



Dr. Jerry B. Brown
Skeptiko #351

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00:00:11,209 --> 00:00:08,870
on this episode of skeptic oh wait a

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00:00:13,999 --> 00:00:11,219
minute I've heard you say this before do

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00:00:18,830 --> 00:00:14,009
you think for a second that this idea

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00:00:19,790 --> 00:00:18,840
that recasting Jesus from this a born of

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00:00:24,769 --> 00:00:19,800
a virgin

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00:00:27,890 --> 00:00:24,779
son of God God on earth being to someone

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:27,900
who's well schooled in and theagenes in

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00:00:33,799 --> 00:00:30,960
healing there is no way that's going to

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00:00:38,180 --> 00:00:33,809
fly with modern day Christianity whether

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00:00:41,950 --> 00:00:38,190
you believe in all the other stories

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00:00:44,600 --> 00:00:41,960
about the Bible you can and it is not

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00:00:46,819 --> 00:00:44,610
contradictory to a belief system that

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00:00:49,850 --> 00:00:46,829

says that Jesus was the son of God if

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00:00:52,610 --> 00:00:49,860

that is your belief to contemplate that

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00:00:57,110 --> 00:00:52,620

he could have realized his divinity

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00:00:59,830 --> 00:00:57,120

through and the ages stay with us for

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00:00:59,840 --> 00:01:07,300

[Music]

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00:01:11,420 --> 00:01:09,620

welcome to skeptic Oh where we explore

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00:01:14,030 --> 00:01:11,430

controversial science and spirituality

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00:01:16,370 --> 00:01:14,040

with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:01:18,650 --> 00:01:16,380

their critics of course have to have

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00:01:21,200 --> 00:01:18,660

their critics in there your host Alex

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00:01:23,150 --> 00:01:21,210

acarcide on this episode a really

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00:01:25,370 --> 00:01:23,160

interesting topic that we've touched on

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00:01:28,280 --> 00:01:25,380

only slightly here and there and I'm

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00:01:30,469 --> 00:01:28,290

glad to bring it center stage dr. Jerry

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00:01:32,749 --> 00:01:30,479

Brown along with his wife Julie brown

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:32,759

have written a book the psychedelic

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00:01:37,730 --> 00:01:36,240

Gospels so the issue here is something

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00:01:40,370 --> 00:01:37,740

you've probably heard about you know

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00:01:42,440 --> 00:01:40,380

we're psychedelics a part of early

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00:01:45,139 --> 00:01:42,450

Christian history spoiler alert

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00:01:47,690 --> 00:01:45,149

yes they were here's an anthropologist

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00:01:50,060 --> 00:01:47,700

who has looked into it extensively and

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00:01:52,310 --> 00:01:50,070

kind of nailed it he has all the artwork

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00:01:54,740 --> 00:01:52,320

all the analysis all the stuff that's

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00:01:56,540 --> 00:01:54,750

kind of beyond question but of course

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00:01:58,760 --> 00:01:56,550

this is skeptical we want to go much

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00:02:01,249 --> 00:01:58,770

further than that and the questions that

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00:02:03,620 --> 00:02:01,259

I really want to pull apart were a what

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00:02:06,200 --> 00:02:03,630

does that mean does it mean like some

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00:02:07,490 --> 00:02:06,210

atheists take it that Christianity is

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00:02:08,900 --> 00:02:07,500

just Punk because those we're just

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00:02:11,420 --> 00:02:08,910

trippin you know I mean that's the

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00:02:14,449 --> 00:02:11,430

that's the the takeaway there from the

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00:02:16,940 --> 00:02:14,459

atheist side now there's a nother side

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00:02:19,130 --> 00:02:16,950

there's a super progressive Christian

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00:02:20,600 --> 00:02:19,140

and please don't ask me to point this

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00:02:22,340 --> 00:02:20,610

person out because I don't know who or

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00:02:26,570 --> 00:02:22,350

where they are who would believe that

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:26,580
okay the Christian narrative about Jesus

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00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:29,040
and son of God and virgin birth and all

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00:02:34,430 --> 00:02:32,400
that stuff that's still intact and he

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00:02:37,310 --> 00:02:34,440
was introducing psychedelic mushrooms as

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00:02:40,759 --> 00:02:37,320
well and that has to be in play too here

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00:02:43,100 --> 00:02:40,769
because as you'll hear that's kind of in

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00:02:46,580 --> 00:02:43,110
play for Jerry and then there's this

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00:02:50,770 --> 00:02:46,590
vast middle ground of you know who was

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00:02:53,840 --> 00:02:50,780
this figure Jesus what role have these

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00:02:56,569 --> 00:02:53,850
psychedelics I hate the term ethnic

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00:02:59,500 --> 00:02:56,579
jinns but you know what role have they

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00:03:02,569 --> 00:02:59,510
played in the development of of

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00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:02,579

religions of wisdom traditions of people

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00:03:08,960 --> 00:03:05,760

just experiencing these extended realms

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00:03:11,089 --> 00:03:08,970

so really interesting topic a lot to

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00:03:13,760 --> 00:03:11,099

pull apart there and we try and do it

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00:03:15,790 --> 00:03:13,770

all in this interview with dr. Jerry

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00:03:21,380 --> 00:03:15,800

Brown

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00:03:24,170 --> 00:03:21,390

skeptic Oh Jerry is an anthropologist

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00:03:26,690 --> 00:03:24,180

who along with his wife Julie who is a

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00:03:29,540 --> 00:03:26,700

psychotherapist have written the

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00:03:33,290 --> 00:03:29,550

psychedelic Gospels the secret history

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00:03:35,540 --> 00:03:33,300

of hallucinogens in Christianity Jerry

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00:03:38,990 --> 00:03:35,550

welcome to skeptic oh it's a pleasure to

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00:03:42,800 --> 00:03:39,000

be here thank you I so dirt this idea

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00:03:46,070 --> 00:03:42,810

that psychedelics have somehow played a

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00:03:48,860 --> 00:03:46,080

role in Christianity and in a broader

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00:03:51,290 --> 00:03:48,870

sense maybe some or all the world's

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:51,300

religions is something that's been out

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00:03:56,930 --> 00:03:53,850

there for a while and has picked up some

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00:03:58,820 --> 00:03:56,940

steam in the last 20 years or so but it

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00:04:01,190 --> 00:03:58,830

looks like you're really bringing

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00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:01,200

something new to this discussion

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00:04:06,560 --> 00:04:04,560

certainly a rigor and research academic

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00:04:08,960 --> 00:04:06,570

background that I don't know has been

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00:04:11,060 --> 00:04:08,970

there before was that your intent and

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00:04:14,510 --> 00:04:11,070

how did you get started in looking at

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00:04:17,810 --> 00:04:14,520

this well let me let me start off by

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00:04:20,060 --> 00:04:17,820

talking about how we got started and

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00:04:21,800 --> 00:04:20,070

looking at this and then come back to

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00:04:25,850 --> 00:04:21,810

your question about you know the the

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00:04:30,170 --> 00:04:25,860

rigor etc I'm an anthropologist by

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00:04:35,420 --> 00:04:30,180

training and after my first LSD

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00:04:38,480 --> 00:04:35,430

experience I which was I was in a

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00:04:41,780 --> 00:04:38,490

tumultuous time in my life and a set

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00:04:45,080 --> 00:04:41,790

that I came into it was quite unsettling

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00:04:47,570 --> 00:04:45,090

and I had a difficult experience and I

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00:04:49,760 --> 00:04:47,580

took it as both a challenge and an

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00:04:52,850 --> 00:04:49,770

opportunity to learn more much more

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00:04:55,520 --> 00:04:52,860

about psychedelics and so as a founding

101
00:04:57,880 --> 00:04:55,530
professor of anthropology at Florida

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00:05:02,900 --> 00:04:57,890
International University in Miami I

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00:05:04,790 --> 00:05:02,910
designed and taught in 1975 of course

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00:05:07,790 --> 00:05:04,800
called hallucinogens in culture which

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00:05:10,580 --> 00:05:07,800
was still offered today it might be the

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00:05:14,240 --> 00:05:10,590
first University catalogue course for

107
00:05:16,040 --> 00:05:14,250
credit course on psychedelics in the US

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00:05:20,240 --> 00:05:16,050
I'm not positive about that

109
00:05:21,860 --> 00:05:20,250
in any case in the process and I can

110
00:05:23,529 --> 00:05:21,870
talk more about the course it was it

111
00:05:25,700 --> 00:05:23,539
starts out with indigenous use of

112
00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:25,710
hallucinogens in psychedelics and

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00:05:29,720 --> 00:05:27,600

theagenes in shamanism

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00:05:32,480 --> 00:05:29,730

to classical cultures of Greece in India

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00:05:34,580 --> 00:05:32,490

and concludes with the what I call the

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00:05:38,450 --> 00:05:34,590

modern Psychonauts the Timothy Leary's

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00:05:41,870 --> 00:05:38,460

the ramadasa is the John lilies of the

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00:05:43,880 --> 00:05:41,880

world so in the process I became quite

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00:05:47,180 --> 00:05:43,890

familiar with ethnobotany

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00:05:50,210 --> 00:05:47,190

and the ethno mycology the way in which

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00:05:55,100 --> 00:05:50,220

different cultures use and relate to the

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00:05:58,250 --> 00:05:55,110

mushroom world then in 2006 on an

123

00:06:01,790 --> 00:05:58,260

anniversary trip to Scotland my wife

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00:06:02,390 --> 00:06:01,800

Julie and I decided to visit Rosslyn

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00:06:05,350 --> 00:06:02,400

Chapel

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00:06:09,410 --> 00:06:05,360

inspired by the mansion of Rosslyn in

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00:06:11,330 --> 00:06:09,420

Dan Brown's book and film The Da Vinci

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00:06:12,950 --> 00:06:11,340

Code the jury let me just add a joke

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00:06:16,220 --> 00:06:12,960

with a quick question here at this point

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00:06:18,530 --> 00:06:16,230

did you have any sense that you were

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00:06:20,890 --> 00:06:18,540

going to investigate this connection

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00:06:25,100 --> 00:06:20,900

further this long interest you'd had in

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00:06:27,080 --> 00:06:25,110

hallucinogens and the early Christian

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00:06:29,270 --> 00:06:27,090

kind of perspective did you have any

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00:06:31,820 --> 00:06:29,280

sense of that none whatsoever in fact

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00:06:36,140 --> 00:06:31,830

quite the contrary as we point out in

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00:06:38,450 --> 00:06:36,150

the book having you know cut my teeth on

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00:06:41,450 --> 00:06:38,460

the groundbait braking and pioneering

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00:06:46,010 --> 00:06:41,460

studies of Gordon Watson who whose

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00:06:48,230 --> 00:06:46,020

poetic writings and erudite research

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00:06:51,530 --> 00:06:48,240

gave wings to the young field of ethno

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00:06:54,430 --> 00:06:51,540

mycology I also had accepted his

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00:06:56,810 --> 00:06:54,440

authoritative conclusion that

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00:06:57,740 --> 00:06:56,820

psychedelics or as we like to call them

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00:07:00,290 --> 00:06:57,750

entheogens

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00:07:03,380 --> 00:07:00,300

plants that and chemicals that generate

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00:07:07,340 --> 00:07:03,390

the divine within that entheogen had

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00:07:09,070 --> 00:07:07,350

ended a thousand in the judeo-christian

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00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:09,080

tradition had ended a thousand years

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00:07:15,560 --> 00:07:12,960

before the coming of Christianity so I

151
00:07:17,770 --> 00:07:15,570
had kind of closed that door with many

152
00:07:20,570 --> 00:07:17,780
other scholars taking Wasson's

153
00:07:23,330 --> 00:07:20,580
observations as correct and had no

154
00:07:26,450 --> 00:07:23,340
inkling prior to visiting Rosslyn Chapel

155
00:07:28,580 --> 00:07:26,460
and the events that unfolded after that

156
00:07:30,860 --> 00:07:28,590
fateful visit that I would ever be

157
00:07:33,680 --> 00:07:30,870
researching this topic not not in a

158
00:07:35,900 --> 00:07:33,690
million years let me just ask you you

159
00:07:38,390 --> 00:07:35,910
tell the great story in the book about

160
00:07:39,570 --> 00:07:38,400
the experience that you had sitting in

161
00:07:41,400 --> 00:07:39,580
this cafe

162
00:07:43,710 --> 00:07:41,410
you're exhausted from the trip it's a

163
00:07:45,720 --> 00:07:43,720

great story can you retell it it gets

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00:07:48,150 --> 00:07:45,730

such a great turning point in the book

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00:07:50,520 --> 00:07:48,160

sure so so at Rosslyn I was fascinated

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00:07:52,440 --> 00:07:50,530

by these hundred green men because

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00:07:54,990 --> 00:07:52,450

