



A LOOK BACK AT 200 EPISODES

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00:00:12,440 --> 00:00:08,960
on this episode of skeptic Oh a look

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00:00:15,020 --> 00:00:12,450
back on 200 episodes so there's your

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00:00:17,480 --> 00:00:15,030
show and you're up against all of this

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00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:17,490
skeptic shows there's skeptic I to the

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00:00:22,130 --> 00:00:20,400
universe skeptic ality kept I'd not

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00:00:24,529 --> 00:00:22,140
really Tim those are like two different

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00:00:26,960 --> 00:00:24,539
universes I mean one of the things that

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00:00:29,810 --> 00:00:26,970
skeptic of did again because I came in

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00:00:32,120 --> 00:00:29,820
this from the outside I saw naturally

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00:00:34,520 --> 00:00:32,130
that these two things fit together if

11
00:00:36,650 --> 00:00:34,530
the skeptics guide to the universe and

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00:00:39,670 --> 00:00:36,660
skeptic ality and sceptile and all the

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00:00:41,690 --> 00:00:39,680

rest of them are talking about

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00:00:45,590 --> 00:00:41,700

parapsychology all being in a

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00:00:47,840 --> 00:00:45,600

disparaging way then naturally they're

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00:00:50,150 --> 00:00:47,850

going to want to dialogue with those

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00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:50,160

researchers and I was naive enough to

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00:00:54,830 --> 00:00:52,320

think that they actually did what I

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00:00:57,650 --> 00:00:54,840

found is that they don't but they really

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00:00:59,540 --> 00:00:57,660

want is to be left in there a little

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00:01:01,910 --> 00:00:59,550

island over there in their little world

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00:01:15,870 --> 00:01:01,920

and talk about these things among

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00:01:19,630 --> 00:01:18,010

welcome to skeptic oh where we explore

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00:01:22,300 --> 00:01:19,640

controversial science with leading

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00:01:24,760 --> 00:01:22,310

researchers thinkers and their critics

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00:01:26,410 --> 00:01:24,770

i'm your host Alex Karras and today on

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00:01:28,410 --> 00:01:26,420

skeptical we're going to mix things up a

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00:01:31,450 --> 00:01:28,420

little bit and have one of those

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00:01:33,880 --> 00:01:31,460

retrospective shows it is episode 200

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00:01:36,730 --> 00:01:33,890

after all and maybe a look back is

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00:01:38,200 --> 00:01:36,740

worthwhile so my good friend Tim and

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00:01:40,630 --> 00:01:38,210

that is his real name but we won't use

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00:01:44,050 --> 00:01:40,640

his last name as I'll explain at the

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00:01:46,300 --> 00:01:44,060

conclusion of this show has joined me to

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00:01:48,400 --> 00:01:46,310

talk about the show there's not a lot of

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00:01:50,950 --> 00:01:48,410

introduction required let's jump right

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00:01:53,200 --> 00:01:50,960

into this look back at 200 episodes of

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00:01:56,230 --> 00:01:53,210

skeptical so as I just mentioned today

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00:01:59,140 --> 00:01:56,240

we have a special episode of skeptic oh

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00:02:02,969 --> 00:01:59,150

I have with me and I'll soon be turning

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00:02:06,040 --> 00:02:02,979

the mic over to Tim who is a longtime

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00:02:08,530 --> 00:02:06,050

friend of mine and a longtime friend of

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00:02:11,530 --> 00:02:08,540

skeptical a guy who has literally

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00:02:13,300 --> 00:02:11,540

listened to I think every show that I've

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00:02:15,070 --> 00:02:13,310

produced and what makes this

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00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:15,080

particularly interesting other than that

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00:02:20,380 --> 00:02:17,360

I have this close personal relationship

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00:02:23,650 --> 00:02:20,390

with tim is that tim is a skeptic and he

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00:02:26,290 --> 00:02:23,660

remains a skeptic and i love the fact

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00:02:28,420 --> 00:02:26,300

that he's stayed with the show stayed

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00:02:32,080 --> 00:02:28,430
with the material has battled it out and

52
00:02:34,600 --> 00:02:32,090
has remained a skeptic so I think when

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00:02:37,420 --> 00:02:34,610
Tim proposed the idea of doing an

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00:02:39,759 --> 00:02:37,430
interview about skeptical something I've

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00:02:42,310 --> 00:02:39,769
been resistant to do the more I thought

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00:02:45,820 --> 00:02:42,320
about it the more I thought what more

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00:02:49,000 --> 00:02:45,830
perfect person to conduct that interview

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00:02:52,960 --> 00:02:49,010
than someone who's deeply engaged in the

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00:02:55,900 --> 00:02:52,970
show and remains opposed to a lot of the

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00:02:58,990 --> 00:02:55,910
ideas and that true spirit of sorting

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00:03:02,949 --> 00:02:59,000
out the data and skepticism I can now

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00:03:04,780 --> 00:03:02,959
turn the mic over to Tim well thank you

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00:03:06,699 --> 00:03:04,790

very much honestly for for agreeing to

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00:03:08,350 --> 00:03:06,709

do this you and I had a a bit of a back

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00:03:10,750 --> 00:03:08,360

and forth on whether or not you thought

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00:03:13,479 --> 00:03:10,760

this was a this was a good idea but I do

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00:03:15,460 --> 00:03:13,489

want to do this as primarily my mind as

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00:03:18,880 --> 00:03:15,470

a as a celebration of the fact that

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00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:18,890

you've reached this milestone of 200

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00:03:25,050 --> 00:03:22,400

shows so if you look back at skeptic oh

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00:03:27,360 --> 00:03:25,060

it started January seventh two

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00:03:29,850 --> 00:03:27,370

thousand seven and you introduced it

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00:03:34,530 --> 00:03:29,860

with a you know how controversial

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00:03:37,290 --> 00:03:34,540

science is debated and so my ideas for

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00:03:39,350 --> 00:03:37,300

the for the next next few minutes is to

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00:03:42,479 --> 00:03:39,360

talk about talk about the show and

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00:03:44,580 --> 00:03:42,489

hopefully uh I was hoping we would stay

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00:03:48,320 --> 00:03:44,590

out of the the topics of the show we may

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00:03:52,470 --> 00:03:48,330

we may bleed into that but I'm curious

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00:03:54,059 --> 00:03:52,480

to get started with how did the show get

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00:03:56,100 --> 00:03:54,069

started take take you take us back to

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00:03:58,800 --> 00:03:56,110

two thousand seven well you know I

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00:04:01,470 --> 00:03:58,810

started out as a listener I've always

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00:04:04,949 --> 00:04:01,480

been very interested in not only these

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00:04:07,620 --> 00:04:04,959

topics but in general in the idea that I

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00:04:10,380 --> 00:04:07,630

can learn i can get better i can improve

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00:04:12,360 --> 00:04:10,390

by absorbing the knowledge from other

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00:04:15,590 --> 00:04:12,370

people so i was a listener and i became

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00:04:18,810 --> 00:04:15,600

quite interested in the whole idea of

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00:04:21,330 --> 00:04:18,820

parapsychology and kind of paranormal

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00:04:23,909 --> 00:04:21,340

phenomena just did a very casual level

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00:04:26,310 --> 00:04:23,919

like anyone who watches TV that

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00:04:29,370 --> 00:04:26,320

eventually led me to dr. Rupert

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00:04:31,560 --> 00:04:29,380

sheldrick who is guest number one of

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00:04:34,170 --> 00:04:31,570

skeptical and the conversation i had

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00:04:36,390 --> 00:04:34,180

with Rupert was along the lines of hey

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00:04:40,400 --> 00:04:36,400

this is interesting why isn't anyone

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00:04:43,250 --> 00:04:40,410

talking about this in a serious way

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00:04:45,510 --> 00:04:43,260

interviewing these researchers and

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00:04:48,150 --> 00:04:45,520

analyzing what they have to say versus

101
00:04:50,040 --> 00:04:48,160
what people who oppose them have to say

102
00:04:51,810 --> 00:04:50,050
and he said I don't know and I said well

103
00:04:53,700 --> 00:04:51,820
we ought to make that happen and I'm

104
00:04:56,430 --> 00:04:53,710
willing to fund this you know let's hire

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00:04:58,860 --> 00:04:56,440
somebody to go do this show and that was

106
00:05:02,100 --> 00:04:58,870
really out started is I was going to

107
00:05:04,800 --> 00:05:02,110
fund a show because I'm not a producer

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00:05:07,320 --> 00:05:04,810
of any sort and I'm not a radio guy or

109
00:05:10,040 --> 00:05:07,330
anything like that well we went down

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00:05:12,480 --> 00:05:10,050
that path and I asked Rupert for

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00:05:15,080 --> 00:05:12,490
suggestions of who might be good for the

112
00:05:17,790 --> 00:05:15,090
show and and that kind of played out and

113
00:05:20,159 --> 00:05:17,800

it's like so many things you hear about

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00:05:23,520 --> 00:05:20,169

you know there wasn't anybody so I

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00:05:25,469 --> 00:05:23,530

stepped in and to do it and after a

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00:05:28,230 --> 00:05:25,479

couple shows really i was pretty well

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00:05:31,200 --> 00:05:28,240

cooked on doing it and I was hooked on

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00:05:34,050 --> 00:05:31,210

the fact that if I tried to subcontract

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00:05:36,089 --> 00:05:34,060

this out it wouldn't really fit what I

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00:05:37,810 --> 00:05:36,099

was looking for I wouldn't get the

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00:05:40,240 --> 00:05:37,820

questions that I want

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00:05:41,830 --> 00:05:40,250

asked and he answered those wouldn't

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00:05:43,240 --> 00:05:41,840

come on the table because everyone does

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00:05:44,650 --> 00:05:43,250

bring a different perspective to these

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00:05:47,110 --> 00:05:44,660

things so that's really how it all

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00:05:48,700 --> 00:05:47,120

started did you get down did you get

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00:05:50,800 --> 00:05:48,710

very far down the path of looking for

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00:05:53,980 --> 00:05:50,810

somebody to somebody else that to host

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00:05:55,780 --> 00:05:53,990

the show yeah i mean he he threw he

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00:05:58,570 --> 00:05:55,790

threw out a couple names I followed him

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00:06:01,840 --> 00:05:58,580

up there actually is one guy who

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00:06:04,330 --> 00:06:01,850

appeared very early on in my interview

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00:06:07,150 --> 00:06:04,340

with Michael Shermer who we were

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00:06:08,800 --> 00:06:07,160

considering for you know doing the show

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00:06:12,550 --> 00:06:08,810

and I actually met him here he came down

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00:06:15,040 --> 00:06:12,560

to Del Mar and it wasn't a good fit so I

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00:06:17,050 --> 00:06:15,050

don't I don't know if I exhausted all

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00:06:19,480 --> 00:06:17,060

possible candidates but yet we went down

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00:06:20,740 --> 00:06:19,490

that path and what was Rupert's reaction

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00:06:23,680 --> 00:06:20,750

when you said I'm just going to do this

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00:06:25,300 --> 00:06:23,690

myself well I think one of the other you

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00:06:28,450 --> 00:06:25,310

know kind of little secrets that you

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00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:28,460

learn when you get into this is I had

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00:06:35,020 --> 00:06:31,520

this idea of some of these figures who

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00:06:37,600 --> 00:06:35,030

are really I respect tremendously and

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00:06:38,770 --> 00:06:37,610

their ideas are fantastic the books are

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00:06:40,930 --> 00:06:38,780

fantastic and their books are

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00:06:43,630 --> 00:06:40,940

bestsellers and internationally known

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00:06:45,670 --> 00:06:43,640

but I think in my mind and I think a lot

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00:06:49,000 --> 00:06:45,680

of people's mind you have this idea of

151
00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:49,010
this kind of infrastructure that lies

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00:06:53,050 --> 00:06:50,720
behind them and that their tentacles

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00:06:54,640 --> 00:06:53,060
reach out and all this and it's not

154
00:06:59,110 --> 00:06:54,650
really the case I mean a lot of times

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00:07:01,390 --> 00:06:59,120
it's a guy like dr. sheldrick who's has

156
00:07:05,200 --> 00:07:01,400
an academic career and has written a

157
00:07:07,000 --> 00:07:05,210
book and you know that's it so in terms

158
00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:07,010
of me stepping forward and say hey one

