



Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove
Skeptiko #349

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00:00:12,470 --> 00:00:09,440
on this episode of skeptical in many

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00:00:14,839 --> 00:00:12,480
ways philosophers are pointing out that

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00:00:18,800 --> 00:00:14,849
there's a conceptual error there and

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00:00:22,179 --> 00:00:18,810
that has to do with confusing technology

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00:00:25,730 --> 00:00:22,189
with science technology has been so

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00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:25,740
successful in over the last two three

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00:00:32,030 --> 00:00:28,320
hundred years that we become hypnotized

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,040
by it in a way and we imagine that the

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:34,320
world around us is like a great big

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00:00:38,660 --> 00:00:36,960
clockwork of some sort and that

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00:00:42,049 --> 00:00:38,670
everything follow is a kind of

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00:00:45,380 --> 00:00:42,059
rationalistic materialistic logic but I

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00:00:47,900 --> 00:00:45,390

think that occurs because we project the

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00:00:50,720 --> 00:00:47,910

success that we've had with technology

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00:00:53,689 --> 00:00:50,730

onto all of nature and nature herself

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00:00:55,930 --> 00:00:53,699

does not necessarily obey mechanistic

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00:01:00,730 --> 00:00:55,940

principles all of the time

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00:01:09,210 --> 00:01:00,740

stay with us for skeptical

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00:01:11,440 --> 00:01:09,220

[Music]

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welcome to skeptic Oh where we explore

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00:01:15,219 --> 00:01:13,009

controversial science and spirituality

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00:01:16,120 --> 00:01:15,229

with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:01:18,130 --> 00:01:16,130

their critics

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00:01:21,999 --> 00:01:18,140

I'm your host Alex Karras and on this

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:22,009

episode dr. Jeffery Mishlove joins me he

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00:01:26,289 --> 00:01:24,560
was actually a guest like 10 years ago

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00:01:28,779 --> 00:01:26,299
which we talked a little bit about on

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00:01:30,490 --> 00:01:28,789
the show which is pretty amazing and if

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00:01:32,920 --> 00:01:30,500
you don't know anything about him he's

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00:01:35,440 --> 00:01:32,930
really really an interesting guy he has

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00:01:37,810 --> 00:01:35,450
kind of seen it all done it all when it

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00:01:40,899 --> 00:01:37,820
comes to parapsychology and has been

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00:01:43,870 --> 00:01:40,909
involved with parapsychology education

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00:01:47,169 --> 00:01:43,880
and public communication about it for a

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00:01:49,630 --> 00:01:47,179
long long time and his show thinking

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00:01:52,800 --> 00:01:49,640
aloud which was originally on PBS in his

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00:01:55,779 --> 00:01:52,810
new show new thinking aloud are just

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00:01:57,399 --> 00:01:55,789

mainstays for this kind of information

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:57,409

but the other thing I want to talk to

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00:02:02,440 --> 00:01:59,600

him about is this book that he wrote a

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00:02:04,630 --> 00:02:02,450

long time ago called peak a man and it's

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about his encounters with this guy Ted

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Owens and we talked a little bit about

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it in the interview so I don't have to

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00:02:15,069 --> 00:02:11,530

repeat it but it is an absolutely

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00:02:19,150 --> 00:02:15,079

amazing kind of paradigm shattering

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00:02:22,210 --> 00:02:19,160

account of psychokinesis and psychic

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powers in a human being and I don't know

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00:02:27,160 --> 00:02:24,310

how history has managed to kind of

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sidestep this case because it's really

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00:02:32,770 --> 00:02:30,470
well documented in so many ways so

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00:02:34,569 --> 00:02:32,780
that's an interesting angle to mix into

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00:02:37,000 --> 00:02:34,579
this old thing I mean here's this guy

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00:02:39,759 --> 00:02:37,010
he's been in the parapsychology field

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00:02:42,520 --> 00:02:39,769
for 30 40 years and he's got this

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00:02:44,440 --> 00:02:42,530
amazing first-hand experience with this

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guy who could direct Thunderbolts with

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00:02:49,720 --> 00:02:46,850
his finger and summon UFOs and make the

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00:02:51,640 --> 00:02:49,730
weather change incredible so there's a

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00:02:54,460 --> 00:02:51,650
lot there to kind of ponder and think

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00:02:57,520 --> 00:02:54,470
about here's my interview with dr.

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00:02:59,920 --> 00:02:57,530
Jeffrey Mishlove today we welcome dr.

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Jeffrey mish Luvdisc up to Co Jeff is

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the creator and host of new thinking

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allowed a very impressive YouTube

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interview show that tackles cutting-edge

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conscious related topics as well as some

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very deep spirituality which really

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00:03:20,830 --> 00:03:17,990

makes it especially terrific

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00:03:23,170 --> 00:03:20,840

he does it in a very intelligent way a

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00:03:26,260 --> 00:03:23,180

very academic way but at the same time

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accessible at least to most of us so it

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dr. Mishlove is also the author of

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several books including the roots of

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consciousness and the peak a man which

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even though it was published 17 years

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ago in 2000 it remains in my opinion one

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of the most important books about psy

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that really has ever been written and

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that's not hype I I hope we have a good

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00:03:54,640 --> 00:03:52,190

deal of time to talk about PK min it's

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00:03:57,760 --> 00:03:54,650

so important and it's so mind-blowing in

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so many ways anyways it's been as I was

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just chatting one second ago to Jeff

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it's been 10 years since dr. Mishlove

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was on skeptic oh I can't believe it's

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that long but it is certainly great to

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00:04:10,960 --> 00:04:09,080

have him back Jeff welcome and thanks so

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00:04:15,820 --> 00:04:10,970

much for joining me it's a pleasure to

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00:04:17,320 --> 00:04:15,830

be with you again Alex so you know and

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00:04:19,690 --> 00:04:17,330

this is something else I just match to

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you Monica I was digging into doing some

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research for this interview and I kept

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coming across all this stuff that you've

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done and I don't want to like make you

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00:04:33,430 --> 00:04:29,570

sound old or anything but you've been

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00:04:36,130 --> 00:04:33,440

doing so much of this great stuff for a

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00:04:39,700 --> 00:04:36,140

long time and a lot of people will know

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00:04:43,750 --> 00:04:39,710

and remember the original thinking aloud

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00:04:45,610 --> 00:04:43,760

program that was quite caused quite a

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stir at the time was really really

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cutting edge out there for a lot of

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people it was on PBS a lot a lot of

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00:04:53,620 --> 00:04:51,410

people saw it and people you can still

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00:04:56,200 --> 00:04:53,630

go and see a lot of those clips on on

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00:04:59,200 --> 00:04:56,210

YouTube and in other places on the net

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00:05:01,540 --> 00:04:59,210

but then you know you were doing this

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00:05:02,950 --> 00:05:01,550

kind of stuff you had this itch for

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00:05:05,140 --> 00:05:02,960

broadcasting in this desire to

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00:05:06,430 --> 00:05:05,150

communicate all the way back to your

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00:05:08,890 --> 00:05:06,440

days at Berkeley didn't you I mean

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00:05:12,370 --> 00:05:08,900

that's what I stumbled across well I

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00:05:16,630 --> 00:05:12,380

think I was guided in in a way I started

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00:05:21,430 --> 00:05:16,640

doing radio at KPFA FM in Berkeley back

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00:05:23,860 --> 00:05:21,440

in 1972 and I was going through a crisis

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00:05:26,650 --> 00:05:23,870

in my life at the time because I was a

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00:05:29,590 --> 00:05:26,660

graduate student in criminology and I

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00:05:30,860 --> 00:05:29,600

wanted to really switch over somehow to

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00:05:33,050 --> 00:05:30,870

study higher

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00:05:36,350 --> 00:05:33,060

consciousness and psychic functioning

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00:05:39,650 --> 00:05:36,360

and I didn't know how to do it and after

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00:05:43,730 --> 00:05:39,660

many many months of agonizing about it I

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00:05:48,650 --> 00:05:43,740

was guided by a dream and it led me yeah

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to volunteer at KPFA yeah radio and

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within three weeks I had produced a

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00:05:56,990 --> 00:05:54,750
radio show and they gave me a program

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00:06:00,740 --> 00:05:57,000
called the mind's ear that was broadcast

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00:06:02,480 --> 00:06:00,750
twice a week and I found myself like you

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00:06:06,740 --> 00:06:02,490
sitting across the table with

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00:06:09,050 --> 00:06:06,750
world-class experts and that's what gave

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00:06:12,170 --> 00:06:09,060
me the confidence to set up an

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00:06:15,950 --> 00:06:12,180
individual interdisciplinary doctoral

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00:06:17,930 --> 00:06:15,960
major in parapsychology at Berkeley

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00:06:20,930 --> 00:06:17,940
where I was already a graduate student

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00:06:22,610 --> 00:06:20,940
and that's quite an amazing story in

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00:06:25,040 --> 00:06:22,620
itself I mean you're the only person as

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00:06:26,840 --> 00:06:25,050
has been reported over and over again

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00:06:28,400 --> 00:06:26,850

there's there's kind of different ways

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00:06:30,080 --> 00:06:28,410

to cut that you know in realize the

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00:06:32,930 --> 00:06:30,090

slice that you're the only person who

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00:06:34,370 --> 00:06:32,940

got a PhD in parapsychology Wow great

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00:06:37,130 --> 00:06:34,380

and you're the only person got to be a

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00:06:38,900 --> 00:06:37,140

TA in psychology your parapsychology oh

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00:06:42,470 --> 00:06:38,910

my god you know what the heck is going

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00:06:45,830 --> 00:06:42,480

on but the distinction is simply that my

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00:06:48,830 --> 00:06:45,840

diploma actually says parapsychology

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00:06:52,130 --> 00:06:48,840

right there certainly other people who

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00:06:55,490 --> 00:06:52,140

got doctoral degrees in psychology or

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00:06:58,400 --> 00:06:55,500

philosophy of course education who have

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00:07:01,490 --> 00:06:58,410

done parapsychology dissertations of

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00:07:04,490 --> 00:07:01,500
course but what what we're pointing out

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00:07:06,800 --> 00:07:04,500
is that you know certainly at that point

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00:07:09,320 --> 00:07:06,810
you couldn't have imagined that this

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00:07:11,120 --> 00:07:09,330
much time would go by and there would

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00:07:12,980 --> 00:07:11,130
still be you know the only person

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00:07:16,820 --> 00:07:12,990
hanging up that thing on the wall that

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00:07:19,130 --> 00:07:16,830
says parapsychology on it it's just it

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00:07:20,660 --> 00:07:19,140
speaks a lot to the field that we'll

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00:07:22,970 --> 00:07:20,670
talk about later but I mean it's kind of

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00:07:26,270 --> 00:07:22,980
sad really and really yeah yeah they

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00:07:28,610 --> 00:07:26,280
just said so but let's switch gears for

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00:07:30,440 --> 00:07:28,620
a minute because so great you start out

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00:07:33,680 --> 00:07:30,450

with Berkeley but this does pop up again

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00:07:36,830 --> 00:07:33,690

and again you are a communicator about

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00:07:39,170 --> 00:07:36,840

this stuff and that seems to be always

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00:07:41,300 --> 00:07:39,180

in you you know you've drift away from

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00:07:44,150 --> 00:07:41,310

it a little bit and you're kind of

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00:07:46,760 --> 00:07:44,160

forced because the way the act

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00:07:49,700 --> 00:07:46,770

system looks on these topics you know it

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00:07:51,860 --> 00:07:49,710

didn't exactly provide a real easy path

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00:07:54,200 --> 00:07:51,870

for you to go down and get a

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00:07:55,790 --> 00:07:54,210

professorship or you know have that kind

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00:07:58,220 --> 00:07:55,800

of life that just wasn't an opportunity

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00:08:01,940 --> 00:07:58,230

for you but you kept coming back to this

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00:08:03,140 --> 00:08:01,950

communication stuff oh just tell you

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00:08:05,390 --> 00:08:03,150

know yeah I guess you hinted at that I

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mean it's always been in you I mean has

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it always been your vision well I can

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tell you this back in 1986

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00:08:18,650 --> 00:08:15,480

I took a training program offered by Ted

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Owens the man about whom the book the PK

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Man was written and he was a master of

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psychokinesis and he asked me what do

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you want to do with this ability he was

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a guy who could conjure up hurricanes

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and make UFOs manifest and the wild

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shamanistic things of that sort and he I

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thought about it and I said what I

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really want to do is to become a

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communicator between the esoteric world

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00:08:53,240 --> 00:08:49,430

of psychic phenomena and the mainstream

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population and it was within a few

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months of taking that training that I

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launched the original thinking allowed

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television series and I've been at it

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there was a ten-year gap in there

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somewhere but I I've been at it mostly

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yeah ever since then you know I read

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that anecdote that is so cool I mean

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00:09:20,780 --> 00:09:17,280

because we're going to talk more about

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00:09:23,180 --> 00:09:20,790

Ted Owens later but there it's it's one

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00:09:27,200 --> 00:09:23,190

it's cool to think about what could have

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been the otherworldly influence that

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drove that which week but then we can

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just kind of leave that aside and say

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you know someone goes and says Jeff in

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your heart of hearts you know what do

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you really want to help in doing and

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bring forth in your life and that's your

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thing you know that's kind of cool isn't

