

A portrait of Leslie Kean, a woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing glasses and a dark jacket. The background is a blurred night scene of a park with trees and a stone monument.

Leslie Kean  
Skeptiko #342

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00:00:11,240 --> 00:00:08,990  
on this episode of skeptical you've

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00:00:13,580 --> 00:00:11,250  
looked at these people square in the eye

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00:00:16,310 --> 00:00:13,590  
you know you sat in the seance session

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00:00:18,710 --> 00:00:16,320  
and not that you're infallible or can't

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00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:18,720  
be fooled at all but that I think the

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00:00:22,700 --> 00:00:20,400  
journalists in that position is somebody

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00:00:24,620 --> 00:00:22,710  
I kind of trust more even though I did

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00:00:27,230 --> 00:00:24,630  
have my own personal experiences which

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00:00:29,779 --> 00:00:27,240  
really affected me at the same time I

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00:00:31,939 --> 00:00:29,789  
remained in the role of a journalist as

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00:00:34,190 --> 00:00:31,949  
you know and I would even analyze my own

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00:00:36,799 --> 00:00:34,200  
experiences that way of course there

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00:00:39,080 --> 00:00:36,809

were lots of things I read and people I

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00:00:40,639 --> 00:00:39,090

spoke to that we're not included in the

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00:00:43,190 --> 00:00:40,649

book I mean you spend a lot of time

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00:00:44,810 --> 00:00:43,200

dealing with material that you you

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00:00:45,520 --> 00:00:44,820

aren't gonna use for one reason or

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00:00:50,450 --> 00:00:45,530

another

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00:01:02,139 --> 00:01:00,250

welcome to skeptic aware we explore

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,149

controversial science and spirituality

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00:01:07,030 --> 00:01:04,640

with leading researchers thinkers and

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their critics today's guest is a really

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good one but I feel it needs a little

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bit of a background maybe it doesn't

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00:01:15,190 --> 00:01:13,040

maybe it does I don't know

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today's guest is Leslie Cain and a few

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years ago she made quite a splash with

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her book about UFOs and the book was

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really interesting because Leslie is

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very mainstream mainstream journalists

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all the credentials so when she turned

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00:01:32,440 --> 00:01:29,420

her eye to UFOs and she published this

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book it really drew a lot of people into

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that field that weren't in it before it

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00:01:39,580 --> 00:01:38,000

legitimized it in a way at the same time

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00:01:41,650 --> 00:01:39,590

there are a lot of people in the UFO

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00:01:42,999 --> 00:01:41,660

community who were kind of pointing at

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the book going hey wait a minute we've

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00:01:46,120 --> 00:01:44,810

known about this for the longest time

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00:01:47,710 --> 00:01:46,130

all this stuff has been out there

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00:01:50,649 --> 00:01:47,720

everyone's talked about it everything's

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00:01:53,620 --> 00:01:50,659

been said about it so the kind of

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00:01:56,710 --> 00:01:53,630

interesting backstory here is how do

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00:01:58,180 --> 00:01:56,720

these controversial issues move forward

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00:02:00,550 --> 00:01:58,190

and what brings people from the outside

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00:02:02,499 --> 00:02:00,560

of an issue like if you're outside of

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00:02:06,160 --> 00:02:02,509

near-death experience or you're outside

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00:02:08,199 --> 00:02:06,170

of UFOs and then what brings you to

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00:02:09,999 --> 00:02:08,209

saying hey you know what maybe I need to

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really look at that maybe that's

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something serious and that's what I

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think Leslie brings to this she

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certainly brought that to the UFO issue

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unquestionably she opened up the field

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and legitimized the field in a way that

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00:02:27,490 --> 00:02:24,739

was really unique in powerful so I think

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00:02:30,610 --> 00:02:27,500

the exciting thing about her new book is

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00:02:33,340 --> 00:02:30,620

to wonder whether or not the same thing

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00:02:36,039 --> 00:02:33,350

will happen for the survival of death

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00:02:37,960 --> 00:02:36,049

issue and the issue of consciousness and

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00:02:40,750 --> 00:02:37,970

extended consciousness and consciousness

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00:02:42,849 --> 00:02:40,760

after death and sigh consciousness and

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all the other stuff that we talked so

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much about on skeptic oh so it was

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00:02:49,300 --> 00:02:46,910

really exciting to talk to her I think

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00:02:51,759 --> 00:02:49,310

her book is really important I hope it

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00:02:54,039 --> 00:02:51,769

turns out to be really important because

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00:02:56,590 --> 00:02:54,049

as we all know there's a long way to go

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00:02:59,560 --> 00:02:56,600

in terms of changing the paradigm that

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00:03:02,530 --> 00:02:59,570

we're in regarding consciousness here's

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00:03:05,020 --> 00:03:02,540

my interview with Leslie Cain today we

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00:03:06,699 --> 00:03:05,030

welcome Leslie Cain to skeptic Oh Leslie

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00:03:09,189 --> 00:03:06,709

is an investigative journalist with a

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long list of credits from many many

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00:03:12,610 --> 00:03:09,920

major

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news outlets but you may also know and

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remember her from her 2010 New York

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Times bestseller UFOs generals pilots

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and government officials go on the

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record a book that drew quite a bit of

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attention and now well she's back with

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another thumb to the eye of conventional

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paradigms she has a new book out titled

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surviving death a journalist

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00:03:41,740 --> 00:03:38,739

investigates evidence of an afterlife

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00:03:44,259 --> 00:03:41,750

Leslie welcome to skeptic oh thank you

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00:03:46,120 --> 00:03:44,269

so much for joining me well thanks for

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00:03:48,970 --> 00:03:46,130

having me Alex I'm really pleased to be

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00:03:51,550 --> 00:03:48,980

on your show it is a great fit I have to

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00:03:54,490 --> 00:03:51,560

tell you and tell listeners that you

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know this book is literally a must read

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00:03:58,660 --> 00:03:56,470

for anyone who's listened to the

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00:04:00,940 --> 00:03:58,670

literally hundreds of shows we've done

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00:04:03,130 --> 00:04:00,950

on the topic of consciousness and what

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00:04:05,920 --> 00:04:03,140

lies beyond this kind of goofy mind

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00:04:08,949 --> 00:04:05,930

equal brain silliness that science has a

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00:04:10,570 --> 00:04:08,959

stuck in so you know we're going to talk

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00:04:13,570 --> 00:04:10,580

a lot about the book but just real

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00:04:16,150 --> 00:04:13,580

quickly what I thought was really

101  
00:04:19,569 --> 00:04:16,160  
interesting and unique is how you kind

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00:04:22,800 --> 00:04:19,579  
of synthesizing together a bunch of stuff

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00:04:25,510 --> 00:04:22,810  
that a lot of people have covered maybe

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00:04:27,730 --> 00:04:25,520  
separately but not together so in the

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00:04:29,980 --> 00:04:27,740  
ease but it's not just about that it's

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00:04:33,310 --> 00:04:29,990  
about mediums it's about sigh but all

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00:04:36,580 --> 00:04:33,320  
pointing towards this same thing of you

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00:04:39,279 --> 00:04:36,590  
know survival hypothesis and afterlife

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00:04:41,650 --> 00:04:39,289  
so you really be congratulated for that

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00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:41,660  
great job well thanks a lot I mean that

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00:04:45,460 --> 00:04:43,520  
that was actually my intention was sort

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00:04:47,409 --> 00:04:45,470  
of to show how the very very best

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00:04:49,420 --> 00:04:47,419

evidence if you want to call it evidence

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00:04:51,070 --> 00:04:49,430

or data kind of synthesizes on all

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00:04:53,560 --> 00:04:51,080

points in the same direction and how

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00:04:55,900 --> 00:04:53,570

things interconnect because so often you

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know the topic is covered in just one

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area at a time so as a journalist I sort

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of wanted to provide an overview of the

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key most incredibly evidential

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00:05:09,219 --> 00:05:07,039

information that's there and there are

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00:05:10,719 --> 00:05:09,229

connections so I think it's really

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00:05:12,520 --> 00:05:10,729

interesting to look at those connections

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00:05:14,409 --> 00:05:12,530

you know you just mentioned the

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journalist thing and I really wanted to

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00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:16,970

pick up on that because it comes through

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in the book quite clearly that you pride

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00:05:26,050 --> 00:05:23,510

yourself on your profession as you

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00:05:28,480 --> 00:05:26,060

you know I get that investigative

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00:05:30,040 --> 00:05:28,490

journalist means something at least it

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00:05:32,830 --> 00:05:30,050

used to mean something let's hope it

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00:05:34,810 --> 00:05:32,840

still means something in the

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00:05:37,660 --> 00:05:34,820

introduction to this book surviving

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00:05:40,650 --> 00:05:37,670

death you write an investigation of such

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evidence has rarely been systematically

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consolidated and subjected to in-depth

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rigorous scrutiny by a journalist and

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then you add strict journalistic

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protocols can be applied to any topic

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for which there is data no matter how

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unusual or even indeterminate and this

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is something we can really kind of

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deconstruct because you know people are

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coming at it two ways some people are

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coming in and say great you know here's

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somebody who really has the journalistic

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chops to dig into a topic and wrap their

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00:06:16,570 --> 00:06:14,870

arms around it and then there's gonna be

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a another whole group of people that are

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00:06:20,770 --> 00:06:18,980

gonna say she's a journalist what does

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00:06:22,060 --> 00:06:20,780

she know about this science stuff and

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00:06:23,790 --> 00:06:22,070

you're gonna talk about a lot of medical

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00:06:26,470 --> 00:06:23,800

stuff in this book how is she qualified

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00:06:28,660 --> 00:06:26,480

tell us what you think about you know

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00:06:31,870 --> 00:06:28,670

your journalistic background and what

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that brings uniquely to something like

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this or you know the UFO thing that you

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had to cover as well yeah I mean there

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00:06:40,600 --> 00:06:38,600

are certain that there's there's a way

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00:06:43,840 --> 00:06:40,610

that journalism approaches topics which

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is to get information and sources that

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are extremely critical credible you want

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to have multiple sources if you're

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reporting on something you want to have

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physical data you know stuff that's

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really reliable and very very highly

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educated sources of information

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00:07:01,420 --> 00:06:58,730

now you're right I can't possibly

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00:07:03,670 --> 00:07:01,430

understand all the science but a

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00:07:06,400 --> 00:07:03,680

journalist job is not to be a scientist

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00:07:09,430 --> 00:07:06,410

it's to report on what the scientists

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say and let them say it so not only if I

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report it on what they say in this book

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but in some instances I've actually

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00:07:17,470 --> 00:07:15,500

invited them to write their own chapters

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for the book so we have some chapters

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written by one by a famous cardiologist

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another one by a psychiatrist so I

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00:07:26,920 --> 00:07:24,650

really let I did this with the UFO book

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00:07:28,810 --> 00:07:26,930

too I love giving the experts an

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00:07:30,790 --> 00:07:28,820

opportunity to speak to the readers

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directly rather than me just quoting

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00:07:36,730 --> 00:07:33,170

them all over the place the other thing

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00:07:37,870 --> 00:07:36,740

I feel like when I read your book is I

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00:07:40,690 --> 00:07:37,880

feel like hey

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00:07:42,970 --> 00:07:40,700

here is a seasoned pro that's sitting

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00:07:45,910 --> 00:07:42,980

down face to face with these people and

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00:07:47,680 --> 00:07:45,920

she's not gonna let stuff slide you know

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00:07:48,880 --> 00:07:47,690

what I mean that's the other part I'm

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00:07:50,860 --> 00:07:48,890

getting from the investigative

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00:07:52,660 --> 00:07:50,870

journalists part is that you know what

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and you even communicate that in the

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book that you've looked at these people

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square in the eye you know you sat in

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the seance session and not that you're

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infallible or can't be fooled at all but

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that you know you're bringing something

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00:08:10,390 --> 00:08:07,190

there that I think adds a certain degree

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00:08:12,550 --> 00:08:10,400

of credibility for people like me that a

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00:08:14,350 --> 00:08:12,560

lot of times science doesn't even do I

201  
00:08:17,920 --> 00:08:14,360  
mean they're off in their own world of

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00:08:20,260 --> 00:08:17,930  
you know trying to impress this journal

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00:08:21,700 --> 00:08:20,270  
or trying to get how third you know they

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00:08:23,770 --> 00:08:21,710  
have a different set of criteria than

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00:08:25,570 --> 00:08:23,780  
somebody I think the journalists in that

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00:08:27,820 --> 00:08:25,580  
position is somebody I kind of trust

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00:08:29,800 --> 00:08:27,830  
more yeah well I hope that's the case

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00:08:31,360 --> 00:08:29,810  
and I really I'm glad you feel that way

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00:08:33,550 --> 00:08:31,370  
I hope it came through that way in the

210  
00:08:35,589 --> 00:08:33,560  
book because I certainly even though I

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00:08:37,659 --> 00:08:35,599  
did have my own personal experiences

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00:08:40,270 --> 00:08:37,669  
which really affected me at the same

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00:08:42,159 --> 00:08:40,280

time I remained in the role of a

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00:08:44,920 --> 00:08:42,169

journalist as you know and I would even

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analyze my own experiences that way so

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yeah I think that's really really

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important and the other aspect of that

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journalistic aspect is that of course

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there were lots of things I read and

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people I spoke to that we're not

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included in the book I mean you spend a

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00:09:01,720 --> 00:08:59,750

lot of time dealing with material that

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you you aren't gonna use for one reason