159
00:07:11,020 --> 00:07:08,960
and I do this show he was welcoming it

160
00:07:13,870 --> 00:07:11,030
was like great fine you know let's let's

161
00:07:16,180 --> 00:07:13,880
try it I think he saw it as not a lot to

162
00:07:19,450 --> 00:07:16,190
lose he wasn't putting a lot behind it

163
00:07:21,640 --> 00:07:19,460

and another chance to get his ideas out

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00:07:25,150 --> 00:07:21,650

there which is the other impetus of the

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00:07:26,860 --> 00:07:25,160

show that really remained sound and true

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00:07:30,610 --> 00:07:26,870

to this day is that there's a lot of

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00:07:34,300 --> 00:07:30,620

really important thinkers out there who

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00:07:36,220 --> 00:07:34,310

don't get airtime I think that's really

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00:07:38,950 --> 00:07:36,230

probably less true now than when I

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00:07:42,010 --> 00:07:38,960

started because there's been a growth on

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00:07:44,860 --> 00:07:42,020

the internet of shows like mine or shows

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00:07:47,440 --> 00:07:44,870

in this general topic area that now

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00:07:49,330 --> 00:07:47,450

cover these topics more thoroughly which

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00:07:52,409 --> 00:07:49,340

is fantastic I think that's great I'd

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00:07:56,580 --> 00:07:52,419

love to be obsolete at some point

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00:08:00,070 --> 00:07:56,590

so six years you've been doing this

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00:08:02,080 --> 00:08:00,080

which is roughly 30 a year basically one

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00:08:05,350 --> 00:08:02,090

every other week you've kept up very

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00:08:06,760 --> 00:08:05,360

consistent kind of pace so if if we'd

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00:08:09,610 --> 00:08:06,770

asked you back in two thousand seven

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00:08:11,740 --> 00:08:09,620

would you would you be doing this six

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00:08:13,270 --> 00:08:11,750

years later this is kind of like the

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00:08:15,190 --> 00:08:13,280

question the rolling stones are getting

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00:08:17,170 --> 00:08:15,200

now as they're getting into their 50th

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00:08:18,610 --> 00:08:17,180

year everybody's asked him what would

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00:08:23,500 --> 00:08:18,620

they have known that they would be doing

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00:08:26,200 --> 00:08:23,510

it fifty years later but so would what

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00:08:28,600 --> 00:08:26,210

what if you had been told in January

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00:08:30,430 --> 00:08:28,610

2007 that you'd be doing this six years

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00:08:32,620 --> 00:08:30,440

later I think you know even the

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00:08:35,170 --> 00:08:32,630

comparison or the hint of the comparison

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00:08:37,300 --> 00:08:35,180

of me and skeptic oh with the Rolling

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00:08:41,050 --> 00:08:37,310

Stones it's something that I have to

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00:08:42,790 --> 00:08:41,060

that really delivered on my part yeah I

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00:08:45,280 --> 00:08:42,800

have to really tread very carefully

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00:08:48,010 --> 00:08:45,290

there no well you know what I've said

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00:08:51,010 --> 00:08:48,020

repeatedly to people and I've had to say

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00:08:54,190 --> 00:08:51,020

it so that I can remind myself of it and

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00:08:56,590 --> 00:08:54,200

gain as much humility as I can and

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00:08:58,990 --> 00:08:56,600

that's that this is my journey you know

201
00:09:01,750 --> 00:08:59,000
this is my little trick this skeptic

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00:09:04,630 --> 00:09:01,760
Osho and the opportunity to provide this

203
00:09:06,400 --> 00:09:04,640
on the internet and itunes and thousands

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00:09:08,079 --> 00:09:06,410
of people and all that hey man that's

205
00:09:09,670 --> 00:09:08,089
just a little tricks I get to call these

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00:09:11,320 --> 00:09:09,680
people up and talk to them because if I

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00:09:15,850 --> 00:09:11,330
just call them up dog don't know when it

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00:09:19,990 --> 00:09:15,860
docked me so the idea of a show and a

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00:09:23,440 --> 00:09:20,000
regular schedule and a continuation of

210
00:09:27,730 --> 00:09:23,450
it or anything like that is just for me

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00:09:30,730 --> 00:09:27,740
an outgrowth of this desire to talk to

212
00:09:32,680 --> 00:09:30,740
folks and so those are just the that's

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00:09:34,090 --> 00:09:32,690

just a vehicle that allows me to keep

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00:09:36,250 --> 00:09:34,100

talking to the people I want to talk

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00:09:37,720 --> 00:09:36,260

about so you know whether I was thinking

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00:09:40,030 --> 00:09:37,730

about six years or whether I think about

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00:09:45,370 --> 00:09:40,040

six years in the future or whatever it's

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00:09:46,960 --> 00:09:45,380

just I'm just on this journey yeah the

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00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:46,970

whole areas are the whole arena

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00:09:51,790 --> 00:09:50,000

podcasting so you're in the I think I've

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00:09:55,120 --> 00:09:51,800

we've spoken you're in the you're in the

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00:09:58,269 --> 00:09:55,130

tens of thousands of downloads kind of

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00:10:00,400 --> 00:09:58,279

kind of field there you're the Evan

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00:10:03,280 --> 00:10:00,410

Alexander's you said on YouTube was in

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00:10:05,710 --> 00:10:03,290

the hundreds of thousands of views I'm

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00:10:07,420 --> 00:10:05,720

sure you've thought about monetization

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00:10:10,480 --> 00:10:07,430

it has has that ever really been

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00:10:13,360 --> 00:10:10,490

something you've pursued al no you know

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00:10:16,030 --> 00:10:13,370

it's interesting both you and I share a

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00:10:17,259 --> 00:10:16,040

business background you know we were we

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00:10:18,759 --> 00:10:17,269

started our business career a

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00:10:21,249 --> 00:10:18,769

professional career together and that's

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00:10:23,259 --> 00:10:21,259

how we first became the comparative but

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00:10:26,139 --> 00:10:23,269

I think we've we've also had that

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00:10:27,639 --> 00:10:26,149

connection to the business world since

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00:10:29,829 --> 00:10:27,649

then you know as most people who start

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00:10:33,610 --> 00:10:29,839

down that career path you know what so

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00:10:35,829 --> 00:10:33,620

there are a lot of business rules or

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00:10:39,460 --> 00:10:35,839

lessons that I've learned that I think

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00:10:42,819 --> 00:10:39,470

inform my decisions in skeptical and one

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00:10:45,119 --> 00:10:42,829

of those is that this idea that do what

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00:10:48,879 --> 00:10:45,129

you love and the money will follow is

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00:10:51,280 --> 00:10:48,889

really a load of crap I don't think

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00:10:54,610 --> 00:10:51,290

that's true and I think the way that

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00:10:57,869 --> 00:10:54,620

applies to podcasting is if I wanted to

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00:11:01,869 --> 00:10:57,879

apply my time and my mental resources

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00:11:04,540 --> 00:11:01,879

towards increasing capital I wouldn't do

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00:11:06,069 --> 00:11:04,550

it by five casting not to say that some

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00:11:08,559 --> 00:11:06,079

people haven't found a way to monetize

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00:11:10,980 --> 00:11:08,569

it and stuff like that but I don't

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00:11:13,600 --> 00:11:10,990
that's not one that's not my goal and

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00:11:15,819 --> 00:11:13,610
two I don't think it's a very good way

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00:11:17,410 --> 00:11:15,829
to make money but maybe I should have

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00:11:19,480 --> 00:11:17,420
started with the second point is it's

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00:11:21,280 --> 00:11:19,490
not my goal it's it's not what this

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00:11:24,400 --> 00:11:21,290
things about you get approached by

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00:11:26,199 --> 00:11:24,410
advertisers yeah you do but it is there

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00:11:31,119 --> 00:11:26,209
really any money there I don't see it

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00:11:33,429 --> 00:11:31,129
you know so right so what so there's

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00:11:36,369 --> 00:11:33,439
your show there's there's an your year

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00:11:39,100 --> 00:11:36,379
up against all of the skeptic shows

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00:11:41,439 --> 00:11:39,110
there's the AA really they're not really

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00:11:45,009 --> 00:11:41,449

disguised the universe skeptic ality

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00:11:46,420 --> 00:11:45,019

sceptile not really Tim those are it's

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00:11:48,790 --> 00:11:46,430

like those are like two different

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00:11:51,220 --> 00:11:48,800

universes I mean one of the things that

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skeptic of did again because I came in

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this kind of cold from just the outside

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00:11:59,920 --> 00:11:57,139