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it yeah yeah it's been a great life as

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00:09:51,980 --> 00:09:48,450

far as I'm concerned there have been all

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00:09:52,860 --> 00:09:51,990

kinds of obstacles thrown in my path but

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00:09:56,340 --> 00:09:52,870

I wouldn't

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00:09:58,320 --> 00:09:56,350

to change it at all okay so hey before

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we get too far off track let's talk a

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little bit about the new show new

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thinking allowed people find it on

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YouTube

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00:10:08,220 --> 00:10:06,220

it looks great has super great

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production quality which you do a really

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00:10:12,690 --> 00:10:11,050

nice job of it's not like a Skype thing

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00:10:14,790 --> 00:10:12,700

nothing wrong with Skype we're talking

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00:10:16,740 --> 00:10:14,800

Skype right now but it's more of a

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00:10:19,230 --> 00:10:16,750

studio looking thing and you know great

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00:10:21,900 --> 00:10:19,240

audio and all that stuff but to tell us

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the new in the new thinking a lot

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because as you said there's that 10 year

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gap now you have a new show is there a

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new focus I oh no it's I it's great it's

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great stuff what's changed well and the

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original thinking allowed series we

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covered philosophy psychology health

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science and spirituality now I'm

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focusing primarily on parapsychology

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specifically because as you pointed out

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earlier it's been nearly 40 years I'm

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the only person in the world ever to get

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receive an accredited doctoral Diploma

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in parapsychology and and that's a

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painful thing for me so my expectation

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is that eventually they're going to be

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many academic programs of this sort and

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that they're going to want to envision

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parapsychology the way that I do which

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is to include you know millennia of

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spiritual traditions and explorations of

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00:11:29,579 --> 00:11:24,790

the psychic realm in the f no historical

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records of every culture and so my goal

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now with the new thinking aloud series

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is to create a an archive of the best

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material that I can find with the most

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valuable people and there are many great

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parapsychologists who are alive today

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00:11:52,140 --> 00:11:49,300

and so that in the future when those

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00:11:54,150 --> 00:11:52,150

educational programs eventually are

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established they'll have this as a

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00:11:59,880 --> 00:11:57,279

resource eternal optimist I gotta say

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eternal eternal optimist when it comes

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the pharisee ology but the other thing I

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want to pick up on

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is this deep spirituality because it

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seemed to me that you were in a very

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intelligent way but broadening to this

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new emerging spirituality but then I

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00:12:20,759 --> 00:12:18,760

went back and looked at the original

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thinking aloud and that was always in

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the DNA of that show as well but do you

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have this spiritual interest in the way

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that you approach it the deep and

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broaden for you in the in the years or

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00:12:40,790 --> 00:12:37,300

is it still you see the same vision of

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00:12:44,310 --> 00:12:40,800

that well I guess I can say this my

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00:12:47,190 --> 00:12:44,320

philosophy is that the spiritual

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00:12:50,639 --> 00:12:47,200

traditions of the world are now the

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00:12:54,660 --> 00:12:50,649

birthright of every human being that

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00:12:57,870 --> 00:12:54,670

it's no longer we're required that you

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00:13:01,259 --> 00:12:57,880

have to accept the religion into which

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00:13:03,449 --> 00:13:01,269

you were born because every religion

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00:13:05,970 --> 00:13:03,459

every cultural tradition has some very

281

00:13:09,870 --> 00:13:05,980

unique insights into the nature of

282

00:13:14,069 --> 00:13:09,880

consciousness and we're we're all

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00:13:15,689 --> 00:13:14,079

entitled to partake of all of that yeah

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00:13:18,269 --> 00:13:15,699

yeah but what I like is you don't just

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00:13:21,569 --> 00:13:18,279

explore it from that angle because that

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00:13:24,960 --> 00:13:21,579

sounds like kind of this on religious

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00:13:27,480 --> 00:13:24,970

equality kind of thing I mean you dig

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00:13:29,310 --> 00:13:27,490

deep and try and bring science to it as

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00:13:31,590 --> 00:13:29,320

well I mean many your guests have done

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00:13:33,449 --> 00:13:31,600

that right I think I just the name's

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00:13:35,370 --> 00:13:33,459

going to escape me now but who's the the

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00:13:37,410 --> 00:13:35,380

most recent guy you had on who was

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00:13:40,920 --> 00:13:37,420

talking about the after death

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00:13:42,900 --> 00:13:40,930

communicate Bedi betty stafford betty

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00:13:46,560 --> 00:13:42,910

who's a professor of Religious Studies

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00:13:49,199 --> 00:13:46,570

at the California State University and

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00:13:50,970 --> 00:13:49,209

Bakersfield excellent and your interview

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00:13:52,380 --> 00:13:50,980

was excellent and his information was

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00:13:55,410 --> 00:13:52,390

excellent and here's a guy and I think

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00:13:58,350 --> 00:13:55,420

this is to me the quintessential new

301
00:14:00,960 --> 00:13:58,360
thinking aloud he says look I don't have

302
00:14:04,350 --> 00:14:00,970
any strong religious connection to this

303
00:14:07,019 --> 00:14:04,360
I just have it as a matter of fact I see

304
00:14:09,030 --> 00:14:07,029
religion kind of in slightly less

305
00:14:12,000 --> 00:14:09,040
favorable light based on my research I

306
00:14:14,880 --> 00:14:12,010
just wanted to look at issues that

307
00:14:17,040 --> 00:14:14,890
typically are included or exclusively

308
00:14:17,250 --> 00:14:17,050
the category of religion that is you

309
00:14:20,370 --> 00:14:17,260
know

310
00:14:21,750 --> 00:14:20,380
how do people encounter God in the

311
00:14:23,940 --> 00:14:21,760
afterlife or how do they encounter

312
00:14:26,640 --> 00:14:23,950
whatever that is afterlife and I

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00:14:28,650 --> 00:14:26,650

approached it from this mediumistic kind

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00:14:30,300 --> 00:14:28,660

of do but but very scientific and stuff

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00:14:33,540 --> 00:14:30,310

like that I mean that to me seems to be

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00:14:36,120 --> 00:14:33,550

really your sweet spot in new thinking

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00:14:39,810 --> 00:14:36,130

aloud I I would agree with you where

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00:14:41,880 --> 00:14:39,820

we're in an era in which science is

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00:14:44,810 --> 00:14:41,890

beginning to offer many important

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00:14:48,360 --> 00:14:44,820

insights that were once considered

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00:14:49,770 --> 00:14:48,370

exclusively the realm of religion if I

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00:14:51,210 --> 00:14:49,780

can now want to switch back to talk

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00:14:51,960 --> 00:14:51,220

about parapsychology because it

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00:14:55,140 --> 00:14:51,970

interests me

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00:14:56,840 --> 00:14:55,150

I think the deep spirituality is the

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00:15:00,000 --> 00:14:56,850

most important and I think the

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00:15:02,430 --> 00:15:00,010

consciousness and the parapsychology

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00:15:03,990 --> 00:15:02,440

stuff is a distant second but it's

329

00:15:05,070 --> 00:15:04,000

interesting when I asked you you kind of

330

00:15:06,630 --> 00:15:05,080

put it the other way around which is

331

00:15:09,690 --> 00:15:06,640

cool I mean that's we were coming from

332

00:15:12,330 --> 00:15:09,700

and I like that but I went and listened

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00:15:13,560 --> 00:15:12,340

to the interview we did 10 years ago and

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00:15:16,590 --> 00:15:13,570

I guess there's a little bit of kind of

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00:15:20,130 --> 00:15:16,600

i-told-you-so in here for me but I did I

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00:15:23,370 --> 00:15:20,140

can't see the glass quite as half-full

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00:15:27,120 --> 00:15:23,380

when it comes to parapsychology as you

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00:15:29,850 --> 00:15:27,130

do so I love the optimistic internal

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00:15:32,430 --> 00:15:29,860

optimist spin that you put on it but I

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00:15:34,590 --> 00:15:32,440

see the status to the state of

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00:15:36,570 --> 00:15:34,600

parapsychology and the progress of

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00:15:38,520 --> 00:15:36,580

stupor lack of progress of

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00:15:42,810 --> 00:15:38,530

parapsychology in the last 10 years in

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00:15:44,970 --> 00:15:42,820

kind of a different a different view so

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00:15:46,790 --> 00:15:44,980

I was hoping we could kick that around

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00:15:49,500 --> 00:15:46,800

what do you think is the state of

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00:15:53,300 --> 00:15:49,510

parapsychology right now I I think you

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00:15:57,240 --> 00:15:53,310

have to take a real long-term view of it

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00:15:57,870 --> 00:15:57,250

William James wrote well over a hundred

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00:15:59,610 --> 00:15:57,880

years ago

351
00:16:02,850 --> 00:15:59,620
well when the field was known as

352
00:16:05,670 --> 00:16:02,860
psychical research but at that point he

353
00:16:07,860 --> 00:16:05,680
said we cannot judge this field decade

354
00:16:10,740 --> 00:16:07,870
by decade the way we would judge other

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00:16:13,620 --> 00:16:10,750
fields we have to look at it century by

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00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:13,630
century instead because we're dealing

357
00:16:19,410 --> 00:16:16,560
with something so very profound our

358
00:16:21,970 --> 00:16:19,420
fundamental understanding of space and

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00:16:24,550 --> 00:16:21,980
time and consciousness so

360
00:16:27,130 --> 00:16:24,560
that's what makes me optimistic is

361
00:16:29,980 --> 00:16:27,140
because I can look out maybe two three

362
00:16:32,470 --> 00:16:29,990
four hundred years from now and see

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00:16:34,240 --> 00:16:32,480

where things are going if I had to say

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00:16:36,910 --> 00:16:34,250

well you know what's happened in the

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00:16:39,250 --> 00:16:36,920

last decade or two in fact the last

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00:16:42,220 --> 00:16:39,260

let's say five decades since I've been

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00:16:45,370 --> 00:16:42,230

active in the field I was much more

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00:16:48,550 --> 00:16:45,380

optimistic and excited back in the 70s

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00:16:50,170 --> 00:16:48,560

than I am right and at that point I

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00:16:52,930 --> 00:16:50,180

thought parapsychology would

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00:16:54,700 --> 00:16:52,940

revolutionize everything and it's

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00:16:58,440 --> 00:16:54,710

interesting because my friend Jacques

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00:17:01,150 --> 00:16:58,450

Vallee the great UFO researcher

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00:17:03,550 --> 00:17:01,160

remembers those days and he was involved

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00:17:05,380 --> 00:17:03,560

in the creation of the Internet and he

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00:17:07,990 --> 00:17:05,390

said yes I was involved in

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00:17:09,720 --> 00:17:08,000

parapsychology and in the Internet and

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00:17:12,579 --> 00:17:09,730

they they both seem to have

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00:17:15,850 --> 00:17:12,589

revolutionary promise but only the

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00:17:19,660 --> 00:17:15,860

Internet has so far actualized that

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00:17:24,250 --> 00:17:19,670

potential parapsychology has yet to do

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00:17:28,090 --> 00:17:24,260

so but the data is there the research is

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00:17:30,420 --> 00:17:28,100

actually very good there are significant

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00:17:32,530 --> 00:17:30,430

practical applications that have been

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00:17:35,740 --> 00:17:32,540

developed it's just that there's

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00:17:38,440 --> 00:17:35,750

enormous social resistance and that's

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00:17:42,310 --> 00:17:38,450

going to take a long long time to wear

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00:17:44,770 --> 00:17:42,320

away okay and maybe we'll explore that

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00:17:46,960 --> 00:17:44,780

in a minute and what are the the driving

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00:17:50,230 --> 00:17:46,970

forces behind that resistance both

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00:17:53,260 --> 00:17:50,240

socially and within academia and science

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00:17:56,230 --> 00:17:53,270

in general but just to be clear you know

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00:17:58,720 --> 00:17:56,240

I pulled out some quotes just to kind of

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00:18:00,760 --> 00:17:58,730

establish where we're at you go to you

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00:18:02,980 --> 00:18:00,770

look up parapsychology first thing that

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00:18:05,680 --> 00:18:02,990

comes up is Wikipedia we all hate

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00:18:09,430 --> 00:18:05,690