Rosslyn is a synthesis it's a Catholic

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00:07:57,350 --> 00:07:55,000

Church but it is in a 15th century

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00:08:00,510 --> 00:07:57,360

incredible synthesis of pagan and

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00:08:02,280 --> 00:08:00,520

Catholic symbolism and there are over a

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00:08:04,560 --> 00:08:02,290

hundred griemann there and they're

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00:08:07,500 --> 00:08:04,570

protruding down from the ceiling in a

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00:08:09,720 --> 00:08:07,510

stone boss is what I consider to be

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00:08:12,420 --> 00:08:09,730

explained the griemann thing the green

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00:08:14,610 --> 00:08:12,430

greement or fertility symbols they have

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00:08:17,310 --> 00:08:14,620

a kind of fierce fecundity about them

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00:08:20,160 --> 00:08:17,320

they're found throughout Europe there

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00:08:22,440 --> 00:08:20,170

are taverns named the green man but

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00:08:24,240 --> 00:08:22,450

green man images from India you can find

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00:08:26,670 --> 00:08:24,250

them from India to Europe and churches

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00:08:29,400 --> 00:08:26,680

and in other places kind of gargoyle is

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00:08:32,760 --> 00:08:29,410

looking things if you die not not really

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00:08:34,620 --> 00:08:32,770

but not at general not as a grotesque as

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00:08:37,770 --> 00:08:34,630

gargoyles but certainly interesting

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00:08:40,260 --> 00:08:37,780

faces with a variety of emotional

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00:08:42,500 --> 00:08:40,270

expressions and very often with vines

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00:08:45,210 --> 00:08:42,510

and tendrils growing out of the eyes

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00:08:47,610 --> 00:08:45,220

growing into the nostrils around the

189

00:08:50,760 --> 00:08:47,620

mouth so they're they're wrapped in

190

00:08:53,610 --> 00:08:50,770

Earth symbolism and this one particular

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00:08:55,890 --> 00:08:53,620

green man head that that kind of glares

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00:08:57,900 --> 00:08:55,900

enigmatic aliy and somewhat sardonically

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00:08:59,820 --> 00:08:57,910

down from the ceiling right over the

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00:09:01,530 --> 00:08:59,830

most sacred part of the church that the

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00:09:04,410 --> 00:09:01,540

altars in the front where worship is

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00:09:07,830 --> 00:09:04,420

conducted and mass is conducted

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00:09:10,860 --> 00:09:07,840

I found a moment a plaster replica of

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00:09:13,560 --> 00:09:10,870

this grand man head in the gift shop

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00:09:15,930 --> 00:09:13,570

in Rosslyn Chapel bought it put it into

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00:09:18,210 --> 00:09:15,940

my knapsack and then Julie and I

201
00:09:21,210 --> 00:09:18,220
traveled a little more and we came to

202
00:09:23,940 --> 00:09:21,220
visit st. Andrews and when we arrived in

203
00:09:26,220 --> 00:09:23,950
st. Andrews a hot thirsty hip fatigued

204
00:09:30,000 --> 00:09:26,230
from our trip out of the Cairngorm

205
00:09:31,950 --> 00:09:30,010
mountains in Scotland we drove I put

206
00:09:33,690 --> 00:09:31,960
this Julie had gone to the ladies room I

207
00:09:35,910 --> 00:09:33,700
put the green mint I reached for the map

208
00:09:38,220 --> 00:09:35,920
I found the green man head I put it down

209
00:09:40,430 --> 00:09:38,230
on the table the red and white checkered

210
00:09:41,580 --> 00:09:40,440
table in this Italian restaurant and

211
00:09:44,520 --> 00:09:41,590
absent-mindedly

212
00:09:48,900 --> 00:09:44,530
turned it around 180 degrees and found

213
00:09:51,450 --> 00:09:48,910

myself staring at a replica sculptured

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00:09:52,920 --> 00:09:51,460

replica of a psychedelic Amanita

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00:09:55,950 --> 00:09:52,930

muscaria mushroom

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00:09:58,050 --> 00:09:55,960

sculpted upside down into the far head

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00:10:00,720 --> 00:09:58,060

right over the pineal gland of this

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00:10:04,200 --> 00:10:00,730

green man did you recognize it

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00:10:06,870 --> 00:10:04,210

immediately I did and as a as someone

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00:10:08,790 --> 00:10:06,880

who's schooled in botany as you were you

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00:10:13,470 --> 00:10:08,800

know because you'd investigated all this

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00:10:15,750 --> 00:10:13,480

what would tell you that that was that

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00:10:17,790 --> 00:10:15,760

particular mushroom and what did that

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00:10:20,190 --> 00:10:17,800

mean to you at the time did you

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00:10:23,040 --> 00:10:20,200

immediately make that connection yes I

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00:10:25,500 --> 00:10:23,050

immediately made that connection it was

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00:10:28,530 --> 00:10:25,510

the you know it was represented the

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00:10:31,290 --> 00:10:28,540

stages of the growth of Amanita it had

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00:10:34,560 --> 00:10:31,300

the bulb at the bottom it had the veil

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00:10:38,100 --> 00:10:34,570

where the AH Moneta sheds when it comes

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00:10:41,070 --> 00:10:38,110

up white and then this white veil peels

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00:10:43,829 --> 00:10:41,080

back revealing the red mushroom ending

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00:10:45,960 --> 00:10:43,839

up the white so it ends up red with sort

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00:10:48,030 --> 00:10:45,970

of white speckles or dots on it which

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00:10:52,530 --> 00:10:48,040

are the remains of the white filament or

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00:10:55,440 --> 00:10:52,540

veil and there it was and a few years

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00:10:58,829 --> 00:10:55,450

later when we were writing the book I

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00:11:02,790 --> 00:10:58,839

ran into Tilly and I had dinner with

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00:11:04,380 --> 00:11:02,800

Paul Stamets the eminent mycologist one

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00:11:07,500 --> 00:11:04,390

of the most eminent mycologists in the

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00:11:09,660 --> 00:11:07,510

world and I asked Paul Paul I've

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00:11:12,090 --> 00:11:09,670

identified this as aa *Moneta muscari* and

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00:11:14,400 --> 00:11:12,100

I'd appreciate it if you would take a

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00:11:17,130 --> 00:11:14,410

look at it he looked at it and he said

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00:11:19,590 --> 00:11:17,140

this is a taxonomically correct

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00:11:22,110 --> 00:11:19,600

Amanita muscaria and I said are you sure

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00:11:25,079 --> 00:11:22,120

and he said absolutely he laughs he

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00:11:27,810 --> 00:11:25,089

pulls out his laptop Paul Stamets and he

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00:11:30,420 --> 00:11:27,820

shows me his other pictures of other

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00:11:32,880 --> 00:11:30,430

mushrooms that he found during his visit

251
00:11:35,070 --> 00:11:32,890
to Rosslyn Chapel so now not only had I

252
00:11:37,710 --> 00:11:35,080
identified it but one of the world's

253
00:11:40,650 --> 00:11:37,720
most eminent mycologist Paul Stamets

254
00:11:44,340 --> 00:11:40,660
confirmed the identification as atomic

255
00:11:45,540 --> 00:11:44,350
taxonomically correct this is the AMA

256
00:11:48,510 --> 00:11:45,550
Needham Iscariot

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00:11:50,819 --> 00:11:48,520
which is used in ritual shamanism by the

258
00:11:52,910 --> 00:11:50,829
three hundred thousand reindeer herders

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00:11:56,400 --> 00:11:52,920
who are spread throughout Russia from

260
00:11:58,769 --> 00:11:56,410
Siberia all the way to Central Russia

261
00:12:03,000 --> 00:11:58,779
all the way over to the Scandinavian

262
00:12:04,600 --> 00:12:03,010
Peninsula it is also the famous soma of

263
00:12:07,509 --> 00:12:04,610

the Hindu ribbon

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00:12:11,019 --> 00:12:07,519

which was identified by Gordon Watson in

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00:12:13,150 --> 00:12:11,029

his round great ground brick which was

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00:12:15,819 --> 00:12:13,160

identified by Gordon Watson in his

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00:12:19,359 --> 00:12:15,829

ground breaking and seminal book soma

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00:12:22,989 --> 00:12:19,369

divine mushroom of immortality as the

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00:12:25,479 --> 00:12:22,999

enigmatic plant that was worshipped as a

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00:12:28,749 --> 00:12:25,489

God a plant in the juice of the plant in

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00:12:30,910 --> 00:12:28,759

the Hindu Rig Veda 3500 year old one of

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00:12:33,100 --> 00:12:30,920

the world's oldest religious scriptures

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00:12:35,199 --> 00:12:33,110

and one of the oldest Vettes so what's

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00:12:38,949 --> 00:12:35,209

the significance of finding this in

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00:12:41,049 --> 00:12:38,959

Rosslyn Chapel okay so here what is this

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00:12:43,919 --> 00:12:41,059

saying to us what is this telling us

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00:12:46,389 --> 00:12:43,929

that there's a psychoactive mushroom in

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00:12:48,519 --> 00:12:46,399

sculpted in one of the most prominent

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00:12:51,280 --> 00:12:48,529

sacred places of Rosslyn Chapel what was

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00:12:53,559 --> 00:12:51,290

William st. Clair the founder of Rosslyn

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00:12:55,869 --> 00:12:53,569

Chapel trying to communicate if anything

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00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:55,879

and now my our mind started racing did

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00:13:00,309 --> 00:12:58,160

it mean was this a hint that there were

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00:13:02,919 --> 00:13:00,319

psychoactive plants in Christian art

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00:13:05,379 --> 00:13:02,929

would there be other churches that had

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00:13:08,079 --> 00:13:05,389

psychoactive plants was this a secret

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00:13:09,639 --> 00:13:08,089

practice that went back all the way

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00:13:11,499 --> 00:13:09,649

through Christian history through

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00:13:15,579 --> 00:13:11,509

medieval times to early Christian church

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00:13:17,319 --> 00:13:15,589

even into the life of Jesus and the

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00:13:20,319 --> 00:13:17,329

disciples in other words was this the

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00:13:22,869 --> 00:13:20,329

original Eucharist so now our heads are

293

00:13:24,400 --> 00:13:22,879

spinning we're speculating wildly we

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00:13:26,859 --> 00:13:24,410

have challenged what we know is

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00:13:29,169 --> 00:13:26,869

reasonable we have come to the almost

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00:13:31,659 --> 00:13:29,179

the rambunctious overthrow of Reason and

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00:13:34,509 --> 00:13:31,669

then the words of Carl Sagan the famous

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00:13:36,840 --> 00:13:34,519

astrophysicist stopped us and Carl Sagan

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00:13:38,559 --> 00:13:36,850

among many wonderful sayings in

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00:13:41,619 --> 00:13:38,569

extraordinary claims require

301
00:13:42,850 --> 00:13:41,629
extraordinary evidence I just have to

302
00:13:45,519 --> 00:13:42,860
stop you there that's a pet peeve of

303
00:13:47,259 --> 00:13:45,529
mine that is about the worst this

304
00:13:49,359 --> 00:13:47,269
representation what science is all about

305
00:13:51,729 --> 00:13:49,369
that I've ever heard there there is you

306
00:13:55,449 --> 00:13:51,739
know this as an anthropologist that is

307
00:13:57,039 --> 00:13:55,459
completely wrong science is science we

308
00:13:59,199 --> 00:13:57,049
can't have a layer on top of it that

309
00:14:01,659 --> 00:13:59,209
says this is extraordinary and we need

310
00:14:05,949 --> 00:14:01,669
extraordinary claims for the but not at

311
00:14:08,889 --> 00:14:05,959
all I take exception with you when when

312
00:14:12,159 --> 00:14:08,899
Darwin wrote evolution when he wrote

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00:14:14,859 --> 00:14:12,169