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00:09:06,580 --> 00:09:04,250

or another so I do feel that I have been

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careful to try to try to scrutinize a

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00:09:10,840 --> 00:09:09,260

lot of stuff to kind of distill what I

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00:09:13,090 --> 00:09:10,850

think is the most credible the most

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important yeah you know I think that a

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process is intriguing and it's important

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as I was reading the book I was couldn't

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00:09:24,820 --> 00:09:22,370

help but wonder what some of the

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backstory is you know I kind of was

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joking a little bit in the reduction and

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00:09:29,830 --> 00:09:27,890

saying you know you're sticking another

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00:09:32,860 --> 00:09:29,840

thumb and the I have another paradigm

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00:09:36,430 --> 00:09:32,870

but it's true right I mean you were kind

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of all in on the UFO book and I gotta

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believe I know that you took a ton of

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00:09:45,460 --> 00:09:42,260

heat from all sorts of people on that

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00:09:47,260 --> 00:09:45,470

thing and you not only weathered it but

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00:09:48,520 --> 00:09:47,270

you kept coming at it I mean it wasn't

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00:09:50,140 --> 00:09:48,530

just the book but then you were

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00:09:51,639 --> 00:09:50,150

interested in following up on the

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00:09:54,519 --> 00:09:51,649

freedom of him from me

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and all the different things so it tell

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00:09:57,249 --> 00:09:55,639

us a little bit about your background

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00:09:58,869 --> 00:09:57,259

because I don't know a lot it you know

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00:10:00,879 --> 00:09:58,879

your bio sometimes you read it and it

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sounds like you were you're placed right

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in the middle of a successful

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00:10:07,389 --> 00:10:04,730  
award-winning career as an investigative

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00:10:09,129 --> 00:10:07,399  
journalist you know well what has been

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00:10:11,319 --> 00:10:09,139  
your background getting up to this point

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00:10:13,540 --> 00:10:11,329  
and up to the point of writing the the

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00:10:17,139 --> 00:10:13,550  
UFO book that was the New York Times

256  
00:10:19,780 --> 00:10:17,149  
bestseller well I was I was when I when

257  
00:10:21,489 --> 00:10:19,790  
the UFO thing came into my life for a

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00:10:23,919 --> 00:10:21,499  
number of years before that I had been

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00:10:26,470 --> 00:10:23,929  
working at a public radio station in

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00:10:29,169 --> 00:10:26,480  
California was KPFA radio which is part

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00:10:31,449 --> 00:10:29,179  
of the Pacifica network and I was a host

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00:10:33,280 --> 00:10:31,459  
and then on-air an on-air host and a

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00:10:35,590 --> 00:10:33,290

producer for a daily investigative news

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00:10:37,869 --> 00:10:35,600

program on that network and while I was

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working there I sort of I also was

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learning journalism I was mentored by a

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very accomplished investigative reporter

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who worked at that station we did a lot

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00:10:48,699 --> 00:10:47,119

of writing together publishing articles

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00:10:51,129 --> 00:10:48,709

together and that was sort of how I

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00:10:53,439 --> 00:10:51,139

learned about journalism it was by doing

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00:10:55,900 --> 00:10:53,449

it with somebody guiding me I had been

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00:10:57,429 --> 00:10:55,910

to Burma and I was very interested in

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00:11:00,429 --> 00:10:57,439

the struggle for human rights in that

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00:11:03,009 --> 00:11:00,439

country and so I kind of got my career

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00:11:05,439 --> 00:11:03,019

in journalism going by reporting on

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00:11:07,960 --> 00:11:05,449

events that were taking place in in

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00:11:10,090 --> 00:11:07,970

Burma so I had nothing to do with any of

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00:11:11,949 --> 00:11:10,100

this kind of stuff but then when I was

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00:11:14,799 --> 00:11:11,959

working at the radio station I think it

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00:11:17,919 --> 00:11:14,809

was in 1999 a colleague in France sent

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00:11:20,019 --> 00:11:17,929

me this report written written by a lot

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00:11:22,329 --> 00:11:20,029

of very high-level military people in

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00:11:24,129 --> 00:11:22,339

France called the cameto report and I

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00:11:26,290 --> 00:11:24,139

won't go into a lot of details I don't

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00:11:28,720 --> 00:11:26,300

take up too much time but but it was

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00:11:32,169 --> 00:11:28,730

about these high-level officials study

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00:11:34,449 --> 00:11:32,179

of the UFO subject essentially the

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00:11:36,970 --> 00:11:34,459  
official official data official cases

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00:11:39,819 --> 00:11:36,980  
pilots and military people and the

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00:11:41,340 --> 00:11:39,829  
conclusion that they drew was this the

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00:11:43,600 --> 00:11:41,350  
possibility of the extra-terrestrial

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00:11:46,119 --> 00:11:43,610  
hypothesis being valid I mean they

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00:11:47,919 --> 00:11:46,129  
actually said this is a valid hypothesis

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00:11:50,230 --> 00:11:47,929  
to explain these incidences we can't

296

00:11:52,509 --> 00:11:50,240  
think of any any better ways to explain

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00:11:54,220 --> 00:11:52,519  
it but we can't prove it so anyway

298

00:11:56,169 --> 00:11:54,230  
that's what got me started because I

299

00:11:58,480 --> 00:11:56,179  
looked at that report at Alex and I

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00:11:59,650 --> 00:11:58,490  
thought like this is huge this is a big

301  
00:12:02,410 --> 00:11:59,660  
news story right

302  
00:12:03,789 --> 00:12:02,420  
you've got high-level generals and

303  
00:12:05,600 --> 00:12:03,799  
admirals telling us that we're being

304  
00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:05,610  
visited by extraterrestrials

305  
00:12:10,220 --> 00:12:08,160  
very likely anyway and I thought you

306  
00:12:12,980 --> 00:12:10,230  
know what if this happen in America so I

307  
00:12:14,690 --> 00:12:12,990  
just grabbed this story and I wrote

308  
00:12:17,240 --> 00:12:14,700  
about it for the Boston Globe in the

309  
00:12:20,150 --> 00:12:17,250  
year 2000 and that's what got me started

310  
00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:20,160  
on this with the UFOs and I spent over a

311  
00:12:25,490 --> 00:12:22,800  
decade full-time on them I eventually

312  
00:12:27,860 --> 00:12:25,500  
left the radio station and so so that

313  
00:12:29,690 --> 00:12:27,870

was sort of my first involvement with

314

00:12:32,030 --> 00:12:29,700

this sort of you know I don't think of

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00:12:34,190 --> 00:12:32,040

UFOs as being paranormal I don't know

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00:12:35,900 --> 00:12:34,200

how you want to qualify them but

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00:12:37,400 --> 00:12:35,910

certainly something that challenges the

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00:12:38,990 --> 00:12:37,410

paradigm and certainly something that

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00:12:41,329 --> 00:12:39,000

science doesn't accept

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00:12:45,769 --> 00:12:41,339

yeah but Leslie you had to be getting a

321

00:12:48,410 --> 00:12:45,779

lot of signals along the way that this

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00:12:50,840 --> 00:12:48,420

isn't necessarily the greatest career

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00:12:53,960 --> 00:12:50,850

move to go down this path because on one

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00:12:56,240 --> 00:12:53,970

hand yeah it's this huge story but a lot

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00:12:58,579 --> 00:12:56,250

of folks have gone down there a little

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00:13:01,160 --> 00:12:58,589

bit and said hey I just need to back off

327

00:13:03,079 --> 00:13:01,170

here this isn't going to turn out the

328

00:13:05,630 --> 00:13:03,089

way I had hoped you had to encounter

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00:13:06,980 --> 00:13:05,640

that right yeah I mean I I was certainly

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00:13:09,009 --> 00:13:06,990

especially in the beginning and I

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00:13:11,060 --> 00:13:09,019

described this in my book about how

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00:13:13,100 --> 00:13:11,070

terrifying it was really for me

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00:13:15,500 --> 00:13:13,110

professionally to write to even be

334

00:13:17,389 --> 00:13:15,510

interested in this it was only after the

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00:13:19,490 --> 00:13:17,399

UF the story was published in The Boston

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00:13:21,860 --> 00:13:19,500

Globe that I felt even safe enough to

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00:13:23,630 --> 00:13:21,870

tell my colleagues at this progressive

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00:13:25,519 --> 00:13:23,640

radio station that I was interested in

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00:13:27,860 --> 00:13:25,529

the topic so there there certainly was a

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00:13:30,139 --> 00:13:27,870

lot of ridicule that I had to deal with

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00:13:32,420 --> 00:13:30,149

but I think the other thing that kept me

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00:13:34,699 --> 00:13:32,430

going was I had other sources of income

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00:13:37,910 --> 00:13:34,709

I wasn't a hundred percent dependent on

344

00:13:40,490 --> 00:13:37,920

this from my livelihood so I think that

345

00:13:42,050 --> 00:13:40,500

if anybody was they could never I mean

346

00:13:43,610 --> 00:13:42,060

maybe there's a couple of people that

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00:13:45,380 --> 00:13:43,620

have made a career out of this but not

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00:13:47,660 --> 00:13:45,390

very many are able to do that so

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00:13:49,550 --> 00:13:47,670

unfortunately I had that I had the

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00:13:51,350 --> 00:13:49,560

opportunity to be able to focus on it

351  
00:13:53,509 --> 00:13:51,360  
and you know because of the approach I

352  
00:13:56,300 --> 00:13:53,519  
took Alex I really didn't get a lot of

353  
00:13:58,759 --> 00:13:56,310  
flack from the outside world about it I

354  
00:14:00,650 --> 00:13:58,769  
think I was taking a journalistic

355  
00:14:02,360 --> 00:14:00,660  
approach that was fairly unique I wasn't

356  
00:14:04,939 --> 00:14:02,370  
drawing conclusions about what the

357  
00:14:07,910 --> 00:14:04,949  
phenomenon was I was just focused on

358  
00:14:10,579 --> 00:14:07,920  
giving the data that a phenomenon exists

359  
00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:10,589  
that alone is extraordinary but the

360  
00:14:13,819 --> 00:14:12,000  
problem with so many people who study

361  
00:14:15,769 --> 00:14:13,829  
UFOs they they just jump to all these

362  
00:14:18,530 --> 00:14:15,779  
conclusions and they're not clear about

363  
00:14:19,440 --> 00:14:18,540

what's factual and what isn't well it's

364

00:14:22,020 --> 00:14:19,450

hard not to

365

00:14:24,630 --> 00:14:22,030

but I think your book was the really the

366

00:14:26,850 --> 00:14:24,640

right book at the right time and I mean

367

00:14:29,250 --> 00:14:26,860

people were maybe some people in the UFO

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00:14:30,990 --> 00:14:29,260

community were clamoring for more hate

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00:14:32,850 --> 00:14:31,000

more you know why doesn't go far enough

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00:14:35,370 --> 00:14:32,860

but when you look at it in retrospect it

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00:14:37,200 --> 00:14:35,380

was really the right book at the right

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00:14:39,200 --> 00:14:37,210

time and I wonder you know you can't I

373

00:14:41,940 --> 00:14:39,210

can't help but think if there aren't

374

00:14:44,310 --> 00:14:41,950

parallels with surviving death I mean

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00:14:45,780 --> 00:14:44,320

did you feel the same kind of parallels

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00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:45,790

because first thing I have to point out

377

00:14:50,160 --> 00:14:47,440

and you mentioned this in the book in

378

00:14:53,340 --> 00:14:50,170

passing but you've had an interest in

379

00:14:56,670 --> 00:14:53,350

this survival thing for a long time too

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00:14:58,980 --> 00:14:56,680

so was that like the UFO thing also

381

00:15:00,840 --> 00:14:58,990

something that was kind of brewing for a

382

00:15:03,420 --> 00:15:00,850

while and now you felt like the time was

383

00:15:06,210 --> 00:15:03,430

right to package it in this way or what

384

00:15:08,190 --> 00:15:06,220

is the backstory for the book yeah and

385

00:15:09,960 --> 00:15:08,200

just to clarify - I know the documentary

386

00:15:11,370 --> 00:15:09,970

you mean about the case in Scotland I

387

00:15:14,670 --> 00:15:11,380

had nothing to do with that that was a

388

00:15:16,890 --> 00:15:14,680

channel for production in the UK a very

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00:15:18,900 --> 00:15:16,900

excellent really yeah but but I was

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00:15:20,850 --> 00:15:18,910

involved with the Vidya a documentary

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00:15:22,620 --> 00:15:20,860

that was made about what about the skull

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00:15:25,200 --> 00:15:22,630

experiments so you may be thinking of

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00:15:29,760 --> 00:15:25,210

that one well what is the one I actually

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00:15:33,360 --> 00:15:29,770

saw the picture of you and I thought it

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00:15:34,890 --> 00:15:33,370

was Cameron the kid mm-hmm but not with

396

00:15:36,930 --> 00:15:34,900

that Jim Tucker I mean I did meet

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00:15:39,060 --> 00:15:36,940