Wikipedia but we have to acknowledge the

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00:18:12,820 --> 00:18:09,440

place that it holds in our collective

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00:18:15,850 --> 00:18:12,830

culture opinion-forming thing opening

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00:18:19,630 --> 00:18:15,860

paragraph last sentence parapsychology

401
00:18:23,020 --> 00:18:19,640
it is identified as pseudoscience by the

402
00:18:24,460 --> 00:18:23,030
overwhelming majority of mainstream

403
00:18:27,550 --> 00:18:24,470
scientists well of course that's

404
00:18:30,160 --> 00:18:27,560
but aside from that that's

405
00:18:33,240 --> 00:18:30,170
there but then what I did and this to me

406
00:18:35,620 --> 00:18:33,250
is even worse is you go to the

407
00:18:39,029 --> 00:18:35,630
parapsychology Association

408
00:18:41,830 --> 00:18:39,039
website and it says most

409
00:18:45,070 --> 00:18:41,840
parapsychologists today expect that

410
00:18:47,740 --> 00:18:45,080
further research will eventually explain

411
00:18:49,840 --> 00:18:47,750
these anomalies that is everything we're

412
00:18:51,880 --> 00:18:49,850
talking about ESP psychokinesis and

413
00:18:54,549 --> 00:18:51,890

survival of consciousness in a

414

00:18:58,350 --> 00:18:54,559

scientific what they're really saying is

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00:19:01,150 --> 00:18:58,360

materialistic mind equals brain terms so

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00:19:02,560 --> 00:19:01,160

that's been the failing that I see them

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00:19:05,200 --> 00:19:02,570

and that's the disappointment that I

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00:19:08,440 --> 00:19:05,210

think you feel or talked about and I

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00:19:10,750 --> 00:19:08,450

certainly feel is that that there's been

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00:19:15,279 --> 00:19:10,760

this coup from within where even the

421

00:19:17,980 --> 00:19:15,289

parapsychology Association is you know

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00:19:19,990 --> 00:19:17,990

been kind of taken over from the inside

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00:19:21,970 --> 00:19:20,000

and has kind of lost its way in my

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00:19:23,710 --> 00:19:21,980

opinion saying that oh we're all

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00:19:27,399 --> 00:19:23,720

convinced that all this is going to be

426
00:19:30,039 --> 00:19:27,409
explained as materialistic science as we

427
00:19:30,930 --> 00:19:30,049
know it that's just crazy that's just

428
00:19:35,190 --> 00:19:30,940
ridiculous

429
00:19:36,789 --> 00:19:35,200
well there are I would say a minority of

430
00:19:39,940 --> 00:19:36,799
parapsychologists who consider

431
00:19:42,490 --> 00:19:39,950
themselves physicalists or materialists

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00:19:46,470 --> 00:19:42,500
who hold that view but most of the

433
00:19:49,870 --> 00:19:46,480
people in parapsychology and and I think

434
00:19:51,940 --> 00:19:49,880
well I I'm sure I can speak for most of

435
00:19:53,710 --> 00:19:51,950
the people in parapsychology and say

436
00:19:56,020 --> 00:19:53,720
that when they say there will be a

437
00:19:58,770 --> 00:19:56,030
scientific explanation they don't

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00:20:01,210 --> 00:19:58,780

necessarily mean a mechanistic

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00:20:04,750 --> 00:20:01,220

materialistic explanation I think

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00:20:08,740 --> 00:20:04,760

they're talking about a new kind of

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00:20:10,960 --> 00:20:08,750

science a science that will be based on

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00:20:16,060 --> 00:20:10,970

a different sort of metaphysics whether

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00:20:17,919 --> 00:20:16,070

that's idealism or pan psychism it's

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00:20:20,980 --> 00:20:17,929

hard to say right now but there are some

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00:20:24,450 --> 00:20:20,990

very exciting developments and in the

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00:20:27,340 --> 00:20:24,460

philosophy of mind as as well that

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00:20:29,169 --> 00:20:27,350

suggests to me that you know in coming

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00:20:32,620 --> 00:20:29,179

generations we're going to have very

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00:20:35,200 --> 00:20:32,630

different views of what what

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00:20:38,230 --> 00:20:35,210

mean when we use basic terms like time

451
00:20:39,220 --> 00:20:38,240
space matter and energy I had no doubt

452
00:20:41,950 --> 00:20:39,230
no argument there

453
00:20:44,560 --> 00:20:41,960
I just think again look back to your

454
00:20:47,260 --> 00:20:44,570
show in the current version of your show

455
00:20:51,250 --> 00:20:47,270
and what you're doing where you're

456
00:20:54,430 --> 00:20:51,260
mining in the deep spirituality kind of

457
00:20:58,180 --> 00:20:54,440
vein just seems so much more relevant

458
00:21:01,270 --> 00:20:58,190
deep rich than when we turn our focus to

459
00:21:04,660 --> 00:21:01,280
the very narrow minded why people

460
00:21:06,850 --> 00:21:04,670
believe weird things that parapsychology

461
00:21:10,330 --> 00:21:06,860
in a lot of cases has become or the very

462
00:21:12,460 --> 00:21:10,340
kind of very limited narrow you know how

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00:21:15,310 --> 00:21:12,470

can we make this little sigh experiment

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00:21:17,440 --> 00:21:15,320

work to me we've reached the jumping-off

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00:21:18,880 --> 00:21:17,450

point where we have to jump in the way

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00:21:21,010 --> 00:21:18,890

that you're doing saying okay what are

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00:21:25,390 --> 00:21:21,020

the broader implications for this

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00:21:26,740 --> 00:21:25,400

complete redo of our understanding of

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00:21:28,660 --> 00:21:26,750

consciousness and that is that it's

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00:21:30,160 --> 00:21:28,670

somehow in some way fundamental I mean

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00:21:33,220 --> 00:21:30,170

that's where everything seems to be

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00:21:35,100 --> 00:21:33,230

pointing and that's why it just I it to

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00:21:37,180 --> 00:21:35,110

me it doesn't make any sense for the

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00:21:38,830 --> 00:21:37,190

parapsychology Association to even say

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00:21:41,020 --> 00:21:38,840

something like that and say no we can

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00:21:42,550 --> 00:21:41,030
keep we can keep going down this path it

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00:21:44,530 --> 00:21:42,560
will eventually work out no it's not

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00:21:46,960 --> 00:21:44,540
until you make that shift it just none

479
00:21:49,150 --> 00:21:46,970
of it makes any sense well there's

480
00:21:52,090 --> 00:21:49,160
nothing inherent in the scientific

481
00:21:56,770 --> 00:21:52,100
method that requires that it be wedded

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00:22:00,450 --> 00:21:56,780
to materialistic philosophy that point

483
00:22:05,230 --> 00:22:00,460
that's kind of you know I yeah a

484
00:22:08,290 --> 00:22:05,240
historical fact right now but in many

485
00:22:10,660 --> 00:22:08,300
ways philosophers are pointing out that

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00:22:14,590 --> 00:22:10,670
there's a conceptual error there and

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00:22:17,410 --> 00:22:14,600
that has to do with confusing technology

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00:22:21,580 --> 00:22:17,420

with science technology has been so

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00:22:24,130 --> 00:22:21,590

successful in over the last two three

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00:22:27,850 --> 00:22:24,140

hundred years that we become hypnotized

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00:22:30,280 --> 00:22:27,860

by it in a way and we imagine that the

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00:22:32,770 --> 00:22:30,290

world around us is like a great big

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00:22:34,480 --> 00:22:32,780

clockwork of some sort and that

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00:22:37,870 --> 00:22:34,490

everything follows a kind of

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00:22:41,200 --> 00:22:37,880

rationalistic materialistic logic but I

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00:22:43,690 --> 00:22:41,210

think that occurs because we project the

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00:22:45,810 --> 00:22:43,700

success that we've had with technology

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00:22:48,500 --> 00:22:45,820

onto all of nature and nature

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00:22:51,800 --> 00:22:48,510

herself does not necessarily obey

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00:22:53,880 --> 00:22:51,810

mechanistic principles all of the time I

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00:22:55,800 --> 00:22:53,890

always say this the shut up and

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00:22:57,720 --> 00:22:55,810

calculate thing you know that they they

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00:23:00,510 --> 00:22:57,730

reached in quantum physics which is like

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00:23:03,270 --> 00:23:00,520

oh my god here at least all these

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00:23:05,100 --> 00:23:03,280

discoveries seem to be completely

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00:23:06,450 --> 00:23:05,110

contradicting our understanding of

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00:23:09,180 --> 00:23:06,460

consciousness consciousness is

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00:23:11,760 --> 00:23:09,190

fundamental and then somebody comes in

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00:23:13,200 --> 00:23:11,770

and says ok but shut up and calculate

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00:23:14,850 --> 00:23:13,210

let's figure out how we can take it

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00:23:18,120 --> 00:23:14,860

which we've done I mean quantum physics

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00:23:21,270 --> 00:23:18,130

is is the heart of the computer is

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00:23:24,300 --> 00:23:21,280

cellular information explosion that

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00:23:26,820 --> 00:23:24,310

we've had but it doesn't remove the fact

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00:23:29,520 --> 00:23:26,830

that we just kind of bypassed the deeper

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00:23:31,350 --> 00:23:29,530

philosophical questions that quantum

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00:23:33,600 --> 00:23:31,360

physics was struggling with a hundred

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00:23:34,530 --> 00:23:33,610

years ago so I think a lot of people

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00:23:36,750 --> 00:23:34,540

exactly what you're saying about

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00:23:38,400 --> 00:23:36,760

technology they don't realize that you

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00:23:40,680 --> 00:23:38,410

know it's not an either/or thing I mean

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00:23:42,540 --> 00:23:40,690

you can you can ignore the philosophical

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00:23:44,820 --> 00:23:42,550

questions and still go on with your life

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00:23:46,530 --> 00:23:44,830

but the philosophical questions and the

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00:23:48,780 --> 00:23:46,540

civil the philosophy of science

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00:23:50,700 --> 00:23:48,790

questions are still there even if you

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00:23:53,130 --> 00:23:50,710

ignore them what do you think about that

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00:23:55,800 --> 00:23:53,140

well Alex I think it's useful to

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00:23:59,010 --> 00:23:55,810

appreciate that humanity itself is

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00:24:01,530 --> 00:23:59,020

really just in its infancy I mean we

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00:24:03,720 --> 00:24:01,540

think of ourselves as being so advanced

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00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:03,730

because we have all of this technology

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00:24:09,510 --> 00:24:07,140

but really the the earliest human

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00:24:12,210 --> 00:24:09,520

civilizations are only maybe ten

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00:24:14,160 --> 00:24:12,220

thousand years old and in the larger

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00:24:17,510 --> 00:24:14,170

scheme of things that's virtually

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00:24:20,240 --> 00:24:17,520

nothing I mean I can envision a day when

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00:24:23,520 --> 00:24:20,250

humans will look back and they'll have a

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00:24:26,220 --> 00:24:23,530

history that will extend for perhaps a

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00:24:31,110 --> 00:24:26,230

million years like other species have

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00:24:33,870 --> 00:24:31,120

and so we have a lot of evolution ahead

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00:24:35,910 --> 00:24:33,880

of us as a culture interesting yeah

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00:24:38,490 --> 00:24:35,920

that's an interesting point let me let

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00:24:42,360 --> 00:24:38,500

me ask one more question in that vein

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00:24:46,320 --> 00:24:42,370

I've for whatever reason kind of gone

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00:24:48,870 --> 00:24:46,330

out of my way to talk to some of those

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00:24:50,220 --> 00:24:48,880

people on the I'm going to call it

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00:24:51,990 --> 00:24:50,230

radical fringe because I think it's

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00:24:54,270 --> 00:24:52,000

radical fringe on the other side but

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00:24:57,539 --> 00:24:54,280

like caroline watt

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00:24:59,669 --> 00:24:57,549
richard wiseman people that some people

552
00:25:03,270 --> 00:24:59,679
consider skeptics but are really the

553
00:25:04,740 --> 00:25:03,280
mainstream science types have you talked

554
00:25:08,039 --> 00:25:04,750
to those people and what do you think

555
00:25:10,169 --> 00:25:08,049
about engaging with those kind of people

556
00:25:14,340 --> 00:25:10,179
Carolyn watt just for people who don't

557
00:25:16,620 --> 00:25:14,350
know was the head of the parapsychology

558
00:25:19,460 --> 00:25:16,630
unit at University of Edinburgh which is

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00:25:24,390 --> 00:25:19,470
probably the one of the most

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00:25:26,460 --> 00:25:24,400
consistently funded and continuing