was I saw naturally that these two

270

00:12:01,389 --> 00:11:59,930

things fit together you know if the

271

00:12:03,519 --> 00:12:01,399

skeptics guide to the universe and

272

00:12:06,509 --> 00:12:03,529

skeptic ality and sceptile and all the

273

00:12:08,559 --> 00:12:06,519

rest of them are talking about

274

00:12:12,460 --> 00:12:08,569

parapsychology all being in a

275

00:12:14,710 --> 00:12:12,470

disparaging way then naturally they're

276

00:12:16,990 --> 00:12:14,720

going to want to dialogue with those

277

00:12:18,990 --> 00:12:17,000

researchers and I was naive enough to

278

00:12:21,210 --> 00:12:19,000

think that they actually did

279

00:12:24,090 --> 00:12:21,220

what I found is that they don't but they

280

00:12:26,100 --> 00:12:24,100

really want is to be left in their

281

00:12:28,770 --> 00:12:26,110

little island over there in their little

282

00:12:31,470 --> 00:12:28,780

world and talk about these things among

283

00:12:34,590 --> 00:12:31,480

themselves and i don't know i mean

284

00:12:36,180 --> 00:12:34,600

there's a certain prejudice that i'm

285

00:12:38,190 --> 00:12:36,190

revealing and saying that but i think

286

00:12:40,080 --> 00:12:38,200

that i think that's wrong headed i mean

287

00:12:43,860 --> 00:12:40,090

how can you say you really want to have

288

00:12:46,530 --> 00:12:43,870

it you want to engage in an intellectual

289

00:12:48,150 --> 00:12:46,540

kind of free thought critical

290

00:12:49,920 --> 00:12:48,160

examination of these things without

291

00:12:52,860 --> 00:12:49,930

looking at the other side it seems silly

292

00:12:56,010 --> 00:12:52,870

yet that is the landscape they really

293

00:12:58,080 --> 00:12:56,020

don't want to interact with anyone and

294

00:13:00,600 --> 00:12:58,090

the same over here in the / psychology

295

00:13:02,970 --> 00:13:00,610

community i think for the most part when

296

00:13:05,790 --> 00:13:02,980

i first got involved there was not a lot

297

00:13:08,010 --> 00:13:05,800

of interaction with the skeptics other

298

00:13:10,350 --> 00:13:08,020

than just kind of this throwing stones

299

00:13:13,800 --> 00:13:10,360

over there and saying how stupid they

300

00:13:16,410 --> 00:13:13,810

are so I guess I've bridged that a

301
00:13:18,230 --> 00:13:16,420
little bit but then anyone who's been

302
00:13:22,890 --> 00:13:18,240
around the show for a while as you know

303
00:13:25,770 --> 00:13:22,900
that becomes tedious tiresome and worn

304
00:13:29,070 --> 00:13:25,780
out pretty soon too because there's not

305
00:13:31,050 --> 00:13:29,080
a lot of real interaction there with the

306
00:13:32,460 --> 00:13:31,060
hardcore skeptics an atheist they just

307
00:13:34,290 --> 00:13:32,470
kind of have this party line kind of

308
00:13:37,140 --> 00:13:34,300
thing that's hard to penetrate what is

309
00:13:39,510 --> 00:13:37,150
effective is going to I guess the level

310
00:13:42,870 --> 00:13:39,520
two people behind that the the

311
00:13:46,260 --> 00:13:42,880
mainstream researchers in the field who

312
00:13:49,260 --> 00:13:46,270
more or less echo a lot of those same

313
00:13:52,380 --> 00:13:49,270

skeptical materialist atheist kind of

314

00:13:55,200 --> 00:13:52,390

worldview things and kind of pulling

315

00:13:57,300 --> 00:13:55,210

them into of this kind of debate and

316

00:13:59,220 --> 00:13:57,310

dialogue i think is fruitful and will

317

00:14:02,040 --> 00:13:59,230

remain fruitful for as long as I want to

318

00:14:05,010 --> 00:14:02,050

do it there's no end of of people that

319

00:14:08,280 --> 00:14:05,020

will engage in that dialogue either

320

00:14:10,079 --> 00:14:08,290

knowingly or not knowingly as we've

321

00:14:12,660 --> 00:14:10,089

found in skeptical some people don't

322

00:14:14,610 --> 00:14:12,670

fully realize the dialogue they're

323

00:14:17,670 --> 00:14:14,620

getting into when they get into it they

324

00:14:18,840 --> 00:14:17,680

assume you're skeptical and the the

325

00:14:21,210 --> 00:14:18,850

conversation goes with different

326

00:14:22,829 --> 00:14:21,220

directions you've been on skeptics guide

327

00:14:25,110 --> 00:14:22,839

to the universe and they've been on you

328

00:14:26,760 --> 00:14:25,120

do you in it sound like like you don't

329

00:14:29,699 --> 00:14:26,770

foresee that happening much in the

330

00:14:32,460 --> 00:14:29,709

future oh I tried I've pursued Steve

331

00:14:32,870 --> 00:14:32,470

novella you know a half dozen times

332

00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:32,880

since

333

00:14:40,100 --> 00:14:36,320

that's so I used to respond although

334

00:14:42,140 --> 00:14:40,110

very slowly to my request he doesn't

335

00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:42,150

respond anymore which has been the case

336

00:14:46,700 --> 00:14:44,160

over and over again with with skeptics

337

00:14:49,430 --> 00:14:46,710

and they lose an argument in their run

338

00:14:51,950 --> 00:14:49,440

away I mean that sounds kind of harsh

339

00:14:54,410 --> 00:14:51,960

but it really is the truth they're just

340

00:14:58,100 --> 00:14:54,420

should be so much more engagement with

341

00:15:00,980 --> 00:14:58,110

these issues in a debate format again I

342

00:15:02,750 --> 00:15:00,990

it really doesn't wash The Skeptical

343

00:15:05,810 --> 00:15:02,760

position at the end of the day it

344

00:15:08,090 --> 00:15:05,820

doesn't hold I mean I'm here I will

345

00:15:12,110 --> 00:15:08,100

engage debate whatever you want to call

346

00:15:15,260 --> 00:15:12,120

it anyone anywhere anytime anyone that

347

00:15:18,320 --> 00:15:15,270

is that has any audience or credentials

348

00:15:20,660 --> 00:15:18,330

or kind of certain reputation in this

349

00:15:22,070 --> 00:15:20,670

field I don't know why anyone wouldn't

350

00:15:24,440 --> 00:15:22,080

do the same i mean if you think your

351

00:15:27,170 --> 00:15:24,450

ideas hold up you gotta say hey bring it

352

00:15:30,530 --> 00:15:27,180

on you know and so i have gone through

353

00:15:34,000 --> 00:15:30,540

the 200 episodes and i have tried i've

354

00:15:37,610 --> 00:15:34,010

done my own completely unscientific

355

00:15:40,970 --> 00:15:37,620

categorization of all the shows and i've

356

00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:40,980

also tried to I try to also count guests

357

00:15:46,700 --> 00:15:44,160

so it probably no surprise that that dr.

358

00:15:49,640 --> 00:15:46,710

sheldrick has been on the show the most

359

00:15:53,630 --> 00:15:49,650

times I have him down for 47 times

360

00:15:57,200 --> 00:15:53,640

Novello I have on for Radford been

361

00:16:00,260 --> 00:15:57,210

Radford three times Jeffrey long three

362

00:16:02,600 --> 00:16:00,270

times and then then a bunch of 1 Z 2 z's

363

00:16:05,300 --> 00:16:02,610

the one thing that struck me is when I

364

00:16:07,070 --> 00:16:05,310

was looking at that is it Dean Radin has

365

00:16:11,020 --> 00:16:07,080

only been on the show it was on your

366

00:16:14,870 --> 00:16:11,030

second show yet he's never been on since

367

00:16:17,750 --> 00:16:14,880

and although he is probably a name that

368

00:16:20,030 --> 00:16:17,760

you quote you've probably quoted as

369

00:16:21,860 --> 00:16:20,040

often as Rupert Sheldrake in the course

370

00:16:23,600 --> 00:16:21,870

of recording this shows and recording

371

00:16:25,940 --> 00:16:23,610

the interviews what is there a reason

372

00:16:28,610 --> 00:16:25,950

that then Dean Radin happy I guess there

373

00:16:31,370 --> 00:16:28,620

was an email exchange during the global

374

00:16:32,750 --> 00:16:31,380

consciousness project exchange but I

375

00:16:33,770 --> 00:16:32,760

don't think he was actually on the show

376

00:16:35,180 --> 00:16:33,780

again this is there any reason you

377

00:16:37,850 --> 00:16:35,190

haven't been able to get him back on the

378

00:16:39,500 --> 00:16:37,860

show wow you've really kind of dug into

379

00:16:41,210 --> 00:16:39,510

this stuff done your research even when

380

00:16:42,860 --> 00:16:41,220

you pulled that global consciousness

381

00:16:44,540 --> 00:16:42,870

reference I was going to mention that

382

00:16:46,880 --> 00:16:44,550

and then you came a fan

383

00:16:48,500 --> 00:16:46,890

of the show I site what you believe I am

384

00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:48,510

a fan of the show I've listened to all

385

00:16:55,160 --> 00:16:51,440

shows that's awesome you know I

386

00:16:57,050 --> 00:16:55,170

interviewed dr. Rayden another time did

387

00:16:59,030 --> 00:16:57,060

a video interview of them I have not

388

00:17:01,130 --> 00:16:59,040

published that it's a few years old I'd

389

00:17:03,470 --> 00:17:01,140

love to get around to publishing it at

390

00:17:05,720 --> 00:17:03,480

some point but there really isn't any

391

00:17:07,939 --> 00:17:05,730

other reason why he hasn't been on the

392

00:17:11,030 --> 00:17:07,949

show I have a tremendous amount of

393

00:17:14,960 --> 00:17:11,040

respect for Dean Radin I think he's one

394

00:17:17,270 --> 00:17:14,970

of the real Giants if you will in this

395

00:17:20,030 --> 00:17:17,280

field I think his thinking is just

396

00:17:21,799 --> 00:17:20,040

always spot-on when I visit his blog I'm

397

00:17:23,360 --> 00:17:21,809

I'm always blown away sometimes I'm

398

00:17:25,660 --> 00:17:23,370

blown away by reading something going

399

00:17:30,380 --> 00:17:25,670

yeah yeah yeah now I look up and it's

400

00:17:31,820 --> 00:17:30,390

2009 2010 several years ago well that

401
00:17:35,540 --> 00:17:31,830
sounds like a good topic for show to

402
00:17:38,330 --> 00:17:35,550
that 201 you should get them back on the

403
00:17:40,490 --> 00:17:38,340
so my categorization of it is and these

404
00:17:44,740 --> 00:17:40,500
are very rough numbers about a quarter

405
00:17:49,340 --> 00:17:44,750
is of the shows were related to n bees

406
00:17:52,040 --> 00:17:49,350
about twenty percent on on psychic and

407
00:17:55,400 --> 00:17:52,050
paranormal activities and topics and

408
00:17:59,659 --> 00:17:55,410
then kind of fifteen percent associated

409
00:18:01,130 --> 00:17:59,669
with with skeptics just interviews back

410
00:18:02,990 --> 00:18:01,140
and forth with with skeptics and

411
00:18:06,530 --> 00:18:03,000
believers non-believers kinds of

412
00:18:08,049 --> 00:18:06,540
discussions ten percent on on what I

413
00:18:11,480 --> 00:18:08,059

called religion ten percent on

414

00:18:15,200 --> 00:18:11,490

consciousness and so forth ten percent

415

00:18:17,330 --> 00:18:15,210

on dogs does that is is that how you

416

00:18:19,400 --> 00:18:17,340

would have characterized the split of

417

00:18:22,549 --> 00:18:19,410

the show is it does surprise you that n

418

00:18:24,409 --> 00:18:22,559

DS is is that prominent almost almost

419

00:18:28,010 --> 00:18:24,419

one in four kind of twenty five percent

420

00:18:29,530 --> 00:18:28,020

of the content of the show well again

421

00:18:31,430 --> 00:18:29,540

it's interesting when you break it down

422

00:18:33,290 --> 00:18:31,440

statistically but then again maybe it's

423

00:18:35,540 --> 00:18:33,300

not so interesting I don't know what I

424

00:18:38,480 --> 00:18:35,550

really would pull from from those stats

425

00:18:40,790 --> 00:18:38,490

other than there's been this kind of

426

00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:40,800

evolution the show if you listen to the

427

00:18:46,070 --> 00:18:42,720

show and go back and listen to it the in

428

00:18:49,280 --> 00:18:46,080

de thane near-death experience science

429

00:18:51,200 --> 00:18:49,290

really comes up because if you look at

430

00:18:53,600 --> 00:18:51,210

the the general lay of the land and you

431

00:18:55,880 --> 00:18:53,610

say there's kind of two models that

432

00:18:57,529 --> 00:18:55,890

science is dealing with two paradigms

433

00:19:00,169 --> 00:18:57,539

one paradigm is the

434

00:19:03,200 --> 00:19:00,179

we're all biological robots materialism

435

00:19:05,599 --> 00:19:03,210

scientific materialism and you say so

436

00:19:09,649 --> 00:19:05,609

there's that and there's something else

437

00:19:11,330 --> 00:19:09,659

and then you dig into is that true are

438

00:19:12,440 --> 00:19:11,340

we biological robots and you start

439

00:19:14,180 --> 00:19:12,450

pulling that apart look at

440

00:19:16,639 --> 00:19:14,190

parapsychology and you look at the data

441

00:19:20,090 --> 00:19:16,649

and you look at science and philosophy

442

00:19:23,919 --> 00:19:20,100

of science and all that eventually you

443

00:19:26,779 --> 00:19:23,929

you come down to a lot of nitpicky

444

00:19:30,919 --> 00:19:26,789

statistical is that really significant

445

00:19:33,769 --> 00:19:30,929

and kind of a Richard Wiseman I accept

446

00:19:36,200 --> 00:19:33,779

the data but that begs the question do

447

00:19:39,769 --> 00:19:36,210

we need a better standard how kind of

448

00:19:42,379 --> 00:19:39,779

thing nde science near-death experience

449

00:19:45,769 --> 00:19:42,389

encounters seemed to kind of break

450

00:19:49,159 --> 00:19:45,779

through all that nonsense in a way

451
00:19:51,950 --> 00:19:49,169
that's really challenging to that

452
00:19:54,560 --> 00:19:51,960
atheistic materialistic worldview

453
00:19:57,109 --> 00:19:54,570
because the medical profession really

454
00:19:59,060 --> 00:19:57,119
approaches this phenomenon and these

455
00:20:02,690 --> 00:19:59,070
phenomena from a different standpoint

456
00:20:05,629 --> 00:20:02,700
they say we had this guy on the table he

457
00:20:07,279 --> 00:20:05,639
died and he came back and new stuff that

458
00:20:10,190 --> 00:20:07,289
he wasn't supposed to be able to know

459
00:20:11,930 --> 00:20:10,200
and the doctors are very pragmatic

460
00:20:14,539 --> 00:20:11,940
people for the most part they were

461
00:20:16,940 --> 00:20:14,549
interested in saving people's lives so

462
00:20:18,979 --> 00:20:16,950
as that dad has emerged and then as

463
00:20:22,009 --> 00:20:18,989

researchers have tried to compile that

464

00:20:25,129 --> 00:20:22,019

into some meaningful scientific form

465

00:20:28,879 --> 00:20:25,139

it's really created this I think very

466

00:20:31,609 --> 00:20:28,889

very compelling body of evidence getting

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00:20:33,919 --> 00:20:31,619

back to the biological robot question

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00:20:36,139 --> 00:20:33,929

that is are we biological robots and

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00:20:39,919 --> 00:20:36,149

then d signs of course comes back with

470

00:20:42,440 --> 00:20:39,929

the resounding no whatever we are were

471

00:20:44,690 --> 00:20:42,450

not biological robots we have this

472

00:20:47,210 --> 00:20:44,700

consciousness it is there is such a

473

00:20:50,839 --> 00:20:47,220

thing and most importantly it seems to

474

00:20:53,180 --> 00:20:50,849

survive our bodily death in my mind the

475

00:20:56,149 --> 00:20:53,190

episode that really launched the arc of

476
00:20:58,029 --> 00:20:56,159
the show into NDEs was was episode 94

477
00:21:01,219 --> 00:20:58,039
with your interview with Jeffrey long

478
00:21:04,700 --> 00:21:01,229
but before that you know you'd spent a

479
00:21:07,159 --> 00:21:04,710
fair amount of time on interviewing the

480
00:21:09,169 --> 00:21:07,169
skeptics you'd that you had a lot of

481
00:21:11,120 --> 00:21:09,179
episodes on just sigh you had your site

482
00:21:16,910 --> 00:21:11,130
your own

483
00:21:19,970 --> 00:21:16,920
and then there was episodes on the dogs

484
00:21:21,800 --> 00:21:19,980
and then you got into what what was

485
00:21:25,580 --> 00:21:21,810
interred certainly entertaining for the

486
00:21:30,080 --> 00:21:25,590
listener the whole the whole smackdown

487
00:21:32,720 --> 00:21:30,090
with with Ben Radford and the the

488
00:21:35,210 --> 00:21:32,730

psychic detectives well I think you've

489

00:21:37,670 --> 00:21:35,220

kind of pinpointed really a turning

490

00:21:40,490 --> 00:21:37,680

point in the show at least in my mind

491

00:21:43,400 --> 00:21:40,500

and that's that I had this idea starting

492

00:21:45,560 --> 00:21:43,410

out that it's about the data you know

493

00:21:47,860 --> 00:21:45,570

this is science after all and science is

494

00:21:51,350 --> 00:21:47,870

concerned with measurement and data

495

00:21:53,630 --> 00:21:51,360

evidence and my thought was hey look

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00:21:55,850 --> 00:21:53,640

let's just try and get our arms around

497

00:21:58,820 --> 00:21:55,860

the data let's get good data and then

498

00:22:01,040 --> 00:21:58,830

any reasonable person will be able to

499

00:22:05,570 --> 00:22:01,050

sort that out and decide one way or

500

00:22:07,940 --> 00:22:05,580

another and I pretty quickly got an idea

501
00:22:09,290 --> 00:22:07,950
that maybe that wasn't as simple as I

502
00:22:11,810 --> 00:22:09,300
thought and that there were other things

503
00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:11,820
going on but it was really in that