Cameron the kid in that movie I went up

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00:15:41,880 --> 00:15:39,070

with with a filmmaker named Tim Coleman

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00:15:44,490 --> 00:15:41,890

who is the producer of this documentary

400

00:15:46,140 --> 00:15:44,500

about this the issues of survival and I

401  
00:15:47,760 --> 00:15:46,150  
was assisting him and I went with him to

402  
00:15:49,320 --> 00:15:47,770  
meet Cameron and his mom and his brother

403  
00:15:52,290 --> 00:15:49,330  
so you may have seen a photograph from

404  
00:15:54,600 --> 00:15:52,300  
that I made the wrong connection and so

405  
00:15:55,830 --> 00:15:54,610  
so you were aware of that story and what

406  
00:15:58,680 --> 00:15:55,840  
was going on but you were looking at the

407  
00:16:02,010 --> 00:15:58,690  
skull experiments which are just

408  
00:16:03,450 --> 00:16:02,020  
mind-boggling as well well until folks

409  
00:16:04,770 --> 00:16:03,460  
cuz I'm bouncing around and talking

410  
00:16:06,180 --> 00:16:04,780  
about stuff that people probably aren't

411  
00:16:08,460 --> 00:16:06,190  
even familiar with and those are two

412  
00:16:09,900 --> 00:16:08,470  
topics that you talk about in this book

413  
00:16:12,810 --> 00:16:09,910

and you draw these connections together

414

00:16:15,240 --> 00:16:12,820

one is the physical mediumship that was

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00:16:17,040 --> 00:16:15,250

demonstrated in the skull experiments

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00:16:19,430 --> 00:16:17,050

and the other is Jim Tucker does

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00:16:22,380 --> 00:16:19,440

contribute to this book in terms of

418

00:16:23,790 --> 00:16:22,390

reincarnation so however you want to

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00:16:26,580 --> 00:16:23,800

pick that up in terms of what's in the

420

00:16:30,060 --> 00:16:26,590

book or how long that interest was there

421

00:16:31,710 --> 00:16:30,070

for you and those topics yeah I mean all

422

00:16:32,910 --> 00:16:31,720

those talks have interested me for a

423

00:16:34,650 --> 00:16:32,920

long time and

424

00:16:36,930 --> 00:16:34,660

and when I did I think it was in the

425

00:16:40,170 --> 00:16:36,940

early 2000s you know I was working on my

426

00:16:42,600 --> 00:16:40,180

UFO stuff but I I knew these two

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00:16:44,730 --> 00:16:42,610

colleagues who were also involved with

428

00:16:46,710 --> 00:16:44,740

the UFO subject but they were we sir I

429

00:16:49,379 --> 00:16:46,720

sort of helped them develop a proposal

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00:16:52,889 --> 00:16:49,389

for a documentary on this topic and in

431

00:16:54,750 --> 00:16:52,899

they ended up doing a film and I ended

432

00:16:56,970 --> 00:16:54,760

up assisting with that film so I got to

433

00:16:59,519 --> 00:16:56,980

meet a lot of the players in the field

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00:17:02,100 --> 00:16:59,529

but I wasn't able to fully participate

435

00:17:03,870 --> 00:17:02,110

because my priority was UFOs and I was

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00:17:06,419 --> 00:17:03,880

working on the book for that and

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00:17:08,189 --> 00:17:06,429

everything and doing a lot but this this

438

00:17:09,870 --> 00:17:08,199

subject matter has always really

439

00:17:13,289 --> 00:17:09,880

interested me it's always been sort of

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00:17:14,549 --> 00:17:13,299

in the background of my work and you

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00:17:16,770 --> 00:17:14,559

know I've poked around with different

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00:17:19,380 --> 00:17:16,780

things involving it the reincarnation

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00:17:21,780 --> 00:17:19,390

cases the physical mediumship both

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00:17:24,659 --> 00:17:21,790

fascinating to me and then what had one

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00:17:26,579 --> 00:17:24,669

thing that happened was in 2011 I was

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00:17:29,220 --> 00:17:26,589

present when a very close friend of mine

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00:17:31,200 --> 00:17:29,230

died and you know at the very moment

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00:17:33,030 --> 00:17:31,210

that that person took their last breath

449

00:17:35,850 --> 00:17:33,040

and that was something I'd never

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00:17:38,340 --> 00:17:35,860

experienced before and it really it was

451

00:17:40,380 --> 00:17:38,350

very profound for me to be there for

452

00:17:42,570 --> 00:17:40,390

that moment and it brought up a lot of

453

00:17:44,370 --> 00:17:42,580

deeper questions in me and it sort of

454

00:17:46,159 --> 00:17:44,380

hit me over the head like this personal

455

00:17:50,460 --> 00:17:46,169

experience that made me want to

456

00:17:51,450 --> 00:17:50,470

understand more about how it's just so I

457

00:17:53,789 --> 00:17:51,460

don't know if you've ever been with a

458

00:17:55,799 --> 00:17:53,799

dying person but it's very surreal when

459

00:17:57,690 --> 00:17:55,809

they're suddenly there one minute and

460

00:17:59,820 --> 00:17:57,700

then they're gone it's hard to

461

00:18:02,789 --> 00:17:59,830

comprehend and so that kind of also

462

00:18:05,280 --> 00:18:02,799

stimulated me to sort of want to

463

00:18:07,799 --> 00:18:05,290

discover more about the whole survival

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00:18:10,169 --> 00:18:07,809

question and I started to once the UFO

465

00:18:12,659 --> 00:18:10,179

book calmed down the effects of the opah

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00:18:14,370 --> 00:18:12,669

book calm down I started to poke into

467

00:18:16,230 --> 00:18:14,380

this a little bit more deeply and then I

468

00:18:18,870 --> 00:18:16,240

had the opportunity to do another book

469

00:18:20,730 --> 00:18:18,880

on it so it was a you know an

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00:18:24,030 --> 00:18:20,740

opportunity I definitely wanted to take

471

00:18:28,289 --> 00:18:24,040

so how did all that shape your approach

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00:18:29,730 --> 00:18:28,299

to the book because there are these you

473

00:18:32,460 --> 00:18:29,740

know the approach of the book is great

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00:18:35,880 --> 00:18:32,470

again it's this synthesis it's coming at

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00:18:37,620 --> 00:18:35,890

it kind of as this straight on

476

00:18:38,960 --> 00:18:37,630

investigative reporter look I looked at

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00:18:41,010 --> 00:18:38,970

this this this these things are

478

00:18:43,130 --> 00:18:41,020

happening I'm talking to the best

479

00:18:45,120 --> 00:18:43,140

experts here you go here's the evidence

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00:18:46,710 --> 00:18:45,130

so you're having some personal

481

00:18:48,330 --> 00:18:46,720

experiences that are really kind

482

00:18:49,680 --> 00:18:48,340

probably touching you really deeply but

483

00:18:51,960 --> 00:18:49,690

you're pulling back from that a little

484

00:18:54,750 --> 00:18:51,970

bit in the book and kind of laying it

485

00:18:56,610 --> 00:18:54,760

out in a systematic way what was your

486

00:19:00,779 --> 00:18:56,620

thought process and and what would be

487

00:19:03,060 --> 00:19:00,789

the right book at this time to kind of

488

00:19:04,440 --> 00:19:03,070

get this stuff out there yeah I mean

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00:19:06,029 --> 00:19:04,450

it's interesting you asked about the

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00:19:08,010 --> 00:19:06,039

relationship to the UFO book because it

491

00:19:12,419 --> 00:19:08,020

does sort of follow a similar pattern

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00:19:15,029 --> 00:19:12,429

for me in that I'm providing data I'm

493

00:19:17,220 --> 00:19:15,039

not drawing a lot of conclusions that

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00:19:19,200 --> 00:19:17,230

can't be proven but I you know I'm

495

00:19:22,380 --> 00:19:19,210

willing to explore various conclusions

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00:19:24,450 --> 00:19:22,390

and I also include chapters by others

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00:19:27,029 --> 00:19:24,460

which I did in UFOs because I just think

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00:19:29,399 --> 00:19:27,039

that adds a great deal to it so it's

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00:19:31,560 --> 00:19:29,409

it's sort of I mean it sort of follows a

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00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:31,570

similar kind of pattern I guess the

501  
00:19:35,669 --> 00:19:33,820  
difference was though Alyx is number one

502  
00:19:38,549 --> 00:19:35,679  
that I didn't spend ten years and

503  
00:19:40,919 --> 00:19:38,559  
looking into this so it was a journey of

504  
00:19:43,529 --> 00:19:40,929  
discovery for me while I was actually

505  
00:19:45,299 --> 00:19:43,539  
researching it while I was writing it I

506  
00:19:48,060 --> 00:19:45,309  
didn't really know how it would come out

507  
00:19:49,980 --> 00:19:48,070  
when I started certainly in terms of my

508  
00:19:51,870 --> 00:19:49,990  
own personal experiences I mean these

509  
00:19:54,570 --> 00:19:51,880  
were things that I never never knew what

510  
00:19:56,610 --> 00:19:54,580  
happened so it was a more sort of a

511  
00:19:59,279 --> 00:19:56,620  
personal journey for me and more of a

512  
00:20:02,190 --> 00:19:59,289  
discovery process in a shorter period of

513  
00:20:04,110 --> 00:20:02,200

time than the UFO book was and it also

514

00:20:06,149 --> 00:20:04,120

is more difficult to deal with for me

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00:20:08,760 --> 00:20:06,159

because it's it's much harder to pin

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00:20:10,890 --> 00:20:08,770

down this information it's from a lot of

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00:20:12,899 --> 00:20:10,900

different areas you know I felt that I

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00:20:14,820 --> 00:20:12,909

could have written three books there's

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00:20:18,060 --> 00:20:14,830

so much that I felt I had to leave out

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00:20:20,880 --> 00:20:18,070

because it spans such a wide area of

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00:20:22,799 --> 00:20:20,890

research and and um so and it's just

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00:20:25,289 --> 00:20:22,809

more difficult for me to talk about it

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00:20:27,840 --> 00:20:25,299

it's it seems more complicated to me

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00:20:30,510 --> 00:20:27,850

than the UFO topic so in that sense it

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00:20:33,390 --> 00:20:30,520

was sort of a step into a bigger more

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00:20:34,950 --> 00:20:33,400

challenging work oh I can I can

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00:20:36,330 --> 00:20:34,960

definitely see what you mean and I think

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00:20:38,220 --> 00:20:36,340

people will appreciate that when they

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00:20:40,110 --> 00:20:38,230

pick up the book and you know by the way

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00:20:42,899 --> 00:20:40,120

that's also what makes this but you

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00:20:44,250 --> 00:20:42,909

can't help but say this this is the kind

532

00:20:46,950 --> 00:20:44,260

of book people are gonna want to buy and

533

00:20:49,890 --> 00:20:46,960

give to other people right because when

534

00:20:51,090 --> 00:20:49,900

if you've been exposed this material

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00:20:53,580 --> 00:20:51,100

like some people are exposed to

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00:20:56,039 --> 00:20:53,590

near-death experience science and then

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00:20:57,419 --> 00:20:56,049

they kind of let it slip at the dining

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00:20:59,200 --> 00:20:57,429

room table and somebody kind of fires

539

00:21:01,720 --> 00:20:59,210

back and it's like

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00:21:02,980 --> 00:21:01,730

until you look bigger and bigger and

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00:21:04,810 --> 00:21:02,990

bigger at you know it's not just

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00:21:06,640 --> 00:21:04,820

near-death experience it's all this

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00:21:08,950 --> 00:21:06,650

other after death communication and then

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00:21:11,530 --> 00:21:08,960

it's the mediumship and then it's like

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00:21:13,990 --> 00:21:11,540

you get deep deep into the sighs stuff

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00:21:15,520 --> 00:21:14,000

the parapsychology stuff and you feel

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00:21:17,680 --> 00:21:15,530

and you felt the need to do that it

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00:21:20,920 --> 00:21:17,690

comes through you do a nice job and talk

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00:21:23,890 --> 00:21:20,930

to a lot of the leading Syre searchers

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00:21:27,040 --> 00:21:23,900

whose conclusions don't necessarily line

551  
00:21:29,140 --> 00:21:27,050  
up with exactly with what the mediums

552  
00:21:30,610 --> 00:21:29,150  
and the NDE people are saying but you're

553  
00:21:33,520 --> 00:21:30,620  
just kind of laying it all out there

554  
00:21:35,200 --> 00:21:33,530  
saying we have to look at what all this

555  
00:21:38,040 --> 00:21:35,210  
stuff is pointing to because it's all

556  
00:21:40,450 --> 00:21:38,050  
pointing in the same direction regarding

557  
00:21:43,360 --> 00:21:40,460  
consciousness so that that is kind of

558  
00:21:44,980 --> 00:21:43,370  
tough isn't it yeah it was a big it was

559  
00:21:48,070 --> 00:21:44,990  
I felt like I was dealing with a massive

560  
00:21:50,970 --> 00:21:48,080  
arena you know of information and of

561  
00:21:54,070 --> 00:21:50,980  
unanswered questions and a mystery and

562  
00:21:55,990 --> 00:21:54,080  
so I I do I do think making the

563  
00:21:58,420 --> 00:21:56,000

connections as I said between all the

564

00:21:59,950 --> 00:21:58,430

different areas is really what sort of

565

00:22:01,420 --> 00:21:59,960

holds the book together I mean there's

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00:22:04,330 --> 00:22:01,430

definitely I feel like there's a unity

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00:22:06,700 --> 00:22:04,340

to it and it builds and I'm also what I

568

00:22:08,350 --> 00:22:06,710

do also alex is I try to start with the

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00:22:10,540 --> 00:22:08,360

things that are more accessible to

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00:22:12,040 --> 00:22:10,550

people it's things that are you know not

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00:22:14,590 --> 00:22:12,050

going to be quite as seemed quite as

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00:22:18,040 --> 00:22:14,600

weird and then I take them gradually

573

00:22:20,320 --> 00:22:18,050

through a sort of a progression of more

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00:22:22,570 --> 00:22:20,330