Origin of Species he went he knew this

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00:14:17,230 --> 00:14:14,869

was an extraordinary claim and Watson's

315

00:14:18,100 --> 00:14:17,240

been compared to Darwin I don't think

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00:14:21,550 --> 00:14:18,110

fairly

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00:14:23,079 --> 00:14:21,560

but he knew especially even though there

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00:14:25,990 --> 00:14:23,089

were a hundred years of evolutionary

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00:14:28,900 --> 00:14:26,000

writings before him the blowback that

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00:14:30,670 --> 00:14:28,910

was going to come yeah but I don't want

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00:14:32,740 --> 00:14:30,680

to get us too far afield here the point

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00:14:36,130 --> 00:14:32,750

is just this the enterprise of science

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00:14:38,319 --> 00:14:36,140

is to remove us from our bias to set up

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00:14:41,759 --> 00:14:38,329

of the peer-review process the

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00:14:44,860 --> 00:14:41,769

evaluation by our peers so that

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00:14:46,660 --> 00:14:44,870

institution and that system science is a

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00:14:48,850 --> 00:14:46,670

method it's it's not a position

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00:14:50,710 --> 00:14:48,860

statement should remove us from the need

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00:14:52,300 --> 00:14:50,720

for saying extraordinary this

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00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:52,310

extraordinary that it's beside the point

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00:14:56,920 --> 00:14:55,040

no it's not beside the point because in

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00:14:59,639 --> 00:14:56,930

making the claims that we were going to

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00:15:04,620 --> 00:14:59,649

make John Allegro made these claims

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00:15:07,449 --> 00:15:04,630

years ago in the 1960s in his book a

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00:15:10,360 --> 00:15:07,459

sacred mushroom in the cross he did it

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00:15:16,360 --> 00:15:10,370

on the basis of dubious linguistic

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00:15:18,430 --> 00:15:16,370

evidence and his career and he also made

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00:15:20,889 --> 00:15:18,440

the what I think the outrageous claim

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00:15:23,139 --> 00:15:20,899

that Jesus did not exist as a historical

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00:15:24,730 --> 00:15:23,149

person but was actually a metaphor for

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00:15:27,189 --> 00:15:24,740

the psychedelic mushroom and the entire

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00:15:30,310 --> 00:15:27,199

old and new testament was a hidden code

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00:15:32,650 --> 00:15:30,320

for psychedelic mushrooms his his career

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00:15:35,050 --> 00:15:32,660

was destroyed over it his daughter and

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00:15:37,810 --> 00:15:35,060

biographer Judith Brown who wrote the

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00:15:39,490 --> 00:15:37,820

book you know gianmarco Allegro maverick

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00:15:40,990 --> 00:15:39,500

maverick of the Dead Sea Scrolls he was

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00:15:44,710 --> 00:15:41,000

an eminent Dead Sea scroll up scholar

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00:15:46,840 --> 00:15:44,720

said had he had more images he only had

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00:15:48,790 --> 00:15:46,850

one of psychedelics and Christian art

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00:15:52,090 --> 00:15:48,800

which is included in our book from

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00:15:53,829 --> 00:15:52,100

playing chorale France maybe his work

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00:15:55,780 --> 00:15:53,839

would have been better received so I

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00:15:57,579 --> 00:15:55,790

knew the history of this and I knew that

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00:16:00,819 --> 00:15:57,589

we'd better have extraordinary evidence

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00:16:02,410 --> 00:16:00,829

and that we needed to undertake a

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00:16:05,250 --> 00:16:02,420

journey throughout Europe in the Middle

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00:16:11,079 --> 00:16:05,260

East to examine churches cathedrals

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00:16:14,079 --> 00:16:11,089

Abbey's chapels to see if we could find

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00:16:15,850 --> 00:16:14,089

other visual evidence of psychedelics

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00:16:17,980 --> 00:16:15,860

prominently displayed in Christian art

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00:16:22,150 --> 00:16:17,990

and by that I mean in stained glass

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00:16:25,060 --> 00:16:22,160

windows in illuminated or Bibles Bibles

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00:16:29,690 --> 00:16:25,070

with drawings and in them in sculpture

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00:16:31,880 --> 00:16:29,700

in mosaics in frescoes and indeed we did

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00:16:35,150 --> 00:16:31,890

help me understand what you are looking

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00:16:37,760 --> 00:16:35,160

for at that point because you know one

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00:16:40,160 --> 00:16:37,770

of the problems with this topic and you

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00:16:42,770 --> 00:16:40,170

alluded to it a little bit is one

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00:16:44,330 --> 00:16:42,780

atheistic folks latch on to this idea

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00:16:47,750 --> 00:16:44,340

like you just said and that's not just

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00:16:49,820 --> 00:16:47,760

Allegro many people sense have said you

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00:16:52,400 --> 00:16:49,830

know it's it's a way to kind of write

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00:16:54,440 --> 00:16:52,410

off Christianity and religion in general

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00:16:57,020 --> 00:16:54,450

hey it's there's nothing divine there's

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00:16:59,180 --> 00:16:57,030

no extended consciousness realm it's

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00:17:02,360 --> 00:16:59,190

just people tripping you know that's all

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00:17:04,160 --> 00:17:02,370

it is so there's that part of it but

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00:17:07,220 --> 00:17:04,170

then there's also the the deep

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00:17:10,220 --> 00:17:07,230

spirituality part that says this is some

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00:17:12,680 --> 00:17:10,230

doorway connection to these extended

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00:17:16,520 --> 00:17:12,690

consciousness realms that join all

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00:17:19,130 --> 00:17:16,530

religions so I guess one question would

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00:17:21,380 --> 00:17:19,140

be at this point did you have some bias

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00:17:24,650 --> 00:17:21,390

and then my follow-on question is going

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00:17:28,880 --> 00:17:24,660

to be how do you sort out those two very

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00:17:32,470 --> 00:17:28,890

different kind of conclusions or ways to

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00:17:34,970 --> 00:17:32,480

take the the basic idea that

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00:17:38,590 --> 00:17:34,980

hallucinogens Ethne jhin's are somehow

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00:17:41,750 --> 00:17:38,600

at play with the spiritual experience

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00:17:44,810 --> 00:17:41,760

that's a really excellent excellent

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00:17:47,020 --> 00:17:44,820

question and as we say in the invitation

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00:17:51,220 --> 00:17:47,030

to readers at the beginning of our book

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00:17:54,020 --> 00:17:51,230

that julie and i had our initial

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00:17:56,960 --> 00:17:54,030

experiences with the divine through

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00:17:58,760 --> 00:17:56,970

psychedelics in the 1960s and 1970s and

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00:18:03,530 --> 00:17:58,770

we saw them in our own personal

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00:18:06,980 --> 00:18:03,540

experience as a pathway to the divine

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00:18:10,370 --> 00:18:06,990

presence or whatever you would like are

400

00:18:14,270 --> 00:18:10,380

the into the intelligence that runs and

401
00:18:17,510 --> 00:18:14,280
permeates the universe as LSD research

402
00:18:20,540 --> 00:18:17,520
has indicated and so we did not see this

403
00:18:23,560 --> 00:18:20,550
as a confirmation of atheistic thinking

404
00:18:26,240 --> 00:18:23,570
we knew that shamanistic cultures

405
00:18:28,280 --> 00:18:26,250
throughout history and including many

406
00:18:31,550 --> 00:18:28,290
that are living today in South America

407
00:18:34,100 --> 00:18:31,560
and Africa and Asia use psychedelics as

408
00:18:37,040 --> 00:18:34,110
the portal to the supernatural and the

409
00:18:39,350 --> 00:18:37,050
divine world we don't see this as

410
00:18:41,960 --> 00:18:39,360
conflicting with that in fact we quote

411
00:18:42,960 --> 00:18:41,970
brother David Stendhal wrost who is from

412
00:18:44,940 --> 00:18:42,970
the priest

413
00:18:47,820 --> 00:18:44,950

from the order of st. Benedict who said

414

00:18:51,330 --> 00:18:47,830

the following if I can experience God

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00:18:53,130 --> 00:18:51,340

through a sunset on a mountaintop why

416

00:18:56,100 --> 00:18:53,140

not through a mushroom prayerfully

417

00:18:59,070 --> 00:18:56,110

ingested so we came down and there's

418

00:19:01,440 --> 00:18:59,080

much research including the miracle at

419

00:19:03,900 --> 00:19:01,450

Marsh Chapel which proved that synthetic

420

00:19:07,830 --> 00:19:03,910

psilocybin in a double-blind experiment

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00:19:12,390 --> 00:19:07,840

conducted in 1962 by Walter Piegler could

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00:19:14,220 --> 00:19:12,400

create authentic mystical experiences we

423

00:19:16,530 --> 00:19:14,230

better back up there and why don't you

424

00:19:18,090 --> 00:19:16,540

talk through that experiment real

425

00:19:20,490 --> 00:19:18,100

briefly and there's a couple points I

426

00:19:24,210 --> 00:19:20,500

want you to touch on afterwards one is

427

00:19:27,150 --> 00:19:24,220

synthetic because that then takes us out

428

00:19:28,620 --> 00:19:27,160

of the the natural part of it and some

429

00:19:30,510 --> 00:19:28,630

of that some of the shamanistic stuff

430

00:19:32,790 --> 00:19:30,520

has to be kind of called into question

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00:19:36,150 --> 00:19:32,800

there and the other thing is when you

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00:19:38,520 --> 00:19:36,160

say the the experience you know the

433

00:19:40,560 --> 00:19:38,530

divine experience or then what are we

434

00:19:44,160 --> 00:19:40,570

really talking about it because that

435

00:19:47,760 --> 00:19:44,170

asks the question of is it an experience

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00:19:49,350 --> 00:19:47,770

or is it something more you know because

437

00:19:51,600 --> 00:19:49,360

we can have experiences but those don't

438

00:19:53,760 --> 00:19:51,610

necessarily suggest that there is an

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00:19:55,470 --> 00:19:53,770

extended consciousness realm

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00:19:57,330 --> 00:19:55,480

I've probably laid too much on the table

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00:19:59,700 --> 00:19:57,340

there but tell us about that experiment

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00:20:04,080 --> 00:19:59,710

not at all not at all let me let me walk

443

00:20:08,070 --> 00:20:04,090

you through on the this and just to put

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00:20:10,980 --> 00:20:08,080

one point aside i wasin found a little

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00:20:14,160 --> 00:20:10,990

about synthetics wasn't found a living

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00:20:18,360 --> 00:20:14,170

mushroom call tomorrow Mazatec indians

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00:20:20,250 --> 00:20:18,370

of Oaxaca in Mexico and he went down

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00:20:26,090 --> 00:20:20,260

there and he was invited he participated

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00:20:28,890 --> 00:20:26,100

in psilocybin mushroom experiences that

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00:20:30,630 --> 00:20:28,900

material of psilocybin mushrooms was

451
00:20:35,120 --> 00:20:30,640
sent to Albert Hofmann the discoverer of

452
00:20:37,680 --> 00:20:35,130
LSD who is a chemist pharmaceuticals from

453
00:20:39,210 --> 00:20:37,690
pharmacologist at his lab in in

454
00:20:42,000 --> 00:20:39,220
switzerland he was able to make

455
00:20:44,940 --> 00:20:42,010
synthetic psilocybin it was brought to

456
00:20:47,100 --> 00:20:44,950
maria sabina the famous Mazatec

457
00:20:50,490 --> 00:20:47,110
shemitah's and she found it to be the

458
00:20:53,090 --> 00:20:50,500
same experience so it's interesting on

459
00:20:56,370 --> 00:20:53,100
that count it is also interesting that

460
00:21:00,180 --> 00:20:56,380
Huston the famous scholar

461
00:21:03,750 --> 00:21:00,190
our religion gave independent objective

462
00:21:05,790 --> 00:21:03,760
readers LSD writings and writings of

463
00:21:07,890 --> 00:21:05,800

Christian mystics and they couldn't tell

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00:21:10,410 --> 00:21:07,900

which were which so I just wanted to

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00:21:12,270 --> 00:21:10,420

make that point now to come back to your

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00:21:14,400 --> 00:21:12,280

basic question about the miracle of

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00:21:18,690 --> 00:21:14,410

marce Chapel also known as the Good

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00:21:20,430 --> 00:21:18,700