504
00:22:17,210 --> 00:22:14,010
series of interviews with bed Radford

505
00:22:19,100 --> 00:22:17,220
that that became clear it'll in a way

506
00:22:22,580 --> 00:22:19,110
that wasn't before and that's you know

507
00:22:25,400 --> 00:22:22,590
when ben says just to fill people in so

508
00:22:27,740 --> 00:22:25,410
this isn't totally inside baseball Ben

509
00:22:29,900 --> 00:22:27,750
and I did a follow-up series of

510
00:22:32,540 --> 00:22:29,910
interviews with these folks who are

511
00:22:35,330 --> 00:22:32,550
involved in this psychic detective case

512
00:22:37,550 --> 00:22:35,340
so we I picked the case and then we

513
00:22:40,100 --> 00:22:37,560

interviewed actual we actually

514

00:22:42,650 --> 00:22:40,110

interviewed the psychic medium who

515

00:22:46,130 --> 00:22:42,660

helped the police we interviewed two

516

00:22:48,380 --> 00:22:46,140

police officers a captain more and a

517

00:22:50,780 --> 00:22:48,390

lieutenant Hughes in New Jersey who had

518

00:22:52,490 --> 00:22:50,790

investigated this case and I interviewed

519

00:22:54,770 --> 00:22:52,500

those folks and then been interviewed

520

00:22:56,900 --> 00:22:54,780

those folks then we got back on and did

521

00:22:59,930 --> 00:22:56,910

this as you say Smackdown thing that was

522

00:23:02,480 --> 00:22:59,940

a title of the show smackdown yeah and

523

00:23:05,870 --> 00:23:02,490

you get to this point where this medium

524

00:23:08,420 --> 00:23:05,880

has given this rather amazing body of

525

00:23:10,370 --> 00:23:08,430

knowledge to the police and have told

526

00:23:12,350 --> 00:23:10,380

them without any prior now to any way of

527

00:23:15,290 --> 00:23:12,360

knowing any of these things that there's

528

00:23:17,360 --> 00:23:15,300

a killer the killer is from New Jersey

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00:23:20,150 --> 00:23:17,370

the killer is from this little local

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00:23:23,570 --> 00:23:20,160

area called the hollow the killer went

531

00:23:25,020 --> 00:23:23,580

down to Florida committed a murder there

532

00:23:27,570 --> 00:23:25,030

was imprisoned

533

00:23:29,370 --> 00:23:27,580

out came back and then committed these

534

00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:29,380

crimes so that's part of what the

535

00:23:34,830 --> 00:23:32,080

psychic said but I'll get to the point

536

00:23:38,070 --> 00:23:34,840

here in a minute the controversy between

537

00:23:41,520 --> 00:23:38,080

Ben and I came down to whether or not

538

00:23:43,920 --> 00:23:41,530

one of the detectives remembered that

539

00:23:47,100 --> 00:23:43,930

instead of saying that the killer went

540

00:23:50,090 --> 00:23:47,110

to Florida he remembered the psychic

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00:23:52,500 --> 00:23:50,100

saying that the killer went to the South

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00:23:55,740 --> 00:23:52,510

reinforcing that the notion that the

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00:23:58,110 --> 00:23:55,750

psychics throw what wide nets out there

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00:23:59,850 --> 00:23:58,120

tried men try and try and get hit with

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00:24:02,150 --> 00:23:59,860

with white comments like that as opposed

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00:24:04,620 --> 00:24:02,160

to something specific like floored right

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00:24:07,590 --> 00:24:04,630

but I mean it's preposterous right I

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00:24:09,180 --> 00:24:07,600

mean it's completely crazy given that

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00:24:11,790 --> 00:24:09,190

all the other things that the psychic

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00:24:14,460 --> 00:24:11,800

has gotten right and the fact that you

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00:24:15,930 --> 00:24:14,470
know one person specifically one of the

552
00:24:17,820 --> 00:24:15,940
detectives specifically remembers

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00:24:19,230 --> 00:24:17,830
Florida and the other guy remembers the

554
00:24:20,730 --> 00:24:19,240
south will actually be even did a

555
00:24:22,800 --> 00:24:20,740
follow-up interview with this guy I

556
00:24:25,230 --> 00:24:22,810
insisted that right then we got him on

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00:24:28,590 --> 00:24:25,240
the phone and he says to me and he says

558
00:24:31,650 --> 00:24:28,600
to Ben hey I might have said the south

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00:24:34,080 --> 00:24:31,660
in the general sense but i do remember

560
00:24:37,110 --> 00:24:34,090
florida so this should have been the end

561
00:24:39,240 --> 00:24:37,120
of it but it's not been persist he

562
00:24:41,280 --> 00:24:39,250
brings this up again and again and to

563
00:24:44,970 --> 00:24:41,290

this day I don't know if he's willing to

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00:24:47,490 --> 00:24:44,980

kind of concede that point but the the

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00:24:50,130 --> 00:24:47,500

whole thinking with a guy who's an

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00:24:54,320 --> 00:24:50,140

otherwise likable intelligent guy Ben

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00:24:57,870 --> 00:24:54,330

Radford and how he can remain completely

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00:25:00,090 --> 00:24:57,880

married to these beliefs and to this

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00:25:01,830 --> 00:25:00,100

interpretation of the data that just

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00:25:04,560 --> 00:25:01,840

doesn't fit with just the kind of

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00:25:06,300 --> 00:25:04,570

common-sense understanding of it really

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00:25:09,210 --> 00:25:06,310

sent me in a different direction and

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00:25:12,930 --> 00:25:09,220

saying you know what it's not about the

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00:25:14,640 --> 00:25:12,940

data it's really about everything else

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00:25:16,890 --> 00:25:14,650

it's about why we believe what we

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00:25:19,440 --> 00:25:16,900

believe how our belief systems develop

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00:25:22,800 --> 00:25:19,450

our belief systems change and until we

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00:25:25,080 --> 00:25:22,810

really figure that stuff out then all

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00:25:27,030 --> 00:25:25,090

this stuff about the data is more or

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00:25:30,000 --> 00:25:27,040

less a sideshow because people will

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00:25:33,930 --> 00:25:30,010

always be able to say it's the cell

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00:25:35,370 --> 00:25:33,940

that's not Florida if they want to and

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00:25:37,140 --> 00:25:35,380

when we spoke last week it was

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00:25:38,700 --> 00:25:37,150

interesting I asked you why why did you

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00:25:41,940 --> 00:25:38,710

revisit because

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00:25:44,970 --> 00:25:41,950

was 151 153 was revisited I think on

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00:25:47,279 --> 00:25:44,980

skeptic a layer or you you jointly

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00:25:49,529 --> 00:25:47,289

published to show what and you said that

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00:25:52,529 --> 00:25:49,539

Ben came back to you you know it was

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00:25:54,480 --> 00:25:52,539

actually another podcaster a guy by the

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00:25:57,930 --> 00:25:54,490

name of Blake Smith and he has his show

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00:26:01,560 --> 00:25:57,940

called monster talk and he lost her talk

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00:26:04,230 --> 00:26:01,570

right so he became interested in skeptic

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00:26:05,880 --> 00:26:04,240

Oh in this debate and was nice enough

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00:26:08,130 --> 00:26:05,890

really to kind of pull this back

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00:26:10,260 --> 00:26:08,140

together and say hey let's kind of get

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00:26:11,970 --> 00:26:10,270

some resolution on this and then had

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00:26:14,519 --> 00:26:11,980

kind of gone his way and I had kind of

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00:26:16,260 --> 00:26:14,529

thrown some pretty sharp Barb's at him

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00:26:18,090 --> 00:26:16,270

and I guess he wasn't really too

601
00:26:19,860 --> 00:26:18,100
interested in coming back but Blake

602
00:26:22,130 --> 00:26:19,870
talked him into coming back and I was

603
00:26:24,720 --> 00:26:22,140
like sure like I said I mean I am

604
00:26:26,490 --> 00:26:24,730
anytime anywhere on this stuff and that

605
00:26:28,980 --> 00:26:26,500
was that was evidence of it Alex just

606
00:26:31,049 --> 00:26:28,990
that was probably four on one right

607
00:26:33,840 --> 00:26:31,059
there was there was Blake and he's got a

608
00:26:36,029 --> 00:26:33,850
co-host and there was Ben and we were

609
00:26:37,500 --> 00:26:36,039
all kind of kind of going after you on

610
00:26:39,210 --> 00:26:37,510
that thing but it was it's interesting

611
00:26:42,269 --> 00:26:39,220
that they would bring it up that much

612
00:26:44,159 --> 00:26:42,279
later what was his interest in rehashing

613
00:26:46,799 --> 00:26:44,169

we you know one of the things that's

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00:26:51,380 --> 00:26:46,809

interesting about the medium of

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00:26:55,649 --> 00:26:51,390

podcasting is that these things live

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00:26:58,680 --> 00:26:55,659

forever in time and its mother real fun

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00:27:01,019 --> 00:26:58,690

things for me is getting emails from

618

00:27:05,130 --> 00:27:01,029

folks who say hey I just discovered the

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00:27:06,419 --> 00:27:05,140

show on episode 140 and I've decided to

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00:27:09,330 --> 00:27:06,429

go back and listen from the beginning

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00:27:11,310 --> 00:27:09,340

you know I think wow that's so great I

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00:27:12,930 --> 00:27:11,320

mean that's I've done that so many times

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00:27:14,460 --> 00:27:12,940

in exploring something and getting

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00:27:16,080 --> 00:27:14,470

interested in it and then finding that

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00:27:18,960 --> 00:27:16,090

there's this library that I can go back

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00:27:20,430 --> 00:27:18,970

and listen to so I think the the time

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00:27:23,340 --> 00:27:20,440

stinking Singh thing and the fact that

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00:27:25,620 --> 00:27:23,350

you know Blake for example discovered

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00:27:29,399 --> 00:27:25,630

this thing that had happened a year ago

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00:27:31,019 --> 00:27:29,409

and yet felt it being immediate and

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00:27:33,510 --> 00:27:31,029

present to what do you want to deal with

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00:27:35,730 --> 00:27:33,520

is is I think part of the whole thing so

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00:27:38,340 --> 00:27:35,740

those kinds of shows those I think you

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00:27:40,590 --> 00:27:38,350

called the this number 68 the smack down

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00:27:43,110 --> 00:27:40,600

those kinds of those kinds of shows were

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00:27:45,090 --> 00:27:43,120

there very stark contrast between you

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00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:45,100

and who you're interviewing there's

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00:27:49,860 --> 00:27:48,010

radford you had Brian Dunning on do you

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00:27:51,299 --> 00:27:49,870

like doing those shows when when you

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00:27:52,440 --> 00:27:51,309

know that you're going to be going

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00:27:54,660 --> 00:27:52,450

head-to-head with some

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00:27:57,750 --> 00:27:54,670

that fundamentally disagrees with you I

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00:28:00,390 --> 00:27:57,760

don't like those but I don't seem to

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00:28:02,280 --> 00:28:00,400

dislike them in the way that other folks

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00:28:04,950 --> 00:28:02,290

do when I do those shoes them the

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00:28:06,540 --> 00:28:04,960

reaction is usually polarized there's so

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00:28:09,780 --> 00:28:06,550

many people and this always surprises me

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00:28:12,180 --> 00:28:09,790

who are proponents believers if you will

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00:28:15,060 --> 00:28:12,190

who are really offended I mean they just

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00:28:17,000 --> 00:28:15,070

don't like controversy you can see and

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00:28:19,530 --> 00:28:17,010

they don't like this kind of

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00:28:21,390 --> 00:28:19,540

confrontational battling it out kind of

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00:28:23,580 --> 00:28:21,400

thing and that always surprise me I

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00:28:25,860 --> 00:28:23,590

don't know how you really get to the

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00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:25,870

bottom of things that you care about

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00:28:30,920 --> 00:28:28,720

deeply or that you have strong opinions

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00:28:33,780 --> 00:28:30,930

about without having a little bit of

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00:28:36,090 --> 00:28:33,790

friction and the other thing I guess I'd

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00:28:38,820 --> 00:28:36,100

say about that is that while I don't

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00:28:41,130 --> 00:28:38,830

seek those shows out and I don't think

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00:28:44,190 --> 00:28:41,140

those need to be the main focus of

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00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:44,200

skeptic oh I do feel a need to revisit

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00:28:49,230 --> 00:28:46,480

those topics every now and again because

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00:28:51,480 --> 00:28:49,240

one of the conclusions that I came to in

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00:28:54,390 --> 00:28:51,490

this hey it's not about the data it's

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00:28:55,890 --> 00:28:54,400

about everything else is there's a

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00:28:58,860 --> 00:28:55,900

question I think in the back of

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00:29:01,770 --> 00:28:58,870

everyone's mind which is how can this be

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00:29:03,680 --> 00:29:01,780