561
00:25:29,279 --> 00:25:26,470
programs in parapsychology although

562
00:25:32,010 --> 00:25:29,289
they've completely you know completely

563
00:25:33,750 --> 00:25:32,020

undermine that and turned it into both

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00:25:35,820 --> 00:25:33,760

investigating sigh but also

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00:25:37,860 --> 00:25:35,830

investigating pseudo sigh and they got

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00:25:38,909 --> 00:25:37,870

to mix that in but I interviewed it

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00:25:41,220 --> 00:25:38,919

because she wrote this paper

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00:25:43,740 --> 00:25:41,230

there's nothing paranormal about

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00:25:46,320 --> 00:25:43,750

near-death experiences how neural

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00:25:48,480 --> 00:25:46,330

science can explain explain seeing

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00:25:50,279 --> 00:25:48,490

bright lights meeting the dead or being

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00:25:52,560 --> 00:25:50,289

convinced you are one of them which is

573

00:25:55,770 --> 00:25:52,570

just a disaster the paper of a paper

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00:25:58,680 --> 00:25:55,780

we totally deconstructed it it's there

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00:26:00,750 --> 00:25:58,690

miss quotes the people she used totally

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00:26:02,100 --> 00:26:00,760

inappropriate and then she wraps it up

577

00:26:04,830 --> 00:26:02,110

by saying when I really push her she

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00:26:07,350 --> 00:26:04,840

goes hey it was just intended to be a

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00:26:12,510 --> 00:26:07,360

provocative piece I wasn't claiming it

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00:26:14,399 --> 00:26:12,520

to be balanced I mean this to me is is

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00:26:18,270 --> 00:26:14,409

what we're getting from the other side

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00:26:21,299 --> 00:26:18,280

do you engage in that dialogue or do you

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00:26:23,340 --> 00:26:21,309

choose to kind of take the high road and

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00:26:26,730 --> 00:26:23,350

go the other way or what do you think

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00:26:29,940 --> 00:26:26,740

about that well I you know I do engage

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00:26:35,390 --> 00:26:29,950

in it but minimally so and there are a

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00:26:37,980 --> 00:26:35,400

number of people in academia who are

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00:26:40,289 --> 00:26:37,990

politically astute and they realize that

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00:26:44,430 --> 00:26:40,299

they're going to have more opportunities

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00:26:47,970 --> 00:26:44,440

for career promotion and for grants and

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00:26:50,760 --> 00:26:47,980

so on if they take that skeptical tactic

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00:26:53,760 --> 00:26:50,770

and I think it's a very short-term

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00:26:56,570 --> 00:26:53,770

strategy I think it does more damage

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00:27:00,270 --> 00:26:56,580

than good in the long run and I

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00:27:03,539 --> 00:27:00,280

personally have never chosen to go that

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00:27:06,600 --> 00:27:03,549

route but I can name a handful of people

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00:27:10,010 --> 00:27:06,610

love for whom that's

598

00:27:14,490 --> 00:27:10,020

a successful path to career advancement

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00:27:16,320 --> 00:27:14,500

so let's get back and talk about new

600

00:27:18,799 --> 00:27:16,330

thinking aloud I want to kind of pro

601
00:27:21,690 --> 00:27:18,809
chit from another angle because you do a

602
00:27:24,600 --> 00:27:21,700
fantastic job in the show and one of the

603
00:27:27,120 --> 00:27:24,610
reasons is because you do have this deep

604
00:27:29,430 --> 00:27:27,130
and broad knowledge about so many things

605
00:27:30,870 --> 00:27:29,440
I'm just amazed that you go from one

606
00:27:32,580 --> 00:27:30,880
guest to another and you're in a

607
00:27:34,440 --> 00:27:32,590
completely different talk topic and

608
00:27:36,510 --> 00:27:34,450
you're talking to biblical scholar

609
00:27:38,010 --> 00:27:36,520
Richard smoly and you're kind of totally

610
00:27:39,240 --> 00:27:38,020
holding your own and then you're talking

611
00:27:40,980 --> 00:27:39,250
to some guys as deep into quantum

612
00:27:43,620 --> 00:27:40,990
physics and you're right there in that

613
00:27:45,140 --> 00:27:43,630

conversation it's it's impressive but

614

00:27:47,610 --> 00:27:45,150

one thing I'm always left with is

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00:27:50,760 --> 00:27:47,620

wanting to know a little bit more about

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00:27:55,260 --> 00:27:50,770

what you really think about some of

617

00:27:56,669 --> 00:27:55,270

these controversial topics so if I if

618

00:27:58,890 --> 00:27:56,679

you'll indulge me I'm going to kind of

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00:28:03,180 --> 00:27:58,900

ask you you know one by one and we take

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00:28:05,310 --> 00:28:03,190

an easy one like ESP where do you where

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00:28:06,900 --> 00:28:05,320

do you come down on that obviously you

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00:28:08,610 --> 00:28:06,910

think there's a reality to it what are

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00:28:12,299 --> 00:28:08,620

the limits to it what do you think are

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00:28:14,250 --> 00:28:12,309

the the the key research questions that

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00:28:17,340 --> 00:28:14,260

are unanswered at this point that might

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00:28:20,159 --> 00:28:17,350

be answered in the next 10 years well

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00:28:22,380 --> 00:28:20,169

the evidence for ESP is overwhelming and

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00:28:26,880 --> 00:28:22,390

it has been overwhelming for more than a

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00:28:29,070 --> 00:28:26,890

century as far as I'm concerned the real

630

00:28:32,970 --> 00:28:29,080

exciting frontier for me is the

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00:28:36,080 --> 00:28:32,980

practical applications of ESP and areas

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00:28:39,960 --> 00:28:36,090

like medical diagnosis archeology

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00:28:42,480 --> 00:28:39,970

financial forecasting and military

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00:28:45,380 --> 00:28:42,490

applications and criminology

635

00:28:48,030 --> 00:28:45,390

applications and more and more

636

00:28:52,409 --> 00:28:48,040

interesting data is accumulating in

637

00:28:54,659 --> 00:28:52,419

those areas all of the time so I'm

638

00:28:57,570 --> 00:28:54,669

pretty confident that the day will come

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00:29:00,750 --> 00:28:57,580

I can't tell you whether it'll be in 50

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00:29:03,630 --> 00:29:00,760

years or in 500 years but the day will

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00:29:06,570 --> 00:29:03,640

come when these kinds of applications

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00:29:10,110 --> 00:29:06,580

are going to revolutionize our society

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00:29:13,669 --> 00:29:10,120

completely interesting anything else in

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00:29:15,930 --> 00:29:13,679

the SCI area of precognition

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00:29:18,720 --> 00:29:15,940

psychokinesis which we're going to talk

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00:29:20,140 --> 00:29:18,730

about when we talk about PK man but any

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00:29:22,330 --> 00:29:20,150

of those other things we're used

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00:29:26,560 --> 00:29:22,340

see something popping on the horizon

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00:29:28,120 --> 00:29:26,570

well you know I do all of them all of

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00:29:31,360 --> 00:29:28,130

them but the when you say something

651
00:29:34,540 --> 00:29:31,370
popping it may take a thousand years or

652
00:29:37,360 --> 00:29:34,550
five thousand years I don't know how

653
00:29:39,330 --> 00:29:37,370
strong the resistance is because we're

654
00:29:42,490 --> 00:29:39,340
looking at some of the most fundamental

655
00:29:45,430 --> 00:29:42,500
barriers that we have as biological

656
00:29:49,570 --> 00:29:45,440
creatures for self-protection and for

657
00:29:52,780 --> 00:29:49,580
maintaining our individual egoistic

658
00:29:54,570 --> 00:29:52,790
sense of identity and you know the

659
00:29:58,240 --> 00:29:54,580
phenomenon such as extrasensory

660
00:30:01,720 --> 00:29:58,250
perception and psychokinesis implies

661
00:30:06,220 --> 00:30:01,730
such a vastly different worldview that

662
00:30:08,790 --> 00:30:06,230
the forces of resistance those social

663
00:30:12,880 --> 00:30:08,800

forces are very strong as you know and

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00:30:20,050 --> 00:30:12,890

are likely to persist for a long long

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00:30:22,000 --> 00:30:20,060

time I I wish I could say you know if if

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00:30:25,360 --> 00:30:22,010

it were just the data if it were just

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00:30:28,720 --> 00:30:25,370

the science parapsychology would have

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00:30:32,080 --> 00:30:28,730

been a widely accepted long long long

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00:30:35,310 --> 00:30:32,090

ago at this point in time I'm sure many

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00:30:38,890 --> 00:30:35,320

of your listeners realize that since

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00:30:42,010 --> 00:30:38,900

1969 the American Association for the

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00:30:45,000 --> 00:30:42,020

Advancement of science has had a formal

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00:30:46,960 --> 00:30:45,010

relationship with the parapsychology

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00:30:49,440 --> 00:30:46,970

Association and and that's in

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00:30:51,610 --> 00:30:49,450

recognition of the fact that

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00:30:55,120 --> 00:30:51,620

parapsychologists are doing valid

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00:30:58,240 --> 00:30:55,130

science yeah just don't tell Wikipedia

678

00:31:00,660 --> 00:30:58,250

about that perhaps that's but okay so

679

00:31:03,940 --> 00:31:00,670

one area where there has been

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00:31:06,040 --> 00:31:03,950

significant progress and definitely in

681

00:31:09,340 --> 00:31:06,050

the last 20 years especially in the last

682

00:31:11,530 --> 00:31:09,350

10 years and you talk about this on your

683

00:31:12,730 --> 00:31:11,540

show as well but on survival of

684

00:31:15,330 --> 00:31:12,740

consciousness and after death

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00:31:18,040 --> 00:31:15,340

communication what do you make of the

686

00:31:20,320 --> 00:31:18,050

considerable near-death experience

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00:31:22,500 --> 00:31:20,330

science that's kind of come forward and

688

00:31:24,790 --> 00:31:22,510

kind of done it and run on that whole

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00:31:27,400 --> 00:31:24,800

skeptical debate because they've really

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00:31:29,830 --> 00:31:27,410

reached the general public and the

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00:31:31,630 --> 00:31:29,840

public consciousness in a way that I

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

don't think anyone really saw that

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00:31:38,450 --> 00:31:33,710

coming either

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00:31:40,130 --> 00:31:38,460

yeah the work in near-death experience

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00:31:42,650 --> 00:31:40,140

is very important there's an

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00:31:46,250 --> 00:31:42,660

international association for near-death

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00:31:47,810 --> 00:31:46,260

studies but what do you think about that

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00:31:50,720 --> 00:31:47,820

what do you think about that that

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00:31:52,760 --> 00:31:50,730

research what line of research they're

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00:31:55,039 --> 00:31:52,770

about a dozen different lines of

701
00:31:58,730 --> 00:31:55,049
research all pointing toward the

702
00:32:01,549 --> 00:31:58,740
existence of an afterlife of survival of

703
00:32:04,250 --> 00:32:01,559
consciousness after death there probably

704
00:32:06,590 --> 00:32:04,260
a dozen different lines of research

705
00:32:09,440 --> 00:32:06,600
there sure sure but let's get down

706
00:32:11,570 --> 00:32:09,450
so near-death experience research versus

707
00:32:15,500 --> 00:32:11,580
the reincarnation research primarily

708
00:32:17,630 --> 00:32:15,510
done at UVA with Jim Tucker and formally

709
00:32:19,190 --> 00:32:17,640
in Stevenson you know compare or

710
00:32:20,480 --> 00:32:19,200
contrast I mean really this is what I'm

711
00:32:22,070 --> 00:32:20,490
saying this is the kind of stuff I'd

712
00:32:23,840 --> 00:32:22,080
like to hear you say rather than just

713
00:32:25,220 --> 00:32:23,850

kind of a party line now that you know

714

00:32:26,720 --> 00:32:25,230

for the general public yeah there's all

715

00:32:28,130 --> 00:32:26,730

these different things I mean how do you

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00:32:29,980 --> 00:32:28,140

see how do you compare those how do you

717

00:32:32,200 --> 00:32:29,990

stack those up how do you look at those

718

00:32:37,010 --> 00:32:32,210

well

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00:32:39,320 --> 00:32:37,020

the database for both of them is roughly

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00:32:42,200 --> 00:32:39,330

equivalent that we've got thousands of

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00:32:44,350 --> 00:32:42,210

case studies we have strong evidence I

722

00:32:47,780 --> 00:32:44,360

would say that something akin to

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00:32:50,600 --> 00:32:47,790

reincarnation actually occurs I think

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00:32:54,409 --> 00:32:50,610

there's a lot of confusion about it and

725

00:32:57,830 --> 00:32:54,419

in the popular mind because of psychic

726

00:33:02,360 --> 00:32:57,840

readers and past life regression

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00:33:03,860 --> 00:33:02,370

therapists people often confuse you know

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00:33:07,130 --> 00:33:03,870

their wishful thinking and their

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00:33:09,650 --> 00:33:07,140

fantasies with actual reincarnation but

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00:33:12,020 --> 00:33:09,660

the the data is very strong and then you

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00:33:15,740 --> 00:33:12,030

have to ask yourself well if we

732

00:33:19,340 --> 00:33:15,750

reincarnate and if we also survive death

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00:33:23,150 --> 00:33:19,350

those those are two windows into what an

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00:33:26,810 --> 00:33:23,160

afterlife might look like I I think that

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00:33:29,419 --> 00:33:26,820

we can form a composite picture of the

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00:33:33,470 --> 00:33:29,429

afterlife by looking at all these lines

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00:33:36,080 --> 00:33:33,480

of evidence as a whole and that's why I

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00:33:38,240 --> 00:33:36,090

like to talk about them all I think

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00:33:39,840 --> 00:33:38,250

they're all they all have their

740

00:33:45,030 --> 00:33:39,850

weaknesses

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00:33:47,910 --> 00:33:45,040

and yet if you look at the overwhelming

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00:33:51,930 --> 00:33:47,920

body of evidence they're all incredibly

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00:33:55,760 --> 00:33:51,940

strong and while some skeptics like to

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00:34:00,630 --> 00:33:55,770

dismiss it all as some sort of cognitive

745

00:34:02,700 --> 00:34:00,640

errors or wishful thinking the anyone

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00:34:05,280 --> 00:34:02,710

who takes a close look at the data will

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00:34:07,680 --> 00:34:05,290

realize that the people who are doing

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00:34:10,320 --> 00:34:07,690

research in this area are light years

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00:34:15,480 --> 00:34:10,330

ahead of their critics what do you think

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00:34:17,550 --> 00:34:15,490

of a birthmark thing that Jim Tucker and

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00:34:19,260 --> 00:34:17,560

I think Jim Tucker's really may be at

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00:34:23,420 --> 00:34:19,270

the tail end of Ian Stevenson's career

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00:34:26,370 --> 00:34:23,430

where the traumatic death event is

754

00:34:28,740 --> 00:34:26,380

correlated statistically correlated with

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00:34:30,150 --> 00:34:28,750

a strange birthmark did you ever get

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00:34:32,400 --> 00:34:30,160

into that what it was you find that

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00:34:34,410 --> 00:34:32,410

evidence compelling well and Ian

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00:34:36,510 --> 00:34:34,420