Friday experience this took place it was

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00:21:22,530 --> 00:21:20,440

conducted by Walter pahnke

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00:21:24,720 --> 00:21:22,540

who designed it under Timothy Leary's

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00:21:27,740 --> 00:21:24,730

Harvard psilocybin project obviously

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00:21:31,590 --> 00:21:27,750

before Leary and his colleagues were

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00:21:34,770 --> 00:21:31,600

expelled from the Harvard faculty what

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00:21:38,340 --> 00:21:34,780

they did was on Good Friday 1962 Pankey

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00:21:41,010 --> 00:21:38,350

divided randomly divided 20 volunteer

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00:21:45,750 --> 00:21:41,020

protestant divinity students into two

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00:21:49,320 --> 00:21:45,760

groups in a small chapel in in marche in

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00:21:51,840 --> 00:21:49,330

the under under rooms of Marche chapel

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00:21:54,120 --> 00:21:51,850

half of the students received capsules

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00:21:56,460 --> 00:21:54,130

containing 30 milligrams of milligrams

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00:21:59,850 --> 00:21:56,470

of psilocybin and the other half

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00:22:02,790 --> 00:21:59,860

received a placebo niacin vitamin b3

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00:22:06,330 --> 00:22:02,800

which makes you feel flushed the results

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00:22:08,670 --> 00:22:06,340

were compelling 9 out of the 10 subjects

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00:22:12,800 --> 00:22:08,680

divinity students who received

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00:22:17,340 --> 00:22:12,810

psilocybin reported profound mystical

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00:22:24,140 --> 00:22:17,350

experiences and only one of the control

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00:22:27,870 --> 00:22:24,150

group did this in fact the Houston Smith

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00:22:29,670 --> 00:22:27,880

who then was a student went on to write

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00:22:31,740 --> 00:22:29,680

several books about it Theo genic plants

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00:22:33,300 --> 00:22:31,750

he described this march tavleks v

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00:22:36,210 --> 00:22:33,310

session as one of the most powerful

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00:22:39,780 --> 00:22:36,220

cosmic as the most powerful cosmic

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00:22:42,990 --> 00:22:39,790

homecoming I have ever experienced 25

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00:22:45,840 --> 00:22:43,000

years later Rick Doblin the founder of

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00:22:48,360 --> 00:22:45,850

maps the multidisciplinary Association

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00:22:50,850 --> 00:22:48,370

for psychedelic studies max org did a

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00:22:53,190 --> 00:22:50,860

follow-up study he found seven of those

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00:22:56,280 --> 00:22:53,200

nine students who had the mystical

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00:22:59,130 --> 00:22:56,290

experience and they confirmed that it

501
00:23:02,030 --> 00:22:59,140
was among the either the most profound

502
00:23:06,480 --> 00:23:02,040
or one of the most profound and lost

503
00:23:09,720 --> 00:23:06,490
long-lasting events in their life so all

504
00:23:12,720 --> 00:23:09,730
this gives us sound expert

505
00:23:16,470 --> 00:23:12,730
mental evidence that these experiences

506
00:23:18,270 --> 00:23:16,480
are for the subjects real and Walter

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00:23:20,970 --> 00:23:18,280
Clark a famous American psychologist

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00:23:22,380 --> 00:23:20,980
wrote there are no experiments known to

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00:23:24,450 --> 00:23:22,390
me in the history of the scientific

510
00:23:27,090 --> 00:23:24,460
study of religion better designed are

511
00:23:30,050 --> 00:23:27,100
clearer in this conclusion than this one

512
00:23:32,880 --> 00:23:30,060
I love this study because it creates an

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00:23:37,380 --> 00:23:32,890

illuminating and a unique fusion Alyx

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00:23:39,360 --> 00:23:37,390

between science and religion you know

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00:23:40,410 --> 00:23:39,370

some people would scoff at that one of

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00:23:41,700 --> 00:23:40,420

the things that I think is interesting

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00:23:43,860 --> 00:23:41,710

about it and I love the way you

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00:23:45,840 --> 00:23:43,870

highlight it but I think we should draw

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00:23:47,910 --> 00:23:45,850

it out even further so these are

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00:23:49,950 --> 00:23:47,920

divinity students and the reason we

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00:23:52,200 --> 00:23:49,960

think that maybe is significant as we

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00:23:54,750 --> 00:23:52,210

think hey maybe these people have some

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00:23:56,970 --> 00:23:54,760

experience with what we're all pointing

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00:23:59,130 --> 00:23:56,980

to and saying is other something out

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00:24:00,750 --> 00:23:59,140

there that's that's real in terms of

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00:24:03,180 --> 00:24:00,760

this whole religious spiritual

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00:24:06,240 --> 00:24:03,190

experience and they're kind of more

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00:24:08,040 --> 00:24:06,250

familiar with it than the rest of the

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00:24:09,840 --> 00:24:08,050

population I mean I don't know that's

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00:24:11,640 --> 00:24:09,850

just kind of implied in the study but I

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00:24:13,890 --> 00:24:11,650

think it's interesting but here's where

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00:24:16,650 --> 00:24:13,900

I guess I was really kind of getting at

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00:24:20,160 --> 00:24:16,660

with that and we chatted a little bit

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00:24:22,530 --> 00:24:20,170

yesterday and I told you about kind of

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00:24:24,030 --> 00:24:22,540

skeptical and more I don't want to say

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00:24:27,210 --> 00:24:24,040

the mission but what we always wind up

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00:24:30,360 --> 00:24:27,220

talking about is that consciousness and

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00:24:32,100 --> 00:24:30,370

this idea that there are these extended

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00:24:34,740 --> 00:24:32,110

realms that were kind of assuming as

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00:24:38,640 --> 00:24:34,750

part of this discussion you know that's

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00:24:40,380 --> 00:24:38,650

really on the outside of science as we

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00:24:41,910 --> 00:24:40,390

know it it's certainly on the outside of

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00:24:44,130 --> 00:24:41,920

neuroscience it's certainly on the

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00:24:45,810 --> 00:24:44,140

outside of medicine and you can talk

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00:24:49,500 --> 00:24:45,820

about the experimental work that's being

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00:24:52,110 --> 00:24:49,510

done with psychedelics and for treatment

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00:24:55,320 --> 00:24:52,120

of post-traumatic stress or addiction

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00:24:58,590 --> 00:24:55,330

hey fabulous all that stuff but it's all

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00:25:01,190 --> 00:24:58,600

based on the premise that you are just

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00:25:03,780 --> 00:25:01,200

your brain and there's nothing more so

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00:25:07,260 --> 00:25:03,790
talk for a minute if you will I mean

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00:25:09,510 --> 00:25:07,270
connect the dots there in terms of how

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00:25:13,380 --> 00:25:09,520
we how your research how your

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00:25:16,590 --> 00:25:13,390
investigation gets by this underlying

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00:25:20,310 --> 00:25:16,600
assumption that we are merely a product

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00:25:23,400 --> 00:25:20,320
of our brain yep that is an assumption

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00:25:25,919 --> 00:25:23,410
of Western science just as

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00:25:28,919 --> 00:25:25,929
the Newtonian worldview was the

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00:25:31,260 --> 00:25:28,929
fundamental paradigm of Western science

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00:25:32,669 --> 00:25:31,270
before it was replaced by quantum

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00:25:34,440 --> 00:25:32,679
mechanics and if you're familiar with

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00:25:37,110 --> 00:25:34,450
Thomas Kuhns the structure of scientific

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00:25:38,760 --> 00:25:37,120

revolution you know science moves along

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00:25:41,070 --> 00:25:38,770

with people filling in the different

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00:25:44,610 --> 00:25:41,080

pieces of the existing paradigm until

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00:25:45,960 --> 00:25:44,620

enough contrary evidence builds up yeah

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00:25:48,029 --> 00:25:45,970

but we've had a hundred we've had a

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00:25:49,470 --> 00:25:48,039

hundred years of contrary evidence and

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00:25:52,080 --> 00:25:49,480

your your friend that you're mentioning

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00:25:54,810 --> 00:25:52,090

it you know a minute ago Carl Sagan the

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00:25:57,110 --> 00:25:54,820

late great Carl Sagan though all the

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evidence was there it's it's a rather

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organized concerted effort to ignore the

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00:26:07,110 --> 00:26:03,970

evidence ignore the data and continue on

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00:26:09,090 --> 00:26:07,120

this paradigm that is a non-starter for

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00:26:10,830 --> 00:26:09,100

this whole discussion I guess I really

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00:26:12,000 --> 00:26:10,840

want to throw that out there because I

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00:26:15,960 --> 00:26:12,010

don't know how we're going to do this

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00:26:17,880 --> 00:26:15,970

end run around around the consciousness

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00:26:19,890 --> 00:26:17,890

problem well what is it I don't think

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00:26:23,010 --> 00:26:19,900

it's an end run and I understand very

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00:26:25,260 --> 00:26:23,020

much why yeah you know your program is

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00:26:27,720 --> 00:26:25,270

called skeptical and I respect that very

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00:26:32,520 --> 00:26:27,730

much and you're asking very important

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00:26:34,230 --> 00:26:32,530

questions I believe in my own in Chapter

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00:26:36,890 --> 00:26:34,240

six of the book the miracle of Mars

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00:26:39,810 --> 00:26:36,900

chapel I start out with my own

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00:26:42,330 --> 00:26:39,820

experience of what I can only consider

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00:26:44,370 --> 00:26:42,340

to be a divine presence coming into my

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00:26:47,730 --> 00:26:44,380

life in a psychedelic psilocybin

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00:26:50,310 --> 00:26:47,740

experience and I was skeptical until

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00:26:51,419 --> 00:26:50,320

that happened I had to be very on let's

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00:26:54,270 --> 00:26:51,429

make sure we're talking about the same

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00:26:57,600 --> 00:26:54,280

thing I'm skeptical of science as we

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00:27:00,450 --> 00:26:57,610

know it that insists that your

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00:27:03,240 --> 00:27:00,460

consciousness is an epiphenomena of your

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00:27:05,520 --> 00:27:03,250

brain I'm extremely skeptical of that

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00:27:08,399 --> 00:27:05,530

because I think the evidence doesn't

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00:27:11,750 --> 00:27:08,409

support that and yet it is the

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00:27:15,000 --> 00:27:11,760

fundamental paradigm of neuroscience of

601
00:27:17,299 --> 00:27:15,010
psychology of biology I mean you go

602
00:27:20,960 --> 00:27:17,309
through you go into the social sciences

603
00:27:23,100 --> 00:27:20,970
anthropology it is it is a crazy bizarre

604
00:27:24,810 --> 00:27:23,110
assumption that's being made so just so

605
00:27:26,880 --> 00:27:24,820
we're on the same page there right we

606
00:27:29,880 --> 00:27:26,890
are definitely on the same page and then

607
00:27:33,570 --> 00:27:29,890
I agree I agree with you completely and

608
00:27:35,430 --> 00:27:33,580
I in terms of everything I've read in

609
00:27:36,900 --> 00:27:35,440
terms of the information that continues

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00:27:39,960 --> 00:27:36,910
to come out about

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00:27:42,330 --> 00:27:39,970
spiritual and mystical experiences that