I mean here's this guy or here's this

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00:29:06,570 --> 00:29:03,690

group of people who are saying

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00:29:09,540 --> 00:29:06,580

fundamentally the scientific model that

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00:29:12,180 --> 00:29:09,550

we have is flawed and the immediate

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00:29:15,060 --> 00:29:12,190

question you have to be is how can that

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00:29:18,030 --> 00:29:15,070

be wait a minute I have this iphone 5

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00:29:20,790 --> 00:29:18,040

here that is a testament to how great

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00:29:23,550 --> 00:29:20,800

science is so don't tell me science is

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00:29:26,760 --> 00:29:23,560

wrong how can this be so I think we have

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00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:26,770

to occasionally go back and revisit that

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00:29:31,440 --> 00:29:28,960

and really look hard at what the other

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00:29:34,230 --> 00:29:31,450

folks have to say the folks who say no

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00:29:35,970 --> 00:29:34,240

you are a biological robot life does

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00:29:38,730 --> 00:29:35,980

have no meaning and it's all about

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00:29:41,370 --> 00:29:38,740

machines I think we do have to go back

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00:29:43,980 --> 00:29:41,380

and give them the floor every once in a

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00:29:46,140 --> 00:29:43,990

while and hash that out with them I

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00:29:48,930 --> 00:29:46,150

mentioned n bees and E's has been a

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00:29:50,670 --> 00:29:48,940

pretty prevalent topic and you think as

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00:29:53,100 --> 00:29:50,680

you've described you think it's a it's a

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00:29:54,570 --> 00:29:53,110

pretty important topic in what you're

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00:29:58,410 --> 00:29:54,580

pursuing with the show there is a

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00:30:00,240 --> 00:29:58,420

Jeffrey long in 94 number episode 94 and

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00:30:04,740 --> 00:30:00,250

then you had just a whole series you

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00:30:05,810 --> 00:30:04,750

finally got Sam par Nia on 116 I have

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00:30:07,910 --> 00:30:05,820

down

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00:30:10,130 --> 00:30:07,920

he is doing that called the aware study

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00:30:12,500 --> 00:30:10,140

i believe is there any update on where

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00:30:15,020 --> 00:30:12,510

that is i don't know if we'll be able to

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00:30:17,930 --> 00:30:15,030

get dr. purnia back on i certainly hope

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00:30:20,690 --> 00:30:17,940

so when the end when the aware study is

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00:30:21,620 --> 00:30:20,700

published as far as the updates i think

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00:30:24,110 --> 00:30:21,630

there's a lot of people that are

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00:30:25,880 --> 00:30:24,120

fascinated by that work I don't know

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00:30:28,130 --> 00:30:25,890

currently what the status is but the

704

00:30:30,680 --> 00:30:28,140

last time I checked they had really not

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00:30:32,270 --> 00:30:30,690

published a lot of information they've

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00:30:34,010 --> 00:30:32,280

let out some little hints here and there

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00:30:36,140 --> 00:30:34,020

about what might be coming but again

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00:30:39,080 --> 00:30:36,150

it's kind of in the future we'll have

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00:30:42,950 --> 00:30:39,090

this of course my take on the aware

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00:30:46,010 --> 00:30:42,960

study is that it's kind of a slight of

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00:30:48,050 --> 00:30:46,020

hand if you will in it here is a study

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00:30:50,960 --> 00:30:48,060

that's gained a tremendous amount of

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00:30:53,450 --> 00:30:50,970

attention and focus within the nde

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00:30:55,880 --> 00:30:53,460

research community and it's really a

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00:30:58,400 --> 00:30:55,890

replication of a study that produced

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00:31:02,450 --> 00:30:58,410

null results i mean the the idea that

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00:31:05,210 --> 00:31:02,460

you can have an image above the hospital

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00:31:07,280 --> 00:31:05,220

bed of a patient that suffers cardiac

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00:31:10,430 --> 00:31:07,290

arrest and that they'll be able to leave

720

00:31:12,260 --> 00:31:10,440

their body and see that there's a lot of

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00:31:14,600 --> 00:31:12,270

problems in that experiment as we

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00:31:16,910 --> 00:31:14,610

explored in that show and that dr. prani

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00:31:19,010 --> 00:31:16,920

is willing to admit our problems but

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00:31:21,380 --> 00:31:19,020

moreover when they ran the pilot study

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00:31:24,560 --> 00:31:21,390

for that they didn't get any positive

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00:31:27,140 --> 00:31:24,570

results so usually you take that as a

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00:31:30,140 --> 00:31:27,150

sign of either there's nothing there

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00:31:32,630 --> 00:31:30,150

which i think is is not usually the kind

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00:31:35,990 --> 00:31:32,640

of conclusion that you draw from a pilot

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00:31:38,270 --> 00:31:36,000

study or you'd say gee we need to rework

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00:31:40,490 --> 00:31:38,280

this in a way where we can get some data

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00:31:42,770 --> 00:31:40,500

that we can really wrap our arms around

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00:31:44,870 --> 00:31:42,780

and as i also pointed out and point out

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00:31:47,630 --> 00:31:44,880

again and again on the show is in that

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00:31:50,780 --> 00:31:47,640

same series of experiments if you will

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00:31:53,240 --> 00:31:50,790

there was research done by dr. penny

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00:31:56,390 --> 00:31:53,250

sorry and dr. peter fennec where they

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00:31:57,770 --> 00:31:56,400

did a simpler thing and they just went

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00:32:00,140 --> 00:31:57,780

and talked to the people after they had

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00:32:02,180 --> 00:32:00,150

cardiac arrest and they said do you

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00:32:03,650 --> 00:32:02,190

remember your resuscitation process do

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00:32:06,830 --> 00:32:03,660

you remember the specifics of it and

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00:32:11,420 --> 00:32:06,840

then they compared the accuracy of that

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00:32:13,340 --> 00:32:11,430

with the accuracy of patients who had

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00:32:15,950 --> 00:32:13,350

suffered a cardiac arrest but didn't

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00:32:18,200 --> 00:32:15,960

have a near-death experience and they

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00:32:19,250 --> 00:32:18,210

had a very statistically significant

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00:32:21,140 --> 00:32:19,260

result from that

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00:32:23,960 --> 00:32:21,150

and Jan hold them from the University of

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00:32:27,620 --> 00:32:23,970

North Texas did a similar experiment

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00:32:30,050 --> 00:32:27,630

publisher results also had significant

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results so according to dr. purnia he is

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00:32:35,690 --> 00:32:33,360

going to include that kind of data in

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00:32:38,750 --> 00:32:35,700

that kind of analysis in the aware study

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00:32:40,460 --> 00:32:38,760

but he kind of leads with this idea of

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people are going to float outside of

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00:32:44,630 --> 00:32:42,120

their bodies and see these pictures on

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00:32:47,090 --> 00:32:44,640

the wall because again in the in the

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00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:47,100

reality of selling science and

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00:32:51,290 --> 00:32:49,200

communicating these ideas and the ways

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00:32:53,780 --> 00:32:51,300

that people can grab on to that's

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00:32:56,450 --> 00:32:53,790

certainly an idea that's captured the

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00:32:59,180 --> 00:32:56,460

imagination of people across the board

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00:33:01,340 --> 00:32:59,190

believers to kind of hardcore skeptics

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00:33:02,870 --> 00:33:01,350

as being a good way to run this

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00:33:04,250 --> 00:33:02,880

experiment although I don't think it is

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00:33:06,790 --> 00:33:04,260

a good way but anyways that's the

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00:33:08,840 --> 00:33:06,800

general sentiment the Jeffrey long

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00:33:11,770 --> 00:33:08,850

interview I thought was interesting in

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00:33:15,080 --> 00:33:11,780

that is when I listened to it I got the

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00:33:17,090 --> 00:33:15,090

my sense was was wow you you've got

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00:33:20,210 --> 00:33:17,100

you've got the guy you've been searching

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00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:20,220

for he's got a that was a new york times

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00:33:24,830 --> 00:33:22,080

bestselling book if I remember correctly

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00:33:28,100 --> 00:33:24,840

I saw him he was on he was on national

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00:33:31,580 --> 00:33:28,110

media that Today Show do you think that

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00:33:33,920 --> 00:33:31,590

that that he changed that the public

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00:33:36,110 --> 00:33:33,930

dialogue the broad public dialogue and

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00:33:38,360 --> 00:33:36,120

the perception of ND ease and and what

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00:33:40,520 --> 00:33:38,370

it what it means to our existence do you

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00:33:42,680 --> 00:33:40,530

think it really moved the needle I don't

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00:33:44,570 --> 00:33:42,690

know you can look at it both ways you

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00:33:46,400 --> 00:33:44,580

can look at it in terms of all the

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00:33:49,910 --> 00:33:46,410

things that you said New York Times

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00:33:53,780 --> 00:33:49,920

bestseller national media follow on

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00:33:56,960 --> 00:33:53,790

books success success success or you can

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00:34:01,340 --> 00:33:56,970

look at it and say but the persistence

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00:34:03,620 --> 00:34:01,350

of the counter atheistic idea that this

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00:34:06,500 --> 00:34:03,630

is all just an illusion has also

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00:34:08,919 --> 00:34:06,510

persisted and is also going forward in

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00:34:11,869 --> 00:34:08,929

the mainstream science media and has

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00:34:14,090 --> 00:34:11,879

continued to play and get out there too

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00:34:16,520 --> 00:34:14,100

so it depends you know is the glass half

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00:34:18,590 --> 00:34:16,530

empty or half full also if you look at

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it from a historical perspective there's

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00:34:25,639 --> 00:34:22,040

certainly been a lot of indie ebooks

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00:34:28,040 --> 00:34:25,649

since raymond moody on that have gained

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00:34:30,260 --> 00:34:28,050

a lot of this kind of attention in this

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kind of traction among the general

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00:34:35,389 --> 00:34:33,119

population and yet the

801
00:34:38,720 --> 00:34:35,399
persistence of the biological robot

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00:34:41,029 --> 00:34:38,730
paradigm kevin alexander seems to be

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00:34:44,450 --> 00:34:41,039
hitting heath he's had arguably even

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00:34:46,629 --> 00:34:44,460
more success with his book and and my

805
00:34:50,269 --> 00:34:46,639
wife mentioned that she heard him on on

806
00:34:53,409 --> 00:34:50,279
NPR or something so he's running up

807
00:34:55,879 --> 00:34:53,419
against the same resistance you believe

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00:34:58,220 --> 00:34:55,889
well it's funny because they're

809
00:35:00,620 --> 00:34:58,230
obviously isn't the resistance right so

810
00:35:03,529 --> 00:35:00,630
he New York Times bestseller number one

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00:35:05,930 --> 00:35:03,539
on amazon Oprah NPR all the media

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00:35:08,089 --> 00:35:05,940
outlets you can't sit back and say

