,950
out fishing for information and they

707
00:31:29,300 --> 00:31:26,820
also ruled out telepathy between the

708
00:31:31,250 --> 00:31:29,310
medium and the sitter because the sitter

709
00:31:33,050 --> 00:31:31,260
didn't know any of this information yet

710
00:31:36,230 --> 00:31:33,060
correct information was conveyed again

711
00:31:39,770 --> 00:31:36,240
and again just as good as if the sitter

712
00:31:43,910 --> 00:31:39,780
had known a person question so what

713
00:31:45,320 --> 00:31:43,920

happened was that this was since the

714

00:31:48,830 --> 00:31:45,330
proxy sittings ruled out telepathy

715

00:31:50,870 --> 00:31:48,840
between medium and sitter the extra

716

00:31:53,660 --> 00:31:50,880
sensory perception hypothesis of

717

00:31:55,790 --> 00:31:53,670
communication was extended further and

718

00:31:59,360 --> 00:31:55,800
further and further in order to cover

719

00:32:01,340 --> 00:31:59,370
proxy cases in order to cover the

720

00:32:04,880 --> 00:32:01,350
so-called drop in cases where somebody

721

00:32:10,040 --> 00:32:04,890
drops in and unknown to the medium

722

00:32:12,320 --> 00:32:10,050
unknown to the sitter it also provides

723

00:32:14,540 --> 00:32:12,330
information and later turns out to be

724

00:32:17,220 --> 00:32:14,550
correct so give us an example of how

725

00:32:19,560 --> 00:32:17,230
this ever-expanding high paw

726

00:32:22,400 --> 00:32:19,570

this gets spun out there I mean well how

727

00:32:26,190 --> 00:32:22,410

do they say it it's supposed to work

728

00:32:29,250 --> 00:32:26,200

with a degree that seldom if ever seen

729

00:32:32,640 --> 00:32:29,260

apart from such cases of communication

730

00:32:35,490 --> 00:32:32,650

with the alleged deceased in question if

731

00:32:37,350 --> 00:32:35,500

you look at if you look at extrasensory

732

00:32:40,039 --> 00:32:37,360

examples of telepathy and clairvoyance

733

00:32:43,650 --> 00:32:40,049

in real life they're very low-level

734

00:32:46,200 --> 00:32:43,660

sorts of events telepathy is Latin for

735

00:32:48,720 --> 00:32:46,210

distant feeling tella meaning distance

736

00:32:49,260 --> 00:32:48,730

pathy meaning feeling as in sympathy and

737

00:32:51,480 --> 00:32:49,270

empathy

738

00:32:53,970 --> 00:32:51,490

so telepathy literally means distant

739

00:32:58,110 --> 00:32:53,980

feeling clairvoyance means clear vision

740

00:32:59,640 --> 00:32:58,120

and in real life these sorts of

741

00:33:01,020 --> 00:32:59,650

abilities almost always work between

742

00:33:03,750 --> 00:33:01,030

people who have some sort of close

743

00:33:05,250 --> 00:33:03,760

emotional connection in the proxy

744

00:33:07,620 --> 00:33:05,260

sittings these people had no close

745

00:33:12,060 --> 00:33:07,630

emotional connection yet extrasensory

746

00:33:14,820 --> 00:33:12,070

perception was said to exist just as

747

00:33:18,950 --> 00:33:14,830

good as ever with no reduction in

748

00:33:21,600 --> 00:33:18,960

ability the theory of super ESP takes

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00:33:24,539 --> 00:33:21,610