advanced and more unusual and more

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00:22:24,670 --> 00:22:22,580

dramatic phenomena and ending with

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00:22:26,560 --> 00:22:24,680

physical mediumship which is the thing

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00:22:29,440 --> 00:22:26,570

that is the most difficult for any

578

00:22:31,210 --> 00:22:29,450

person to accept understandably but I'm

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00:22:33,160 --> 00:22:31,220

hoping by the time I get there they have

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00:22:35,740 --> 00:22:33,170

enough background from what they've read

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00:22:38,560 --> 00:22:35,750

before that they might be able to accept

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00:22:39,820 --> 00:22:38,570

it and that's it that's important I mean

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00:22:41,650 --> 00:22:39,830

that's sort of why it's often hard for

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00:22:44,440 --> 00:22:41,660

me to talk about some of these things

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00:22:46,900 --> 00:22:44,450

out of context because I feel like the

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00:22:49,510 --> 00:22:46,910

context is really important in terms of

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00:22:51,610 --> 00:22:49,520

people being able to access and accept

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00:22:55,420 --> 00:22:51,620

what some of this stuff is because it's

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00:22:57,340 --> 00:22:55,430

very strange yeah let's talk about

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00:22:59,110 --> 00:22:57,350

near-death experience science it's

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00:23:00,940 --> 00:22:59,120

something we've covered a ton on this

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00:23:03,880 --> 00:23:00,950

show you have an excellent chapter in

593

00:23:06,550 --> 00:23:03,890

the book from Dutch cardiologist dr. PIM

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00:23:09,960 --> 00:23:06,560

van LOM oh you say this is a journey for

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00:23:12,190 --> 00:23:09,970

you what was your biggest takeaway

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00:23:14,080 --> 00:23:12,200

learning points about

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00:23:17,170 --> 00:23:14,090

near death experience that you didn't

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00:23:19,720 --> 00:23:17,180

know and you discovered um well I think

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00:23:21,790 --> 00:23:19,730

if you know I think what's actually more

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00:23:24,190 --> 00:23:21,800

interesting to me than the NDEs are the

601  
00:23:25,180 --> 00:23:24,200  
veridical out-of-body experiences so we

602  
00:23:28,480 --> 00:23:25,190  
can sort of they're very closely

603  
00:23:31,480 --> 00:23:28,490  
connected but I think of course the

604  
00:23:34,510 --> 00:23:31,490  
universality of them is really important

605  
00:23:36,730 --> 00:23:34,520  
and the fact that there has not been out

606  
00:23:38,800 --> 00:23:36,740  
there's no adequate explanation that's

607  
00:23:40,600 --> 00:23:38,810  
been offered to account for all the

608  
00:23:43,630 --> 00:23:40,610  
different components of NDEs

609  
00:23:45,610 --> 00:23:43,640  
I respect greatly the work of PIM van

610  
00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:45,620  
Lommel when others who have spent so

611  
00:23:51,070 --> 00:23:47,840  
much time you know investigating them

612  
00:23:53,380 --> 00:23:51,080  
and and end Vonn levels a description in

613  
00:23:56,020 --> 00:23:53,390

his chapter of the way he sees

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00:23:58,210 --> 00:23:56,030

consciousness being sort of in a field

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00:24:00,640 --> 00:23:58,220

and the brain is like a more of a

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00:24:03,250 --> 00:24:00,650

receiver not a producer of consciousness

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00:24:04,990 --> 00:24:03,260

I feel like he describes it so

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00:24:07,480 --> 00:24:05,000

eloquently and so beautifully in his

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00:24:08,950 --> 00:24:07,490

chapter way better than I ever could and

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00:24:11,170 --> 00:24:08,960

he's the one that understands it he's

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00:24:12,760 --> 00:24:11,180

been studying it so I think all of that

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00:24:15,790 --> 00:24:12,770

is really I mean what but but the key

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00:24:18,610 --> 00:24:15,800

component for me as a journalist you

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00:24:20,800 --> 00:24:18,620

know about this whole arena of NDEs and

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00:24:23,320 --> 00:24:20,810

OBEs is when you have a veridical OBE

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00:24:25,180 --> 00:24:23,330

which is when somebody leaves their body

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00:24:27,490 --> 00:24:25,190

as they experience it anyway

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00:24:28,570 --> 00:24:27,500

and are able to report back this is

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00:24:31,690 --> 00:24:28,580

leaving their body when they are

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00:24:33,190 --> 00:24:31,700

completely clinically dead meaning

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00:24:35,200 --> 00:24:33,200

there's no heartbeat there's no brain

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00:24:37,260 --> 00:24:35,210

activity they're going through some kind

633

00:24:40,840 --> 00:24:37,270

of a medical trauma or something and

634

00:24:42,910 --> 00:24:40,850

when they are able to report back after

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00:24:45,430 --> 00:24:42,920

they come back into their bodies sites

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00:24:47,830 --> 00:24:45,440

and things they've seen and things

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00:24:50,860 --> 00:24:47,840

they've heard that correlate with real

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00:24:53,140 --> 00:24:50,870

events and they often would report them

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00:24:54,580 --> 00:24:53,150

from a perspective of a different of the

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00:24:56,050 --> 00:24:54,590

ceiling sight which is often where they

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00:24:58,900 --> 00:24:56,060

say they find themselves so in one case

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00:25:01,450 --> 00:24:58,910

we have a social worker who was studied

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00:25:05,190 --> 00:25:01,460

by sampar Nia in a study he did with

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00:25:07,840 --> 00:25:05,200

many colleagues described seeing a bald

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00:25:09,790 --> 00:25:07,850

one of the medics was bald and I'm he

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00:25:12,580 --> 00:25:09,800

wouldn't have been able to see that very

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00:25:14,800 --> 00:25:12,590

well from his bed led but he was an

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00:25:16,060 --> 00:25:14,810

unconscious anyway but he was able to

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00:25:18,040 --> 00:25:16,070

describe that he was able to describe

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00:25:20,140 --> 00:25:18,050

sounds that he heard that correlated

651  
00:25:22,600 --> 00:25:20,150  
with specific beeps that were being made

652  
00:25:25,960 --> 00:25:22,610  
at specific time intervals in a machine

653  
00:25:28,950 --> 00:25:25,970  
so the point being that you can

654  
00:25:32,020 --> 00:25:28,960  
verify that the person actually was was

655  
00:25:34,090 --> 00:25:32,030  
having perceptions when his brain was

656  
00:25:35,710 --> 00:25:34,100  
completely non-functional and you can

657  
00:25:38,080 --> 00:25:35,720  
verify it because of what he reports

658  
00:25:39,700 --> 00:25:38,090  
back as being in that's accurate so that

659  
00:25:42,580 --> 00:25:39,710  
to me is really significant because it

660  
00:25:44,530 --> 00:25:42,590  
shows the consciousness seems to be able

661  
00:25:46,960 --> 00:25:44,540  
to function independently of the brain

662  
00:25:48,430 --> 00:25:46,970  
now you have to know this but there's a

663  
00:25:50,260 --> 00:25:48,440

ton of people that immediately are gonna

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00:25:51,790 --> 00:25:50,270

push back and just scream because they

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00:25:52,870 --> 00:25:51,800

screaming he went all of you whatever

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00:25:55,000 --> 00:25:52,880

you say that the brain was

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00:25:56,650 --> 00:25:55,010

non-functional or it was clinically dead

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00:25:58,630 --> 00:25:56,660

or wasn't really dead you know they have

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00:26:01,180 --> 00:25:58,640

these discussions all the time I take a

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00:26:02,920 --> 00:26:01,190

couple things I took out of the van lol

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00:26:05,110 --> 00:26:02,930

a chapter that I thought were

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00:26:07,420 --> 00:26:05,120

particularly significant and I

673

00:26:09,310 --> 00:26:07,430

interviewed him before and read a bunch

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00:26:12,030 --> 00:26:09,320

of his stuff so but it came through is

675

00:26:14,830 --> 00:26:12,040

somewhat fresh is he very succinctly

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00:26:16,840 --> 00:26:14,840

talks about the history with this and

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00:26:18,460 --> 00:26:16,850

it's he has been around for a long time

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00:26:22,120 --> 00:26:18,470

he's been a cardiologist for a long time

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00:26:25,390 --> 00:26:22,130

so you really get the sense of a medical

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00:26:27,430 --> 00:26:25,400

doctor who really stumbled upon this and

681

00:26:29,410 --> 00:26:27,440

couldn't look the other way I mean he

682

00:26:30,660 --> 00:26:29,420

couldn't he's like look before when I

683

00:26:33,040 --> 00:26:30,670

started my career we weren't

684

00:26:35,020 --> 00:26:33,050

resuscitating anybody you know you had

685

00:26:37,480 --> 00:26:35,030

cardiac arrest you're dead that's it and

686

00:26:38,770 --> 00:26:37,490

then with the advent of resuscitation we

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00:26:41,050 --> 00:26:38,780

start to bring more of these people back

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00:26:42,970 --> 00:26:41,060

and you know they started telling these

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00:26:45,340 --> 00:26:42,980

stories and then the way he kind of as

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00:26:48,070 --> 00:26:45,350

you said goes through and again very

691

00:26:51,670 --> 00:26:48,080

succinctly says well look we eliminated

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00:26:53,920 --> 00:26:51,680

all the other possible explanations and

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00:26:56,320 --> 00:26:53,930

some of these people had a short cardiac

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00:26:58,360 --> 00:26:56,330

arrest before they resuscitated some had

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00:27:00,640 --> 00:26:58,370

a long one still the same near-death

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00:27:02,710 --> 00:27:00,650

experience still the same depth you know

697

00:27:05,260 --> 00:27:02,720

some of them had drugs some of them

698

00:27:08,140 --> 00:27:05,270

didn't same experience same experience

699

00:27:11,410 --> 00:27:08,150

so we hammer on this near-death

700

00:27:15,550 --> 00:27:11,420

experience science because there it's so

701  
00:27:17,710 --> 00:27:15,560  
annoys neuroscience and scientist eyes

702  
00:27:19,390 --> 00:27:17,720  
Syngenta I mean it really flips it on

703  
00:27:22,390 --> 00:27:19,400  
its heads there's a lot of pushback

704  
00:27:25,420 --> 00:27:22,400  
there but I thought he does a great job

705  
00:27:28,720 --> 00:27:25,430  
of really just kind of laying it out in

706  
00:27:31,150 --> 00:27:28,730  
really clear terms as you point out I

707  
00:27:33,520 --> 00:27:31,160  
love his curiosity Alex you know that he

708  
00:27:35,140 --> 00:27:33,530  
really was curious he wants to know he

709  
00:27:37,630 --> 00:27:35,150  
wants to understand and he asked the

710  
00:27:39,670 --> 00:27:37,640  
question to in his chapter you know

711  
00:27:44,800 --> 00:27:39,680  
where is that curiosity in science

712  
00:27:46,330 --> 00:27:44,810  
oh yeah well well you know and I want to

713  
00:27:48,310 --> 00:27:46,340

get your opinion on this because it's

714

00:27:51,730 --> 00:27:48,320

something I've kind of hammered on for a

715

00:27:55,210 --> 00:27:51,740

while but you know is it a lack of

716

00:27:57,940 --> 00:27:55,220

curiosity is it just a willful ignorance

717

00:27:59,740 --> 00:27:57,950

or I sometimes wonder if there's

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00:28:01,800 --> 00:27:59,750

something else going on you know in a

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00:28:04,930 --> 00:28:01,810

few years ago I interviewed this woman

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00:28:06,570 --> 00:28:04,940

her name is dr. Carolyn Watt and she's

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00:28:08,890 --> 00:28:06,580

the head of the department of

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00:28:12,490 --> 00:28:08,900

parapsychology at edinburgh scotland

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00:28:14,950 --> 00:28:12,500

which is one of the premier university

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00:28:16,750 --> 00:28:14,960

studying sigh you know which is all in

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00:28:19,240 --> 00:28:16,760

your book all about the size stuff and

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00:28:21,550 --> 00:28:19,250

all that and I don't know if you ran

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00:28:23,980 --> 00:28:21,560

across this but the title of her article

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00:28:26,920 --> 00:28:23,990

is there is nothing paranormal about

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00:28:28,900 --> 00:28:26,930

near-death experiences how neuroscience

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00:28:31,330 --> 00:28:28,910

can explain seeing bright lights meeting

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00:28:34,240 --> 00:28:31,340

the dead or being convinced that you are

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00:28:36,850 --> 00:28:34,250

one of them and I have to tell you let's

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00:28:38,290 --> 00:28:36,860

say I mean this I still get messages he

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00:28:40,360 --> 00:28:38,300

knows whatever from people saying hey

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00:28:43,690 --> 00:28:40,370

you know all this stuff it's not real

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00:28:46,450 --> 00:28:43,700

because this woman said I had Iran it's

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00:28:51,130 --> 00:28:46,460

just a complete hit piece the article is

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00:28:54,040 --> 00:28:51,140

completely debunked I had Janice Holden

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00:28:55,750 --> 00:28:54,050

from University of North Texas you know

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00:28:57,940 --> 00:28:55,760

good research or excellent researcher in

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00:28:59,950 --> 00:28:57,950

this field dr. Jan Holden come on

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00:29:01,650 --> 00:28:59,960

completely showed they miss quoted

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00:29:05,500 --> 00:29:01,660