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00:35:10,009 --> 00:35:08,099

there's resistance but where there is

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00:35:12,739 --> 00:35:10,019

resistance is in the within the

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00:35:15,589 --> 00:35:12,749

scientific community in accepting this

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00:35:18,349 --> 00:35:15,599

or putting any kind of serious resources

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00:35:19,849 --> 00:35:18,359

behind looking at these questions

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00:35:21,559 --> 00:35:19,859

because there's a lot of ways to do it

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00:35:25,069 --> 00:35:21,569

as we fix part on the show it's not like

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00:35:27,319 --> 00:35:25,079

this is completely outside the realm of

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00:35:28,910 --> 00:35:27,329

what science can investigate certainly

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00:35:32,029 --> 00:35:28,920

outside the realm of what medicine can

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00:35:34,970 --> 00:35:32,039

investigate it's it's not but yet it's

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00:35:38,239 --> 00:35:34,980

ignored so I before we celebrate you

825

00:35:40,640 --> 00:35:38,249

know the coming paradigm shift I think

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00:35:42,970 --> 00:35:40,650

we have to take a good look at even this

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00:35:45,259 --> 00:35:42,980

brief little snippet of history and

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00:35:47,509 --> 00:35:45,269

learn a lesson from that and be very

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00:35:50,089 --> 00:35:47,519

cautious in our optimism that there is

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00:35:52,489 --> 00:35:50,099

going to be a lot of change it is the

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00:35:54,410 --> 00:35:52,499

paradigm shift coming I don't see a lot

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00:35:56,809 --> 00:35:54,420

of evidence for it then again in a

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00:35:58,400 --> 00:35:56,819

recent interview with dr. Mario

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00:36:00,109 --> 00:35:58,410

Beauregard I asked him that question

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directly and I thought he had a very

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00:36:05,210 --> 00:36:03,779

strong argument for the fact that there

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00:36:09,380 --> 00:36:05,220

is this change and he's a neuro

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00:36:11,329 --> 00:36:09,390

scientist in Montreal and he says hey at

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00:36:13,009 --> 00:36:11,339

my university at my conferences in the

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00:36:16,999 --> 00:36:13,019

in the journals that I publish in I

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00:36:19,130 --> 00:36:17,009

definitely see a shift a change in the

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00:36:21,700 --> 00:36:19,140

openness to these ideas in the last 10

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00:36:25,069 --> 00:36:21,710

years so maybe I'm being too pessimistic

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00:36:27,170 --> 00:36:25,079

let's talk about the forum talk to me

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00:36:29,900 --> 00:36:27,180

about the role that the form and the

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00:36:32,239 --> 00:36:29,910

message boards play in in skeptic out

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00:36:35,569 --> 00:36:32,249

today well the forum was actually

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00:36:38,539 --> 00:36:35,579

started by a skeptical listener Jacob

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00:36:40,430 --> 00:36:38,549

who lives in Israel contacted me oh boy

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00:36:42,229 --> 00:36:40,440

I think was a lot earlier than episode

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00:36:44,509 --> 00:36:42,239
100 and he was somebody who is really

852
00:36:46,460 --> 00:36:44,519
interested in the show and said hey you

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00:36:49,580 --> 00:36:46,470
know it would be great if we had a forum

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00:36:52,970 --> 00:36:49,590
for this why don't I run this and he has

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00:36:55,460 --> 00:36:52,980
a website called mind energy net he

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00:36:57,440 --> 00:36:55,470
thought it fit in general and the topics

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00:36:58,820 --> 00:36:57,450
that he liked to cover and he just sees

858
00:37:00,710 --> 00:36:58,830
a guys step forward and said hey let me

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00:37:03,050 --> 00:37:00,720
run a forum for a skeptical and I was

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00:37:05,540 --> 00:37:03,060
like great which is you know one of the

861
00:37:08,330 --> 00:37:05,550
things that has always been in the back

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00:37:11,450 --> 00:37:08,340
of my mind about skeptic Oh is that's

863
00:37:13,270 --> 00:37:11,460

idea of a community project not just me

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00:37:16,190 --> 00:37:13,280

but people are interested in these

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00:37:19,040 --> 00:37:16,200

topics often don't have a lot of other

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00:37:21,680 --> 00:37:19,050

outlets I love to engage with those

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00:37:24,620 --> 00:37:21,690

people and get them involved in the the

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00:37:27,200 --> 00:37:24,630

project that is skeptical so it's

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00:37:29,690 --> 00:37:27,210

totally fitting to have somebody like

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00:37:31,670 --> 00:37:29,700

Jacob step forward and and run that to

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00:37:33,859 --> 00:37:31,680

me and he's been fantastic i'm really

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00:37:36,290 --> 00:37:33,869

grateful for his help because there is

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00:37:38,630 --> 00:37:36,300

you know a fair amount of work in

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00:37:41,120 --> 00:37:38,640

running that and then in the last year

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00:37:43,640 --> 00:37:41,130

Andy Poquette who is someone who's been

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00:37:45,290 --> 00:37:43,650

on the show and has been a guest host on

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00:37:47,750 --> 00:37:45,300

the show and someone who has become a

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00:37:50,089 --> 00:37:47,760

friend of mine through the show offered

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00:37:53,630 --> 00:37:50,099

to step forward in due moderation of the

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00:37:56,780 --> 00:37:53,640

forum so again it's the help and support

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00:37:59,690 --> 00:37:56,790

of people who are kind of involved and

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00:38:02,480 --> 00:37:59,700

engaged in the process of skeptic Oh who

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00:38:05,120 --> 00:38:02,490

really make things better in a way and I

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00:38:08,470 --> 00:38:05,130

think the forum moderation that andy has

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done has kind of made for an improved

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dialogue on the forum were you playing

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00:38:19,220 --> 00:38:16,380

that role previously not very well so

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00:38:21,620 --> 00:38:19,230

you do view that as an integral part it

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00:38:23,810 --> 00:38:21,630

makes it more than just a one-way

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00:38:26,089 --> 00:38:23,820

communication it's an important thing to

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00:38:27,710 --> 00:38:26,099

skeptic Oh to have the form I think it

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00:38:29,390 --> 00:38:27,720

is at the same time at the same time

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00:38:31,160 --> 00:38:29,400

I've never been involved in a forum

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00:38:32,950 --> 00:38:31,170

before I was involved in skeptical so I

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00:38:36,740 --> 00:38:32,960

don't really know I've had to learn

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00:38:39,740 --> 00:38:36,750

myself what that interaction is like and

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in really how you relate to people and

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00:38:45,500 --> 00:38:42,210

how all that evolves but for me it's

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00:38:48,550 --> 00:38:45,510

been a tremendous experience and I've

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00:38:50,960 --> 00:38:48,560

learned so much from people who've

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00:38:52,790 --> 00:38:50,970
engaged with me in the forum and either

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00:38:55,460 --> 00:38:52,800
have ideas or you get into these long

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00:38:57,740 --> 00:38:55,470
sometimes lengthy back and forth and

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00:38:59,290 --> 00:38:57,750
I've grown tremendously from the form

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00:39:02,050 --> 00:38:59,300
and besides of

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00:39:05,020 --> 00:39:02,060
a lot of ideas for guests from the form

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00:39:07,260 --> 00:39:05,030
as well that's great is there any desire

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00:39:09,820 --> 00:39:07,270
to take to take it further to do a

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00:39:12,280 --> 00:39:09,830
conference what would be the next step

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00:39:14,050 --> 00:39:12,290
in the skeptical community is there is

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00:39:17,920 --> 00:39:14,060
there any thoughts along those lines not

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00:39:21,520 --> 00:39:17,930
so much by me I like the fact that the

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00:39:24,610 --> 00:39:21,530

technology allows me to break away for a

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00:39:27,250 --> 00:39:24,620

couple of hours do an interview come

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00:39:29,580 --> 00:39:27,260

back a couple days later edit it come

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00:39:32,200 --> 00:39:29,590

back a couple days later post it and

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00:39:34,720 --> 00:39:32,210

just be able to fill in gaps of time

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00:39:37,600 --> 00:39:34,730

with with doing this I think that's

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00:39:41,530 --> 00:39:37,610

great I'm a little bit reluctant to

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00:39:43,720 --> 00:39:41,540

commit to the kind of all-out effort

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00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:43,730

that a conference or conference going

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00:39:48,160 --> 00:39:46,160

you know might take I won't rule it out

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00:39:51,100 --> 00:39:48,170

completely but now I don't see that

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00:39:55,600 --> 00:39:51,110

happening any time in your future let me

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00:39:58,330 --> 00:39:55,610

throw a three phrases that that you've

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00:40:01,630 --> 00:39:58,340

gotten a lot over the years on skeptic

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00:40:05,190 --> 00:40:01,640

oh and tell me which ones of which one

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00:40:06,700 --> 00:40:05,200

of these is your least favorite

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00:40:09,390 --> 00:40:06,710

extraordinary claims require

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00:40:13,630 --> 00:40:09,400

extraordinary evidence Susan Blackmore

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00:40:16,780 --> 00:40:13,640

explained ndes or ndes are due to

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00:40:18,400 --> 00:40:16,790

elevated oxygen levels oh my favorite is

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00:40:21,070 --> 00:40:18,410

extraordinary claims that require

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00:40:23,860 --> 00:40:21,080

extraordinary proof far and away the

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00:40:27,640 --> 00:40:23,870

winner because I think it really it is

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remarkable how many almost every skeptic

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that was on the show at some point said

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00:40:33,910 --> 00:40:32,210

that and for those of us that were

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00:40:36,640 --> 00:40:33,920

listeners we were always kind of waiting

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00:40:40,120 --> 00:40:36,650

for the after they started saying it I

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00:40:42,940 --> 00:40:40,130

was anticipating your response back and

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00:40:45,640 --> 00:40:42,950

you're often fairly measured with it but

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00:40:48,520 --> 00:40:45,650

it was interesting how every one of them

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00:40:51,340 --> 00:40:48,530

at some point would say would wits about

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00:40:54,520 --> 00:40:51,350

that at some well yeah I mean it's hard

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00:40:56,290 --> 00:40:54,530

to not go down the party line thing you

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00:40:59,230 --> 00:40:56,300

know that they've all been taught these

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00:41:01,110 --> 00:40:59,240

talking poem these talking points party

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00:41:03,160 --> 00:41:01,120

line arguments and they kind of

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00:41:05,020 --> 00:41:03,170

regurgitate them without a lot of

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00:41:07,210 --> 00:41:05,030
thought and I think sometimes that's the

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00:41:10,570 --> 00:41:07,220
case but I think it's also true that

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00:41:12,940 --> 00:41:10,580
that at another level even though that's

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00:41:14,920 --> 00:41:12,950
a silly statement because

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00:41:18,160 --> 00:41:14,930
of course as we've talked about so many

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00:41:21,490 --> 00:41:18,170
times the whole idea of the enterprise

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00:41:24,880 --> 00:41:21,500
of science is to remove us from our

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00:41:27,480 --> 00:41:24,890
biases and prejudices and not introduce

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00:41:30,310 --> 00:41:27,490
such subjective measures as

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00:41:32,560 --> 00:41:30,320
extraordinary well what's extraordinary

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00:41:34,569 --> 00:41:32,570
to you Tim what's extraordinary to me

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00:41:35,890 --> 00:41:34,579
those are obviously subjective and those

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00:41:38,050 --> 00:41:35,900

are the things we want to get out of it

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00:41:41,319 --> 00:41:38,060

so that the idea that we've introduced

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00:41:43,450 --> 00:41:41,329

those back in is silly but at the same

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00:41:46,900 --> 00:41:43,460

time you know we have to acknowledge

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00:41:49,180 --> 00:41:46,910

like all these things that people say

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00:41:53,230 --> 00:41:49,190

that don't make a lot of sense there is

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00:41:56,050 --> 00:41:53,240

an underlying truth that you do have to

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00:41:59,980 --> 00:41:56,060

kind of tease out of there and that's

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that hey practically speaking we do

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00:42:08,950 --> 00:42:04,420

demand more evidence for information or

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00:42:12,190 --> 00:42:08,960

phenomena or theories that lie beyond

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00:42:14,710 --> 00:42:12,200

our day-to-day experience so there is

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00:42:16,839 --> 00:42:14,720

some truth to that even if people don't

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00:42:19,900 --> 00:42:16,849

always say it in the right way or have

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00:42:21,849 --> 00:42:19,910

the the ability to kind of back it up

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00:42:24,339 --> 00:42:21,859

from a logical critical thinking

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00:42:27,069 --> 00:42:24,349

standpoint so you you have had a lot of

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00:42:28,390 --> 00:42:27,079

skeptics on the on the show now you go

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00:42:31,180 --> 00:42:28,400

back to the beginning at Weisman and

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Randy and and just the whole host of

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them novella who's your favorite of that

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00:42:39,280 --> 00:42:36,470

group who did you walk away with the

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00:42:41,290 --> 00:42:39,290

most respect for oh wow those artsy

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those are two different quests I guess