the theory of extrasensory perception

750

00:33:26,400 --> 00:33:24,549

and it postulates that the medium mind

751
00:33:30,090 --> 00:33:26,410
the meeting the mind of the medium has

752
00:33:34,110 --> 00:33:30,100
these super normal abilities to access

753
00:33:35,970 --> 00:33:34,120
information anywhere anytime regardless

754
00:33:37,500 --> 00:33:35,980
of from the minds of people regardless

755
00:33:39,330 --> 00:33:37,510
of what those people are thinking or

756
00:33:41,730 --> 00:33:39,340
mind regardless of what those people

757
00:33:44,250 --> 00:33:41,740
might be doing unlimited ability to

758
00:33:46,200 --> 00:33:44,260
access the minds from books which are an

759
00:33:50,640 --> 00:33:46,210
unknown locations on topics of no

760
00:33:52,980 --> 00:33:50,650
interest to the to the medium and then

761
00:33:54,659 --> 00:33:52,990
it's extended even further to assume

762
00:33:57,510 --> 00:33:54,669
that it can then dress up this

763
00:34:01,770 --> 00:33:57,520

information from the perspective of the

764

00:34:02,760 --> 00:34:01,780

deceased person in question and it gets

765

00:34:04,680 --> 00:34:02,770

even worse than that

766

00:34:07,260 --> 00:34:04,690

the problem with super ESP is it's it's

767

00:34:09,540 --> 00:34:07,270

continually continually extended to

768

00:34:11,669 --> 00:34:09,550

cover each new case which cannot be

769

00:34:14,340 --> 00:34:11,679

explained on the basis of ordinary

770

00:34:16,770 --> 00:34:14,350

extrasensory perception Chris let's talk

771

00:34:19,680 --> 00:34:16,780

a little bit about proof at the end of

772

00:34:21,599 --> 00:34:19,690

the book you can clue by saying that

773

00:34:23,909 --> 00:34:21,609

there are three levels of proof proof

774

00:34:27,000 --> 00:34:23,919

beyond all doubt proof beyond all

775

00:34:29,040 --> 00:34:27,010

reasonable doubt and preponderance of

776

00:34:29,710 --> 00:34:29,050

evidence overcoming the preponderance of

777

00:34:31,359 --> 00:34:29,720

evidence or

778

00:34:34,589 --> 00:34:31,369

accepting the preponderance of evidence

779

00:34:38,109 --> 00:34:34,599

tell us where you fall in that scale

780

00:34:41,560 --> 00:34:38,119

regarding the belief that consciousness

781

00:34:45,040 --> 00:34:41,570

survives bodily death in that chapter I

782

00:34:48,609 --> 00:34:45,050

have a section titled theory of

783

00:34:50,500 --> 00:34:48,619

knowledge which I first define knowledge

784

00:34:52,859 --> 00:34:50,510

and I would define knowledge as a belief

785

00:34:55,810 --> 00:34:52,869

that meets the following three criteria

786

00:34:58,170 --> 00:34:55,820

first of all it is justified by a

787

00:35:01,540 --> 00:34:58,180

critical evaluation of the evidence and

788

00:35:04,150 --> 00:35:01,550

so therefore we have no good reason to

789

00:35:05,910 --> 00:35:04,160

think it is true I'm sorry we have good

790

00:35:08,589 --> 00:35:05,920

reason to think it is true and

791

00:35:12,990 --> 00:35:08,599

furthermore we have no good reason to

792

00:35:17,349 --> 00:35:15,130

so for instance consider my belief that

793

00:35:18,760 --> 00:35:17,359

I have only one brother I believe this

794

00:35:20,770 --> 00:35:18,770

to be true because I was raised

795

00:35:22,330 --> 00:35:20,780

alongside him and I never saw my parents

796

00:35:24,580 --> 00:35:22,340

bring home and raise another boy I

797

00:35:28,450 --> 00:35:24,590

therefore have good reason to consider

798

00:35:30,550 --> 00:35:28,460

this belief true furthermore I have

799

00:35:32,890 --> 00:35:30,560

never heard any rumors about my mother

800

00:35:36,370 --> 00:35:32,900

giving up a boy for adoption before I

801
00:35:38,170 --> 00:35:36,380
was born and nor has any one bearing

802
00:35:40,359 --> 00:35:38,180
family resemblance or not ever

803
00:35:42,940 --> 00:35:40,369
approached me claiming to be my

804
00:35:45,310 --> 00:35:42,950
long-lost brother I therefore have no

805
00:35:47,560 --> 00:35:45,320
good reason or any reason for that

806
00:35:50,290 --> 00:35:47,570
matter to suspect that my belief may not

807
00:35:53,710 --> 00:35:50,300
be true now could I possibly be mistaken

808
00:35:55,690 --> 00:35:53,720
in my belief of course but my point is

809
00:35:57,160 --> 00:35:55,700
that I have no good reason to think that

810
00:35:58,930 --> 00:35:57,170
my I have good reason to think that my

811
00:36:00,670 --> 00:35:58,940
belief is correct and no good reason

812
00:36:02,530 --> 00:36:00,680
whatsoever to think it may be false I

813
00:36:03,940 --> 00:36:02,540

therefore consider my belief that I have

814

00:36:05,710 --> 00:36:03,950

only one brother to be an item of

815

00:36:08,859 --> 00:36:05,720

knowledge in other words I consider it

816

00:36:12,540 --> 00:36:08,869

to be a fact so knowledge is a category

817

00:36:16,390 --> 00:36:14,740

it's those beliefs we have good reason

818

00:36:20,740 --> 00:36:16,400

to think are true and no good reason to

819

00:36:25,349 --> 00:36:20,750

think may be false and so I consider a

820

00:36:27,760 --> 00:36:25,359

fact to be an item of knowledge and

821

00:36:29,890 --> 00:36:27,770

after a fairly long discussion which I

822

00:36:34,150 --> 00:36:29,900

really can't do justice and a brief

823

00:36:36,970 --> 00:36:34,160

phone call I do conclude that as others

824

00:36:38,349 --> 00:36:36,980

before me have concluded survival of

825

00:36:41,380 --> 00:36:38,359

consciousness past the point of

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00:36:43,540 --> 00:36:41,390

biological death is a fact a fact in

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00:36:46,600 --> 00:36:43,550

what you say in the book is that it's

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00:36:49,120 --> 00:36:46,610

proven to you beyond all reasonable

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00:36:50,770 --> 00:36:49,130

doubt and that's I think great it's

830

00:36:53,200 --> 00:36:50,780

great that you come out and are that

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00:36:55,630 --> 00:36:53,210

bold to say that because as you know

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00:36:57,640 --> 00:36:55,640

most folks who we expect to be

833

00:36:58,990 --> 00:36:57,650

proponents usually fall into that well

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00:37:01,810 --> 00:36:59,000

you know the preponderance of the

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00:37:03,520 --> 00:37:01,820

evidence overwhelmingly suggests but

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00:37:06,100 --> 00:37:03,530

they won't go and say hey beyond

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00:37:07,990 --> 00:37:06,110

reasonable doubt this is it and and and

838

00:37:10,570 --> 00:37:08,000

you kind of push it to that that next

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00:37:14,830 --> 00:37:10,580

level what is that what does that mean

840

00:37:16,870 --> 00:37:14,840

for you why why is it important to go

841

00:37:18,690 --> 00:37:16,880

there and say hey this is really the way

842

00:37:23,260 --> 00:37:18,700

it is it's beyond all reasonable doubt

843

00:37:24,600 --> 00:37:23,270

you survive your bodily death why is it

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00:37:27,490 --> 00:37:24,610

important hmm

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00:37:30,250 --> 00:37:27,500

what because I mean let's let's be real

846

00:37:32,110 --> 00:37:30,260

right I mean most to take NDE

847

00:37:33,820 --> 00:37:32,120

researchers when you really dig into

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00:37:36,430 --> 00:37:33,830

these nan de researches you can tell

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00:37:38,380 --> 00:37:36,440

that's what they believe right but very

850

00:37:40,690 --> 00:37:38,390

very few of them say it that way

851
00:37:43,000 --> 00:37:40,700
they always just kind of backpedal a

852
00:37:44,830 --> 00:37:43,010
little bit play it safe with the party

853
00:37:46,360 --> 00:37:44,840
line if you will that hey the evidence

854
00:37:48,400 --> 00:37:46,370
it's all up in the air but it seems to

855
00:37:51,970 --> 00:37:48,410
be leaning this way and I understand

856
00:37:53,980 --> 00:37:51,980
you're not an academic in an institution

857
00:37:56,650 --> 00:37:53,990
that requires you to kind of hold any

858
00:38:00,670 --> 00:37:56,660
party line but you do understand that

859
00:38:04,360 --> 00:38:00,680
your position is pretty bold right yes

860
00:38:07,150 --> 00:38:04,370
it is I also think that as I think that

861
00:38:08,620 --> 00:38:07,160
it's an important statement to make as I

862
00:38:11,400 --> 00:38:08,630
said before at the beginning of this

863
00:38:16,240 --> 00:38:11,410

conversation I think that if more people

864

00:38:19,060 --> 00:38:16,250

recognized that survival is a fact they

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00:38:20,440 --> 00:38:19,070