Stevenson wrote a whole book about it

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00:34:38,640 --> 00:34:36,520

called the biological basis of

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00:34:42,510 --> 00:34:38,650

reincarnation it's fascinating

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00:34:45,540 --> 00:34:42,520

where if if let's say a person dies a

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00:34:49,350 --> 00:34:45,550

violent death most of the reincarnation

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00:34:52,590 --> 00:34:49,360

cases involve a violent death in the

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00:34:55,620 --> 00:34:52,600

previous life somehow that's related to

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00:34:58,370 --> 00:34:55,630

people having retained the memories of

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00:35:01,500 --> 00:34:58,380

the previous life but often there's a

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00:35:04,620 --> 00:35:01,510

young child who has memories is born

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00:35:06,990 --> 00:35:04,630

with a birthmark that corresponds to the

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00:35:09,090 --> 00:35:07,000

death wound from the previous lifetime

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00:35:10,440 --> 00:35:09,100

right so they're off interviewing this

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00:35:12,630 --> 00:35:10,450

kid in Sri Lanka who's never been

772

00:35:14,850 --> 00:35:12,640

outside of his village and he leads him

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00:35:16,290 --> 00:35:14,860

to a village a hundred miles away where

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00:35:17,730 --> 00:35:16,300

he says that's where I'm born and they

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00:35:19,830 --> 00:35:17,740

interview all the people all the people

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00:35:21,690 --> 00:35:19,840

go yeah that was this guy it's exactly

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00:35:24,420 --> 00:35:21,700

as he's describing and then they go but

778

00:35:26,730 --> 00:35:24,430

he was hit by this you know he was

779

00:35:28,770 --> 00:35:26,740

stabbed and killed and blown the whole

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00:35:31,710 --> 00:35:28,780

kit is a birthmark in the same spot

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00:35:35,520 --> 00:35:31,720

right I mean it's just crazy well it

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00:35:37,350 --> 00:35:35,530

suggests a lot of things from a

783

00:35:41,210 --> 00:35:37,360

scientific point of view that there's

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00:35:43,770 --> 00:35:41,220

some sort of an organizing matrix that

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00:35:46,770 --> 00:35:43,780

carries this information from one

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00:35:49,250 --> 00:35:46,780

lifetime to another this is a very

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00:35:50,440 --> 00:35:49,260

important data but where it really gets

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00:35:53,140 --> 00:35:50,450

fascinating

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00:35:56,920 --> 00:35:53,150

in cases where it's not a death wound

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00:35:59,470 --> 00:35:56,930

but in some cultures people will

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00:36:02,589 --> 00:35:59,480

actually mark the body of the deceased

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00:36:06,430 --> 00:36:02,599

person let's say with charcoal and then

793

00:36:08,920 --> 00:36:06,440

a young child will be born with the

794

00:36:10,620 --> 00:36:08,930

memories of that deceased person and

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00:36:14,190 --> 00:36:10,630

they will have a birthmark corresponding

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00:36:17,560 --> 00:36:14,200

to where the body of the previous

797

00:36:19,300 --> 00:36:17,570

individual had been marked fascinating

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00:36:22,060 --> 00:36:19,310

while I didn't know that part of it

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00:36:25,750 --> 00:36:22,070

that's great that's really cool so you

800

00:36:28,300 --> 00:36:25,760

know these kinds of phenomenon it's easy

801
00:36:30,839 --> 00:36:28,310
for skeptics to dismiss it because

802
00:36:34,109 --> 00:36:30,849
they're so bizarre and they defy

803
00:36:37,690 --> 00:36:34,119
rationalistic explanations so I think

804
00:36:39,910 --> 00:36:37,700
many people who are in the scientific

805
00:36:43,000 --> 00:36:39,920
community would like to believe that we

806
00:36:46,300 --> 00:36:43,010
live in a rational world that's the

807
00:36:50,260 --> 00:36:46,310
phrase that they use and if if things

808
00:36:52,780 --> 00:36:50,270
don't comport with their idea of how a

809
00:36:54,609 --> 00:36:52,790
rational world should operate when they

810
00:36:58,390 --> 00:36:54,619
simply dismiss it and say it's not

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00:37:02,079 --> 00:36:58,400
worthy of my consideration they may be

812
00:37:04,930 --> 00:37:02,089
making a very big error because there's

813
00:37:08,170 --> 00:37:04,940

no a priori reason why the universe

814

00:37:11,200 --> 00:37:08,180

should operate according to our idea of

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00:37:14,530 --> 00:37:11,210

what a rational our rational world

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00:37:16,210 --> 00:37:14,540

should behave now awesome perfectly said

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00:37:17,829 --> 00:37:16,220

you know and that kind of leads me into

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00:37:20,940 --> 00:37:17,839

the next thing because one of the things

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00:37:24,309 --> 00:37:20,950

I appreciate that you do is you don't

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00:37:25,960 --> 00:37:24,319

set the boundaries at release you don't

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00:37:27,460 --> 00:37:25,970

set them in the normal place that people

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00:37:30,010 --> 00:37:27,470

do because the next thing you go into

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00:37:33,520 --> 00:37:30,020

you're not afraid to explore the UFO

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00:37:36,790 --> 00:37:33,530

phenomena the alien contact phenomenon

825

00:37:40,780 --> 00:37:36,800

of demonic possession in the occult I

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00:37:43,809 --> 00:37:40,790

mean I I just don't know how anyone can

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00:37:46,300 --> 00:37:43,819

exclude those or at least put them on

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00:37:49,680 --> 00:37:46,310

the table but you certainly don't so

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00:37:53,020 --> 00:37:49,690

what is your what is your best

830

00:37:56,460 --> 00:37:53,030

understanding of what's going on when we

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00:37:59,319 --> 00:37:56,470

talk about UFOs and alien contact I

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00:38:01,809 --> 00:37:59,329

think a good starting point for a

833

00:38:05,680 --> 00:38:01,819

discussion of these things would be

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00:38:09,130 --> 00:38:05,690

yeah fwh Myers classic book published in

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00:38:12,910 --> 00:38:09,140

1902 called human personality and its

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00:38:15,640 --> 00:38:12,920

survival after death and what Myers did

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00:38:18,969 --> 00:38:15,650

is he collected hundreds and hundreds of

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00:38:20,799 --> 00:38:18,979

case studies that had accumulated in the

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00:38:24,519 --> 00:38:20,809

offices of the Society for psychical

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00:38:27,670 --> 00:38:24,529

research in London which was founded in

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00:38:30,219 --> 00:38:27,680

1882 so he had about 20 years worth of

842

00:38:33,339 --> 00:38:30,229

data there and and he put it all

843

00:38:35,859 --> 00:38:33,349

together in a spectrum and what he

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00:38:39,400 --> 00:38:35,869

showed is that you can go to the most

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00:38:43,089 --> 00:38:39,410

extreme cases pointing to survival after

846

00:38:45,880 --> 00:38:43,099

death and show that they are part of a

847

00:38:49,150 --> 00:38:45,890

spectrum that includes normal human

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00:38:51,579 --> 00:38:49,160

consciousness that just as we have the

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00:38:55,599 --> 00:38:51,589

electromagnetic spectrum everything from

850

00:38:58,599 --> 00:38:55,609

normal light and radio waves and cosmic

851

00:39:01,959 --> 00:38:58,609

rays all of the same spectrum we have a

852

00:39:03,930 --> 00:39:01,969

wide wide range of phenomenon associated

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00:39:08,109 --> 00:39:03,940

with consciousness including

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00:39:10,630 --> 00:39:08,119

reincarnation UFOs demonic possession

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00:39:12,729 --> 00:39:10,640

and our normal everyday waking

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00:39:16,120 --> 00:39:12,739

consciousness which is just as much a

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00:39:18,160 --> 00:39:16,130

mystery as everything else great point

858

00:39:19,509 --> 00:39:18,170

great point I always like with one of my

859

00:39:20,769 --> 00:39:19,519

pet peeves is the hard problem of

860

00:39:23,199 --> 00:39:20,779

consciousness and I was want to say

861

00:39:26,319 --> 00:39:23,209

what's the easy problem that's that's

862

00:39:27,519 --> 00:39:26,329

kind of it but on the UFO thing I want

863

00:39:29,789 --> 00:39:27,529

to drill into that a little bit more

864

00:39:33,189 --> 00:39:29,799

because as you know in the UFO community

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00:39:35,199 --> 00:39:33,199

they've suddenly got religion about

866

00:39:38,259 --> 00:39:35,209

consciousness but the way they bring it

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00:39:41,069 --> 00:39:38,269

forward is kind of not always fleshed

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00:39:43,859 --> 00:39:41,079

out completely so let's nail that down

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00:39:47,709 --> 00:39:43,869

so if someone comes to you and says I

870

00:39:51,420 --> 00:39:47,719

believe there's a nuts-and-bolts reality

871

00:39:53,620 --> 00:39:51,430

to what I witnessed in the sky

872

00:39:55,239 --> 00:39:53,630

irrespective of whether there's this

873

00:39:56,620 --> 00:39:55,249

spectrum of consciousness and it's

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00:39:59,109 --> 00:39:56,630

somehow connected with that and

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00:40:01,390 --> 00:39:59,119

Strassman z-- DMT beings and all the

876
00:40:03,670 --> 00:40:01,400
rest leave all that aside somebody comes

877
00:40:05,319 --> 00:40:03,680
and says hey there was a nuts and bolts

878
00:40:08,529 --> 00:40:05,329
reality to that thing that was flying

879
00:40:12,759 --> 00:40:08,539
this guy how do you feel about that well

880
00:40:14,690 --> 00:40:12,769
I am inclined to think that there dozens

881
00:40:17,839 --> 00:40:14,700
of different phenomenon that all

882
00:40:20,770 --> 00:40:17,849
lumped together under the rubric of UFOs

883
00:40:24,740 --> 00:40:20,780
and I can't rule out the idea of

884
00:40:27,290 --> 00:40:24,750
nuts-and-bolts machines but there are

885
00:40:31,579 --> 00:40:27,300
some severe problems with with that

886
00:40:34,880 --> 00:40:31,589
interpretation for example some of these

887
00:40:37,490 --> 00:40:34,890
crafts have been known to they're even

888
00:40:40,460 --> 00:40:37,500

tracked on radar sometimes traveling at

889

00:40:43,329 --> 00:40:40,470

thousands of miles an hour and then

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00:40:47,180 --> 00:40:43,339

making a right angle turn instantly and

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00:40:50,030 --> 00:40:47,190

the normal laws of material science

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00:40:51,079 --> 00:40:50,040

would suggest that and then if it were a

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00:40:53,930 --> 00:40:51,089

nuts-and-bolts

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00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:53,940

aircraft it would have fallen apart at

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00:41:00,410 --> 00:40:56,400

that time it couldn't stand the stress

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00:41:04,550 --> 00:41:00,420

of that much physical a change in

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00:41:08,740 --> 00:41:04,560

physical momentum so is very likely that

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00:41:11,089 --> 00:41:08,750

what we're looking at is more a

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00:41:13,970 --> 00:41:11,099

projection from another dimension the

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00:41:17,329 --> 00:41:13,980

way you can take for example a spotlight

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00:41:19,339 --> 00:41:17,339
and projected them to the sky so that if