Vaughn Lama I mean they just badly

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00:29:08,950 --> 00:29:05,510

sloppily misquoted him is there some

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00:29:11,590 --> 00:29:08,960

kind of I don't know how organized it is

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00:29:15,340 --> 00:29:11,600

but sometimes when you see the reaction

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00:29:16,330 --> 00:29:15,350

to the survival issue and in particular

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00:29:18,940 --> 00:29:16,340

we're talking about near-death

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00:29:21,070 --> 00:29:18,950

experience I don't wonder if there's

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00:29:23,410 --> 00:29:21,080

something else going on here in terms of

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00:29:26,290 --> 00:29:23,420

the amount of pushback and the organized

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00:29:28,330 --> 00:29:26,300

pushback that you get on this yeah I

753

00:29:29,500 --> 00:29:28,340

need a thoughts I'm sure you know more

754

00:29:31,630 --> 00:29:29,510

about that I do because you probably

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00:29:33,700 --> 00:29:31,640

talked to more people than I do but it's

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00:29:36,640 --> 00:29:33,710

certainly in the UFO field I mean I

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00:29:38,590 --> 00:29:36,650

there were people who were absolutely

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00:29:40,900 --> 00:29:38,600

convinced people like at the size cups

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00:29:43,300 --> 00:29:40,910

they have a mission they're absolutely

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00:29:44,890 --> 00:29:43,310

committed to debunking this no matter

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00:29:48,040 --> 00:29:44,900

what the data I mean that's their

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00:29:50,770 --> 00:29:48,050

preconceived position that it can't

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00:29:52,810 --> 00:29:50,780

possibly happen and they will go to any

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00:29:56,500 --> 00:29:52,820

lengths no matter how

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00:29:59,410 --> 00:29:56,510

and you know dishonest they are to to

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00:30:01,090 --> 00:29:59,420

debunk things and I don't know if in

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00:30:03,520 --> 00:30:01,100

this field I know I haven't been

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00:30:04,840 --> 00:30:03,530

involved with it as long I don't know if

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00:30:07,960 --> 00:30:04,850

there's just people that have that

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00:30:09,520 --> 00:30:07,970

commitment for whatever reasons but I'm

771

00:30:11,100 --> 00:30:09,530

sure you know more about it than I do

772

00:30:14,320 --> 00:30:11,110

and why somebody who studies

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00:30:16,270 --> 00:30:14,330

parapsychology from like her would would

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00:30:18,970 --> 00:30:16,280

be so close to this I don't know it's

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00:30:21,940 --> 00:30:18,980

beyond me but I can't provide an answer

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00:30:23,650 --> 00:30:21,950

for what the root of that is and maybe

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00:30:25,360 --> 00:30:23,660

it's a combination of a lot of factors

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00:30:27,340 --> 00:30:25,370

and it's different for each person that

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00:30:32,110 --> 00:30:27,350

pushes back they have different reasons

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00:30:35,020 --> 00:30:32,120

for doing it I don't know yeah okay

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00:30:37,990 --> 00:30:35,030

let's talk about that's a tough one too

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00:30:41,350 --> 00:30:38,000

but let's talk about religion and more

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00:30:44,500 --> 00:30:41,360

broadly about spirituality and beliefs

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00:30:46,690 --> 00:30:44,510

and I think as it ties into maybe the

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00:30:49,210 --> 00:30:46,700

purpose of the book again the short

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00:30:50,800 --> 00:30:49,220

excerpt from the introduction the very

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00:30:53,080 --> 00:30:50,810

excellent introduction that does a great

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00:30:55,920 --> 00:30:53,090

job of laying out the whole book you're

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00:30:59,170 --> 00:30:55,930

right what if we could develop a broad

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00:31:01,930 --> 00:30:59,180

unified view of what could be the

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00:31:05,560 --> 00:31:01,940

reality of life after death based on

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00:31:09,220 --> 00:31:05,570

facts and thereby diminish the potency

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00:31:13,240 --> 00:31:09,230

of competing rigid belief systems is

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00:31:17,160 --> 00:31:13,250

this the big picture goal that you have

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00:31:20,140 --> 00:31:17,170

in mind a kind of wean us off of

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00:31:23,050 --> 00:31:20,150

religion I guess is religion and at the

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00:31:25,330 --> 00:31:23,060

same time you know atheistic scientist

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00:31:27,010 --> 00:31:25,340

is that where you're headed on this I

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00:31:28,530 --> 00:31:27,020

mean that's a loaded question because

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00:31:30,970 --> 00:31:28,540

certainly I'm not interested in

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00:31:34,060 --> 00:31:30,980  
challenging or undermining anybody's

802  
00:31:36,130 --> 00:31:34,070  
faith or religious beliefs or mystical

803  
00:31:38,380 --> 00:31:36,140  
beliefs or whatever our beliefs are

804  
00:31:40,600 --> 00:31:38,390  
meaningful to them but I do think that

805  
00:31:43,900 --> 00:31:40,610  
the information in this book doesn't

806  
00:31:46,750 --> 00:31:43,910  
contradict belief systems I mean it's I

807  
00:31:48,760 --> 00:31:46,760  
hope I would hope that anybody in a

808  
00:31:51,670 --> 00:31:48,770  
regardless of their belief systems or

809  
00:31:53,830 --> 00:31:51,680  
their religion would be curious to know

810  
00:31:55,930 --> 00:31:53,840  
what the facts are you know what what

811  
00:31:59,320 --> 00:31:55,940  
really is when it comes to the question

812  
00:32:00,640 --> 00:31:59,330  
of an afterlife and I'd to structure it

813  
00:32:02,560 --> 00:32:00,650

in a way first of all this is not a

814

00:32:05,440 --> 00:32:02,570

religious book at all I don't I don't

815

00:32:07,640 --> 00:32:05,450

deal at all with religious concepts or

816

00:32:09,740 --> 00:32:07,650

philosophies and that kind of stuff or

817

00:32:13,100 --> 00:32:09,750

speculation about what the afterlife is

818

00:32:15,440 --> 00:32:13,110

like which you know people have to leave

819

00:32:17,630 --> 00:32:15,450

that up to their particular face or

820

00:32:19,340 --> 00:32:17,640

whatever but I also don't think that the

821

00:32:22,630 --> 00:32:19,350

information in this book contradicts our

822

00:32:25,630 --> 00:32:22,640

challenges religion because religion

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00:32:28,820 --> 00:32:25,640

most religions do point for some kind of

824

00:32:30,980 --> 00:32:28,830

an afterlife as I understand it I'm

825

00:32:34,310 --> 00:32:30,990

basically not a religious person but I

826

00:32:36,980 --> 00:32:34,320

don't see how this would contradict

827

00:32:39,380 --> 00:32:36,990

belief systems that believe in that and

828

00:32:43,580 --> 00:32:39,390

it actually might help people reinforce

829

00:32:45,140 --> 00:32:43,590

their concept of an afterlife so and you

830

00:32:47,779 --> 00:32:45,150

know the bigger picture of whether it

831

00:32:49,610 --> 00:32:47,789

could help undo the conflicts that

832

00:32:52,070 --> 00:32:49,620

people feel regarding belief systems I

833

00:32:54,140 --> 00:32:52,080

mean that's a kind of an idealistic hope

834

00:32:56,630 --> 00:32:54,150

that would be yeah we'd be fantastic at

835

00:32:58,340 --> 00:32:56,640

right you know that we didn't have

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00:33:00,380 --> 00:32:58,350

groups fighting with each other anymore

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00:33:01,159 --> 00:33:00,390

about belief systems that would be

838

00:33:04,310 --> 00:33:01,169

fantastic

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00:33:06,710 --> 00:33:04,320

so I just threw that in there as a you

840

00:33:08,539 --> 00:33:06,720

know as a potential purpose that that

841

00:33:13,430 --> 00:33:08,549

information like this could serve in the

842

00:33:15,890 --> 00:33:13,440

world I just have to say me but when I

843

00:33:18,140 --> 00:33:15,900

went the you know the religious thing or

844

00:33:20,419 --> 00:33:18,150

the god thing I mean it's like I wasn't

845

00:33:23,240 --> 00:33:20,429

trying to kind of lead you where you

846

00:33:25,430 --> 00:33:23,250

didn't want to go but to me it seems

847

00:33:27,049 --> 00:33:25,440

obvious and I sometimes don't like when

848

00:33:29,570 --> 00:33:27,059

we kind of talk around the thing you

849

00:33:32,539 --> 00:33:29,580

know it's like I'll tell you number one

850

00:33:35,000 --> 00:33:32,549

I mean I think you know that there are

851  
00:33:40,580 --> 00:33:35,010  
plenty of people that will be offended

852  
00:33:42,799 --> 00:33:40,590  
by the suggestion that you know a medium

853  
00:33:45,260 --> 00:33:42,809  
is talking to the dead and that that

854  
00:33:48,289 --> 00:33:45,270  
doesn't contradict their belief systems

855  
00:33:50,810 --> 00:33:48,299  
yeah it sure as hell does contradict a

856  
00:33:53,299 --> 00:33:50,820  
lot of people out there fundamentalist

857  
00:33:54,799 --> 00:33:53,309  
Christians just see it as you know

858  
00:33:58,010 --> 00:33:54,809  
they'll just tell you it's all demonic

859  
00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:58,020  
I've I've also interviewed you know and

860  
00:34:02,659 --> 00:34:00,480  
I and I hate when when we just can't

861  
00:34:04,850 --> 00:34:02,669  
handle this thing straight straight on

862  
00:34:07,100 --> 00:34:04,860  
but I've interviewed a couple of people

863  
00:34:10,190 --> 00:34:07,110

who are pretty prominent you know

864

00:34:12,770 --> 00:34:10,200

best-selling books on Christian NDEs and

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00:34:15,200 --> 00:34:12,780

now their spin is to take it all and say

866

00:34:17,329 --> 00:34:15,210

well there's these people who have these

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00:34:18,239 --> 00:34:17,339

and we can't deny it I mean people have

868

00:34:21,059 --> 00:34:18,249

religious

869

00:34:23,460 --> 00:34:21,069

near-death experiences people have

870

00:34:26,749 --> 00:34:23,470

religious after death communication

871

00:34:29,339 --> 00:34:26,759

experiences and by that I mean they see

872

00:34:31,619 --> 00:34:29,349

Jesus let's just stick to that you know

873

00:34:34,559 --> 00:34:31,629

they see Jesus and Jesus was crucified

874

00:34:36,599 --> 00:34:34,569

and I he totally put his hands put my

875

00:34:37,889 --> 00:34:36,609

hand where he was you know in his hand

876

00:34:40,259 --> 00:34:37,899

where it was up on the cross and

877

00:34:43,139 --> 00:34:40,269

therefore you know and you can go on you

878

00:34:45,269 --> 00:34:43,149

know dr. Jeff Long's website the largest

879

00:34:47,549 --> 00:34:45,279

database of near-death experiences and

880

00:34:50,009 --> 00:34:47,559

you can read one after another after

881

00:34:51,749 --> 00:34:50,019

another what happens when I interview

882

00:34:54,509 --> 00:34:51,759

these people as I say but that's not

883

00:34:55,829 --> 00:34:54,519

what the broader science says the

884

00:34:58,319 --> 00:34:55,839

broader science says yeah you might have

885

00:35:00,029 --> 00:34:58,329

had that experience but a lot other

886

00:35:02,370 --> 00:35:00,039

people didn't have that religious

887

00:35:04,979 --> 00:35:02,380

experience and overall the data suggests

888

00:35:08,160 --> 00:35:04,989

the opposite of that that we can't tie

889

00:35:11,130 --> 00:35:08,170

this survival thing to any set religious

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00:35:12,719 --> 00:35:11,140

belief so maybe I was I wasn't

891

00:35:14,249 --> 00:35:12,729

necessarily trying to lead you it's just

892

00:35:16,589 --> 00:35:14,259

where I've been led is to say hey

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00:35:18,900 --> 00:35:16,599

religion is all about this and then they

894

00:35:20,999 --> 00:35:18,910

care deeply about this but I agree with

895

00:35:24,630 --> 00:35:21,009

you as well that I'm sorry I'll shut up

896

00:35:27,269 --> 00:35:24,640

but you know broadly speaking it's it's

897

00:35:29,489 --> 00:35:27,279

this should be a huge bone to religion

898

00:35:31,549 --> 00:35:29,499

because in the debate over whether there

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00:35:34,979 --> 00:35:31,559

is something or whether there is nothing

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00:35:36,359 --> 00:35:34,989

it's something I know well that's what I

901  
00:35:38,099 --> 00:35:36,369  
was really trying to say and I'm you

902  
00:35:40,380 --> 00:35:38,109  
know I have a very simplistic attitude

903  
00:35:41,969 --> 00:35:40,390  
about it because I haven't yet been the

904  
00:35:43,769 --> 00:35:41,979  
recipient of the pushback that will

905  
00:35:45,630 --> 00:35:43,779  
probably come and I think I'll have to

906  
00:35:48,509 --> 00:35:45,640  
consult with you Alex when that happens

907  
00:35:51,569 --> 00:35:48,519  
because uh you know I'm just sort of

908  
00:35:54,779 --> 00:35:51,579  
naive but I take the position that yeah

909  
00:35:57,120 --> 00:35:54,789  
this would be helpful to anybody with

910  
00:35:59,690 --> 00:35:57,130  
religious ideas but as you're pointing

911  
00:36:02,609 --> 00:35:59,700  
out if they can't accept mediumship

912  
00:36:04,859 --> 00:36:02,619  
which means I guess that they might

913  
00:36:06,599 --> 00:36:04,869

believe that after you die you go to a

914

00:36:08,219 --> 00:36:06,609

place called heaven but I guess they

915

00:36:09,930 --> 00:36:08,229

don't allow for that possibility that

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00:36:12,809 --> 00:36:09,940

you could actually communicate from that

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00:36:15,359 --> 00:36:12,819

place to this earth that doesn't fit in

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00:36:18,420 --> 00:36:15,369

within their worldview I guess so they

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00:36:20,400 --> 00:36:18,430

can't accept it but you know maybe

920

00:36:23,339 --> 00:36:20,410

that'll open up some doors for some

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00:36:24,749 --> 00:36:23,349