would first of all I think it would

866

00:38:23,370 --> 00:38:20,450

bring a lot more happiness to their

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00:38:28,030 --> 00:38:23,380

lives it would bring them a lot more

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00:38:31,600 --> 00:38:28,040

optimism and it would reduce cynicism I

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00:38:34,720 --> 00:38:31,610

think it would reduce anger and

870

00:38:36,490 --> 00:38:34,730

vindictiveness bitterness and I think it

871

00:38:38,800 --> 00:38:36,500

would lead people to lead better lives

872

00:38:40,750 --> 00:38:38,810

but are there a lot of steps in between

873

00:38:43,030 --> 00:38:40,760

there Chris I mean that's the one thing

874

00:38:46,450 --> 00:38:43,040

I guess that I took away from this and

875

00:38:49,390 --> 00:38:46,460

I'm on a similar journey that you are on

876

00:38:51,460 --> 00:38:49,400

in terms of this information this data

877

00:38:54,610 --> 00:38:51,470

this knowledge I think it can be

878

00:38:55,900 --> 00:38:54,620

personally transformative I have not had

879

00:38:58,440 --> 00:38:55,910

a near-death experience

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00:39:01,720 --> 00:38:58,450

I haven't had any profound spiritual

881

00:39:04,569 --> 00:39:01,730

transformational experiences I've had an

882

00:39:08,200 --> 00:39:04,579

experience of transformation via the

883

00:39:10,690 --> 00:39:08,210

data via the experiences of others that

884

00:39:13,299 --> 00:39:10,700

the people that I respect that I think

885

00:39:15,640 --> 00:39:13,309

have done a fair job of trying to sort

886

00:39:18,700 --> 00:39:15,650

this thing out and said hey this is

887

00:39:20,859 --> 00:39:18,710

where the truth seems to lie so I'm with

888

00:39:23,079 --> 00:39:20,869

you on all that but I have to tell you

889

00:39:26,849 --> 00:39:23,089

the people that I encounter in my

890

00:39:30,279 --> 00:39:26,859

day-to-day life one they're not usually

891

00:39:33,609 --> 00:39:30,289

persuaded to change their beliefs by

892

00:39:35,859 --> 00:39:33,619

data alone I don't know why I'm kind of

893

00:39:37,690 --> 00:39:35,869

wired that way but I found that a lot of

894

00:39:40,569 --> 00:39:37,700

people don't seem to be wired that way

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00:39:44,109 --> 00:39:40,579

but number two what seems to get in the

896

00:39:47,470 --> 00:39:44,119

way for people are a lot of the steps in

897

00:39:50,470 --> 00:39:47,480

between ok that's what the data says and

898

00:39:54,339 --> 00:39:50,480

on the other hand therefore this is how

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00:39:56,020 --> 00:39:54,349

I should live my life I mean there's a

900

00:40:00,370 --> 00:39:56,030

lot of questions there there's a

901
00:40:03,010 --> 00:40:00,380
thousand questions between me accepting

902
00:40:05,859 --> 00:40:03,020
the survival of consciousness is real

903
00:40:09,970 --> 00:40:05,869
and then me incorporating that into my

904
00:40:12,460 --> 00:40:09,980
life do we live in a you know Carl Sagan

905
00:40:15,760 --> 00:40:12,470
wrote a book many years ago a demon

906
00:40:18,130 --> 00:40:15,770
haunted world hey do we live in a demon

907
00:40:20,230 --> 00:40:18,140
haunted world science has rescued us

908
00:40:22,380 --> 00:40:20,240
from that demon haunted world do you

909
00:40:25,269 --> 00:40:22,390
want to send us back to it is the world

910
00:40:27,730 --> 00:40:25,279
demon haunted I mean these are the kind

911
00:40:30,609 --> 00:40:27,740
of questions that I think spring to mind

912
00:40:33,670 --> 00:40:30,619
for people when they're faced with the

913
00:40:37,000 --> 00:40:33,680

idea that consciousness survives death

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00:40:38,950 --> 00:40:37,010

but they're not filled in with all the

915

00:40:42,160 --> 00:40:38,960

answers to all the questions that that

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00:40:44,680 --> 00:40:42,170

stirs up what do you think well as I

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00:40:46,829 --> 00:40:44,690

said before I think that my book shows

918

00:40:50,559 --> 00:40:46,839

there's a third alternative between

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00:40:52,599 --> 00:40:50,569

blind religious faith and pseudo

920

00:40:53,589 --> 00:40:52,609

scientific doctrine of materialism but

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00:40:57,730 --> 00:40:53,599

that's not what I'm talking about

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00:41:00,760 --> 00:40:57,740

I accept your third rail I'm all over it

923

00:41:03,730 --> 00:41:00,770

I hear the data consciousness survives

924

00:41:05,680 --> 00:41:03,740

death huge implications for me now what

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00:41:08,349 --> 00:41:05,690

does that mean what what does that mean

926
00:41:10,329 --> 00:41:08,359
about is it a demon haunted world do I

927
00:41:11,770 --> 00:41:10,339
have to be afraid of

928
00:41:14,440 --> 00:41:11,780
what does this mean in terms of survival

929
00:41:14,950 --> 00:41:14,450
how long do I survive how many lives do

930
00:41:17,289 --> 00:41:14,960
I live

931
00:41:19,839 --> 00:41:17,299
do I go to heaven there are a thousand

932
00:41:21,819 --> 00:41:19,849
questions that immediately spring to

933
00:41:23,829 --> 00:41:21,829
mind that are the real questions that

934
00:41:26,620 --> 00:41:23,839
people have you know we play this little

935
00:41:29,410 --> 00:41:26,630
skeptic believer science versus religion

936
00:41:32,079 --> 00:41:29,420
stuff and that just gets played out in

937
00:41:34,599 --> 00:41:32,089
this cartoonish way but the what people

938
00:41:36,880 --> 00:41:34,609

are really worried about are the the

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00:41:38,950 --> 00:41:36,890