902
00:41:21,410 --> 00:41:19,349
the beam will appear to move at

903
00:41:25,579 --> 00:41:21,420
thousands of miles an hour and make a

904
00:41:28,940 --> 00:41:25,589
right angle turn that can be done so it

905
00:41:32,569 --> 00:41:28,950
suggests that these things that are

906
00:41:34,910 --> 00:41:32,579
never quite what they seem to be but

907
00:41:37,280 --> 00:41:34,920
then we have to also mix in there what

908
00:41:42,559 --> 00:41:37,290
you said I mean we also have the radar

909
00:41:45,079 --> 00:41:42,569
which is approaching a physical missed

910
00:41:46,400 --> 00:41:45,089
it we also have eyewitness accounts

911
00:41:48,260 --> 00:41:46,410
which don't but when there multiple

912
00:41:50,480 --> 00:41:48,270
eyewitness counts progressed we have

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00:41:52,309 --> 00:41:50,490

trace elements the lot of people have

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00:41:54,800 --> 00:41:52,319

explored and we don't know quite what to

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00:41:56,329 --> 00:41:54,810

make those we have people that have said

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00:41:59,270 --> 00:41:56,339

they've come in contact with the

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00:42:01,400 --> 00:41:59,280

physical that's so I know you're not

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00:42:03,559 --> 00:42:01,410

dismissing any of that and you're really

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00:42:06,109 --> 00:42:03,569

painting I think very fairly and

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00:42:07,550 --> 00:42:06,119

appropriately kind of this broad kind of

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00:42:10,339 --> 00:42:07,560

thing and I just want people to get a

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00:42:12,970 --> 00:42:10,349

sense for how you're dealing with all

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00:42:15,230 --> 00:42:12,980

the different data that's out there and

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00:42:17,120 --> 00:42:15,240

maybe you've done that already but if

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00:42:19,700 --> 00:42:17,130

there's anything you want to add you

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00:42:21,470 --> 00:42:19,710

know please do well Alex I you know with

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00:42:25,280 --> 00:42:21,480

regard to the way that I personally

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00:42:27,920 --> 00:42:25,290

process all of this data it's probably

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00:42:28,480 --> 00:42:27,930

fair to say that my mind works like an

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00:42:32,440 --> 00:42:28,490

insight

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00:42:34,780 --> 00:42:32,450

pedia in fact my first book the roots of

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00:42:38,920 --> 00:42:34,790

consciousness was called an encyclopedia

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00:42:40,990 --> 00:42:38,930

of consciousness studies and so I'm

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00:42:44,680 --> 00:42:41,000

willing to kind of take it all in and

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00:42:47,800 --> 00:42:44,690

try and organize it and categorize it

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00:42:49,960 --> 00:42:47,810

maybe the way a librarian would work

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00:42:52,330 --> 00:42:49,970

with the Dewey Decimal System that each

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00:42:56,500 --> 00:42:52,340

and every perspective should have its

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00:42:59,230 --> 00:42:56,510

own little niche I don't think that

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00:43:01,750 --> 00:42:59,240

we're at a point in history now where we

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00:43:05,109 --> 00:43:01,760

are yet ready to have an overarching

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00:43:07,240 --> 00:43:05,119

theory that can explain everything we're

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00:43:11,380 --> 00:43:07,250

still in the in the data collection

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00:43:13,000 --> 00:43:11,390

phase great well it's awesome so one

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00:43:17,109 --> 00:43:13,010

other thing I brought up I want to swing

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00:43:18,940 --> 00:43:17,119

back to is demonic possession that must

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00:43:21,880 --> 00:43:18,950

throws a lot of people for a complete

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00:43:24,040 --> 00:43:21,890

loop the way you approach it in the

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00:43:26,160 --> 00:43:24,050

spirit that you've shared already in the

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00:43:29,410 --> 00:43:26,170

show and people get this when they watch

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00:43:32,470 --> 00:43:29,420

new thinking aloud is hey that's just

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00:43:34,840 --> 00:43:32,480

another phenomenon that has to be looked

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00:43:38,190 --> 00:43:34,850

at and examined but you know what

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00:43:42,099 --> 00:43:38,200

articular your thoughts on demonic

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00:43:45,010 --> 00:43:42,109

possession benevolent spirits the spirit

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00:43:47,620 --> 00:43:45,020

world the the hierarchy of consciousness

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00:43:49,690 --> 00:43:47,630

whatever you know what that topology is

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00:43:50,109 --> 00:43:49,700

as best we you understand it at this

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00:43:52,830 --> 00:43:50,119

point

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00:43:55,780 --> 00:43:52,840

any thoughts well you know the very term

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00:43:59,050 --> 00:43:55,790

demonic the way you're using it or has

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00:44:04,030 --> 00:43:59,060

sort of theological religious components

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00:44:06,310 --> 00:44:04,040

and I should I think it's useful to

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00:44:09,520 --> 00:44:06,320

remind our viewers that in the history

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00:44:13,390 --> 00:44:09,530

of religions on this planet what you see

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00:44:16,359 --> 00:44:13,400

are many gods in overthrowing others

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00:44:19,120 --> 00:44:16,369

many Pantheon's the Greek Olympian gods

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00:44:23,109 --> 00:44:19,130

overthrew the Greek Titans and so the

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00:44:26,230 --> 00:44:23,119

Titans were labeled as demonic and often

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00:44:28,570 --> 00:44:26,240

when a new religion comes about the the

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00:44:30,910 --> 00:44:28,580

deities of the previous religion are

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00:44:34,480 --> 00:44:30,920

given that demonic label and that

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00:44:38,109 --> 00:44:34,490

sometimes it's reversed when Zarathustra

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00:44:40,359 --> 00:44:38,119

developed his philosophy in ancient

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00:44:44,049 --> 00:44:40,369

Persia Heat

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00:44:46,839 --> 00:44:44,059

took what had been viewed as as a demon

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00:44:51,460 --> 00:44:46,849

or in Ashura and made it the head deity

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00:44:54,009 --> 00:44:51,470

of light Ahura Mazda so you know one

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00:44:57,009 --> 00:44:54,019

cultures demons maybe in other cultures

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00:45:00,460 --> 00:44:57,019

deities and not necessarily in a bad

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00:45:02,589 --> 00:45:00,470

sense either well said you know one of

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00:45:04,660 --> 00:45:02,599

your recent guests Richard Smalley is

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00:45:07,180 --> 00:45:04,670

somebody I quote all the time I mean

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00:45:09,130 --> 00:45:07,190

he's and I haven't seen that interview

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00:45:11,499 --> 00:45:09,140

yet but one of the things I hope you

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00:45:14,140 --> 00:45:11,509

talked about is his research that when

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00:45:16,359 --> 00:45:14,150

you look at the people of Judea and the

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00:45:18,069 --> 00:45:16,369

Jew to the Jewish people and their

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00:45:20,349 --> 00:45:18,079

predecessors were really doing with the

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00:45:22,930 --> 00:45:20,359

Old Testament hey he goes all the way

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00:45:25,359 --> 00:45:22,940

back and he says there was just Yahweh

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00:45:26,650 --> 00:45:25,369

and Yahweh was good or bad and then the

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00:45:28,690 --> 00:45:26,660

next thing you know they're telling the

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00:45:30,700 --> 00:45:28,700

same story only they've broken off all

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00:45:32,650 --> 00:45:30,710

the bad parts Yahweh and they'd have

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00:45:34,900 --> 00:45:32,660

attached him to this guy called Satan

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00:45:37,839 --> 00:45:34,910

but it's the exact same story and they

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00:45:41,680 --> 00:45:37,849

probably borrowed it from some Zoroaster

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00:45:43,599 --> 00:45:41,690

kind of dualistic kind of thing so more

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00:45:46,269 --> 00:45:43,609

evidence of exactly what you're talking

1001
00:45:49,900 --> 00:45:46,279
about but now put in a in a context that

1002
00:45:51,370 --> 00:45:49,910
Wow is immediately relevant to all the

1003
00:45:54,900 --> 00:45:51,380
majority of people on this planet in

1004
00:45:58,150 --> 00:45:54,910
terms of the judeo-christian tradition

1005
00:46:00,430 --> 00:45:58,160
yeah we tend to see things from a human

1006
00:46:03,609 --> 00:46:00,440
perspective and certainly from a

1007
00:46:07,569 --> 00:46:03,619
cultural perspective but I think it's

1008
00:46:10,690 --> 00:46:07,579
also fair to say that if you're willing

1009
00:46:12,670 --> 00:46:10,700
to take seriously some of these

1010
00:46:16,229 --> 00:46:12,680
spiritual concepts that we've been

1011
00:46:19,900 --> 00:46:16,239
talking about like reincarnation then

1012
00:46:23,019 --> 00:46:19,910
issues such as birth and death take on a

1013
00:46:24,970 --> 00:46:23,029

whole new meaning and you know we often

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00:46:28,359 --> 00:46:24,980

think well what could be more evil than

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00:46:30,370 --> 00:46:28,369

death itself but from a larger

1016

00:46:33,640 --> 00:46:30,380

perspective death is not evil at all

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00:46:35,229 --> 00:46:33,650

it's just part of the process let's talk

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00:46:39,220 --> 00:46:35,239

about evil though because one of the

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00:46:41,739 --> 00:46:39,230

fundamental questions for me is the

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00:46:46,299 --> 00:46:41,749

question of the guide question to put it

1021

00:46:49,450 --> 00:46:46,309

in very simple terms but I don't like to

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00:46:51,630 --> 00:46:49,460

bypass the fact that the picture that

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00:46:53,730 --> 00:46:51,640

seems to emerge from me is a

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00:46:57,180 --> 00:46:53,740

hierarchical order to

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00:46:59,460 --> 00:46:57,190

just misleading towards this goodness I

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00:47:01,500 --> 00:46:59,470
mean that does seem to come through and

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00:47:03,780 --> 00:47:01,510
it comes through in the near-death

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00:47:06,840 --> 00:47:03,790
experience research it comes in the

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00:47:09,000 --> 00:47:06,850
mediumistic research a lot of the after

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00:47:11,970 --> 00:47:09,010
death communication research not that

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00:47:14,910 --> 00:47:11,980
there isn't darkness and the rest of

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00:47:19,440 --> 00:47:14,920
that but that the the Ascension is

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00:47:21,840 --> 00:47:19,450
towards good and I think that I'm coming

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00:47:24,270 --> 00:47:21,850
that from a completely non religious

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00:47:26,820 --> 00:47:24,280
standpoint that just seems to be my read

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00:47:28,890 --> 00:47:26,830
of the data what do you make of that

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00:47:32,250 --> 00:47:28,900
well it's deeply embedded in our culture

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00:47:36,450 --> 00:47:32,260

the very word God is related to the word

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00:47:39,960 --> 00:47:36,460

good and and so by definition the closer

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00:47:43,830 --> 00:47:39,970

you are to God the closer you are to

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00:47:48,140 --> 00:47:43,840

goodness on one hand on the other hand

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00:47:51,540 --> 00:47:48,150

that creates a duality good and bad and

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00:47:53,760 --> 00:47:51,550

many of this great spiritual traditions

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00:47:56,660 --> 00:47:53,770

such as Advaita would meaning non

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00:47:59,790 --> 00:47:56,670

duality say that all dualities are

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00:48:03,750 --> 00:47:59,800

artificial that good and bad right and

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00:48:06,630 --> 00:48:03,760

wrong up and down east and west inside

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00:48:10,530 --> 00:48:06,640

and outside are all part of a whole

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00:48:13,230 --> 00:48:10,540

they're all part of you know the oneness

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00:48:14,970 --> 00:48:13,240

of everything itself or if you're a

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00:48:18,570 --> 00:48:14,980
Buddhist you might say the nothingness

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00:48:21,330 --> 00:48:18,580
of everything itself that you can't have

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00:48:23,790 --> 00:48:21,340
goodness without it's not the opposite

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00:48:27,390 --> 00:48:23,800
they sort of create each other just as

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00:48:29,510 --> 00:48:27,400
the universe itself you might say how do

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00:48:32,130 --> 00:48:29,520
we get a universe out of nothing well

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00:48:36,300 --> 00:48:32,140
you might say mathematically you can

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00:48:40,620 --> 00:48:36,310
take zero and zero equals minus one plus

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00:48:42,660 --> 00:48:40,630
plus one I get that I just think and let

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00:48:45,770 --> 00:48:42,670
me push this a little bit further yeah I

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00:48:48,540 --> 00:48:45,780
also step back and I say okay

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00:48:51,770 --> 00:48:48,550
philosophically maybe true wisdom

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00:48:54,630 --> 00:48:51,780

traditions including the Great Eastern

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00:48:57,900 --> 00:48:54,640

Buddhist and Hindu traditions which you

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00:49:00,030 --> 00:48:57,910

know all that okay but the data that

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00:49:03,060 --> 00:49:00,040

seems to be coming through like we said

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00:49:05,900 --> 00:49:03,070

the two thousand plus cases of

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00:49:07,589 --> 00:49:05,910

near-death experience that have been

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00:49:11,130 --> 00:49:07,599

analyzed in a sign

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00:49:14,670 --> 00:49:11,140

way the mediumistic research seems to be

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00:49:18,170 --> 00:49:14,680

pointing pretty distinctly towards this

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00:49:22,680 --> 00:49:18,180

hierarchy of consciousness towards this

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00:49:26,009 --> 00:49:22,690

development of the soul thing a moral

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00:49:28,529 --> 00:49:26,019

imperative towards doing good I mean

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00:49:31,769 --> 00:49:28,539

again I'm saying I'm not I'm trying to

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00:49:35,549 --> 00:49:31,779

remove my biases from it and just say

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00:49:39,450 --> 00:49:35,559

that's what the data seems to say well

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00:49:42,930 --> 00:49:39,460

they're both true that you know it's we

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00:49:46,589 --> 00:49:42,940

often assume a kind of Aristotelian

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00:49:49,620 --> 00:49:46,599

logic where if you can't have duality

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00:49:52,859 --> 00:49:49,630

and non-duality both being true but

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00:49:55,710 --> 00:49:52,869

that's just the logical premise that we

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00:49:58,109 --> 00:49:55,720

assume why don't see why at one level

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00:50:01,529 --> 00:49:58,119

what you're saying is perfectly true

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00:50:04,109 --> 00:50:01,539

that you know morality and and goodness

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00:50:07,710 --> 00:50:04,119

are an essential part of the spiritual

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00:50:10,859 --> 00:50:07,720

path and anybody who chooses to ignore

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00:50:14,130 --> 00:50:10,869

them does so with their peril and yet

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00:50:17,370 --> 00:50:14,140

there is a larger cosmic game going on

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00:50:19,349 --> 00:50:17,380

at the same time in which good and evil

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00:50:22,319 --> 00:50:19,359

are it's like watching a movie you know

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00:50:24,959 --> 00:50:22,329

what one actor plays the villain and one

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00:50:26,880 --> 00:50:24,969

actor plays the hero but at the end of

1094

00:50:30,269 --> 00:50:26,890

the day it's just an interesting story

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00:50:31,349 --> 00:50:30,279

and and both actors are human beings

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00:50:34,739 --> 00:50:31,359

just like us

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00:50:37,680 --> 00:50:34,749