Christians to be happy that maybe they

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00:36:26,400 --> 00:36:24,759

can be in touch with their loved ones

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00:36:29,249 --> 00:36:26,410

from heaven I don't know I don't know

924

00:36:30,959 --> 00:36:29,259

how it works people I really don't you I

925

00:36:31,840 --> 00:36:30,969

can't take care of that for people I'm

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00:36:34,860 --> 00:36:31,850

just trying to prove

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00:36:37,360 --> 00:36:34,870

factual information and studies and

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00:36:39,460 --> 00:36:37,370

reality here and they can do what they

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00:36:42,180 --> 00:36:39,470

want with it but I hope it doesn't

930

00:36:45,460 --> 00:36:42,190

offend anybody that wasn't my intention

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00:36:47,560 --> 00:36:45,470

so we've touched on mediumship a couple

932

00:36:50,620 --> 00:36:47,570

of times tell folks a little bit about

933

00:36:53,800 --> 00:36:50,630

what that part of your journey was was

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00:36:57,670 --> 00:36:53,810

like and what impressed you and what

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00:36:59,020 --> 00:36:57,680

changed for you from from that well I

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00:37:00,700 --> 00:36:59,030

mean we could start with mental

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00:37:02,410 --> 00:37:00,710

mediumship there's of course three types

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00:37:04,810 --> 00:37:02,420

there's mental mediumship trance

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00:37:07,480 --> 00:37:04,820

mediumship and then physical mediumship

940

00:37:09,880 --> 00:37:07,490

and my initial experiences were with

941

00:37:11,530 --> 00:37:09,890

mental mediumship which which means that

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00:37:14,560 --> 00:37:11,540

the medium I mean maybe you're all your

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00:37:16,210 --> 00:37:14,570

your listeners know this but the medium

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00:37:19,060 --> 00:37:16,220

is in a normal state of consciousness

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00:37:22,780 --> 00:37:19,070

and seems to have some kind of an

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00:37:25,780 --> 00:37:22,790

antenna or some ability to tap into what

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00:37:27,430 --> 00:37:25,790

she says are deceased people on the

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00:37:29,740 --> 00:37:27,440

other side and she's able to transmit

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00:37:33,130 --> 00:37:29,750

information to the person receiving it

950

00:37:35,830 --> 00:37:33,140

which is called the sitter and you know

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00:37:37,930 --> 00:37:35,840

the sitter gets the feeling that their

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00:37:39,400 --> 00:37:37,940

loved one still exists because of all

953

00:37:41,290 --> 00:37:39,410

the information that's provided that

954

00:37:44,140 --> 00:37:41,300

verifies that for them and basically

955

00:37:47,320 --> 00:37:44,150

that's the process and what I I wanted

956

00:37:50,370 --> 00:37:47,330

to find some mediums who I could test in

957

00:37:53,560 --> 00:37:50,380

under sort of my own personal controls

958

00:37:56,200 --> 00:37:53,570

which I did I had two extraordinary

959

00:37:58,630 --> 00:37:56,210

mediums do readings for me and they were

960

00:38:02,020 --> 00:37:58,640

just way beyond average in their

961

00:38:04,150 --> 00:38:02,030

accuracy the accuracy repeated itself

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00:38:07,150 --> 00:38:04,160

between the two readings that I did and

963

00:38:10,210 --> 00:38:07,160

the second reading I'm the first reading

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00:38:11,650 --> 00:38:10,220

that none of them knew who I was but as

965

00:38:13,780 --> 00:38:11,660

I mentioned in the book the first

966

00:38:16,060 --> 00:38:13,790

reading they medium had my phone number

967

00:38:18,460 --> 00:38:16,070

but I'm not gonna go into this I just

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00:38:20,140 --> 00:38:18,470

know that she didn't seek out anything

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00:38:22,090 --> 00:38:20,150

about me through that phone number but

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00:38:23,530 --> 00:38:22,100

nonetheless well let let's pause there

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00:38:25,780 --> 00:38:23,540

for just a minute because that's the

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00:38:27,610 --> 00:38:25,790

full pushback that people who are you

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00:38:29,920 --> 00:38:27,620

know super skeptical and are trying to

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00:38:31,810 --> 00:38:29,930

defend that position they always throw

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00:38:33,460 --> 00:38:31,820

out oh you know you were fooled and it's

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00:38:34,750 --> 00:38:33,470

so easy for those people to dupe you I

977

00:38:36,730 --> 00:38:34,760

thought its kind of seen it the other

978

00:38:39,700 --> 00:38:36,740

way I'd like to hear what your controls

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00:38:42,310 --> 00:38:39,710

were but my experience is that if you're

980

00:38:43,660 --> 00:38:42,320

you know if you're going in and you say

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00:38:45,190 --> 00:38:43,670

I really want to control this and I

982

00:38:47,079 --> 00:38:45,200

don't care as you know I just want to

983

00:38:49,569 --> 00:38:47,089

know that I really got the real deal

984

00:38:52,450 --> 00:38:49,579

it's pretty easy to control it isn't it

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00:38:55,510 --> 00:38:52,460

well yeah I mean here's what I did for

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00:38:57,609 --> 00:38:55,520

the reading I did with the the medium in

987

00:39:00,640 --> 00:38:57,619

Ireland his name was Sandra O'Hara I

988

00:39:03,250 --> 00:39:00,650

used a fake name when I contacted her I

989

00:39:04,900 --> 00:39:03,260

set up a completely separate email

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00:39:06,280 --> 00:39:04,910

address that was completely different

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00:39:09,910 --> 00:39:06,290

from my regular email address that

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00:39:12,790 --> 00:39:09,920

didn't involve my name and I only used

993

00:39:14,140 --> 00:39:12,800

that fake name when I paid her and

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00:39:17,440 --> 00:39:14,150

everything else was paid through PayPal

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00:39:20,200 --> 00:39:17,450

she had absolutely no idea of my name my

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00:39:22,780 --> 00:39:20,210

location on the planet nothing about me

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00:39:25,630 --> 00:39:22,790

at all so to me that was pretty pretty

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00:39:28,390 --> 00:39:25,640

good controls and the we talked through

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00:39:29,890 --> 00:39:28,400

skype when she did the reading but she

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00:39:31,599 --> 00:39:29,900

didn't know anything about me not even

1001  
00:39:34,620 --> 00:39:31,609  
my name so there was no way she could

1002  
00:39:37,540 --> 00:39:34,630  
have looked up anything in advance and

1003  
00:39:39,490 --> 00:39:37,550  
plus the mediums will also often provide

1004  
00:39:41,530 --> 00:39:39,500  
information that even if they did look

1005  
00:39:43,240 --> 00:39:41,540  
you up they couldn't find anyway it's

1006  
00:39:45,520 --> 00:39:43,250  
very personal

1007  
00:39:48,520 --> 00:39:45,530  
one of the people that came through for

1008  
00:39:50,589 --> 00:39:48,530  
me was sort of a public figure but the

1009  
00:39:53,380 --> 00:39:50,599  
other one was my brother that nobody

1010  
00:39:56,700 --> 00:39:53,390  
could possibly know anything about he's

1011  
00:39:59,470 --> 00:39:56,710  
nowhere on the internet so you know you

1012  
00:40:01,450 --> 00:39:59,480  
anyway took talk to me I felt very

1013  
00:40:03,730 --> 00:40:01,460

comfortable with those being controlled

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00:40:05,170 --> 00:40:03,740

situations I don't there's no way that

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00:40:07,569 --> 00:40:05,180

this medium could have found out

1016

00:40:10,359 --> 00:40:07,579

anything about me in advance that was

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00:40:11,859 --> 00:40:10,369

satisfactory to me anyway yeah and again

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00:40:13,540 --> 00:40:11,869

that goes back to the journalism thing

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00:40:16,300 --> 00:40:13,550

you know it's like when I'm reading that

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00:40:19,059 --> 00:40:16,310

from you I'm saying this is reasonable

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00:40:21,220 --> 00:40:19,069

yeah because sometimes the scientific

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00:40:24,150 --> 00:40:21,230

stuff and I know Julie by shell is

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00:40:26,109 --> 00:40:24,160

included in your book and you know she's

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00:40:29,020 --> 00:40:26,119

fantastic we've had around several times

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00:40:31,050 --> 00:40:29,030

and I love her rigor and she's into the

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00:40:33,609 --> 00:40:31,060

science part of it and you know

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00:40:36,309 --> 00:40:33,619

quadruple controls and quintuple

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00:40:38,620 --> 00:40:36,319

controls and all this what I liked was

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00:40:41,319 --> 00:40:38,630

just know here's a person that seems

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00:40:43,750 --> 00:40:41,329

like she's on the ball and she knows how

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00:40:45,250 --> 00:40:43,760

to she knows how to judge people and she

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00:40:47,410 --> 00:40:45,260

knows how to tell if she's being duped

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00:40:50,440 --> 00:40:47,420

and she was there and she didn't get

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00:40:52,150 --> 00:40:50,450

duped right and so then therefore you

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00:40:53,740 --> 00:40:52,160

know with the level of accurate

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00:40:56,109 --> 00:40:53,750

information that came through it's just

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00:40:58,089 --> 00:40:56,119

stunning to sit there and hear this

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00:40:58,840 --> 00:40:58,099

information coming through from somebody

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00:41:01,720 --> 00:40:58,850

who has

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00:41:03,400 --> 00:41:01,730

who doesn't even know your name and so I

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00:41:05,260 --> 00:41:03,410

was able to do my own analysis

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00:41:07,870 --> 00:41:05,270

afterwards and figure out how accurate

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00:41:09,610 --> 00:41:07,880

she was and it was you know you there's

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00:41:11,410 --> 00:41:09,620

two ways to explain it as far as I'm

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00:41:14,320 --> 00:41:11,420

concerned number one

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00:41:15,790 --> 00:41:14,330

the deceased people were communicating

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00:41:17,410 --> 00:41:15,800

through her which is what she was

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00:41:19,990 --> 00:41:17,420

absolutely a hundred percent sure what

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00:41:22,090 --> 00:41:20,000

was happening and I have to say that

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00:41:24,670 --> 00:41:22,100

personality traits came through as well

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00:41:26,470 --> 00:41:24,680

it wasn't just information or the second

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00:41:28,090 --> 00:41:26,480

possible explanation is that all the

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00:41:30,430 --> 00:41:28,100

information was coming through through

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00:41:32,800 --> 00:41:30,440

the mediums own sigh through her own

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00:41:35,230 --> 00:41:32,810

telepathy and clairvoyance that she was

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00:41:36,700 --> 00:41:35,240

basically reading my mind but maybe

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00:41:38,710 --> 00:41:36,710

doesn't realize that that's what's

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00:41:40,540 --> 00:41:38,720

happening as far as I'm concerned

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00:41:43,360 --> 00:41:40,550

there's no other way to explain this and

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00:41:45,940 --> 00:41:43,370

the issue is that many people in the

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00:41:48,640 --> 00:41:45,950

scientific world won't even accept the

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00:41:50,470 --> 00:41:48,650

SCI explanation so they have to come up

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00:41:52,420 --> 00:41:50,480

with it being fraudulent in some way but

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00:41:53,470 --> 00:41:52,430

they can't do that either so I'm kind of

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00:41:57,280 --> 00:41:53,480

interested to see how they're gonna

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00:42:01,510 --> 00:41:57,290

respond to this yeah well I am too

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00:42:03,660 --> 00:42:01,520

except I no doubt that they know no

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00:42:05,650 --> 00:42:03,670

shortage of you know possible

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00:42:08,110 --> 00:42:05,660

explanations and way to kind of wiggle

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00:42:10,380 --> 00:42:08,120

their way out of it I think let's talk a

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00:42:13,450 --> 00:42:10,390

little bit about the super sigh

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00:42:15,510 --> 00:42:13,460

explanation because you do go into that

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00:42:18,760 --> 00:42:15,520

you know like I said this is not a oh

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00:42:21,070 --> 00:42:18,770

it's a very readable book but it doesn't

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00:42:24,190 --> 00:42:21,080

shy away from some of the science so you

1076  
00:42:25,810 --> 00:42:24,200  
talked to dr. Stephen Brody about super

1077  
00:42:28,750 --> 00:42:25,820  
psy and about that being a possible

1078  
00:42:32,380 --> 00:42:28,760  
explanation that never seems to be a

1079  
00:42:35,170 --> 00:42:32,390  
very good fit for all the data I know

1080  
00:42:37,090 --> 00:42:35,180  
you have to throw it in there I don't

1081  
00:42:38,380 --> 00:42:37,100  
know if you want to just your opinion on

1082  
00:42:41,080 --> 00:42:38,390  
that I don't have to agree or disagree

1083  
00:42:44,350 --> 00:42:41,090  
but what did you think at the end of the

1084  
00:42:46,060 --> 00:42:44,360  
day about the super psy explanation well

1085  
00:42:49,090 --> 00:42:46,070  
I mean I think there are some situations

1086  
00:42:50,470 --> 00:42:49,100  
where it's much harder to use that you

1087  
00:42:52,290 --> 00:42:50,480  
know where it's just harder to conceive

1088  
00:42:54,340 --> 00:42:52,300

of it for instance you know

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00:42:57,430 --> 00:42:54,350

materializations in the science room of

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00:42:59,950 --> 00:42:57,440

living things or drop-in communicators

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00:43:01,660 --> 00:42:59,960

or other things like that but physical

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00:43:04,950 --> 00:43:01,670

physical characteristics on

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00:43:08,080 --> 00:43:04,960

reincarnation and stuff I mean it's like

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00:43:10,870 --> 00:43:08,090

we push this aside explain and we'll

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00:43:12,020 --> 00:43:10,880

push the limit but nonetheless we can't

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00:43:15,650 --> 00:43:12,030

be sure I'm

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00:43:16,460 --> 00:43:15,660

as Browdy proposes perhaps the potential

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00:43:18,950 --> 00:43:16,470

imitations

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00:43:21,410 --> 00:43:18,960