personal questions that lie underneath

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00:41:41,680 --> 00:41:38,960

that so you've done a fine job in your

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00:41:43,299 --> 00:41:41,690

book of equipping people with the

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00:41:46,240 --> 00:41:43,309

information they need to kind of

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00:41:49,450 --> 00:41:46,250

approach that first question that okay I

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00:41:52,000 --> 00:41:49,460

can as a reasonable person accept that

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00:41:52,480 --> 00:41:52,010

consciousness survives death Bravo

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00:41:55,240 --> 00:41:52,490

hooray

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00:41:57,339 --> 00:41:55,250

but right beneath that are the really

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00:41:59,410 --> 00:41:57,349

important questions and what are people

949

00:42:01,539 --> 00:41:59,420

supposed to do about those questions I

950

00:42:04,180 --> 00:42:01,549

mean it's it's not just a matter of a

951
00:42:07,270 --> 00:42:04,190
consciousness survives death so let's

952
00:42:09,069 --> 00:42:07,280
save the planet and and recycle those

953
00:42:11,260 --> 00:42:09,079
aren't the questions of course why not

954
00:42:13,630 --> 00:42:11,270
deeper question that's why I wrote the

955
00:42:15,460 --> 00:42:13,640
final section of my book the final

956
00:42:18,250 --> 00:42:15,470
section of my book is titled what the

957
00:42:20,620 --> 00:42:18,260
dead say so once I've convinced people

958
00:42:23,230 --> 00:42:20,630
that the dead are having facts survived

959
00:42:27,730 --> 00:42:23,240
and are indeed communicating through

960
00:42:30,430 --> 00:42:27,740
gifted human mediums then I discuss what

961
00:42:34,150 --> 00:42:30,440
they say and it's really those messages

962
00:42:37,690 --> 00:42:34,160
I suppose which are sources of wisdom

963
00:42:40,809 --> 00:42:37,700

and optimism and I don't think there's

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00:42:42,789 --> 00:42:40,819

anything that anything particularly

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00:42:46,510 --> 00:42:42,799

horrific in there there's nothing about

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00:42:49,809 --> 00:42:46,520

eternal Hellfire it does the dead do say

967

00:42:53,170 --> 00:42:49,819

that the old saying what we we we said

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00:42:53,470 --> 00:42:53,180

we shall so as we reap that has truth to

969

00:42:55,539 --> 00:42:53,480

it

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00:43:00,039 --> 00:42:55,549

but they also say there's no eternal

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00:43:03,130 --> 00:43:00,049

Hellfire they talk about a gradual

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00:43:06,940 --> 00:43:03,140

process of development on on the other

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00:43:10,150 --> 00:43:06,950

side many of us will return to this

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00:43:11,770 --> 00:43:10,160

earth to reincarnate prep and they say

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00:43:14,500 --> 00:43:11,780

that this does not happen fifty a

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00:43:16,990 --> 00:43:14,510
hundred a thousand times the average

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00:43:19,420 --> 00:43:17,000
human being according to the deceased

978
00:43:22,630 --> 00:43:19,430
communicators only reincarnates two

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00:43:26,440 --> 00:43:22,640
three perhaps four times at most

980
00:43:29,890 --> 00:43:26,450
so if people have questions like that

981
00:43:31,779 --> 00:43:29,900
all the all they need to do is simply

982
00:43:33,579 --> 00:43:31,789
read the very last section of my book

983
00:43:35,829 --> 00:43:33,589
you know I'm kind of with you on that

984
00:43:38,079 --> 00:43:35,839
Chris but as you know those accounts

985
00:43:40,450 --> 00:43:38,089
they vary tremendous I don't think so

986
00:43:42,069 --> 00:43:40,460
and I don't think so I find I find

987
00:43:44,079 --> 00:43:42,079
enormous similarities between different

988
00:43:46,479 --> 00:43:44,089

accounts I I explicitly point them out

989

00:43:50,259 --> 00:43:46,489

well you know we've talked to folks on

990

00:43:52,390 --> 00:43:50,269

this show that have all sorts of varying

991

00:43:55,120 --> 00:43:52,400

ideas about that people who are both

992

00:43:57,700 --> 00:43:55,130

mediumistic people who channel people

993

00:44:00,430 --> 00:43:57,710

who do all sorts of kind of things and

994

00:44:03,220 --> 00:44:00,440

you can also look over in the near death

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00:44:05,710 --> 00:44:03,230

experience literature which also gives

996

00:44:09,940 --> 00:44:05,720

these accounts of direct accounts of I

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00:44:13,029 --> 00:44:09,950

mean go to in de RF dot org Jeff Long's

998

00:44:15,069 --> 00:44:13,039

website where he's compiled 2000 of

999

00:44:17,910 --> 00:44:15,079

those accounts and they vary

1000

00:44:20,950 --> 00:44:17,920

tremendously I mean you'll hear very

1001
00:44:24,009 --> 00:44:20,960
religiously oriented I met Jesus and he

1002
00:44:26,710 --> 00:44:24,019
said this versus you'll hear all sorts

1003
00:44:28,890 --> 00:44:26,720
of different accounts so don't we really

1004
00:44:32,440 --> 00:44:28,900
have to be a little bit careful when we

1005
00:44:34,390 --> 00:44:32,450
start doing content analysis there and

1006
00:44:37,120 --> 00:44:34,400
saying we can really pull it apart and

1007
00:44:39,069 --> 00:44:37,130
this is what it indicates I don't think

1008
00:44:42,269 --> 00:44:39,079
that's the case I can't comment on

1009
00:44:44,440 --> 00:44:42,279
Long's longest work there are I have a

1010
00:44:46,120 --> 00:44:44,450
whole section called near-death

1011
00:44:47,739 --> 00:44:46,130
experiences across cultures and my

1012
00:44:51,029 --> 00:44:47,749
second book signs to the near-death

1013
00:44:53,079 --> 00:44:51,039

experience and analyze accounts

1014

00:44:57,339 --> 00:44:53,089

near-death experience accounts from

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00:45:03,130 --> 00:44:57,349

various cultures China India Maori New

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00:45:06,069 --> 00:45:03,140