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00:27:47,610 --> 00:27:42,340
people have from all different

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00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:47,620

backgrounds in with psychedelics I come

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00:27:53,039 --> 00:27:50,080

to the same conclusion and I would defer

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00:27:55,919 --> 00:27:53,049

of course to stanislav grof who has

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00:27:59,039 --> 00:27:55,929

conducted more psychedelic trips he's

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00:28:01,020 --> 00:27:59,049

the father of LSD psychotherapy and

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00:28:05,370 --> 00:28:01,030

written more books on this subject than

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00:28:07,020 --> 00:28:05,380

any person in the world and he looks at

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00:28:08,700 --> 00:28:07,030

he has a book one of it calls it is

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00:28:10,590 --> 00:28:08,710

called when the impossible happens of

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00:28:13,350 --> 00:28:10,600

all these kinds of experiences from

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00:28:16,799 --> 00:28:13,360

improbable synchronicities to alien

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00:28:19,560 --> 00:28:16,809

visitations that just do not fit within

625

00:28:22,110 --> 00:28:19,570

the realm of normal science and that's

626
00:28:24,480 --> 00:28:22,120
why growth after decades of the studies

627
00:28:26,340 --> 00:28:24,490
of consciousness particularly through

628
00:28:29,250 --> 00:28:26,350
the use of psychedelics which he

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00:28:31,110 --> 00:28:29,260
considers to be to the mind as the

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00:28:34,260 --> 00:28:31,120
telescope was to astronomy as the

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00:28:37,260 --> 00:28:34,270
microphone as the microscope was to

632
00:28:39,930 --> 00:28:37,270
biology and I quote Groff I say I've now

633
00:28:42,780 --> 00:28:39,940
firmly believe that consciousness is

634
00:28:44,400 --> 00:28:42,790
more than an accidental byproduct of the

635
00:28:46,980 --> 00:28:44,410
neuro physiological and biochemical

636
00:28:47,640 --> 00:28:46,990
processes taking place in the human

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00:28:49,710 --> 00:28:47,650
brain

638
00:28:53,159 --> 00:28:49,720

I see consciousness in the human psyche

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00:28:55,770 --> 00:28:53,169

as expressions and reflections of a

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00:28:57,990 --> 00:28:55,780

cosmic intelligence that permeates the

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00:29:00,990 --> 00:28:58,000

entire universe and all of existence we

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00:29:03,390 --> 00:29:01,000

are not just highly evolved animals with

643

00:29:03,900 --> 00:29:03,400

biological computers embedded inside our

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00:29:06,000 --> 00:29:03,910

skulls

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00:29:09,360 --> 00:29:06,010

we are also fields of consciousness

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00:29:13,320 --> 00:29:09,370

without limits transcending time space

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00:29:15,720 --> 00:29:13,330

matter and linear causality I think

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00:29:18,120 --> 00:29:15,730

that's where we're going so Jerry let's

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00:29:21,600 --> 00:29:18,130

get back to talking about the book but

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00:29:25,409 --> 00:29:21,610

let's pick up right there so what do you

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00:29:29,190 --> 00:29:25,419

think is going on with the psychedelic

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00:29:32,220 --> 00:29:29,200

experience in relation to what you just

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00:29:35,250 --> 00:29:32,230

said about growth about Stan okay so how

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00:29:36,810 --> 00:29:35,260

is how are we being connected because we

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00:29:38,669 --> 00:29:36,820

keep talking about and I think it is

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00:29:40,409 --> 00:29:38,679

directly relevant to the book we keep

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00:29:42,419 --> 00:29:40,419

talking about the divine and the

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00:29:43,830 --> 00:29:42,429

connection to the vine divine and we're

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00:29:46,500 --> 00:29:43,840

going to talk a minute about the

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00:29:48,450 --> 00:29:46,510

religions that maybe have sprouted from

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00:29:49,840 --> 00:29:48,460

this well we have to kind of have some

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00:29:53,980 --> 00:29:49,850

idea of what we

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00:29:57,250 --> 00:29:53,990

think is going on with these compounds

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00:30:00,610 --> 00:29:57,260

yet what are they connecting us with so

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00:30:05,440 --> 00:30:00,620

what they're connecting us with is this

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00:30:07,480 --> 00:30:05,450

broader trance human our trance personal

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00:30:09,730 --> 00:30:07,490

consciousness this river of

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00:30:11,799 --> 00:30:09,740

consciousness that flows through the

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00:30:14,279 --> 00:30:11,809

universe and we're a manifestation of it

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00:30:16,539 --> 00:30:14,289

we're a manifestation of the cosmos

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00:30:19,360 --> 00:30:16,549

participating in its coevolution and

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00:30:21,039 --> 00:30:19,370

conversing and interacting with it and I

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00:30:23,590 --> 00:30:21,049

want to bring this back specifically to

674

00:30:25,750 --> 00:30:23,600

the book because I don't think and you

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00:30:27,730 --> 00:30:25,760

know not not complaining because we were

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00:30:30,159 --> 00:30:27,740

gone in two very important areas but I

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00:30:32,620 --> 00:30:30,169

want to touch on how this relates to the

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00:30:35,350 --> 00:30:32,630

book the first question of the book is

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00:30:38,260 --> 00:30:35,360

are there psychedelics and theagenes in

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00:30:41,770 --> 00:30:38,270

Christian art our answer is we believe

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00:30:45,100 --> 00:30:41,780

convincingly yes as shown by the

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00:30:47,740 --> 00:30:45,110

multiple images that we found in France

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00:30:50,740 --> 00:30:47,750

and England and Scotland in Germany and

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00:30:54,850 --> 00:30:50,750

Italy in the Middle East and Turkey and

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00:30:59,890 --> 00:30:54,860

Egypt number two why are these images

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00:31:03,070 --> 00:30:59,900

there and we agree with Pope Gregory who

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00:31:05,500 --> 00:31:03,080

in the sixth century said let art be the

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00:31:07,600 --> 00:31:05,510

instruction be the biblical religious

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00:31:09,250 --> 00:31:07,610

instruction of the illiterate because

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00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:09,260

people could have read up until after

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00:31:15,159 --> 00:31:11,360

the Gutenberg galaxy and the printing

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00:31:19,029 --> 00:31:15,169

press and so we think they are there

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00:31:22,510 --> 00:31:19,039

because they reveal a truth that is

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00:31:25,330 --> 00:31:22,520

sacred to Christianity that divinity can

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00:31:28,560 --> 00:31:25,340

be directly experience the divine

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00:31:31,529 --> 00:31:28,570

presence of Jesus and the Saints or

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00:31:34,590 --> 00:31:31,539

whatever form divinity takes in other

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00:31:37,659 --> 00:31:34,600

religions can be experience

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00:31:40,299 --> 00:31:37,669

existentially and directly through these

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00:31:42,789 --> 00:31:40,309

plants and that's the reason that they

701
00:31:44,950 --> 00:31:42,799
were there and we connect that back by a

702
00:31:48,730 --> 00:31:44,960
rereading since there was no Christian

703
00:31:51,909 --> 00:31:48,740
art before 200 AD for a variety of

704
00:31:54,340 --> 00:31:51,919
reasons we go back into the Gospels and

705
00:31:56,770 --> 00:31:54,350
to the canonical Gospels and even into

706
00:31:58,480 --> 00:31:56,780
the Gnostic Gospels and look at them in

707
00:32:00,549 --> 00:31:58,490
the context of our theory of the

708
00:32:02,690 --> 00:32:00,559
psychedelic Gospels and believe they

709
00:32:05,360 --> 00:32:02,700
were present in the life of

710
00:32:07,580 --> 00:32:05,370
Jesus in the disciples so that's why

711
00:32:11,000 --> 00:32:07,590
they are there and I know it's difficult

712
00:32:12,860 --> 00:32:11,010
I encourage your your listeners to you

713
00:32:15,890 --> 00:32:12,870

know look at our website psychedelic

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00:32:17,780 --> 00:32:15,900

Gospels calm or to purchase our book

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00:32:20,180 --> 00:32:17,790

through Amazon or any other bookseller

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00:32:23,960 --> 00:32:20,190

the psychedelic Gospels because the

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00:32:26,360 --> 00:32:23,970

visual imagery is a compelling part of

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00:32:28,430 --> 00:32:26,370

the argument so that's why we believe

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00:32:30,470 --> 00:32:28,440

they were there we find that if we link

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00:32:32,180 --> 00:32:30,480

this to current research these amazing

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00:32:34,760 --> 00:32:32,190

breakthroughs that are happening with

722

00:32:38,390 --> 00:32:34,770

the use of MDMA with post-traumatic

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00:32:41,030 --> 00:32:38,400

stress disorder and with psilocybin with

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00:32:43,700 --> 00:32:41,040

terment relieving anxiety and depression

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00:32:48,080 --> 00:32:43,710

among terminally ill cancer patients in

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00:32:51,800 --> 00:32:48,090

one session and the researchers at NYU

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00:32:53,840 --> 00:32:51,810

and John Hopkins say the relief that

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00:32:56,750 --> 00:32:53,850

people found from depression these

729

00:33:00,320 --> 00:32:56,760

terminal cancer patients and anxiety was

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00:33:03,950 --> 00:33:00,330

directly related to the intensity of the

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00:33:05,420 --> 00:33:03,960

mystical experience okay and let me just

732

00:33:08,390 --> 00:33:05,430

emphasize one thing you said there are

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00:33:11,210 --> 00:33:08,400

some beautiful reproductions in the book

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00:33:12,920 --> 00:33:11,220

in full color that really come through

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00:33:15,860 --> 00:33:12,930

and are an important part of this story

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00:33:19,520 --> 00:33:15,870

so we got to encourage anyone who's

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00:33:22,040 --> 00:33:19,530

interested in this to pick up you know a

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00:33:23,330 --> 00:33:22,050

hard copy or I mean a paperback copy of

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00:33:25,610 --> 00:33:23,340

the book is really is it really well

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00:33:28,400 --> 00:33:25,620

it's all paper it's all paper or okay

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00:33:30,260 --> 00:33:28,410

let me pursue this one more well what I

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00:33:32,930 --> 00:33:30,270

want you to pursue though because but

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00:33:36,260 --> 00:33:32,940

when you pursue that the the big gap

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00:33:39,800 --> 00:33:36,270

when you say you know it's a leap to say

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00:33:41,990 --> 00:33:39,810

our start with question 1 are they there

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00:33:44,450 --> 00:33:42,000

and you convincingly say yes they're

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00:33:47,570 --> 00:33:44,460

there and then you say why they're there

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00:33:50,630 --> 00:33:47,580

but there's kind of a big gap because

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00:33:53,200 --> 00:33:50,640

when we talk about Christianity when you

750

00:33:57,470 --> 00:33:53,210

talk about even the life of Jesus I mean

751
00:33:59,120 --> 00:33:57,480
highly controversial among many many

752
00:34:02,120 --> 00:33:59,130
biblical scholars and we've had a lot of

753
00:34:04,550 --> 00:34:02,130
amount in the show in terms of even

754
00:34:07,250 --> 00:34:04,560
connecting this art and some of the

755
00:34:09,440 --> 00:34:07,260
stories that are this art depicts from

756
00:34:10,750 --> 00:34:09,450
the Bible are highly questionable in

757
00:34:13,220 --> 00:34:10,760
terms of whether those are real

758
00:34:15,290 --> 00:34:13,230
historical events there's also that

759
00:34:16,490 --> 00:34:15,300
connection that we have to kind of make

760
00:34:20,139 --> 00:34:16,500
in terms of

761
00:34:22,070 --> 00:34:20,149
if a lot of people are having the

762
00:34:24,310 --> 00:34:22,080
psychedelic experience and the

763
00:34:28,760 --> 00:34:24,320

connection to the divine does that

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00:34:30,950 --> 00:34:28,770

necessarily connect to Christian history

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00:34:35,690 --> 00:34:30,960

in the way that you're connecting it

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00:34:37,669 --> 00:34:35,700

right okay first of all we know from the

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00:34:40,730 --> 00:34:37,679

anthropological record that many

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00:34:42,740 --> 00:34:40,740

cultures have used psychedelics and

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00:34:44,470 --> 00:34:42,750

continued to use them in the religious

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00:34:47,720 --> 00:34:44,480

experience we know that Christianity

771

00:34:51,250 --> 00:34:47,730

evolved in a circumvented Turanian area

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00:34:53,839 --> 00:34:51,260

that was rife with mystery cults and

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00:34:56,990 --> 00:34:53,849

esoteric religions including the Greek

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00:35:00,830 --> 00:34:57,000