Pratap perhaps I is completely unlimited

1100

00:43:24,680 --> 00:43:21,420

and it's in its capacities and we don't

1101  
00:43:26,300 --> 00:43:24,690  
understand that yet so but he he himself

1102  
00:43:28,250 --> 00:43:26,310  
will acknowledge that certain things

1103  
00:43:30,530 --> 00:43:28,260  
really do push that envelope and he

1104  
00:43:32,510 --> 00:43:30,540  
leans towards the survival explanation

1105  
00:43:34,790 --> 00:43:32,520  
and he's incredibly rigorous in his

1106  
00:43:37,040 --> 00:43:34,800  
exploration of the SIOF offices I

1107  
00:43:39,500 --> 00:43:37,050  
recommend that anybody interested look

1108  
00:43:41,750 --> 00:43:39,510  
at his work so you know I just think

1109  
00:43:44,300 --> 00:43:41,760  
there are some cases that really push

1110  
00:43:47,810 --> 00:43:44,310  
that too but then you can also argue

1111  
00:43:49,580 --> 00:43:47,820  
that they it's very hard to also argue

1112  
00:43:50,780 --> 00:43:49,590  
them is coming from dead people I mean

1113  
00:43:53,240 --> 00:43:50,790

that's pretty weird too

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00:43:55,370 --> 00:43:53,250

that's pretty readable too but it seems

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00:43:57,560 --> 00:43:55,380

to me that you're kind of left in many

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00:44:00,140 --> 00:43:57,570

cases with those being the only two

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00:44:01,310 --> 00:44:00,150

options now you say that the skeptics

1118

00:44:03,710 --> 00:44:01,320

are gonna push back with other

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00:44:06,050 --> 00:44:03,720

explanations but I can't imagine that

1120

00:44:08,450 --> 00:44:06,060

for these best cases that those other

1121

00:44:10,700 --> 00:44:08,460

explanations are really gonna carry much

1122

00:44:15,740 --> 00:44:10,710

weight but I'm waiting to see what

1123

00:44:18,050 --> 00:44:15,750

happens I am too I think you know to

1124

00:44:21,740 --> 00:44:18,060

kind of jump past that where I think

1125

00:44:24,710 --> 00:44:21,750

we're gonna wind up is the other problem

1126

00:44:26,810 --> 00:44:24,720

that we face and that's that if we take

1127

00:44:30,230 --> 00:44:26,820

the leap or even the step that you're

1128

00:44:31,910 --> 00:44:30,240

suggesting we take a lot of castles sand

1129

00:44:34,400 --> 00:44:31,920

castles just kind of kind of come

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00:44:36,820 --> 00:44:34,410

crumbling down because in the book

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00:44:39,350 --> 00:44:36,830

here's another quote from the

1132

00:44:41,810 --> 00:44:39,360

introduction that isn't particularly

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00:44:44,720 --> 00:44:41,820

relevant you say it's important to make

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00:44:47,600 --> 00:44:44,730

clear what I mean by survival this

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00:44:49,640 --> 00:44:47,610

concept does not refer to an impersonal

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00:44:51,890 --> 00:44:49,650

merging into pure awareness or becoming

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00:44:54,530 --> 00:44:51,900

one with universal consciousness as

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00:44:56,660 --> 00:44:54,540

envisioned by many who meditate or who

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00:44:58,580 --> 00:44:56,670

are influenced by in Eastern religions

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00:45:01,070 --> 00:44:58,590

well you've already talked about why you

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00:45:05,150 --> 00:45:01,080

might have put that kind of qualifier in

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00:45:07,370 --> 00:45:05,160

there but I'm drawn to the first part of

1143

00:45:10,070 --> 00:45:07,380

that which is you know once we jump into

1144

00:45:12,380 --> 00:45:10,080

the survival of consciousness hypothesis

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00:45:14,120 --> 00:45:12,390

and say well it doesn't look guys like

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00:45:17,260 --> 00:45:14,130

it's so much hypothesis it looks like

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00:45:19,780 --> 00:45:17,270

that needs to be our starting point our

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00:45:22,730 --> 00:45:19,790

understanding and kind of go from there

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00:45:25,290 --> 00:45:22,740

well where do we go from there where do

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00:45:27,780 --> 00:45:25,300

we go with spirits what are spirits what

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00:45:30,060 --> 00:45:27,790

good spirits versus bad spirits is there

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00:45:31,430 --> 00:45:30,070

some kind of hierarchy yeah so you go

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00:45:33,330 --> 00:45:31,440

back and you talk to the mediums

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00:45:35,280 --> 00:45:33,340

particularly talked in your death

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00:45:37,140 --> 00:45:35,290

experience and there's a hierarchical

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00:45:38,760 --> 00:45:37,150

order right so these people are they're

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00:45:40,680 --> 00:45:38,770

having the out-of-body experience which

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00:45:43,470 --> 00:45:40,690

you know it's cool and they're seeing

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00:45:45,420 --> 00:45:43,480

the the guy the doctor has one brown

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00:45:47,100 --> 00:45:45,430

sock and one blue sock and says doc why

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00:45:48,540 --> 00:45:47,110

he didn't get your socks right this

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00:45:51,180 --> 00:45:48,550

morning is how could you have seen that

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00:45:53,760 --> 00:45:51,190

but then he says I went to this place

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00:45:55,260 --> 00:45:53,770

I met this being then I met these higher

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00:45:57,840 --> 00:45:55,270

beings and then there was this higher

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00:46:02,340 --> 00:45:57,850

being beyond that I mean where do we

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00:46:05,700 --> 00:46:02,350

stop in terms of trying to wrap our arms

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00:46:08,540 --> 00:46:05,710

around all that maybe in this thing

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00:46:11,430 --> 00:46:08,550

called consciousness it gets pretty

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00:46:13,980 --> 00:46:11,440

pretty challenging pretty quick doesn't

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00:46:16,530 --> 00:46:13,990

it sure does and there's plenty of

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00:46:18,210 --> 00:46:16,540

questions that are unanswerable as far

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00:46:20,160 --> 00:46:18,220

as I'm concerned and probably always

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00:46:21,300 --> 00:46:20,170

will be unanswerable and I I think

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00:46:23,190 --> 00:46:21,310

that's the thing about near-death

1176  
00:46:25,590 --> 00:46:23,200  
experiences I mean I think what's us as

1177  
00:46:28,020 --> 00:46:25,600  
a journalist you know what's important

1178  
00:46:30,630 --> 00:46:28,030  
about them is what's uniform about them

1179  
00:46:33,030 --> 00:46:30,640  
is the fact that people do go into some

1180  
00:46:35,430 --> 00:46:33,040  
kind of alternative realm and they are

1181  
00:46:36,720 --> 00:46:35,440  
forever changed by that experience I

1182  
00:46:38,550 --> 00:46:36,730  
think those kinds of things are more

1183  
00:46:40,770 --> 00:46:38,560  
important than the specifics of what

1184  
00:46:43,080 --> 00:46:40,780  
they say occurred for them when they

1185  
00:46:45,000 --> 00:46:43,090  
were in that realm because as you point

1186  
00:46:46,620 --> 00:46:45,010  
out you know the Christians will see

1187  
00:46:47,730 --> 00:46:46,630  
Jesus and the Buddhists might see the

1188  
00:46:49,500 --> 00:46:47,740

Buddha and there's a lot of

1189

00:46:52,410 --> 00:46:49,510  
differentiation according to what

1190

00:46:54,660 --> 00:46:52,420  
people's frame of references so it's

1191

00:46:57,000 --> 00:46:54,670  
sort of to me more the essential nature

1192

00:47:01,650 --> 00:46:57,010  
of the experience that's important and

1193

00:47:03,620 --> 00:47:01,660  
how it affects people so the rest of it

1194

00:47:05,880 --> 00:47:03,630  
who knows the answers to all of that and

1195

00:47:07,860 --> 00:47:05,890  
my point in the introduction that I was

1196

00:47:10,020 --> 00:47:07,870  
making alex was that the book is

1197

00:47:11,790 --> 00:47:10,030  
concerned with the question of personal

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00:47:13,920 --> 00:47:11,800  
survival it's not concerned with the

1199

00:47:15,990 --> 00:47:13,930  
question of some kind of you know

1200

00:47:18,690 --> 00:47:16,000  
Universal survival where we all kind of

1201  
00:47:21,150 --> 00:47:18,700  
merge but it's it's asking the question

1202  
00:47:24,120 --> 00:47:21,160  
do we survive in some kind of personal

1203  
00:47:26,880 --> 00:47:24,130  
way where emotions and thoughts and

1204  
00:47:31,010 --> 00:47:26,890  
psychology and memories are somehow

1205  
00:47:34,110 --> 00:47:31,020  
carried forth into the next realm and

1206  
00:47:36,210 --> 00:47:34,120  
the reincarnation cases of children you

1207  
00:47:37,470 --> 00:47:36,220  
know we're really beg that question I

1208  
00:47:38,790 --> 00:47:37,480  
mean that's why I open the book with

1209  
00:47:41,100 --> 00:47:38,800  
those cases

1210  
00:47:42,870 --> 00:47:41,110  
they really ask the question because it

1211  
00:47:45,600 --> 00:47:42,880  
seems as if that's what's happened with

1212  
00:47:48,990 --> 00:47:45,610  
these children that personal elements of

1213  
00:47:50,790 --> 00:47:49,000

that previous life have survived and arc

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00:47:54,000 --> 00:47:50,800

are in their awareness of very young

1215

00:47:56,970 --> 00:47:54,010

ages no I get your point in and it's a

1216

00:47:58,590 --> 00:47:56,980

good one I just think I relate also to

1217

00:48:01,860 --> 00:47:58,600

the first way that you answered that

1218

00:48:06,110 --> 00:48:01,870

which is there's no limit to the number

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00:48:09,780 --> 00:48:06,120

of questions that that this directly

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00:48:11,720 --> 00:48:09,790

brings to the forefront you know so like

1221

00:48:16,130 --> 00:48:11,730

we don't know we don't know if that

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00:48:19,230 --> 00:48:16,140

personal survival is a prelude to

1223

00:48:21,570 --> 00:48:19,240

merging into the universal or you know

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00:48:25,140 --> 00:48:21,580

we just well there's just no limit once

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00:48:26,880 --> 00:48:25,150

we go there to you know the questions we

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00:48:28,560 --> 00:48:26,890

might ask but we have to go there and I

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00:48:31,530 --> 00:48:28,570

think that's what you're obviously

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00:48:33,360 --> 00:48:31,540

trying to do with the book I would agree

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00:48:35,610 --> 00:48:33,370

yeah I mean to me what's partly

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00:48:37,500 --> 00:48:35,620

fascinating about it is the sense of

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00:48:40,170 --> 00:48:37,510

wonder the sense of mystery that it

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00:48:43,890 --> 00:48:40,180

generates to have to to come up against

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00:48:48,240 --> 00:48:43,900

with these these very strong cases and

1234

00:48:50,520 --> 00:48:48,250

and experiences and data about the world

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00:48:52,110 --> 00:48:50,530

the real world that and it shows that

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00:48:54,450 --> 00:48:52,120

there's so much we don't understand

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00:48:56,550 --> 00:48:54,460

about the physical world there are

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00:48:58,470 --> 00:48:56,560

forces in operation here that we can't

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00:49:01,530 --> 00:48:58,480

explain and that science can't explain

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00:49:04,530 --> 00:49:01,540

and I like the fact that it opens up a

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00:49:06,900 --> 00:49:04,540

door to sort of the mystery of the world

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00:49:09,150 --> 00:49:06,910

around us and we'll never be able to I

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00:49:12,870 --> 00:49:09,160

assume answer a lot of the questions

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00:49:14,670 --> 00:49:12,880

that are raised but to meet us that's

1245

00:49:17,970 --> 00:49:14,680

part of the what I wouldn't reach me

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00:49:21,960 --> 00:49:17,980

about it actually yeah yeah yeah no so

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00:49:23,340 --> 00:49:21,970

with your UFO book you not only kind of

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00:49:27,330 --> 00:49:23,350

you know just write the book kind of sit

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00:49:29,430 --> 00:49:27,340

back go hey you became quite a quite an

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00:49:32,840 --> 00:49:29,440

advocate and not just an advocate but

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00:49:35,400 --> 00:49:32,850

you really were out there in terms of

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00:49:37,760 --> 00:49:35,410

advancing this issue do you see the same

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00:49:40,740 --> 00:49:37,770

thing happening with surviving death

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00:49:43,770 --> 00:49:40,750