Zealand various other the North American

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00:45:07,930 --> 00:45:06,079

aboriginals and what I found is that

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00:45:10,029 --> 00:45:07,940

journeys to other worlds out-of-body

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00:45:12,999 --> 00:45:10,039

experiences and encounters with the

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00:45:14,799 --> 00:45:13,009

deceased and otherworldly figures seem

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00:45:17,319 --> 00:45:14,809

to be the most universal features of the

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00:45:20,589 --> 00:45:17,329

near-death experience borders of some

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00:45:23,650 --> 00:45:20,599

sort are also found in accounts from

1024

00:45:26,019 --> 00:45:23,660

different cultures but tunnel and life

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00:45:28,870 --> 00:45:26,029

review experiences seem to be mostly

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00:45:30,579 --> 00:45:28,880
confined to the west so I disagree that

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00:45:34,280 --> 00:45:30,589
near-death experiences are vast and

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00:45:36,590 --> 00:45:34,290
varied no two are exactly the like but

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00:45:39,050 --> 00:45:36,600
myself and other researchers have found

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00:45:40,250 --> 00:45:39,060
very great similarities between the

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00:45:42,410 --> 00:45:40,260
near-death experience I think you're

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00:45:44,540 --> 00:45:42,420
taking what I said in the wrong way I

1033
00:45:47,210 --> 00:45:44,550
mean the skeptical argument that their

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00:45:50,680 --> 00:45:47,220
vast and varied no I'm not going there I

1035
00:45:53,930 --> 00:45:50,690
mean I'm very much a believer that

1036
00:45:58,190 --> 00:45:53,940
near-death experience accounts bring us

1037
00:45:59,990 --> 00:45:58,200
closer to a deeper understanding of part

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00:46:03,680 --> 00:46:00,000

of what happens in this journey beyond

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00:46:06,140 --> 00:46:03,690

our physical death so that I'm not going

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00:46:08,030 --> 00:46:06,150

there but I do think and I think many

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00:46:09,140 --> 00:46:08,040

people would agree with me I've had the

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00:46:10,460 --> 00:46:09,150

leading near-death experience

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00:46:12,530 --> 00:46:10,470

researchers on the show and they've

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00:46:15,500 --> 00:46:12,540

agreed that there really isn't a good

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00:46:17,180 --> 00:46:15,510

explanation for some of the variety sure

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00:46:18,950 --> 00:46:17,190

we can we can look for the similar

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00:46:21,080 --> 00:46:18,960

patterns and those are important and

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00:46:24,530 --> 00:46:21,090

there's certainly important when you're

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00:46:26,720 --> 00:46:24,540

debating or arguing against a skeptic

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00:46:27,860 --> 00:46:26,730

who says gee we can't we have to throw

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00:46:29,600 --> 00:46:27,870
out all these accounts because they're

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00:46:31,130 --> 00:46:29,610
all over the board no that's not the

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00:46:33,260 --> 00:46:31,140
case but if we really try and do a

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00:46:34,850 --> 00:46:33,270
Content analysis I think a lot of

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00:46:36,650 --> 00:46:34,860
near-death experience researchers will

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00:46:39,500 --> 00:46:36,660
agree that there they're just they're

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00:46:41,360 --> 00:46:39,510
challenging material it can be all over

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00:46:44,990 --> 00:46:41,370
the board and the same thing with

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00:46:48,140 --> 00:46:45,000
mediumistic readings I mean they can

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00:46:49,790 --> 00:46:48,150
just be they can be very challenging in

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00:46:50,210 --> 00:46:49,800
terms of figuring all that out but you

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00:46:52,970 --> 00:46:50,220
know what

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00:46:54,710 --> 00:46:52,980

I'm glad you addressed it in that

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00:46:57,380 --> 00:46:54,720

section of the book and maybe that's

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00:47:00,140 --> 00:46:57,390

where someone has to take over and take

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00:47:01,850 --> 00:47:00,150

their own personal interpretation of the

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00:47:02,630 --> 00:47:01,860

material and decide how they're going to

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00:47:05,690 --> 00:47:02,640

take it forward

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00:47:08,860 --> 00:47:05,700

so let's do this in the little bit of

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00:47:11,300 --> 00:47:08,870

time that we have left let's talk about

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00:47:14,210 --> 00:47:11,310

where you go from here because this is

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00:47:18,440 --> 00:47:14,220

kind of an important wrap-up for you I

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00:47:21,260 --> 00:47:18,450

mean this was a a trilogy of books and a

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00:47:22,510 --> 00:47:21,270

fantastic three book set that you put

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00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:22,520

together

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00:47:27,440 --> 00:47:24,720

where do you go from here with this

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00:47:33,290 --> 00:47:27,450

Chris I'm not really sure to be honest

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00:47:34,730 --> 00:47:33,300

with you we've I wrote an article in the

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00:47:36,260 --> 00:47:34,740

journal of near-death studies in

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00:47:39,770 --> 00:47:36,270

response to an article written by a

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00:47:42,860 --> 00:47:39,780

sceptical anesthesiologist named gerald

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00:47:44,960 --> 00:47:42,870

Worley and he attempted to debunk the

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00:47:48,270 --> 00:47:44,970

famous Pam Reynolds near-death

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00:47:52,590 --> 00:47:48,280

experience which occurred while she was

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00:47:54,450 --> 00:47:52,600

clinically dead basically briefly they

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00:47:57,420 --> 00:47:54,460

had to operate remove an aneurysm from

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00:48:01,170 --> 00:47:57,430

her brainstem and to do so they had to

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00:48:02,700 --> 00:48:01,180

clinically kill her they had to stop her

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00:48:05,580 --> 00:48:02,710

heart that the drain all the blood from

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00:48:07,770 --> 00:48:05,590

her body and then remove the aneurysm

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00:48:09,359 --> 00:48:07,780

from the base of her brain and during

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00:48:11,280 --> 00:48:09,369

this experience she had one of the

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00:48:14,190 --> 00:48:11,290

deepest near-death experiences ever

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00:48:16,380 --> 00:48:14,200

recorded showing many of the classic

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00:48:18,480 --> 00:48:16,390

features found in most near-death

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00:48:21,470 --> 00:48:18,490

experiences from around the world such

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00:48:24,480 --> 00:48:21,480