Allison Ian mysteries which went on from

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00:35:02,990 --> 00:35:00,840

1500 BC to 400 AD when Christianity

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00:35:06,080 --> 00:35:03,000

became the official religion of the

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00:35:08,560 --> 00:35:06,090

Roman Empire so we know that that was in

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00:35:11,089 --> 00:35:08,570

the area and that knowledge of it

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00:35:17,030 --> 00:35:11,099

including in ancient Egypt was fairly

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00:35:19,070 --> 00:35:17,040

common number two we know that the there

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00:35:22,190 --> 00:35:19,080

are multiple pathways we are not saying

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00:35:24,079 --> 00:35:22,200

that psychedelics are the only pathway

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00:35:25,700 --> 00:35:24,089

to experience the divine there are

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00:35:27,650 --> 00:35:25,710

multiple pathways that different

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00:35:29,540 --> 00:35:27,660

cultures have explored but this is

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00:35:31,250 --> 00:35:29,550

definitely one of them

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00:35:33,560 --> 00:35:31,260

and number three let me come back

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00:35:35,990 --> 00:35:33,570

because I think it's very important that

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00:35:38,089 --> 00:35:36,000

your listeners understand what we're

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00:35:41,720 --> 00:35:38,099

talking about in the artwork let me take

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00:35:45,140 --> 00:35:41,730

you to plate six in our book in the tiny

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00:35:47,510 --> 00:35:45,150

church parish church of st. Martin to

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00:35:50,260 --> 00:35:47,520

Vic in central France we walk into this

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00:35:53,480 --> 00:35:50,270

church there are beautiful beautiful

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00:35:56,900 --> 00:35:53,490

thousand-year-old frescoes on the wall

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00:35:59,599 --> 00:35:56,910

and here is Christ's entry into

797

00:36:01,700 --> 00:35:59,609

Jerusalem crisis riding on the ass his

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00:36:03,950 --> 00:36:01,710

disciples are walking behind him and the

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00:36:06,260 --> 00:36:03,960

joyful youth who are greeting him this

800

00:36:08,480 --> 00:36:06,270

is plate 6 in the book the psychedelic

801

00:36:11,780 --> 00:36:08,490

Gospels are holding on not to palm

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00:36:16,730 --> 00:36:11,790

leaves but to the stem of a group of 5

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00:36:19,310 --> 00:36:16,740

large 10 psilocybin mushrooms and size

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00:36:21,740 --> 00:36:19,320

matters in Romanesque art and these are

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00:36:23,660 --> 00:36:21,750

very large as large almost as the heads

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00:36:25,970 --> 00:36:23,670

of the youth because the artist has sent

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00:36:28,220 --> 00:36:25,980

us that this is important unmistakable

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00:36:30,079 --> 00:36:28,230

unmistakable and anyone can get it plate

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00:36:32,329 --> 00:36:30,089

6 it's right there the most

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00:36:35,059 --> 00:36:32,339

now go read biblical scholar Robert

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00:36:40,039 --> 00:36:35,069

price about what he thinks about the

812

00:36:43,430 --> 00:36:40,049

likelihood and the the extremely just

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00:36:46,279 --> 00:36:43,440

impossible to fathom story that this was

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00:36:48,049 --> 00:36:46,289

a historical event that this person

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00:36:50,809 --> 00:36:48,059

Jesus even if we accept that there was

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00:36:53,180 --> 00:36:50,819

this historical Jesus was riding on the

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00:36:55,849 --> 00:36:53,190

ass for Donkey into Jerusalem he will

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00:36:59,870 --> 00:36:55,859

shred that to pieces so that's my point

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00:37:01,549 --> 00:36:59,880

yeah you know either it not both don't

820

00:37:04,700 --> 00:37:01,559

one doesn't lead to the other

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00:37:07,670 --> 00:37:04,710

this doesn't I do get to you I do get

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00:37:10,160 --> 00:37:07,680

your point and I cite other religious

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00:37:12,799 --> 00:37:10,170

scholars who will pull you know counter

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00:37:16,099 --> 00:37:12,809

that and argue that this was an

825

00:37:18,430 --> 00:37:16,109

historical event as we go down and his

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00:37:20,599 --> 00:37:18,440

Julie and I looked to the next wall

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00:37:22,579 --> 00:37:20,609

perpendicular to this one there's the

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00:37:24,370 --> 00:37:22,589

towers of Jerusalem and there's the

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00:37:27,370 --> 00:37:24,380

youth again on top of these towers

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00:37:30,230 --> 00:37:27,380

cutting down with long knives

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00:37:33,859 --> 00:37:30,240

psychedelic mushrooms and if that's not

832

00:37:37,400 --> 00:37:33,869

enough that towers of Jerusalem are over

833

00:37:40,609 --> 00:37:37,410

the next fresco which is a broad table

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00:37:42,380 --> 00:37:40,619

depicting the Last Supper with Jesus and

835

00:37:44,779 --> 00:37:42,390

His disciples with Judas on the other

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00:37:45,460 --> 00:37:44,789

side of the table and what's on the

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00:37:49,339 --> 00:37:45,470

table

838

00:37:52,220 --> 00:37:49,349

these same mushroom caps with the same

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00:37:54,799 --> 00:37:52,230

long knives and if that's not enough if

840

00:37:58,400 --> 00:37:54,809

that's not sufficient the artist has

841

00:38:01,010 --> 00:37:58,410

skillfully drawn mushrooms into the hems

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00:38:03,559 --> 00:38:01,020

of the disciples in other the artists

843

00:38:06,950 --> 00:38:03,569

are telling us at least for these

844

00:38:10,700 --> 00:38:06,960

artists these Benedictine monks who made

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00:38:13,640 --> 00:38:10,710

these frescoes at this time in the early

846

00:38:16,880 --> 00:38:13,650

12th century the 1100s these were

847

00:38:18,140 --> 00:38:16,890

prominently displayed art historian some

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00:38:20,510 --> 00:38:18,150

art historians if have called these

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00:38:22,730 --> 00:38:20,520

branches are trees because they don't

850

00:38:24,799 --> 00:38:22,740

know mycology and this is part of the

851

00:38:27,920 --> 00:38:24,809

problem we've had is because theologians

852

00:38:30,260 --> 00:38:27,930

art historians church historians tour

853

00:38:31,849 --> 00:38:30,270

guides they don't know mycology they as

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00:38:33,980 --> 00:38:31,859

one of them said to me want to prominent

855

00:38:36,589 --> 00:38:33,990

art historian i wouldn't know a mushroom

856

00:38:38,450 --> 00:38:36,599

if i saw one so this is why we need an

857

00:38:41,299 --> 00:38:38,460

interdisciplinary approach and this is

858

00:38:42,570 --> 00:38:41,309

why we call julie and i for the

859

00:38:44,940 --> 00:38:42,580

establishment of an entity

860

00:38:48,900 --> 00:38:44,950

Neri committee to evaluate this

861

00:38:51,750 --> 00:38:48,910

controversial theory right and you know

862

00:38:53,220 --> 00:38:51,760

we're we're like connecting a 90% of

863

00:38:55,950 --> 00:38:53,230

this and we're just kind of talking past

864

00:38:59,280 --> 00:38:55,960

each other on the rest so great great

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00:39:01,590 --> 00:38:59,290

work fantastic deconstruction of this

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00:39:04,560 --> 00:39:01,600

art and we will have to talk about how

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00:39:07,170 --> 00:39:04,570

other people haven't done quite as good

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00:39:09,390 --> 00:39:07,180

a job and while let's stop and talk

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00:39:11,970 --> 00:39:09,400

about that now because other people have

870

00:39:15,300 --> 00:39:11,980

taken on this task and it's turned into

871

00:39:18,180 --> 00:39:15,310

this wild mushroom hunt where mushrooms

872

00:39:20,910 --> 00:39:18,190

start popping up everywhere so maybe we

873

00:39:25,010 --> 00:39:20,920

return to an earlier question of you

874

00:39:28,320 --> 00:39:25,020

know the rigor that must be applied to

875

00:39:30,930 --> 00:39:28,330

carefully narrowing our focus in terms

876

00:39:32,430 --> 00:39:30,940

of what is a mushroom and what isn't

877

00:39:35,910 --> 00:39:32,440

right you want to talk about that at all

878

00:39:37,620 --> 00:39:35,920

no absolutely and this has been by the

879

00:39:41,150 --> 00:39:37,630

works of certain scholars who start to

880

00:39:44,810 --> 00:39:41,160

see mushrooms everywhere a disservice to

881

00:39:48,420 --> 00:39:44,820

those of us who are trying to establish

882

00:39:51,480 --> 00:39:48,430

a scientific basis and a peer-review

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00:39:53,360 --> 00:39:51,490

conversation regarding you know the holy

884

00:39:57,090 --> 00:39:53,370

mushroom theory and its role in

885

00:39:59,220 --> 00:39:57,100

Christianity and in other religions the

886

00:40:03,360 --> 00:39:59,230

disservice comes about in several ways

887

00:40:05,220 --> 00:40:03,370

one and the the basic rule of

888

00:40:07,260 --> 00:40:05,230

anthropology's you have to go do

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00:40:08,700 --> 00:40:07,270

fieldwork you have to go to the site you

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00:40:10,140 --> 00:40:08,710

have to live it you have to breathe it

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00:40:12,630 --> 00:40:10,150

you have to look at it from every

892

00:40:16,440 --> 00:40:12,640

direction linguistically culturally

893

00:40:18,420 --> 00:40:16,450

historically what if you're going to do

894

00:40:20,640 --> 00:40:18,430

this and an armchair approach these

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00:40:23,640 --> 00:40:20,650

scholars are going to pull images from

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00:40:26,520 --> 00:40:23,650

different churches off of the internet

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00:40:28,680 --> 00:40:26,530

and in doing so these images are hard to

898

00:40:30,570 --> 00:40:28,690

decipher or they're corrupted and

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00:40:32,580 --> 00:40:30,580

they're going to make mistakes for

900

00:40:34,590 --> 00:40:32,590

example in one of the images Julie and I

901
00:40:38,700 --> 00:40:34,600
were planning based on one of these

902
00:40:41,310 --> 00:40:38,710
scholars representations which scholar

903
00:40:44,340 --> 00:40:41,320
this in this case this is Jana Erwin in

904
00:40:50,280 --> 00:40:44,350
his book the holy mushroom and he shows

905
00:40:51,180 --> 00:40:50,290
an image of the st. Varga from the abbey

906
00:40:55,780 --> 00:40:51,190
of eichstätt

907
00:40:58,120 --> 00:40:55,790
in Germany holding a white stem and

908
00:40:59,920 --> 00:40:58,130
it has a mushroom what looks like a red

909
00:41:02,650 --> 00:40:59,930
and white cap on the top of it

910
00:41:06,910 --> 00:41:02,660
we were about as and as we described in

911
00:41:11,410 --> 00:41:06,920
the chapter on st. Bernard secret we

912
00:41:15,220 --> 00:41:11,420
were about to go off to ice taught us to

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00:41:17,770 --> 00:41:15,230

the Wahlberg the Abbey of eichstätt

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00:41:20,290 --> 00:41:17,780

near Munich to photograph and look at

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00:41:24,000 --> 00:41:20,300

this when looking at this image that we

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00:41:26,560 --> 00:41:24,010

were carrying with us from our ones book

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00:41:30,880 --> 00:41:26,570