it's a good question Alex I mean I don't

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00:49:45,630 --> 00:49:43,780

feel that I have this you know I don't

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00:49:48,300 --> 00:49:45,640

feel as much of an authority on this to

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00:49:50,550 --> 00:49:48,310

tell you the truth as I do on UFOs I

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00:49:52,529 --> 00:49:50,560

mean I really I spent eleven years on

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00:49:54,390 --> 00:49:52,539

the UFO topic and I

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00:49:56,999 --> 00:49:54,400

in that book that I really brought

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00:49:58,529 --> 00:49:57,009

forward all there is to say about it as

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00:50:00,900 --> 00:49:58,539

far as I'm concerned I could never

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00:50:03,900 --> 00:50:00,910

imagine it was sort of like the

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00:50:06,239 --> 00:50:03,910

finishing the end of that journey for me

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00:50:08,249 --> 00:50:06,249

you know and I can't imagine ever doing

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00:50:10,319 --> 00:50:08,259

another book on it or having a whole lot

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00:50:12,779 --> 00:50:10,329

more to say other than advocating for

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00:50:14,130 --> 00:50:12,789

change in terms of attitudes and in

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00:50:16,979 --> 00:50:14,140

terms of government and things like that

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00:50:21,029 --> 00:50:16,989

but with this it feels much more

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00:50:23,249 --> 00:50:21,039

open-ended to me and whether I'm you

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00:50:24,959 --> 00:50:23,259

know I don't feel like I'm I'm some kind

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00:50:26,400 --> 00:50:24,969

of an expert or authority on this

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00:50:28,769 --> 00:50:26,410

information I think my unique

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00:50:30,839 --> 00:50:28,779

contribution here is applying

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00:50:33,659 --> 00:50:30,849

journalistic standards to it you know

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00:50:37,109 --> 00:50:33,669

real trying to be very objective and and

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00:50:39,419 --> 00:50:37,119

and seeing how it all holds together and

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00:50:41,459 --> 00:50:39,429

maybe you know being able to be a voice

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00:50:43,799 --> 00:50:41,469

for getting it bringing more credibility

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00:50:45,329 --> 00:50:43,809

to this topic I mean that's and and the

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00:50:47,549 --> 00:50:45,339

other point the reach you know the real

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00:50:49,650 --> 00:50:47,559

reason I wrote this book is to bring

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00:50:52,349 --> 00:50:49,660

this material into the mainstream I'm

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00:50:54,479 --> 00:50:52,359

sort of like a vehicle for taking

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00:50:56,880 --> 00:50:54,489

material that's scattered all over the

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00:51:00,329 --> 00:50:56,890

place and it's been sort of marginalized

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00:51:02,159 --> 00:51:00,339

by our culture taking it into a book

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00:51:04,049 --> 00:51:02,169

that can bring credibility to it that

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00:51:06,959 --> 00:51:04,059

shows that it's valid that shows that

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00:51:10,649 --> 00:51:06,969

it's serious and then handing that out

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00:51:12,419 --> 00:51:10,659

to the to the mainstream world which to

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00:51:14,459 --> 00:51:12,429

people who have never been exposed to it

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00:51:16,469 --> 00:51:14,469

before I mean that's by having a big

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00:51:18,870 --> 00:51:16,479

publisher like I do a very well

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00:51:20,819 --> 00:51:18,880

established publisher they have it you

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00:51:24,179 --> 00:51:20,829

know these people that really help get

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00:51:27,299 --> 00:51:24,189

it out and so my job is I as I did for

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00:51:29,189 --> 00:51:27,309

UFOs my goal is to take material that

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00:51:30,749 --> 00:51:29,199

needs to have more credibility and

1301

00:51:33,239 --> 00:51:30,759

recognition to it that can change

1302

00:51:35,909 --> 00:51:33,249

people's lives and putting it into a

1303

00:51:37,829 --> 00:51:35,919

form that is accessible to an

1304

00:51:40,289 --> 00:51:37,839

intelligent and curious person who has

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00:51:41,899 --> 00:51:40,299

not encountered this material before so

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00:51:45,839 --> 00:51:41,909

the books are really written for people

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00:51:47,849 --> 00:51:45,849

who this is new for and with with the

1308

00:51:49,559 --> 00:51:47,859

special approach that I have to offer so

1309

00:51:51,899 --> 00:51:49,569

that's sort of how I see my role in all

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00:51:53,939 --> 00:51:51,909

of this I hope that makes sense well

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00:51:55,859 --> 00:51:53,949

totally and you know the other thing

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00:51:57,749 --> 00:51:55,869

that hints at of course is that you know

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00:51:59,489 --> 00:51:57,759

maybe your journey isn't over on this

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00:52:01,140 --> 00:51:59,499

one like you you you kind of close the

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00:52:03,120 --> 00:52:01,150

door on the UFO and say my journeys kind

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00:52:05,850 --> 00:52:03,130

of over on this one you're saying hey

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00:52:07,470 --> 00:52:05,860

maybe my journey isn't over so that

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00:52:08,970 --> 00:52:07,480

it's not I feel like it's just beginning

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00:52:10,470 --> 00:52:08,980

to tell you the truth it's so much more

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00:52:12,600 --> 00:52:10,480

I want to learn you know I have stacks

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00:52:15,300 --> 00:52:12,610

of books on my desk that I want to read

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00:52:17,310 --> 00:52:15,310

that I haven't had time to read yet and

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00:52:19,170 --> 00:52:17,320

I want to be in dialogue with people I

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00:52:21,000 --> 00:52:19,180

you know I have a my website up and I'm

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00:52:24,120 --> 00:52:21,010

setting up these sections of my website

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00:52:26,970 --> 00:52:24,130

for research papers and for to it to

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00:52:29,520 --> 00:52:26,980

post actual additional information that

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00:52:31,170 --> 00:52:29,530

I couldn't include in the book or papers

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00:52:34,110 --> 00:52:31,180

that relate to things that I've covered

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00:52:35,850 --> 00:52:34,120

in the book so I also want my website to

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00:52:37,670 --> 00:52:35,860

be a real vehicle for people to learn

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00:52:40,410 --> 00:52:37,680

more and that'll include my own

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00:52:42,870 --> 00:52:40,420

explorations as I discover things new

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00:52:44,400 --> 00:52:42,880

things that might relate to something I

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00:52:45,930 --> 00:52:44,410

wrote in this book but that I hadn't

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00:52:47,940 --> 00:52:45,940

discovered yet I want to make that

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00:52:50,280 --> 00:52:47,950

available to people so I see this as

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00:52:52,530 --> 00:52:50,290

sort of an ongoing process absolutely

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00:52:54,540 --> 00:52:52,540

and I'll be the first to say I have a

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00:52:56,280 --> 00:52:54,550

lot more to learn about it and who knows

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00:52:59,070 --> 00:52:56,290

maybe it'll be another book down the

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00:53:02,490 --> 00:52:59,080

road but it's a journey that has just

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00:53:04,170 --> 00:53:02,500

begun essentially for me great great and

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00:53:06,240 --> 00:53:04,180

we'll be sure to link up to that website

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00:53:08,670 --> 00:53:06,250

but maybe you can tell folks what the

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00:53:10,740 --> 00:53:08,680

URL is the website is the name of the

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00:53:12,750 --> 00:53:10,750

book surviving death and then it has my

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00:53:16,220 --> 00:53:12,760

last name attached to it which is spelt

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00:53:18,690 --> 00:53:16,230

ke a n so it's surviving death cane

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00:53:21,000 --> 00:53:18,700

dot-com and then I also have a very

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00:53:23,850 --> 00:53:21,010

active Facebook page and I I loved

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00:53:26,370 --> 00:53:23,860

discussing this stuff with readers and

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00:53:28,140 --> 00:53:26,380

and taking questions and having come you

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00:53:30,480 --> 00:53:28,150

know their comments and having dialogues

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00:53:34,380 --> 00:53:30,490

with people so I really welcome people's

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00:53:36,750 --> 00:53:34,390

participation awesome well it's been so

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00:53:38,250 --> 00:53:36,760

great learning about this and just

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00:53:40,530 --> 00:53:38,260

something that people are going to want

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00:53:43,050 --> 00:53:40,540

to check check out I have to add that I

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00:53:45,360 --> 00:53:43,060

appreciate the humility you have with

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00:53:47,040 --> 00:53:45,370

the book but I found a lot of good stuff

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00:53:49,710 --> 00:53:47,050

in there I'm looking at this for a long

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00:53:52,050 --> 00:53:49,720

time I found a lot of new stuff and or

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00:53:55,530 --> 00:53:52,060

just stuff that was slightly different

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00:53:57,510 --> 00:53:55,540

that made me think in a new way so if

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00:53:58,950 --> 00:53:57,520

you're you know even for people who are

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00:54:01,350 --> 00:53:58,960

well versed in this I think they'll find

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00:54:04,740 --> 00:54:01,360

a lot again the book is surviving death

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00:54:08,160 --> 00:54:04,750

a journalist investigates evidence of an

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00:54:10,710 --> 00:54:08,170

afterlife and our guest has been Leslie

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00:54:12,630 --> 00:54:10,720

Kane Leslie thanks again so much for

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00:54:14,340 --> 00:54:12,640

joining me thank you Alice it's been

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00:54:15,680 --> 00:54:14,350

really great talking to you appreciate

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00:54:18,000 --> 00:54:15,690

it very much

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00:54:19,089 --> 00:54:18,010

thanks again Oh Leslie came for joining

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00:54:21,099 --> 00:54:19,099

me today on skeptical

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00:54:24,339 --> 00:54:21,109

I guess I'd have one question to tee up

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00:54:26,829 --> 00:54:24,349

from this interview and that is do you

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00:54:28,870 --> 00:54:26,839

think this book will make a difference

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00:54:30,279 --> 00:54:28,880

that's how I kind of frame things up at

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00:54:32,380 --> 00:54:30,289

the beginning and I think that's still

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00:54:33,789 --> 00:54:32,390

the question I don't think there's a lot

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00:54:35,499 --> 00:54:33,799

of information in this book that

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00:54:38,170 --> 00:54:35,509

skeptical listeners will find

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00:54:39,729 --> 00:54:38,180

particularly startling although like I

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00:54:41,849 --> 00:54:39,739

said I think there's a lot of good stuff

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00:54:45,279 --> 00:54:41,859

in there and it's consolidated and

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00:54:48,729 --> 00:54:45,289

synthesized in a very cool way but the

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00:54:50,680 --> 00:54:48,739

real question is will this energize more

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00:54:52,479 --> 00:54:50,690

people bring them to a point where they

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00:54:53,920 --> 00:54:52,489

say hey I really have to dig into this

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00:54:56,620 --> 00:54:53,930

stuff even though I've kind of never

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00:54:59,140 --> 00:54:56,630

really looked at it could this book be

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00:55:01,420 --> 00:54:59,150

that tipping point for a lot of people

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00:55:02,890 --> 00:55:01,430

so let me know your thoughts on that of

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00:55:07,180 --> 00:55:02,900

course a place to do it is through the

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00:55:09,460 --> 00:55:07,190

sceptical website at sk EPT iko while

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00:55:12,309 --> 00:55:09,470

you're there you can grab any of the 300

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00:55:13,870 --> 00:55:12,319

and almost 50 shows that we've done and

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00:55:15,430 --> 00:55:13,880

they're all up there for free and you

1401  
00:55:17,140 --> 00:55:15,440  
can download them and do whatever you

1402  
00:55:18,969 --> 00:55:17,150  
like with them and if you want to join

1403  
00:55:20,559 --> 00:55:18,979  
in the conversation you can do that too

1404  
00:55:23,019 --> 00:55:20,569  
you joined the skeptical forum or you

1405  
00:55:26,229 --> 00:55:23,029  
can leave me a comment or connect in any

1406  
00:55:27,640 --> 00:55:26,239  
way you see fit so I'm going a little

1407  
00:55:29,349 --> 00:55:27,650  
bit out of sequence here so this

1408  
00:55:31,089 --> 00:55:29,359  
interview is actually recorded just a

1409  
00:55:33,009 --> 00:55:31,099  
little bit ago and then I have some

1410  
00:55:34,809 --> 00:55:33,019  
other ones that are really good that I'm

1411  
00:55:36,670 --> 00:55:34,819  
gonna get out every week here for a

1412  
00:55:38,319 --> 00:55:36,680  
while because these interviews pile up I

1413  
00:55:40,870 --> 00:55:38,329

keep wanting to do is show every two

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00:55:44,079 --> 00:55:40,880

weeks so I can have kind of a normal

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00:55:45,400 --> 00:55:44,089

life but then I just love doing these

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00:55:48,789 --> 00:55:45,410

interviews and there's so many cool

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00:55:49,930 --> 00:55:48,799

people to talk to that I wind up doing a

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00:55:51,999 --> 00:55:49,940

lot of interviews and then I have to get

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00:55:55,719 --> 00:55:52,009

them all out that's the case that we're

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00:55:57,370 --> 00:55:55,729

at now so just stay tuned every week for

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00:55:59,289 --> 00:55:57,380

a while and then every two weeks for a

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00:56:01,299 --> 00:55:59,299

while however it turns out to be I'm

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00:56:04,329 --> 00:56:01,309

just glad that you're here and joining

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00:56:07,690 --> 00:56:04,339

me in and hopefully enjoying this cool

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00:56:09,969 --> 00:56:07,700

journey of discovery that run so that's

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00:56:10,930 --> 00:56:09,979

it until next time take care and bye for