as for instance feelings of peace

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00:48:26,910 --> 00:48:24,490

out-of-body experience travel to an

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00:48:29,550 --> 00:48:26,920

otherworldly real realm and meeting with

1100

00:48:31,140 --> 00:48:29,560

deceased relatives now some people say

1101

00:48:33,840 --> 00:48:31,150

near-death experiences are all over the

1102

00:48:35,940 --> 00:48:33,850

map no the best ones and most of them

1103

00:48:38,370 --> 00:48:35,950

include those three core elements

1104

00:48:39,870 --> 00:48:38,380

including those experiences found in

1105

00:48:41,400 --> 00:48:39,880

different cultures I don't care where

1106

00:48:45,840 --> 00:48:41,410

you're looking you look in Guam you can

1107

00:48:48,150 --> 00:48:45,850

look in Maori New Zealand American

1108

00:48:49,740 --> 00:48:48,160

aboriginals wherever those core

1109

00:48:53,300 --> 00:48:49,750

experiences will be found in near-death

1110

00:48:56,099 --> 00:48:53,310

experiences any disagree any

1111

00:48:59,010 --> 00:48:56,109

idiosyncrasies will be found yes but

1112

00:49:01,320 --> 00:48:59,020

they're usually trivial Chris why do we

1113

00:49:03,540 --> 00:49:01,330

want to go there I mean why do we want

1114

00:49:05,550 --> 00:49:03,550

to say something like that that that

1115

00:49:08,730 --> 00:49:05,560

seems to suggest that we understand

1116

00:49:10,460 --> 00:49:08,740

what's going on what realm they're going

1117

00:49:13,349 --> 00:49:10,470

to what dimension they're going to

1118

00:49:16,170 --> 00:49:13,359

broaden it you know I just had Evan

1119

00:49:18,980 --> 00:49:16,180

Alexander on the show I don't know a

1120

00:49:21,270 --> 00:49:18,990

month or so ago former Harvard

1121

00:49:23,550 --> 00:49:21,280

neurosurgeon who had this dramatic

1122

00:49:26,070 --> 00:49:23,560

near-death experience very

1123

00:49:28,890 --> 00:49:26,080

transformative for him but where he's

1124

00:49:31,680 --> 00:49:28,900

gone with with the work is to look

1125

00:49:33,359 --> 00:49:31,690

broadly it's spiritually transformative

1126

00:49:36,270 --> 00:49:33,369

experiences right so somebody has a

1127

00:49:39,870 --> 00:49:36,280

Kundalini experience or somebody just

1128

00:49:42,000 --> 00:49:39,880

has a spontaneous experience walking

1129

00:49:43,650 --> 00:49:42,010

through the street you can find scores

1130

00:49:45,390 --> 00:49:43,660

of these people in mental institutions

1131

00:49:48,630 --> 00:49:45,400

because that's where they wind up

1132

00:49:50,730 --> 00:49:48,640

they've really had a real awakening a

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00:49:53,010 --> 00:49:50,740

spiritual awakening that we don't fully

1134

00:49:54,570 --> 00:49:53,020

understand and yet they wind up in

1135

00:49:55,859 --> 00:49:54,580

mental institutions but that's another

1136

00:49:58,260 --> 00:49:55,869

story for another time

1137

00:49:59,259 --> 00:49:58,270

but I think when we start going down

1138

00:50:01,989 --> 00:49:59,269

that path

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00:50:04,269 --> 00:50:01,999

these are definitely the core

1140

00:50:06,099 --> 00:50:04,279

experiences of the best experience we

1141

00:50:08,409 --> 00:50:06,109

don't know what the heck we're talking

1142

00:50:11,829 --> 00:50:08,419

about we're we we don't know what that

1143

00:50:13,919 --> 00:50:11,839

means we don't know I'm to tomorrow I'm

1144

00:50:16,620 --> 00:50:13,929

scheduled to have an interview with

1145

00:50:19,289 --> 00:50:16,630

Robert Bruce one of the best-known

1146

00:50:22,989 --> 00:50:19,299

out-of-body experience

1147

00:50:25,329 --> 00:50:22,999

travelers astral travelers in the world

1148

00:50:30,909 --> 00:50:25,339

who's been at it for 30 years he's gonna

1149

00:50:33,909 --> 00:50:30,919

tell me a very detailed topography of

1150

00:50:35,979 --> 00:50:33,919

the spirit world and all these different

1151

00:50:38,169 --> 00:50:35,989

dimensions that he's traveled to will

1152

00:50:39,549 --> 00:50:38,179

higher and lower now I don't know how

1153

00:50:42,099 --> 00:50:39,559

much of that is true but that's

1154

00:50:44,049 --> 00:50:42,109

certainly his experience and he has the

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00:50:47,919 --> 00:50:44,059