Julie looked at and said wait that has a

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00:41:34,450 --> 00:41:30,890

square bottom and it has straight lines

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00:41:37,450 --> 00:41:34,460

drawn across what's supposed to be the

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00:41:40,210 --> 00:41:37,460

mushroom bulb that's not a bulb that's a

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00:41:44,200 --> 00:41:40,220

veil and it's reputed that that st. bar

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00:41:46,810 --> 00:41:44,210

Borghi had a moment a healing ointment

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00:41:49,840 --> 00:41:46,820

started leaking from her her relics and

924

00:41:52,720 --> 00:41:49,850

that that was collected and is the

925

00:41:55,720 --> 00:41:52,730

object of the worship of pilgrims and

926
00:41:59,560 --> 00:41:55,730
visitors who go there and then we had to

927
00:42:02,860 --> 00:41:59,570
say thank goodness we saw this so one

928
00:42:05,320 --> 00:42:02,870
it's the depiction or the interpretation

929
00:42:09,190 --> 00:42:05,330
of images that look like mushrooms as

930
00:42:11,500 --> 00:42:09,200
mushrooms secondly it results in seeing

931
00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:11,510
mushrooms where there are no mushrooms

932
00:42:17,110 --> 00:42:15,200
the cover of our book indicates is taken

933
00:42:20,200 --> 00:42:17,120
from the Great Canterbury Psalter and

934
00:42:22,510 --> 00:42:20,210
it's from a drawing in the beginning of

935
00:42:25,210 --> 00:42:22,520
this illuminated Bible that shows God

936
00:42:26,590 --> 00:42:25,220
creating plants as the Latin says it but

937
00:42:28,270 --> 00:42:26,600
when you look at it it's not God

938
00:42:30,840 --> 00:42:28,280

creating plants if you look at the cover

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00:42:33,130 --> 00:42:30,850

of our book it's God creating

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00:42:36,580 --> 00:42:33,140

psychoactive red and white amadito

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00:42:38,950 --> 00:42:36,590

mushrooms and also psilocybin mushrooms

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00:42:40,750 --> 00:42:38,960

which turn a characteristic blue when

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00:42:45,760 --> 00:42:40,760

exposed to oxygen

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00:42:48,930 --> 00:42:45,770

well another author um rush says that

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00:42:51,850 --> 00:42:48,940

Jesus has something in his hands and

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00:42:56,070 --> 00:42:51,860

there is nothing in his hand when you

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00:42:58,810 --> 00:42:56,080

get a clear image which we did from the

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00:43:03,280 --> 00:42:58,820

French National Library where the

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00:43:05,410 --> 00:43:03,290

original set Canterbury Salter is so

950

00:43:07,660 --> 00:43:05,420

this becomes another problem the third

951
00:43:09,339 --> 00:43:07,670
problem is not only when you see

952
00:43:11,559 --> 00:43:09,349
mushrooms where there are none

953
00:43:14,079 --> 00:43:11,569
and you don't do the anthropological

954
00:43:17,709 --> 00:43:14,089
failed work on the site but then you

955
00:43:19,059 --> 00:43:17,719
start to say as rush does that since the

956
00:43:21,880 --> 00:43:19,069
mushroom is so important

957
00:43:26,529 --> 00:43:21,890
there are many metaphors for it a halo

958
00:43:29,640 --> 00:43:26,539
blood nails etc and we have to develop a

959
00:43:32,559 --> 00:43:29,650
symbolism and this under that framework

960
00:43:35,709 --> 00:43:32,569
anything you want to almost anything you

961
00:43:37,660 --> 00:43:35,719
can look at can have a possible mushroom

962
00:43:39,729 --> 00:43:37,670
imagery in it no I don't want to say it

963
00:43:43,509 --> 00:43:39,739

that way there are many symbols that can

964

00:43:47,199 --> 00:43:43,519

be interpreted as mushrooms so we argue

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00:43:50,019 --> 00:43:47,209

vigorously against this approach we

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00:43:51,969 --> 00:43:50,029

argue for in-depth fieldwork and we know

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00:43:53,680 --> 00:43:51,979

that given as we've said the

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00:43:56,589 --> 00:43:53,690

controversial nature of our theory we

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00:43:58,829 --> 00:43:56,599

call for the establishment of an

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00:44:01,209 --> 00:43:58,839

interdisciplinary Committee of

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00:44:04,509 --> 00:44:01,219

recognized scholars who will evaluate

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00:44:07,180 --> 00:44:04,519

our work which we believe and I don't

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00:44:09,370 --> 00:44:07,190

say this lightly is as significant as

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00:44:12,420 --> 00:44:09,380

the finding of the Dead Sea scrolls and

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00:44:14,609 --> 00:44:12,430

the Gnostic Gospels - a reinterpretation

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00:44:16,870 --> 00:44:14,619

potential reinterpretation of

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00:44:18,759 --> 00:44:16,880

Christianity what is that

978

00:44:19,089 --> 00:44:18,769

reinterpretation ok so here's the big

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00:44:21,130 --> 00:44:19,099

payoff

980

00:44:23,349 --> 00:44:21,140

what's the reinterpretation of

981

00:44:25,239 --> 00:44:23,359

Christianity what's the bottom line and

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00:44:26,979 --> 00:44:25,249

in particular because a lot of Christian

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00:44:27,729 --> 00:44:26,989

people and I'm not a Christian but a lot

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00:44:30,459 --> 00:44:27,739

of Christian people

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00:44:33,729 --> 00:44:30,469

what is the reinterpretation of the life

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00:44:36,309 --> 00:44:33,739

of Jesus the reinterpretation is that

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00:44:38,589 --> 00:44:36,319

during the missing years Jesus could

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00:44:42,099 --> 00:44:38,599

have gone to India but we all we argue

989

00:44:44,650 --> 00:44:42,109

that he went to Egypt where he learned

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00:44:47,949 --> 00:44:44,660

these sacred rites that were practiced

991

00:44:51,160 --> 00:44:47,959

by the Egyptians to leave the body and

992

00:44:53,680 --> 00:44:51,170

return while alive and to become a being

993

00:44:55,930 --> 00:44:53,690

of light and he learned the rituals of

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00:44:59,229 --> 00:44:55,940

the sacred mushrooms which he

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00:45:01,779 --> 00:44:59,239

incorporated into his teachings and into

996

00:45:05,559 --> 00:45:01,789

his healings so in other words if our

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00:45:08,009 --> 00:45:05,569

theory is correct then the master story

998

00:45:12,039 --> 00:45:08,019

of Christianity would have to be

999

00:45:15,249 --> 00:45:12,049

dramatically revised to incorporate the

1000

00:45:18,549 --> 00:45:15,259

role of psychedelics in the teaching and

1001
00:45:20,650 --> 00:45:18,559
healing mission of Jesus and in plate 14

1002
00:45:22,560 --> 00:45:20,660
of our book there's a very interesting

1003
00:45:26,130 --> 00:45:22,570
photo that we disc

1004
00:45:29,250 --> 00:45:26,140
of Jesus on his healing mission after he

1005
00:45:33,030 --> 00:45:29,260
is baptized by John the Baptist and it

1006
00:45:36,660 --> 00:45:33,040
is him placing his head on the lepers

1007
00:45:40,370 --> 00:45:36,670
head and the Latin scrolls say the

1008
00:45:42,330 --> 00:45:40,380
following the the leper says for example

1009
00:45:44,660 --> 00:45:42,340
Jesus says to the leper

1010
00:45:47,100 --> 00:45:44,670
you know do you want to be cleansed and

1011
00:45:49,440 --> 00:45:47,110
you know when the leper says to Jesus

1012
00:45:53,130 --> 00:45:49,450
master if you want to you may cleanse me

1013
00:45:55,380 --> 00:45:53,140

and the leper says back I want to be

1014

00:45:59,490 --> 00:45:55,390

cleansed but the scroll that the leper

1015

00:46:01,890 --> 00:45:59,500

is holding unfolds not to Jesus but to a

1016

00:46:04,740 --> 00:46:01,900

psychedelic mushroom that Jesus is

1017

00:46:08,960 --> 00:46:04,750

suspended above and we know that in many

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00:46:13,920 --> 00:46:08,970

shamanic cultures psychedelics ayahuasca

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00:46:16,350 --> 00:46:13,930

ebo gain psilocybin peyote among the

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00:46:18,600 --> 00:46:16,360

Huichol in the Korra of Mexico we're

1021

00:46:22,140 --> 00:46:18,610

used for healing so here is a direct

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00:46:25,200 --> 00:46:22,150

reference reference to it to take this

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00:46:27,720 --> 00:46:25,210

even further Alex what does it mean we

1024

00:46:29,910 --> 00:46:27,730

want to talk about enigmatic let's look

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00:46:33,960 --> 00:46:29,920

at the New Testament gospel of john john

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00:46:36,600 --> 00:46:33,970

6 51 through 56 where jesus says whoever

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00:46:39,150 --> 00:46:36,610

whoso eateth of my flesh and drinketh my

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00:46:41,490 --> 00:46:39,160

blood hath eternal life and i will raise

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00:46:43,740 --> 00:46:41,500

him up on the last day he that eateth my

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00:46:47,010 --> 00:46:43,750

flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in

1031

00:46:48,720 --> 00:46:47,020

me and i in him now look we do not

1032

00:46:50,330 --> 00:46:48,730

believe that Jesus was encouraging

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00:46:54,480 --> 00:46:50,340

cannibalism this would have been

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00:46:56,670 --> 00:46:54,490

anathema repugnant to both Romans and

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00:46:59,610 --> 00:46:56,680

Jews alike and the early Christians were

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00:47:04,110 --> 00:46:59,620

all Jews we believe that he is talking

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00:47:07,050 --> 00:47:04,120

about the sacred mushroom and I can take

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00:47:08,730 --> 00:47:07,060

that further because in the chapter on

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00:47:11,220 --> 00:47:08,740

the Kingdom of Heaven we go back into

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00:47:13,920 --> 00:47:11,230

the Gnostic Gospels which were

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00:47:16,290 --> 00:47:13,930

supposedly the the representations and

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00:47:19,020 --> 00:47:16,300

the words of the of the living Jesus and

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00:47:22,320 --> 00:47:19,030

we're buried in the sands of Egypt from

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00:47:24,360 --> 00:47:22,330

200 on and Jesus says to his disciples

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00:47:26,370 --> 00:47:24,370

it's in the Gospel of Thomas compare me

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00:47:28,890 --> 00:47:26,380

to someone and tell me who I'm like and

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00:47:30,690 --> 00:47:28,900

Thomas replies master my mouth is holy

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00:47:34,340 --> 00:47:30,700

and capable of saying whom you are alike

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00:47:36,470 --> 00:47:34,350

and Jesus says I am NOT your mad

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00:47:38,390 --> 00:47:36,480

stir because you have drunk you have

1051
00:47:40,640 --> 00:47:38,400
become intoxicated from the bubbling

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00:47:42,920 --> 00:47:40,650
spring which I have measured out hee hoo

1053
00:47:45,530 --> 00:47:42,930
drinketh from my mouth will become like

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00:47:47,570 --> 00:47:45,540
me I shall become he and the things that

1055
00:47:50,990 --> 00:47:47,580
are hidden will be revealed to him now

1056
00:47:53,240 --> 00:47:51,000
listen here for those of you who are not

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00:47:55,850 --> 00:47:53,250
familiar with this passage he is saying

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00:47:59,840 --> 00:47:55,860
to Thomas you have drunk you have become