so it doesn't have to be one or the

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00:50:40,170 --> 00:50:37,690

other it can be both and great I think

1099

00:50:42,479 --> 00:50:40,180

what in the time we have left I promised

1100

00:50:44,640 --> 00:50:42,489

myself and I guess our listeners at the

1101
00:50:50,039 --> 00:50:44,650
beginning that I really want to talk

1102
00:50:51,989 --> 00:50:50,049
about PK man I mean how this isn't how

1103
00:50:54,150 --> 00:50:51,999
one this didn't get you the most

1104
00:50:58,229 --> 00:50:54,160
distinguished chair at some university

1105
00:51:01,499 --> 00:50:58,239
or a million-dollar book deal I don't

1106
00:51:05,459 --> 00:51:01,509
know or started some religious cult I

1107
00:51:09,239 --> 00:51:05,469
don't know but obviously it didn't and

1108
00:51:12,569 --> 00:51:09,249
yet the story is just just too amazing

1109
00:51:15,180 --> 00:51:12,579
to to not repeat and retell so for

1110
00:51:19,009 --> 00:51:15,190
people who don't know the Ted Owens

1111
00:51:20,760 --> 00:51:19,019
story and you're amazing many year

1112
00:51:22,980 --> 00:51:20,770
encounter with this

1113
00:51:25,350 --> 00:51:22,990

would you mind giving folks a synopsis

1114

00:51:29,430 --> 00:51:25,360

of what that whole thing was about well

1115

00:51:32,160 --> 00:51:29,440

I met Ted Owens through hell put off in

1116

00:51:36,330 --> 00:51:32,170

Russell target SR I international back

1117

00:51:38,910 --> 00:51:36,340

in 1976 when they were doing their early

1118

00:51:40,859 --> 00:51:38,920

work and remote viewing and working with

1119

00:51:44,010 --> 00:51:40,869

Aurra Galler and getting funding from

1120

00:51:47,190 --> 00:51:44,020

the CIA they were getting a lot of

1121

00:51:49,140 --> 00:51:47,200

publicity in Ted Owens learned about it

1122

00:51:51,330 --> 00:51:49,150

and he was sending them all of these

1123

00:51:54,000 --> 00:51:51,340

letters saying things like you're

1124

00:51:56,460 --> 00:51:54,010

wasting your time with Uri Geller

1125

00:52:00,090 --> 00:51:56,470

because I'm the world's greatest psychic

1126

00:52:03,240 --> 00:52:00,100

and I to prove it he said I'm going to

1127

00:52:05,760 --> 00:52:03,250

I'm going to do a demonstration for you

1128

00:52:09,690 --> 00:52:05,770

and there was a drought going on in

1129

00:52:12,450 --> 00:52:09,700

California in 1976 very serious drought

1130

00:52:14,460 --> 00:52:12,460

and he said I'm going to end this Strout

1131

00:52:17,130 --> 00:52:14,470

and you'll know in a few days because

1132

00:52:19,650 --> 00:52:17,140

they'll be rain and sleet and hail it

1133

00:52:21,960 --> 00:52:19,660

will be UFO sightings which are part of

1134

00:52:24,210 --> 00:52:21,970

my signature of my demonstrations and

1135

00:52:27,150 --> 00:52:24,220

power blackouts at a local newspaper

1136

00:52:29,670 --> 00:52:27,160

we'll publish that the drought is over

1137

00:52:33,960 --> 00:52:29,680

well all of that happened in like three

1138

00:52:36,109 --> 00:52:33,970

days time and so Russell Targ sent a

1139

00:52:38,070 --> 00:52:36,119

little note back to teto and saying

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00:52:41,460 --> 00:52:38,080

congratulations that was a really good

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00:52:44,070 --> 00:52:41,470

prediction and Ted Owens wrote back to

1142

00:52:47,730 --> 00:52:44,080

him and and said that was no prediction

1143

00:52:50,910 --> 00:52:47,740

I caused it and at that point put off in

1144

00:52:52,980 --> 00:52:50,920

Targ realized that this was more than

1145

00:52:55,470 --> 00:52:52,990

they could deal with it they were on it

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00:52:57,599 --> 00:52:55,480

as more than any of us can still deal

1147

00:53:00,859 --> 00:52:57,609

with but well that's part of the problem

1148

00:53:04,560 --> 00:53:00,869

these phenomenon are so bizarre so

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00:53:06,540 --> 00:53:04,570

unbelievable so threatening to too many

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00:53:09,630 --> 00:53:06,550

of our preconceptions about how the

1151
00:53:12,510 --> 00:53:09,640
world should work that even very very

1152
00:53:15,390 --> 00:53:12,520
open-minded researchers like put-off and

1153
00:53:18,270 --> 00:53:15,400
Targ we're here to get it off of their

1154
00:53:21,120 --> 00:53:18,280
plate so when I visited their laboratory

1155
00:53:23,010 --> 00:53:21,130
they nothing would have pleased them

1156
00:53:26,220 --> 00:53:23,020
more than Jeffrey please take these

1157
00:53:27,810 --> 00:53:26,230
files off of our hands and and we should

1158
00:53:30,060 --> 00:53:27,820
add to this because it's a cool part of

1159
00:53:31,980 --> 00:53:30,070
the story and it in it fills in the

1160
00:53:33,970 --> 00:53:31,990
picture of the kind of social pressures

1161
00:53:35,710 --> 00:53:33,980
that existed back then we know that

1162
00:53:39,010 --> 00:53:35,720
still exist today but one of the things

1163
00:53:40,599 --> 00:53:39,020

you point out is the Yeller thing was

1164

00:53:42,190 --> 00:53:40,609

kind of cutting both ways for them I

1165

00:53:44,140 --> 00:53:42,200

mean it was getting everyone excited but

1166

00:53:45,849 --> 00:53:44,150

is also drawing them a lot of heat and

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00:53:48,460 --> 00:53:45,859

they were like we don't make you know we

1168

00:53:50,700 --> 00:53:48,470

don't need more of that yeah you know if

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00:53:54,220 --> 00:53:50,710

you're going to get funding from the CIA

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00:53:57,040 --> 00:53:54,230

to do that kind of research they want

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00:54:01,810 --> 00:53:57,050

you to be very quiet very respectable

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00:54:03,910 --> 00:54:01,820

not make a lot of waves and Erie Geller

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00:54:05,890 --> 00:54:03,920

was already too much of a loose cannon

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00:54:10,960 --> 00:54:05,900

and Ted Owens would have been far too

1175

00:54:13,599 --> 00:54:10,970

much for them so they they were very

1176
00:54:16,120 --> 00:54:13,609
happy that a young eager graduate

1177
00:54:20,320 --> 00:54:16,130
student such as myself at the time was

1178
00:54:24,310 --> 00:54:20,330
was willing to take that case off of

1179
00:54:27,550 --> 00:54:24,320
their hands and look into it and I met

1180
00:54:30,730 --> 00:54:27,560
Ted Owens a few months later in London

1181
00:54:32,890 --> 00:54:30,740
at a conference of the Paris Science

1182
00:54:35,740 --> 00:54:32,900
Foundation at the University of London

1183
00:54:38,410 --> 00:54:35,750
they were having a drought and a little

1184
00:54:41,770 --> 00:54:38,420
news article about what had happened in

1185
00:54:43,470 --> 00:54:41,780
California had been published in psychic

1186
00:54:47,700 --> 00:54:43,480
magazine which was an interesting

1187
00:54:50,800 --> 00:54:47,710
publication back in that era and so

1188
00:54:53,140 --> 00:54:50,810

professor John Taylor a mathematician at

1189

00:54:58,210 --> 00:54:53,150

King's College at the University of

1190

00:55:00,640 --> 00:54:58,220

London invited Owens to come to England

1191

00:55:06,520 --> 00:55:00,650

to end the drought that was going on

1192

00:55:08,050 --> 00:55:06,530

there and when I arrived in England once

1193

00:55:11,109 --> 00:55:08,060

again there was a terrible drought

1194

00:55:13,390 --> 00:55:11,119

people in some of the towns near London

1195

00:55:16,180 --> 00:55:13,400

could only get water when it was brought

1196

00:55:18,430 --> 00:55:16,190

in by truck and my friends in London

1197

00:55:20,530 --> 00:55:18,440

told me if you want your picture on the

1198

00:55:22,330 --> 00:55:20,540

front page of the London Times

1199

00:55:24,990 --> 00:55:22,340

all you have to do is walk down

1200

00:55:27,520 --> 00:55:25,000

Piccadilly Circus carrying an umbrella

1201

00:55:29,680 --> 00:55:27,530

people will take your picture and put it

1202

00:55:33,370 --> 00:55:29,690

in the newspaper it will seem so strange

1203

00:55:36,490 --> 00:55:33,380

but when Owens arrived once again rain

1204

00:55:39,280 --> 00:55:36,500

and sleet and hail and power blackouts

1205

00:55:41,320 --> 00:55:39,290

and the London subway system was shut

1206

00:55:43,240 --> 00:55:41,330

down and within a few days the

1207

00:55:47,350 --> 00:55:43,250

newspapers announced the drought was

1208

00:55:50,050 --> 00:55:47,360

over just like that but

1209

00:55:54,070 --> 00:55:50,060

at the Paris iins conference when Owens

1210

00:55:57,190 --> 00:55:54,080

got up to speak people thought he was a

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00:55:59,890 --> 00:55:57,200

loud American braggart they wanted

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00:56:03,220 --> 00:55:59,900

nothing to do with Jeff Jeff paint a

1213

00:56:05,680 --> 00:56:03,230

picture of what this guy looked like and

1214

00:56:07,920 --> 00:56:05,690

a little bit of his personality because

1215

00:56:10,540 --> 00:56:07,930

he he didn't care about being

1216

00:56:11,890 --> 00:56:10,550

off-putting it sounds like I mean felt

1217

00:56:14,050 --> 00:56:11,900

like he kind of relished that in a way

1218

00:56:15,280 --> 00:56:14,060

but I mean look at the whole persona I

1219

00:56:17,230 --> 00:56:15,290

mean what does that look like when it

1220

00:56:20,290 --> 00:56:17,240

comes up on the stage well he looked

1221

00:56:22,360 --> 00:56:20,300

like Santa Claus in those days he was a

1222

00:56:25,660 --> 00:56:22,370

little heavy said he had a big white

1223

00:56:29,080 --> 00:56:25,670

beard and white hair and bushy eyebrows

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00:56:32,260 --> 00:56:29,090

and he walked onto the stage carrying a

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00:56:35,080 --> 00:56:32,270

toy wagon like one of those little red

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00:56:37,450 --> 00:56:35,090

wagons that kids have and it was piled

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00:56:40,600 --> 00:56:37,460

high with papers and he said all of

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00:56:42,570 --> 00:56:40,610

these papers are documents from his many

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00:56:45,490 --> 00:56:42,580

demonstrations of his psychokinetic

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00:56:47,590 --> 00:56:45,500

abilities because he's the world's

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00:56:52,300 --> 00:56:47,600

greatest psychic and he can end droughts

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00:56:56,050 --> 00:56:52,310

and he can help end the Cold War and he

1233

00:56:59,410 --> 00:56:56,060

can summon UFOs and he's an ambassador

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00:57:02,320 --> 00:56:59,420

for the UFO he regarded himself as the

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00:57:05,440 --> 00:57:02,330

ambassador to earth from what he called

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00:57:09,040 --> 00:57:05,450

the space intelligences invisible beings

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00:57:12,880 --> 00:57:09,050

on an invisible giant spaceship hovering

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00:57:15,970 --> 00:57:12,890

above the planet sometimes they took the

1239

00:57:17,770 --> 00:57:15,980

form he said of like giant insects like

1240

00:57:20,170 --> 00:57:17,780

preying mantises and they made

1241

00:57:22,780 --> 00:57:20,180

high-pitched squeaky noises and he

1242

00:57:26,110 --> 00:57:22,790

called them tweeter and Twitter because

1243

00:57:28,690 --> 00:57:26,120

of that and well he virtually got

1244

00:57:31,390 --> 00:57:28,700

laughed off the stage the organisers

1245

00:57:33,790 --> 00:57:31,400

came in the middle of his presentation

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00:57:36,460 --> 00:57:33,800

and said oh excuse us one of the

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00:57:38,350 --> 00:57:36,470

speakers who had just shown up and so

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00:57:40,720 --> 00:57:38,360

you have to leave the stage right now

1249

00:57:43,870 --> 00:57:40,730

and he was very humiliated and

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00:57:46,210 --> 00:57:43,880

embarrassed by that and I began I

1251
00:57:49,210 --> 00:57:46,220
introduced myself to him at that point

1252
00:57:52,780 --> 00:57:49,220
and we struck up a friendship and later

1253
00:57:54,760 --> 00:57:52,790
on I stood up in front of the whole

1254
00:57:57,190 --> 00:57:54,770
conference and said I happen to know

1255
00:57:58,380 --> 00:57:57,200
firsthand about what he had done in

1256
00:58:01,140 --> 00:57:58,390
California and

1257
00:58:04,289 --> 00:58:01,150
the drought and you know even though he

1258
00:58:05,970 --> 00:58:04,299
may seem to you to be an unacceptable

1259
00:58:08,849 --> 00:58:05,980
kind of person I think we should take

1260
00:58:10,980 --> 00:58:08,859
him seriously and he was very grateful

1261
00:58:14,000 --> 00:58:10,990
that I did that and we developed a

1262
00:58:16,980 --> 00:58:14,010
friendship and I continued to

1263
00:58:20,250 --> 00:58:16,990

investigate his claims for the next 10

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00:58:21,960 --> 00:58:20,260

years amazing so tell us about some of

1265

00:58:24,150 --> 00:58:21,970

those claims the story that always

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00:58:28,769 --> 00:58:24,160

sticks in my mind and I think you have

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00:58:30,980 --> 00:58:28,779

an affidavit from an attorney that saw I

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00:58:32,190 --> 00:58:30,990

did that the lightning thing is just

1269

00:58:33,960 --> 00:58:32,200

unbelievable

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00:58:37,440 --> 00:58:33,970

so maybe tell that story in any other

1271

00:58:39,930 --> 00:58:37,450

stories in instances in the files and

1272

00:58:43,640 --> 00:58:39,940

even today I have two full file drawers

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00:58:46,710 --> 00:58:43,650

with over a hundred and sixty various

1274

00:58:48,329 --> 00:58:46,720

demonstrations that that he did and one

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00:58:51,359 --> 00:58:48,339

of the things that he was known for

1276

00:58:54,630 --> 00:58:51,369

doing is causing lightning to strike and

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00:58:57,029 --> 00:58:54,640

in one occasion he was working as a high

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00:58:59,970 --> 00:58:57,039

speed typist at a law office in

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00:59:02,579 --> 00:58:59,980