scores of people that'll back him up on

1156

00:50:50,859 --> 00:50:47,929

that what I say is we just don't know we

1157

00:50:53,559 --> 00:50:50,869

cross the chasm from this ridiculous

1158

00:50:55,719 --> 00:50:53,569

materialism that we're in but then we

1159

00:50:57,999 --> 00:50:55,729

have to be really careful because when

1160

00:51:00,639 --> 00:50:58,009

we do cross that chasm a lot of the

1161

00:51:02,559 --> 00:51:00,649

things that we try and say aren't gonna

1162

00:51:06,309 --> 00:51:02,569

make a lot of sense we can't take this

1163

00:51:08,349 --> 00:51:06,319

same scientific precision and bring it

1164

00:51:11,709 --> 00:51:08,359

to that other dimension it just doesn't

1165

00:51:13,329 --> 00:51:11,719

fit I agree with that but my point is is

1166

00:51:16,149 --> 00:51:13,339

that I have read a great deal of

1167

00:51:18,279 --> 00:51:16,159

accounts describing the so called after

1168

00:51:20,199 --> 00:51:18,289

world and what I find is a great deal of

1169

00:51:22,899 --> 00:51:20,209

similarity and I also find that the

1170

00:51:24,189 --> 00:51:22,909

deepest accounts explain discrepancies

1171

00:51:25,870 --> 00:51:24,199

between the other accounts in other

1172

00:51:30,429 --> 00:51:25,880

words the people who have been there the

1173

00:51:32,439 --> 00:51:30,439

longest so I don't find that the reports

1174

00:51:35,649 --> 00:51:32,449

all over all over the map but then again

1175

00:51:38,649 --> 00:51:35,659

I don't I don't read or listen to every

1176
00:51:41,139 --> 00:51:38,659
single shall we say new-age account or

1177
00:51:43,739 --> 00:51:41,149
wild claim that is presented out there I

1178
00:51:46,449 --> 00:51:43,749
go only for what I consider to be the

1179
00:51:48,879 --> 00:51:46,459
best or most reliable most

1180
00:51:51,129 --> 00:51:48,889
well-documented reports and I find a

1181
00:51:53,589 --> 00:51:51,139
great deal of similarity in my reports

1182
00:51:55,449 --> 00:51:53,599
and I discuss this similarity in my book

1183
00:51:57,789 --> 00:51:55,459
science and the afterlife experience

1184
00:51:59,019 --> 00:51:57,799
I hear you Kris I just think you know

1185
00:52:01,719 --> 00:51:59,029
when you start saying we only

1186
00:52:05,739 --> 00:52:01,729
reincarnate two or three times man we

1187
00:52:07,779 --> 00:52:05,749
have we have no clue no clue I didn't

1188
00:52:09,609 --> 00:52:07,789

say I didn't say I personally think we

1189

00:52:12,930 --> 00:52:09,619

only read cartoon or three times I said

1190

00:52:15,770 --> 00:52:12,940

that that that was a claim made by

1191

00:52:17,819 --> 00:52:15,780

the communicators whom I regard as being

1192

00:52:20,069 --> 00:52:17,829

the most trustworthy of the

1193

00:52:22,430 --> 00:52:20,079

communicators Frederick Myers who

1194

00:52:25,109 --> 00:52:22,440

established his identity over about

1195

00:52:28,500 --> 00:52:25,119

20-30 years through the famed cross

1196

00:52:29,819 --> 00:52:28,510

correspondences which convinced a great

1197

00:52:32,160 --> 00:52:29,829

number of his friends and colleagues

1198

00:52:34,380 --> 00:52:32,170

that it really was him communicating

1199

00:52:35,760 --> 00:52:34,390

through mediums in various parts of the

1200

00:52:39,240 --> 00:52:35,770

world mediums who did not know each

1201
00:52:40,950 --> 00:52:39,250
other so after about 20 25 years after

1202
00:52:43,890 --> 00:52:40,960
he had gone through this extensive

1203
00:52:45,569 --> 00:52:43,900
period of launching these cross cross

1204
00:52:48,750 --> 00:52:45,579
correspondences which are essentially

1205
00:52:52,740 --> 00:52:48,760
literary puzzles he then sat down and

1206
00:52:55,079 --> 00:52:52,750
dictated through 2 in 2 books through

1207
00:52:57,300 --> 00:52:55,089
the medium Geraldine Cummins his account

1208
00:52:59,609 --> 00:52:57,310
of his experiences in the after world

1209
00:53:02,460 --> 00:52:59,619
and what he had learned I considered

1210
00:53:04,740 --> 00:53:02,470
that account to be one of the best

1211
00:53:07,170 --> 00:53:04,750
fair enough Chris I think I kind of got

1212
00:53:09,120 --> 00:53:07,180
you sidetracked you were about to tell

1213
00:53:10,500 --> 00:53:09,130

us a little bit more about where you

1214

00:53:13,500 --> 00:53:10,510

think you might be heading and you were

1215

00:53:17,700 --> 00:53:13,510

talking about your confrontation with

1216

00:53:20,430 --> 00:53:17,710

Gerald Worley what is coming up for you

1217

00:53:23,220 --> 00:53:20,440

possibly some film projects the first

1218

00:53:25,140 --> 00:53:23,230

one may involve a challenge that I threw

1219

00:53:26,760 --> 00:53:25,150

out to Gerald Worley he said that the

1220

00:53:29,609 --> 00:53:26,770

famous Pam Reynolds case could be

1221

00:53:31,230 --> 00:53:29,619

explained in terms of some lingering

1222

00:53:34,109 --> 00:53:31,240

sense of consciousness and some

1223

00:53:35,490 --> 00:53:34,119

anesthesia induced fantasy and this sort

1224

00:53:37,200 --> 00:53:35,500

of thing and I basically tore his

1225

00:53:39,359 --> 00:53:37,210

arguments apart and then I challenged

1226
00:53:41,849 --> 00:53:39,369
him I said Gerald at the end of my

1227
00:53:43,950 --> 00:53:41,859
article I said Gerald let's go to the

1228
00:53:46,349 --> 00:53:43,960
Barrow Institute the Barrow Neurological

1229
00:53:48,089 --> 00:53:46,359
Institute in Phoenix Arizona and let's

1230
00:53:50,130 --> 00:53:48,099
do this experiment you and me will be

1231
00:53:54,180 --> 00:53:50,140
prepared just as Pam was prepared before

1232
00:53:56,490 --> 00:53:54,190
operation and we'll see we'll see if we

1233
00:53:58,050 --> 00:53:56,500
can really hear people talking in the

1234
00:53:59,430 --> 00:53:58,060
room if we can really describe what's

1235
00:54:01,970 --> 00:53:59,440
going on in the room and if we can

1236
00:54:04,170 --> 00:54:01,980
really hear the song Hotel California

1237
00:54:06,809 --> 00:54:04,180
fascinating now that would be an

1238
00:54:09,089 --> 00:54:06,819

experiment that I would tune in to watch

1239

00:54:12,300 --> 00:54:09,099

I hope we get that on my local cable

1240

00:54:15,120 --> 00:54:12,310

network Chris we're running out of time

1241

00:54:17,250 --> 00:54:15,130

it's been great to have you on wish you

1242

00:54:19,500 --> 00:54:17,260

the very best of luck with the book that

1243

00:54:22,950 --> 00:54:19,510

is out now and everyone can get unmet

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00:54:26,670 --> 00:54:22,960

and on Amazon again the title is science

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00:54:28,440 --> 00:54:26,680

and the afterlife experience again Chris

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00:54:30,960 --> 00:54:28,450

thanks so much for joining me on skeptic

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00:54:32,460 --> 00:54:30,970