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00:42:44,710 --> 00:42:42,500

they are different questions aren't they

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00:42:46,329 --> 00:42:44,720

so let's let's take respect first and

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then which one did you like second I

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00:42:52,960 --> 00:42:49,160

guess the one that I I respected the

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00:42:56,859 --> 00:42:52,970

most was dr. robert price the noted

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00:42:59,800 --> 00:42:56,869

atheist and now host of point of inquiry

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00:43:02,559 --> 00:42:59,810

which is a very interesting atheist

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00:43:04,180 --> 00:43:02,569

materialistic podcast that really does a

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00:43:06,339 --> 00:43:04,190

nice job in what they do and i've

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00:43:08,920 --> 00:43:06,349

interviewed several of their hosts

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00:43:10,990 --> 00:43:08,930

including DJ Grothe is someone else I

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enjoy talking to and spoke with a couple

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times and I have a certain respect for

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both of those guys even though I as

1001
00:43:21,010 --> 00:43:18,290
you'll hear in the interviews I can't

1002
00:43:23,230 --> 00:43:21,020
really buy into their world view as far

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00:43:26,299 --> 00:43:23,240
as favorites the one that jumps to mind

1004
00:43:29,929 --> 00:43:26,309
is dr. Victor Stenger who was

1005
00:43:34,390 --> 00:43:29,939
just on episode 191 I really liked about

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00:43:37,719 --> 00:43:34,400
that is I think for anyone who's halfway

1007
00:43:41,839 --> 00:43:37,729
fair-minded the guy just completely

1008
00:43:44,120 --> 00:43:41,849
blows it on his understanding of

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00:43:46,609 --> 00:43:44,130
near-death experience research it just

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00:43:49,609 --> 00:43:46,619
couldn't be more clear that someone is

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00:43:52,160 --> 00:43:49,619
just out to lunch and yet is highly

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00:43:54,799 --> 00:43:52,170
respected among the atheists skeptical

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00:43:59,329 --> 00:43:54,809

community anyone could have exposed this

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00:44:02,179 --> 00:43:59,339

guy so it was just kind of fun and and I

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00:44:04,910 --> 00:44:02,189

think skeptical worthy to kind of point

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00:44:07,880 --> 00:44:04,920

out some of the errors in his critical

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00:44:10,549 --> 00:44:07,890

thinking so what is skeptical all about

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Alex what you described it as your

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00:44:16,130 --> 00:44:13,920

journey it looks like it began certainly

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from my read is is kind of an

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exploration of the skeptical argument

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and then perhaps exposing that you

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00:44:23,929 --> 00:44:21,959

described it as your journey what what

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00:44:26,599 --> 00:44:23,939

do you mean by that is it something that

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you just pick up on a day-to-day basis

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and and you see what new topic in this

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area interest you and you just start

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00:44:35,630 --> 00:44:33,239

pursuing that or is there is there an

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overall art that you're trying to drive

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skeptic oh okay well I think again

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there's a couple of different questions

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00:44:44,209 --> 00:44:41,910

in there but that's good I understand

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00:44:47,539 --> 00:44:44,219

where you're going i think and i guess

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00:44:50,449 --> 00:44:47,549

i'd say to me at a very kind of deep

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00:44:52,759 --> 00:44:50,459

personal level i always wondered why

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00:44:55,579 --> 00:44:52,769

everyone wasn't interested in these

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00:44:58,400 --> 00:44:55,589

topics why i always wondered why these

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weren't the first and foremost questions

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on everyone's mind I mean most of us

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00:45:08,539 --> 00:45:04,739

spend so much time on ridiculously silly

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00:45:10,699 --> 00:45:08,549

things of the weather or sports or news

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00:45:14,239 --> 00:45:10,709

or all the rest of that when the big

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00:45:17,419 --> 00:45:14,249

questions are who are we really what

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00:45:21,019 --> 00:45:17,429

happens to us after we die how are we

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00:45:24,169 --> 00:45:21,029

related to not only each other but the

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00:45:26,870 --> 00:45:24,179

universe I mean these are the big big

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big questions and I guess I always had a

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00:45:31,339 --> 00:45:29,219

sense of hey am I not getting the

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newsletter here I mean does everyone

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00:45:36,620 --> 00:45:33,119

else know the answers to these because

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why isn't why isn't this foremost on

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00:45:39,980 --> 00:45:39,119

everyone's mind and then you kind of get

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00:45:41,840 --> 00:45:39,990

into life

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00:45:43,520 --> 00:45:41,850

you want to make a living you want have

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00:45:45,590 --> 00:45:43,530

a family and all that we all understand

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that and you say hey I can't deal with

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all those things right now they don't

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seem to be pressing as as much as the

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mortgage payment of the car payment is

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00:45:56,720 --> 00:45:54,570

so I kind of put them to the side but to

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me they always seem to be the questions

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that I wanted to come back to so that

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really is the driving force of skeptical

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along with the idea that I had all along

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because of my business experience and

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that was the idea that I can learn I can

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get better I can improve because I was

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someone who despite having the right

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academic background and education

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background was failing pretty miserably

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at business before I kind of went on a

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massive kind of learning campaign in

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terms of how to make myself better and

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how to improve in that so I kind of took

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that self-improvement idea and that

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self-improvement success that led to

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00:46:43,550 --> 00:46:40,410

business success and said hey I can

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00:46:46,880 --> 00:46:43,560

bootstrap myself into knowing the answer

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00:46:49,070 --> 00:46:46,890

to these big big questions and that's

1080

00:46:52,700 --> 00:46:49,080

really been I guess the driving force

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00:46:54,290 --> 00:46:52,710

has got to go so when you started and I

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00:46:57,500 --> 00:46:54,300

tried to find this I I don't know if I

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00:47:00,680 --> 00:46:57,510

found the the definitive episode it was

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00:47:03,020 --> 00:47:00,690

somewhere in the 40s I believe where you

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00:47:05,000 --> 00:47:03,030

early on a skeptic oh you you were you

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00:47:06,890 --> 00:47:05,010

were talking about psychics and you'd

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00:47:09,260 --> 00:47:06,900

have skeptics on and so forth but it was

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00:47:11,870 --> 00:47:09,270

in the 40s when you actually started to

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00:47:13,700 --> 00:47:11,880

use the word believer but you said I am

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00:47:16,640 --> 00:47:13,710

a believer do you remember saying that

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00:47:18,440 --> 00:47:16,650

and and and putting that out there in

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00:47:20,480 --> 00:47:18,450

skeptic oh yeah I don't specifically

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00:47:23,750 --> 00:47:20,490

remember that and that isn't such an

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00:47:25,400 --> 00:47:23,760

important title to me other than one of

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00:47:28,900 --> 00:47:25,410

the topics I think that has been a

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00:47:32,180 --> 00:47:28,910

recurring theme of the show is how we

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00:47:35,120 --> 00:47:32,190

communicate about these topics in the

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00:47:37,849 --> 00:47:35,130

court of public opinion if you will and

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00:47:39,620 --> 00:47:37,859

a lot of people will kind of have a

1100

00:47:41,480 --> 00:47:39,630

knee-jerk reaction when I mentioned God

1101
00:47:44,090 --> 00:47:41,490
or when I mentioned believer or when I

1102
00:47:46,250 --> 00:47:44,100
mentioned any of these things and when

1103
00:47:48,950 --> 00:47:46,260
I'm pressed like in the forum I'm quick

1104
00:47:51,170 --> 00:47:48,960
to acknowledge that I don't know what

1105
00:47:53,750 --> 00:47:51,180
God means i don't i don't have any

1106
00:47:55,880 --> 00:47:53,760
specific idea of a guy in a beer

1107
00:47:58,820 --> 00:47:55,890
or anything like that but i'm using a

1108
00:48:01,190 --> 00:47:58,830
shorthand reference to kind of shoe horn

1109
00:48:03,260 --> 00:48:01,200
us into the public debate I mean the big

1110
00:48:06,020 --> 00:48:03,270
debate is science versus religion

1111
00:48:08,380 --> 00:48:06,030
whether we like it or not that's what's

1112
00:48:10,940 --> 00:48:08,390
out there that's what's socially

1113
00:48:14,090 --> 00:48:10,950

relevant in terms of the discussion so

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00:48:16,640 --> 00:48:14,100

in that sense okay i'm a believer if you

1115

00:48:19,190 --> 00:48:16,650

want to divide the world into skeptics

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00:48:21,140 --> 00:48:19,200

and believers I'll gladly take the side

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00:48:23,780 --> 00:48:21,150

of believer I don't think that term

1118

00:48:26,540 --> 00:48:23,790

means anything to me other than it means

1119

00:48:28,460 --> 00:48:26,550

if we're going to engage in this

1120

00:48:30,320 --> 00:48:28,470

dialogue and there has to be sides this

1121

00:48:32,840 --> 00:48:30,330

is the side I'll take for purposes of

1122

00:48:34,490 --> 00:48:32,850

this discussion are you saying that

1123

00:48:37,250 --> 00:48:34,500

you're taking that side because that

1124

00:48:39,950 --> 00:48:37,260

that's where you're biased or used or

1125

00:48:41,960 --> 00:48:39,960

are you taking that side because you

1126
00:48:45,050 --> 00:48:41,970
know you're not a skeptic I know I'm not

1127
00:48:47,000 --> 00:48:45,060
a skeptic in terms of the way that the

1128
00:48:49,760 --> 00:48:47,010
skeptical proposition is offered

1129
00:48:52,640 --> 00:48:49,770
currently I mean I think scientific

1130
00:48:54,050 --> 00:48:52,650
materialism is a failure I mean it's a

1131
00:48:56,050 --> 00:48:54,060
failed proposition it was a good

1132
00:48:58,580 --> 00:48:56,060
proposition I think the evidence is

1133
00:49:00,980 --> 00:48:58,590
overwhelmingly suggestive but that just

1134
00:49:05,180 --> 00:49:00,990
doesn't hold up and I think with it

1135
00:49:08,780 --> 00:49:05,190
atheism falls down the drain as well so

1136
00:49:11,900 --> 00:49:08,790
I think those propositions are falsified

1137
00:49:15,020 --> 00:49:11,910
so yeah that would push me to whatever

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00:49:17,180 --> 00:49:15,030

other category you want to call it you

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00:49:20,000 --> 00:49:17,190

know I'm going to be closer to that

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00:49:23,260 --> 00:49:20,010

other side so one quote that stay with

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00:49:26,450 --> 00:49:23,270

me Steve Holt the author of phrenology

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00:49:29,450 --> 00:49:26,460

said it in that interview when you're

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00:49:33,980 --> 00:49:29,460

discussing the book he said you see

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00:49:36,080 --> 00:49:33,990

answers I see questions do you remember

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00:49:39,050 --> 00:49:36,090

that quote and can you reflect on that I

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00:49:41,090 --> 00:49:39,060

do and I'm so glad you brought it up

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00:49:43,040 --> 00:49:41,100

because i think that would bring this to

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00:49:46,430 --> 00:49:43,050

a very personal level between you and I

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00:49:50,000 --> 00:49:46,440

because I think you would be more of the

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00:49:52,040 --> 00:49:50,010

Steve vulc kind of mindset and probably

1151
00:49:55,460 --> 00:49:52,050
even further even on The Skeptical side

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00:49:56,210 --> 00:49:55,470
and I wouldn't and I'm glad you brought

1153
00:49:58,400 --> 00:49:56,220
it up because I think it's a really

1154
00:50:01,100 --> 00:49:58,410
important point at least for me and

1155
00:50:04,460 --> 00:50:01,110
that's that I don't think the middle

1156
00:50:07,640 --> 00:50:04,470
holds here I don't think the oh I'm

1157
00:50:09,320 --> 00:50:07,650
agnostic I just have questions about

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00:50:11,300 --> 00:50:09,330
this I don't think it holds and the

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00:50:14,390 --> 00:50:11,310
reason it doesn't hold is because you

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00:50:17,000 --> 00:50:14,400
have to make a decision every day in the

1161
00:50:19,940 --> 00:50:17,010
way that you live your life we live in a

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00:50:23,630 --> 00:50:19,950
materialistic world a materialistic

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00:50:26,750 --> 00:50:23,640

economy and a materialistic society that

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00:50:29,900 --> 00:50:26,760

is the predominant worldview that's

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00:50:33,320 --> 00:50:29,910

placed upon you if you do nothing you

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00:50:35,450 --> 00:50:33,330

are there by embracing materialism so

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00:50:37,370 --> 00:50:35,460

you can't say I'm removed from this

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00:50:39,590 --> 00:50:37,380

discussion you're in the middle of it

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00:50:42,710 --> 00:50:39,600

you're the fish you're in the water the

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00:50:46,520 --> 00:50:42,720

water is all around you so you can't say

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00:50:49,670 --> 00:50:46,530