Philadelphia and once again bragging

1280

00:59:04,499 --> 00:59:02,589

about his abilities and he said I could

1281

00:59:07,319 --> 00:59:04,509

make lightning strike and one of the

1282

00:59:10,349 --> 00:59:07,329

lawyers was with him and he said okay

1283

00:59:12,960 --> 00:59:10,359

they're in this skyscraper looking out

1284

00:59:15,509 --> 00:59:12,970

the window it was an overcast day but

1285

00:59:17,910 --> 00:59:15,519

there was no lightning in the sky at all

1286

00:59:20,279 --> 00:59:17,920

and the lawyer said you see that bridge

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00:59:23,339 --> 00:59:20,289

there the Camden bridge leading from

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00:59:25,620 --> 00:59:23,349

Philadelphia into Camden New Jersey said

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00:59:28,529 --> 00:59:25,630

make lightning strike that bridge and

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00:59:30,599 --> 00:59:28,539

Owen stood up and he pointed his finger

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00:59:33,299 --> 00:59:30,609

at the bridge and within about a minute

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00:59:36,059 --> 00:59:33,309

a bolt of lightning just came out of the

1293

00:59:37,829 --> 00:59:36,069

sky in the direction of the bridge it

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00:59:40,829 --> 00:59:37,839

didn't actually hit the bridge but it

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00:59:43,890 --> 00:59:40,839

was in the vicinity of the bridge and

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00:59:47,039 --> 00:59:43,900

that lawyer was named Sidney margulies

1297

00:59:48,930 --> 00:59:47,049

and I personally interviewed him and

1298

00:59:52,490 --> 00:59:48,940

then maybe about ten years later

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00:59:56,130 --> 00:59:52,500

interviewed and again and he remembered

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00:59:58,230 --> 00:59:56,140

those events very very vividly it's one

1301
01:00:00,329 --> 00:59:58,240
of the most impressive things that had

1302
01:00:02,880 --> 01:00:00,339
ever occurred to him in his lifetime to

1303
01:00:05,160 --> 01:00:02,890
see somebody point their finger like

1304
01:00:09,359 --> 01:00:05,170
that and a bolt of lightning come out of

1305
01:00:11,910 --> 01:00:09,369
the sky looking back it's been a couple

1306
01:00:13,230 --> 01:00:11,920
of years what do you what do you

1307
01:00:14,549 --> 01:00:13,240
take when you mull that over in your

1308
01:00:17,490 --> 01:00:14,559
mind and you think of that whole

1309
01:00:19,109 --> 01:00:17,500
experience with Ted Owens what do you

1310
01:00:21,809 --> 01:00:19,119
make of it and as your opinion changed

1311
01:00:24,960 --> 01:00:21,819
over the years well I

1312
01:00:27,289 --> 01:00:24,970
it's hard to make anything of it because

1313
01:00:30,900 --> 01:00:27,299

it's so bizarre and there's so many

1314

01:00:35,700 --> 01:00:30,910

components to it and Owens himself was

1315

01:00:38,609 --> 01:00:35,710

such a difficult person frankly when I

1316

01:00:41,210 --> 01:00:38,619

introduced him to a colleague dr. Lee

1317

01:00:44,849 --> 01:00:41,220

Poulos who was also a parapsychological

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01:00:47,970 --> 01:00:44,859

investigator and he described Owens as

1319

01:00:51,480 --> 01:00:47,980

like a grizzly bear with a burr up its

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01:00:53,700 --> 01:00:51,490

ass right but the phenomenon had

1321

01:00:56,700 --> 01:00:53,710

different components you could say there

1322

01:01:00,289 --> 01:00:56,710

was a psychokinesis component there was

1323

01:01:03,470 --> 01:01:00,299

a UFO component there was a precognition

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01:01:06,059 --> 01:01:03,480

component there were poltergeist

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01:01:09,150 --> 01:01:06,069

activities that constantly seemed to

1326
01:01:11,880 --> 01:01:09,160
surround him so all of these things were

1327
01:01:15,359 --> 01:01:11,890
going on and I guess one thing it's fair

1328
01:01:18,599 --> 01:01:15,369
to say it's it's it's he is exemplifies

1329
01:01:23,670 --> 01:01:18,609
why para psychologists often use the

1330
01:01:26,039 --> 01:01:23,680
term sy the Greek letter sy to sort of

1331
01:01:27,930 --> 01:01:26,049
lump all of these phenomenon together

1332
01:01:30,390 --> 01:01:27,940
because it's sometimes very hard to

1333
01:01:33,480 --> 01:01:30,400
distinguish one from another and they

1334
01:01:34,309 --> 01:01:33,490
all seem to operate in conjunction with

1335
01:01:37,530 --> 01:01:34,319
each other

1336
01:01:40,530 --> 01:01:37,540
so dr. Mishlove we've talked a lot about

1337
01:01:42,510 --> 01:01:40,540
new thinking aloud but tell folks what's

1338
01:01:43,740 --> 01:01:42,520

coming up what your vision is for the

1339

01:01:46,020 --> 01:01:43,750

show where you think you're going to

1340

01:01:48,750 --> 01:01:46,030

take it any other projects you might be

1341

01:01:50,400 --> 01:01:48,760

working on and the best place to find it

1342

01:01:52,920 --> 01:01:50,410

obviously is on YouTube right or is

1343

01:01:56,760 --> 01:01:52,930

there other ways to find it you can go

1344

01:01:58,819 --> 01:01:56,770

with new thinking aloud al l o w e d

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01:02:01,770 --> 01:01:58,829

it's all one word new thinking aloud

1346

01:02:03,690 --> 01:02:01,780

calm and that will take you right to the

1347

01:02:06,030 --> 01:02:03,700

YouTube channel

1348

01:02:08,700 --> 01:02:06,040

we've already posted about 200

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01:02:12,260 --> 01:02:08,710

interviews I would say at this point I'm

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01:02:15,799 --> 01:02:12,270

specializing in career retrospective

1351
01:02:19,680 --> 01:02:15,809
interviews with leading researchers in

1352
01:02:21,090 --> 01:02:19,690
parapsychology yet I've turned 70 last

1353
01:02:23,970 --> 01:02:21,100
year and

1354
01:02:29,010 --> 01:02:23,980
many of the people I've known for the

1355
01:02:31,410 --> 01:02:29,020
last half a century are in their 70s now

1356
01:02:34,620 --> 01:02:31,420
they've done marvelous work I've

1357
01:02:37,320 --> 01:02:34,630
completed 24 interviews with Stephen

1358
01:02:40,110 --> 01:02:37,330
Schwartz who was the great pioneer of

1359
01:02:44,250 --> 01:02:40,120
psychic archeology I've completed a

1360
01:02:45,960 --> 01:02:44,260
dozen with a Charlie tart who coined the

1361
01:02:50,130 --> 01:02:45,970
term altered states of consciousness

1362
01:02:52,770 --> 01:02:50,140
I've completed about 10 now with Russell

1363
01:02:56,660 --> 01:02:52,780

Targ who helped found the remote viewing

1364

01:03:00,210 --> 01:02:56,670

research program at SR I international

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01:03:03,590 --> 01:03:00,220

I've done 14 with Stanley krypter who

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01:03:07,140 --> 01:03:03,600

was the pioneer in dream telepathy

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01:03:09,990 --> 01:03:07,150

research and has studied shamanistic

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01:03:12,960 --> 01:03:10,000

traditions all over the world so I'm

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01:03:16,950 --> 01:03:12,970

hoping to get as many of these senior

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01:03:20,360 --> 01:03:16,960

researchers as possible who are still

1371

01:03:23,550 --> 01:03:20,370

alive but are going to live forever and

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01:03:28,230 --> 01:03:23,560

get them to reflect back on their life's

1373

01:03:31,170 --> 01:03:28,240

work so that that's the the main thrust

1374

01:03:34,320 --> 01:03:31,180

of what I'm doing at this point I it's

1375

01:03:35,760 --> 01:03:34,330

absolutely fabulous and it's important

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01:03:37,920 --> 01:03:35,770

important work and I think it will as

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01:03:38,760 --> 01:03:37,930

your original kind of vision for it

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01:03:41,430 --> 01:03:38,770

Endora

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01:03:42,870 --> 01:03:41,440

my pleasure Alex thanks again to dr.

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01:03:44,490 --> 01:03:42,880

Jeffrey Mitchell all for joining me

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01:03:46,080 --> 01:03:44,500

today on skeptic oh you know the

1382

01:03:48,690 --> 01:03:46,090

question ITF from this interview because

1383

01:03:50,550 --> 01:03:48,700

I just can't get past it is what do you

1384

01:03:53,070 --> 01:03:50,560

make the Ted Owens case what do you make

1385

01:03:55,050 --> 01:03:53,080

of the PK man and it seems to me that

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01:03:57,960 --> 01:03:55,060

that's something that either needs to be

1387

01:04:00,870 --> 01:03:57,970

just broadly debunked I mean either the

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01:04:05,250 --> 01:04:00,880

whole thing is just completely contrived

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01:04:07,350 --> 01:04:05,260

and made up or it completely shatters

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01:04:09,480 --> 01:04:07,360

our understanding of reality I know

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01:04:10,290 --> 01:04:09,490

that's kind of a big statement but it's

1392

01:04:12,180 --> 01:04:10,300

true

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01:04:13,830 --> 01:04:12,190

which brings up another point I guess I

1394

01:04:16,140 --> 01:04:13,840

don't know if it's in a question form or

1395

01:04:19,560 --> 01:04:16,150

not but it's like you know when you talk

1396

01:04:22,230 --> 01:04:19,570

to Jeff you kind of get this sense of a

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01:04:24,000 --> 01:04:22,240

guy who's seen it all done it all to a

1398

01:04:27,180 --> 01:04:24,010

certain extent at least in the people

1399

01:04:29,760 --> 01:04:27,190

he's talked to and he's very measured

1400

01:04:32,270 --> 01:04:29,770

and careful about what he says because

1401

01:04:34,880 --> 01:04:32,280

he's like saying do

1402

01:04:37,310 --> 01:04:34,890

if you've been with Ted Owens and you've

1403

01:04:40,250 --> 01:04:37,320

seen him direct lightning bolts with his

1404

01:04:43,040 --> 01:04:40,260

finger and summon UFOs well then all the

1405

01:04:46,670 --> 01:04:43,050

rest of this stuff has to fit in a world

1406

01:04:49,280 --> 01:04:46,680

that's dramatically different than what

1407

01:04:51,710 --> 01:04:49,290

we imagine it to be on a day to day

1408

01:04:54,440 --> 01:04:51,720

basis now that's my read of it he never

1409

01:04:57,859 --> 01:04:54,450

does anything like that but that's what

1410

01:04:59,300 --> 01:04:57,869

I'm taking out of this so how about you

1411

01:05:00,560 --> 01:04:59,310

what are your thoughts on that let me

1412

01:05:02,540 --> 01:05:00,570

know of course you can do that through

1413

01:05:03,980 --> 01:05:02,550

the skeptical forum or through the

1414

01:05:06,140 --> 01:05:03,990

sceptical website or send me an email

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01:05:06,500 --> 01:05:06,150

whatever you like the website is of

1416

01:05:10,310 --> 01:05:06,510

course

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01:05:13,070 --> 01:05:10,320

skepti KO calm if you like this

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01:05:15,560 --> 01:05:13,080

interview I have 350 more of them you

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01:05:18,080 --> 01:05:15,570

could go and listen to and I hope you do

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01:05:21,920 --> 01:05:18,090

they're all there available for free and

1421

01:05:24,680 --> 01:05:21,930

I have some more ones coming up good

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01:05:25,970 --> 01:05:24,690

ones I think it just keeps rolling on I

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01:05:29,120 --> 01:05:25,980

keep saying I want to do it every other

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01:05:32,540 --> 01:05:29,130

week and I wind up doing it every week