oh thanks Alex if your listeners are

1248

00:54:34,200 --> 00:54:32,470

interested they can actually go to the

1249

00:54:36,330 --> 00:54:34,210

books website and it's the same as the

1250

00:54:38,280 --> 00:54:36,340

book it's triple W science in the

1251

00:54:40,890 --> 00:54:38,290

afterlife experience dot-com and they

1252

00:54:44,130 --> 00:54:40,900

can read excerpts and endorsements and

1253

00:54:47,190 --> 00:54:44,140

so forth great by the way a ton of

1254

00:54:49,950 --> 00:54:47,200

fabulous endorsements I think that

1255

00:54:51,750 --> 00:54:49,960

speaks volumes for the the progress

1256

00:54:54,660 --> 00:54:51,760

you've made in the respect that you've

1257

00:54:57,990 --> 00:54:54,670

earned in this field you obviously have

1258

00:55:00,540 --> 00:54:58,000

a lot of supporters well earned and and

1259

00:55:02,520 --> 00:55:00,550

best of luck with your future endeavors

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00:55:04,710 --> 00:55:02,530

whatever they might be thanks Alex

1261

00:55:06,660 --> 00:55:04,720

thanks again to Chris Carter for joining

1262

00:55:08,910 --> 00:55:06,670

me today on skeptic oh so I have a

1263

00:55:10,560 --> 00:55:08,920

couple of questions to tee up from this

1264

00:55:12,270 --> 00:55:10,570

interview but before I get there I

1265

00:55:14,640 --> 00:55:12,280

wanted to make sure that you know that I

1266

00:55:17,250 --> 00:55:14,650

really don't think it's okay that the

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00:55:19,650 --> 00:55:17,260

medical community ostracized andrew

1268

00:55:21,240 --> 00:55:19,660

wakefield from merely pointing out that

1269

00:55:24,120 --> 00:55:21,250

there may be some health risks

1270

00:55:25,620 --> 00:55:24,130

associated with vaccines but I do think

1271

00:55:28,890 --> 00:55:25,630

it's important to have something more

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00:55:31,350 --> 00:55:28,900

than an Eyes Wide Shut worldview on how

1273

00:55:34,080 --> 00:55:31,360

medicine and for that matter science

1274

00:55:35,760 --> 00:55:34,090

really operates and I guess well we

1275

00:55:38,490 --> 00:55:35,770

spend quite a bit of time talking about

1276

00:55:40,650 --> 00:55:38,500

that on this show so you probably

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00:55:43,560 --> 00:55:40,660

already know my point of view on that

1278

00:55:45,150 --> 00:55:43,570

hey couple questions from the show the

1279

00:55:48,330 --> 00:55:45,160

first would be the most obvious has

1280

00:55:51,510 --> 00:55:48,340

Chris done it as he effectively made his

1281

00:55:54,240 --> 00:55:51,520

case for an afterlife is there survival

1282

00:55:56,490 --> 00:55:54,250

of consciousness not super SCI or any of

1283

00:55:59,070 --> 00:55:56,500

the rest of that baloney does your

1284

00:56:02,520 --> 00:55:59,080

individual consciousness survive you

1285

00:56:04,950 --> 00:56:02,530

after your body dies in question two is

1286

00:56:08,610 --> 00:56:04,960

what I guess I was poking at Chris about

1287

00:56:10,560 --> 00:56:08,620

and that's are there consequences may be

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00:56:13,620 --> 00:56:10,570

consequences that we're not fully

1289

00:56:16,560 --> 00:56:13,630

willing to accept for accepting this

1290

00:56:20,430 --> 00:56:16,570

idea that consciousness does survive

1291

00:56:23,760 --> 00:56:20,440

death so is this a forced choice bad

1292

00:56:26,790 --> 00:56:23,770

bargain between materialistic science

1293

00:56:28,650 --> 00:56:26,800

and state-sponsored religion even though

1294

00:56:30,090 --> 00:56:28,660

we'd like there to be this third

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00:56:32,760 --> 00:56:30,100

alternative of enlightened beings

1296

00:56:34,590 --> 00:56:32,770

following their higher purpose should we

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00:56:37,230 --> 00:56:34,600

really have any confidence that things

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00:56:39,510 --> 00:56:37,240

can really work out that way or does

1299

00:56:40,260 --> 00:56:39,520

history teach us a lesson that we really

1300

00:56:42,870 --> 00:56:40,270

have to choose

1301
00:56:45,210 --> 00:56:42,880
between some variation of those two

1302
00:56:47,580 --> 00:56:45,220
options anyways kick that around a

1303
00:56:49,110 --> 00:56:47,590
little bit let me know your thoughts the

1304
00:56:53,400 --> 00:56:49,120
place to do that of course is the

1305
00:56:55,800 --> 00:56:53,410
skeptical website at sk e p TI k oh

1306
00:56:57,390 --> 00:56:55,810
don't forget the k in their comm and

1307
00:57:00,210 --> 00:56:57,400
there of course you'll find links to all

1308
00:57:02,760 --> 00:57:00,220
our previous shows email facebook link

1309
00:57:05,340 --> 00:57:02,770
to me as well as the comment section and

1310
00:57:07,170 --> 00:57:05,350
a link over to the forum section of the

1311
00:57:09,450 --> 00:57:07,180
website well that's gonna do it for this

1312
00:57:10,890 --> 00:57:09,460
episode hope you enjoyed it hope you

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00:57:12,960 --> 00:57:10,900

tell your friends about this interview

1314

00:57:15,390 --> 00:57:12,970

with Chris Carter and point them to not

1315

00:57:16,860 --> 00:57:15,400

only interview but to is excellent look

1316

00:57:19,740 --> 00:57:16,870

I have a number of interesting shows

1317

00:57:22,290 --> 00:57:19,750

coming up working on them as we speak

1318

00:57:24,180 --> 00:57:22,300

kind of one in the hopper being edited

1319

00:57:26,820 --> 00:57:24,190

and another interview being done today

1320

00:57:29,220 --> 00:57:26,830

so I want you to know I'm busy cranking

1321

00:57:30,930 --> 00:57:29,230

these things out love doing it and love

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00:57:33,060 --> 00:57:30,940

hearing from you as you listen to them