I'm agnostic your life is your choice

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00:50:51,680 --> 00:50:49,680

and I've had numerous conversations with

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00:50:54,290 --> 00:50:51,690

Steve who has become a friend of mine

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00:50:56,900 --> 00:50:54,300

through the show and a just a really

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00:50:59,600 --> 00:50:56,910

terrific guy who I really enjoy talking

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00:51:01,970 --> 00:50:59,610

with but along these lines that the

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00:51:04,430 --> 00:51:01,980

middle doesn't hold there really isn't a

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00:51:06,950 --> 00:51:04,440

middle ground life forces us to choose

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00:51:10,160 --> 00:51:06,960

one way or another so you say that but

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00:51:12,800 --> 00:51:10,170

on a recent episode i believe it was

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00:51:16,760 --> 00:51:12,810

with somebody on topics of UFOs where

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00:51:20,780 --> 00:51:16,770

you said there was there was a

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00:51:24,110 --> 00:51:20,790

discussion of the truth and you said

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00:51:26,240 --> 00:51:24,120

something along lines of there is no the

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00:51:29,000 --> 00:51:26,250

truth and that's a reality that you'd

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00:51:31,340 --> 00:51:29,010

come to it's about the journey so you

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00:51:34,100 --> 00:51:31,350

you seem to be indicating that it is

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00:51:37,180 --> 00:51:34,110

more about an ongoing exploration for

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00:51:39,680 --> 00:51:37,190

you as opposed to being a hardcore

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00:51:41,810 --> 00:51:39,690

having come down one side of the other

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00:51:44,390 --> 00:51:41,820

on the believer skeptic the continuum

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00:51:45,920 --> 00:51:44,400

well again it's kind of it's kind of

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00:51:49,430 --> 00:51:45,930

hard you know one of the things I've

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00:51:52,610 --> 00:51:49,440

come to appreciate about this biological

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00:51:55,990 --> 00:51:52,620

robot scientific materialism that I bash

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00:51:58,970 --> 00:51:56,000

repeatedly because it's so strongly

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00:52:01,280 --> 00:51:58,980

ingrained in meshed in our culture and

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00:52:04,220 --> 00:52:01,290

yet it doesn't hold up and that just

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00:52:06,200 --> 00:52:04,230

kind of galls me from from a critical

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00:52:08,690 --> 00:52:06,210

thinking standpoint how can something so

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00:52:11,300 --> 00:52:08,700
wrong have such traction so I'm always

1202
00:52:13,580 --> 00:52:11,310
bashing it on the other hand especially

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00:52:16,190 --> 00:52:13,590
lately I've come to appreciate how hard

1204
00:52:19,580 --> 00:52:16,200
and difficult it is to get beyond that

1205
00:52:20,970 --> 00:52:19,590
and how reassuring it is to fall back on

1206
00:52:23,550 --> 00:52:20,980
the notion

1207
00:52:26,760 --> 00:52:23,560
materialism I mean everything gets

1208
00:52:29,609 --> 00:52:26,770
really really fuzzy when you kind of go

1209
00:52:32,490 --> 00:52:29,619
into this post scientific materialism

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00:52:36,180 --> 00:52:32,500
realm and by that I mean what is reality

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00:52:39,180 --> 00:52:36,190
I mean if consciousness is fundamental

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00:52:41,340 --> 00:52:39,190
so right so this debate of biological

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00:52:43,230 --> 00:52:41,350

robots is that you know you're just a

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00:52:46,200 --> 00:52:43,240

robot you're just a machine and the

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00:52:47,760 --> 00:52:46,210

counter theory is that then somehow and

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00:52:50,820 --> 00:52:47,770

somewhat we don't understand this thing

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00:52:53,970 --> 00:52:50,830

of consciousness this me this ghost

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00:52:56,040 --> 00:52:53,980

inside the machine is fundamental so

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00:52:58,440 --> 00:52:56,050

matter isn't fundamental consciousness

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00:53:02,400 --> 00:52:58,450

is fundamental that's one hypothesis

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00:53:05,400 --> 00:53:02,410

well what does that really mean it means

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00:53:08,250 --> 00:53:05,410

that all these ideas of measurement all

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00:53:12,930 --> 00:53:08,260

these ideas of reality if you will are

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00:53:16,260 --> 00:53:12,940

now have to be put on hold so we can no

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00:53:19,380 --> 00:53:16,270

longer in that world talk about reality

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00:53:21,660 --> 00:53:19,390

or talk about our experience or talk

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00:53:24,359 --> 00:53:21,670

about things like time it all kind of

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00:53:27,599 --> 00:53:24,369

falls apart so in that sense what I've

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00:53:29,970 --> 00:53:27,609

said before and I think it holds is that

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hey I'm going to play this little game

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00:53:35,760 --> 00:53:33,790

with you called consensus reality and

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00:53:38,970 --> 00:53:35,770

we're going to pretend that this desk

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00:53:43,530 --> 00:53:38,980

that I'm tapping on Israel is solid even

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00:53:46,200 --> 00:53:43,540

though we know it's 99.999% nothing it

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00:53:48,780 --> 00:53:46,210

appears solid to me you can see it I can

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00:53:50,849 --> 00:53:48,790

see it we're going to call this reality

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00:53:52,680 --> 00:53:50,859

and in that same way we're going to call

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00:53:54,660 --> 00:53:52,690

all these things that we debate about

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00:53:56,700 --> 00:53:54,670

reality and we're going to call skeptics

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00:53:58,170 --> 00:53:56,710

on this and this and that but at the

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00:54:00,530 --> 00:53:58,180

same time while we're doing that we have

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00:54:04,050 --> 00:54:00,540

to acknowledge that that might all be

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00:54:08,130 --> 00:54:04,060

just kind of a game if you will and

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00:54:10,680 --> 00:54:08,140

there may be a bigger larger truth out

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00:54:13,109 --> 00:54:10,690

there that we're not really dealing with

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00:54:15,570 --> 00:54:13,119

when we talk about things in that way

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00:54:18,450 --> 00:54:15,580

and that's pretty abstract but I think

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00:54:20,340 --> 00:54:18,460

you can see where I'm going and why it's

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00:54:22,490 --> 00:54:20,350

necessary to kind of talk out of both

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00:54:25,440 --> 00:54:22,500

sides of your mouth when you talk about

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00:54:28,980 --> 00:54:25,450
skeptics versus believers or scientism

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00:54:31,140 --> 00:54:28,990
or even scientific evidence so that does

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00:54:32,160 --> 00:54:31,150
get out there is that the direction that

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00:54:33,420 --> 00:54:32,170
you're going to take the show to

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00:54:35,400 --> 00:54:33,430
continue

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00:54:37,380 --> 00:54:35,410
that's the synchronicity kind of topics

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00:54:41,010 --> 00:54:37,390
and some things you've been exploring

1258
00:54:43,290 --> 00:54:41,020
recently on the show the reality is not

1259
00:54:45,299 --> 00:54:43,300
really reality kinds of topics is that

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00:54:47,190 --> 00:54:45,309
where your current interests are lying

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00:54:49,980 --> 00:54:47,200
not too much because there's really

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00:54:52,170 --> 00:54:49,990
there really isn't a lot to go there

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00:54:54,359 --> 00:54:52,180

right i mean as soon as you jump into

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00:54:57,210 --> 00:54:54,369

that other home then what is there to

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00:55:00,210 --> 00:54:57,220

talk about a couple of areas i want to

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00:55:02,339 --> 00:55:00,220

pursue further and they really have a

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00:55:04,470 --> 00:55:02,349

tendency to polarize people or maybe

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00:55:07,200 --> 00:55:04,480

more accurately to really put people off

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but one of the nice things about doing a

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show like this and not caring too much

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about growing your audience as much as

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00:55:18,839 --> 00:55:15,760

you can or appealing to a certain crowd

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00:55:21,780 --> 00:55:18,849

is that you don't have to worry if

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00:55:26,130 --> 00:55:21,790

people are put off by these topics but

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00:55:29,040 --> 00:55:26,140

one topic is UFOs and eat eat hypothesis

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I think it's central Central I've

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explored it a little bit in terms of how

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00:55:36,420 --> 00:55:33,670

that might relate to consciousness what

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those reports mean but I think wrestling

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00:55:41,849 --> 00:55:38,500

that to the ground and figuring out as

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00:55:45,510 --> 00:55:41,859

best you can what the reality of that is

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00:55:48,030 --> 00:55:45,520

is central to answering these big

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picture questions and it's another one

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what is the EP hypothesis whether their

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extraterrestrial beings or not is the et

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hypothesis well the show has has

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introduced me to many terms I tried to

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write them all down nde synchronicity

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00:56:09,359 --> 00:56:06,010

singularity precognition precognitive

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00:56:13,680 --> 00:56:09,369

dreams remote viewing neural plasticity

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00:56:17,150 --> 00:56:13,690

and I look forward to hearing about the

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00:56:19,950 --> 00:56:17,160

EP hypothesis thank you Alex for

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agreeing to be a guest on your own show

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00:56:26,579 --> 00:56:23,140

and it's been a pleasure of listening to

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00:56:28,859 --> 00:56:26,589

the last 200 shows and please keep keep

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00:56:31,380 --> 00:56:28,869

the shows coming out Tim thanks so much

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00:56:33,780 --> 00:56:31,390

for doing this I'm really glad we did it

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00:56:36,299 --> 00:56:33,790

and I hope people find value in it

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00:56:38,730 --> 00:56:36,309

thanks again okay one quick final note

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to wrap things up here on episode 200

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00:56:44,760 --> 00:56:42,010
and that is that I want to thank Tim but

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00:56:47,310 --> 00:56:44,770
I can't use tim's last name quite

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00:56:49,530 --> 00:56:47,320
telling I think that a week or so

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00:56:52,110 --> 00:56:49,540
after the interview Tim emailed me and

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00:56:54,390 --> 00:56:52,120
said hey you know I have a lot of

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00:56:56,160 --> 00:56:54,400
corporate things I mean maybe doing some

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00:56:58,740 --> 00:56:56,170
board of directors and some public

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00:57:01,440 --> 00:56:58,750
corporations maybe I shouldn't use my

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00:57:03,360 --> 00:57:01,450
last name now I understand that I

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00:57:05,520 --> 00:57:03,370
understand that completely it's for the

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00:57:08,280 --> 00:57:05,530
same reason that so many people don't

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00:57:11,310 --> 00:57:08,290
use their real name in the forum but

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00:57:13,920 --> 00:57:11,320

isn't it a little bit strange that we

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00:57:16,860 --> 00:57:13,930

can walk down this path and we can all

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00:57:19,410 --> 00:57:16,870

have this conversation about about

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belief about what's important and what

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we know and we have a tendency no matter

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how many times we bring it up to gloss

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over the reality that we live in a world

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in a society that has made these kind of

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00:57:36,120 --> 00:57:34,120

topics taboo so that leads me to one

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question that i'd like to tee up for

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episode two hundred and that is why are

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00:57:45,900 --> 00:57:42,070

so many of the topics we talked about on

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00:57:48,540 --> 00:57:45,910

skip to go taboo hey I really do hope

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you've enjoyed this look at skeptic oh

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if you'd like more information about the

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show and you're not already a listener

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or familiar with all our previous shows

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please check out the skeptical website

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it's at sk-ii ptik 0 dot com and there

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you can also find links to join in a

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conversation with us about the show you

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can leave a comment directly there on

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the website or click on our forum link

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and jump over there and join the

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conversation on our forum well i have

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several interesting shows coming up

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00:58:21,150 --> 00:58:18,610

there kind of stacking up again so i'm

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00:58:23,550 --> 00:58:21,160

probably going to be on on every week

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00:58:26,460 --> 00:58:23,560

schedule for a little while i hope you

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00:58:27,870 --> 00:58:26,470

can keep up but i just can't stop doing

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00:58:30,240 --> 00:58:27,880

these interviews there's so many

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00:58:32,520 --> 00:58:30,250

interesting people to talk to so please

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00:58:35,010 --> 00:58:32,530

fire up that ipod and while you're at it

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00:58:36,990 --> 00:58:35,020

fire off an email to your friend or

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00:58:39,660 --> 00:58:37,000

write a blog and tell as many people as

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00:58:41,220 --> 00:58:39,670

you can share the word about skeptic oh

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00:58:43,590 --> 00:58:41,230

so we can continue to grow this

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00:58:46,290 --> 00:58:43,600

community and expand the conversation as

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00:58:48,960 --> 00:58:46,300

far as we can okay that's going to do it