1059
00:48:02,120 --> 00:47:59,850
intoxicated and visionary from this

1060
00:48:03,920 --> 00:48:02,130
drink that I have measured out in other

1061
00:48:06,320 --> 00:48:03,930
words Jesus is saying I measured it out

1062
00:48:09,140 --> 00:48:06,330
I know the dose and if you drink from

1063
00:48:12,410 --> 00:48:09,150

what I offer you will become like me you

1064

00:48:14,510 --> 00:48:12,420

will have a transpersonal mystical

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00:48:16,640 --> 00:48:14,520

experience and I will become like you

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00:48:18,710 --> 00:48:16,650

and all things that are hidden will be

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00:48:21,350 --> 00:48:18,720

revealed as Jesus said the kingdom of

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00:48:23,960 --> 00:48:21,360

heaven lo look not here or there the

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00:48:26,270 --> 00:48:23,970

kingdom of heaven is within so we

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00:48:29,210 --> 00:48:26,280

believe this is in the language of that

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00:48:32,150 --> 00:48:29,220

time a reference to saying that this

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00:48:34,190 --> 00:48:32,160

heavenly world this supernatural world

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00:48:35,810 --> 00:48:34,200

this mystical world which gets described

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00:48:39,500 --> 00:48:35,820

in different terms in different cultures

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00:48:42,500 --> 00:48:39,510

is revealed from within by taking this

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00:48:44,930 --> 00:48:42,510

drink from the psychoactive plants

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00:48:46,820 --> 00:48:44,940

that's where we really believe there is

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00:48:48,980 --> 00:48:46,830

a revision of the master story of

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00:48:51,470 --> 00:48:48,990

Christianity but it is not a destruction

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00:48:53,540 --> 00:48:51,480

of belief in Jesus or a disappointment

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00:48:56,360 --> 00:48:53,550

I've heard you say this before that do

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00:49:01,250 --> 00:48:56,370

you think for a second that this idea

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00:49:06,590 --> 00:49:01,260

that recasting Jesus from this born of a

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00:49:08,780 --> 00:49:06,600

virgin son of God God on earth being to

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00:49:13,100 --> 00:49:08,790

someone who's well schooled in and

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00:49:15,590 --> 00:49:13,110

theage ins and healing do you through

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00:49:18,980 --> 00:49:15,600

their there is no way that's going to

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00:49:22,190 --> 00:49:18,990

fly with modern day Christianity well it

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00:49:25,990 --> 00:49:22,200

flies with brother David Stendhal Rost

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00:49:30,400 --> 00:49:26,000

and and hear me out on this because

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00:49:34,700 --> 00:49:30,410

whether you believe in all the other

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00:49:37,760 --> 00:49:34,710

stories about the Bible you can and it

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00:49:39,710 --> 00:49:37,770

is not contradictory to a belief system

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00:49:43,880 --> 00:49:39,720

that says that Jesus was the son of God

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00:49:48,180 --> 00:49:43,890

if that is your belief to contemplate

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00:49:50,309 --> 00:49:48,190

that he could have realized his divinity

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00:49:52,680 --> 00:49:50,319

through and theogenes is there is

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00:49:54,750 --> 00:49:52,690

divinity and sense of immortality which

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00:49:56,910 --> 00:49:54,760

is what we hear that these psychedelic

1100

00:50:00,180 --> 00:49:56,920

plants do from soma in the Rig Veda

1101
00:50:02,490 --> 00:50:00,190
Jerry this Jesus plus thing just isn't

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00:50:06,870 --> 00:50:02,500
going to fly I mean we got to kind of

1103
00:50:10,349 --> 00:50:06,880
get down to the core issue of who was

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00:50:15,569 --> 00:50:10,359
Jesus and are you suggesting that Jesus

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00:50:19,050 --> 00:50:15,579
was this magician herbalist who was a

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00:50:20,730 --> 00:50:19,060
healer or is he this divine being and

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00:50:22,589 --> 00:50:20,740
for I guess to start there we have to

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00:50:24,390 --> 00:50:22,599
say do we believe that there are divine

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00:50:26,730 --> 00:50:24,400
beings do we believe that their beings

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00:50:29,730 --> 00:50:26,740
that are somehow different are somehow

1111
00:50:31,920 --> 00:50:29,740
straddling this extended consciousness

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00:50:34,230 --> 00:50:31,930
realm in this realm what do you think

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00:50:37,500 --> 00:50:34,240

about that question and then the big

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00:50:39,990 --> 00:50:37,510

question is who was Jesus Alex I believe

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00:50:43,530 --> 00:50:40,000

we're all divine beings where that's and

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00:50:46,829 --> 00:50:43,540

we all can realize that through

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00:50:48,630 --> 00:50:46,839

psychedelic or other pathways to the

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00:50:51,059 --> 00:50:48,640

divine and I think that's what the

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00:50:53,250 --> 00:50:51,069

teaching was and this is what we find in

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00:50:55,829 --> 00:50:53,260

the Gnostic Gospels that Jesus did not

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00:50:59,280 --> 00:50:55,839

come to save humanity from sin but to

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00:51:03,660 --> 00:50:59,290

teach enlightenment that God and man

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00:51:05,579 --> 00:51:03,670

were not other but are one and this is

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00:51:07,230 --> 00:51:05,589

the teachings of the Gnostic Gospels we

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00:51:09,660 --> 00:51:07,240

believe this is part of the to true

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00:51:12,359 --> 00:51:09,670

teachings of early Christianity and

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00:51:15,089 --> 00:51:12,369

that's where certainly there's going to

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00:51:17,339 --> 00:51:15,099

be dispute with orchid Orthodox Orthodox

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00:51:17,609 --> 00:51:17,349

Christianity but think about it for a

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00:51:20,400 --> 00:51:17,619

minute

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00:51:22,440 --> 00:51:20,410

the visionary experience the inspired

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00:51:25,470 --> 00:51:22,450

experience the missile a mystical

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00:51:27,960 --> 00:51:25,480

experience is very prized throughout the

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00:51:30,630 --> 00:51:27,970

Bible from the early Old Testament to

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00:51:33,059 --> 00:51:30,640

certainly the book of Revelation and so

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00:51:37,819 --> 00:51:33,069

if we're going to move in a paradigm

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00:51:42,470 --> 00:51:37,829

shift from ritual at the beginnings to

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00:51:46,710 --> 00:51:42,480

analysis of Christian texts and-and-and

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00:51:50,579 --> 00:51:46,720

Gospels from the printing press on to

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00:51:53,400 --> 00:51:50,589

now considering that all of us can have

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00:51:55,230 --> 00:51:53,410

a direct experience of the divine no

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00:51:57,990 --> 00:51:55,240

matter in what is your religious

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00:52:00,329 --> 00:51:58,000

framework whether it be Hindu whether it

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00:52:01,360 --> 00:52:00,339

be a Judaic whether it be those people

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00:52:03,340 --> 00:52:01,370

those

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00:52:05,740 --> 00:52:03,350

many people who in the Pew survey say I

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00:52:07,900 --> 00:52:05,750

am spiritual and not religious because

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00:52:11,440 --> 00:52:07,910

look at this we are all looking for our

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00:52:14,050 --> 00:52:11,450

place in the cosmos and if psychedelics

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00:52:17,260 --> 00:52:14,060

provides one for some portion of the

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00:52:20,740 --> 00:52:17,270

population this is why Julie and I in

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00:52:24,400 --> 00:52:20,750

our book encourage the foundation of

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00:52:26,230 --> 00:52:24,410

sacred centers as legal the legalization

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00:52:28,450 --> 00:52:26,240

of psychedelics to be used in sacred

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00:52:31,170 --> 00:52:28,460

centers for personal growth and

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00:52:34,060 --> 00:52:31,180

religious exploration which should be

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00:52:35,890 --> 00:52:34,070

allowed under the First Amendment of the

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00:52:38,410 --> 00:52:35,900

United States Constitution which

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00:52:41,290 --> 00:52:38,420

requires that there be no prohibition on

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00:52:43,390 --> 00:52:41,300

the freedom of religion now coming back

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00:52:45,640 --> 00:52:43,400

to the more controversial issue look it

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00:52:49,300 --> 00:52:45,650

took 300 years for the Catholic Church

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00:52:51,820 --> 00:52:49,310

to forgive - to apologize to Galileo for

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00:52:53,530 --> 00:52:51,830

showing him during the Inquisition the

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00:52:55,360 --> 00:52:53,540

instruments of torture to get him to

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00:53:00,010 --> 00:52:55,370

recant what he saw through his telescope

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00:53:02,830 --> 00:53:00,020

we hope it will not take 300 years for

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00:53:04,720 --> 00:53:02,840

the Catholic Church or for Judaism which

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00:53:07,150 --> 00:53:04,730

we couldn't get into in this book to

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00:53:11,310 --> 00:53:07,160

acknowledge the role of psychedelics as

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00:53:14,470 --> 00:53:11,320

having a valuable experience and

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00:53:17,050 --> 00:53:14,480

existential contribution to people's

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00:53:21,340 --> 00:53:17,060

religious experience very well said and

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00:53:23,410 --> 00:53:21,350

but that's a huge huge topic that you're

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00:53:24,880 --> 00:53:23,420

tackling here and you're just doing it

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00:53:27,850 --> 00:53:24,890

in a very thoughtful deep way

1177

00:53:29,950 --> 00:53:27,860

one last question or question area that

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00:53:33,250 --> 00:53:29,960

you just kind of dipped into with that

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00:53:37,600 --> 00:53:33,260

last response and that is you know what

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00:53:41,740 --> 00:53:37,610

do we make of the dark deep state part

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00:53:44,920 --> 00:53:41,750

of this so anyone who's looked into LSD

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00:53:47,680 --> 00:53:44,930

psilocybin as well you know you're going

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00:53:51,880 --> 00:53:47,690

to run into MK ULTRA you're going to run

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00:53:55,450 --> 00:53:51,890

into Timothy Leary being co-opted by the

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00:53:59,950 --> 00:53:55,460

FBI and the CIA we're going to run into

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00:54:04,270 --> 00:53:59,960

mind-control it's not all white light

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00:54:07,720 --> 00:54:04,280

when we look at psychedelics is it and

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00:54:10,630 --> 00:54:07,730

do you have concerns there when you talk

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00:54:12,820 --> 00:54:10,640

about hey you know the freedom of

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00:54:14,920 --> 00:54:12,830

expression the freedom of thought the

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00:54:17,680 --> 00:54:14,930

freedom to do what you want with your

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00:54:21,099 --> 00:54:17,690

consciousness this seems to be a topic

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00:54:23,260 --> 00:54:21,109

that the deep state is very interested

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00:54:25,599 --> 00:54:23,270

in and has been in for quite a while and

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00:54:27,549 --> 00:54:25,609

they're read of what our rights should

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00:54:30,490 --> 00:54:27,559

be seems to be quite different than what

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00:54:32,829 --> 00:54:30,500

you're talking about yeah we touch on

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00:54:34,750 --> 00:54:32,839

that in a footnote because look we

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00:54:36,160 --> 00:54:34,760

couldn't touch up get into Judaism in

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00:54:39,549 --> 00:54:36,170

this book we couldn't get into these

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00:54:43,030 --> 00:54:39,559
deep state arguments I encourage you to

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00:54:45,040 --> 00:54:43,040
read acid dreams which reveals through

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00:54:46,980 --> 00:54:45,050
freedom of information additional deep

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00:54:49,839 --> 00:54:46,990
state information about the MKULTRA

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00:54:52,329 --> 00:54:49,849
horrible experiments they did on LSD

1206
00:54:56,109 --> 00:54:52,339
giving LSD to soldiers without their

1207
00:55:00,160 --> 00:54:56,119
knowledge or permission etc both the US

1208
00:55:02,740 --> 00:55:00,170
and the Soviets explored this as as

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00:55:07,540 --> 00:55:02,750
tools of mind-control as truth serums as

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00:55:11,020 --> 00:55:07,550
battlefield instruments and they don't

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00:55:13,839 --> 00:55:11,030
seem to work for a variety of reasons

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00:55:17,890 --> 00:55:13,849
certainly that element is there we do

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00:55:21,579 --> 00:55:17,900

not explore it in our book but we do

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00:55:26,200 --> 00:55:21,589

believe that if the theory were true

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00:55:30,099 --> 00:55:26,210

that the CIA spread psychedelics

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00:55:34,539 --> 00:55:30,109

including LSD throughout the country in

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00:55:37,000 --> 00:55:34,549

order to try to disarm the very powerful

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00:55:40,809 --> 00:55:37,010

civil rights and anti-war movement they

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00:55:42,819 --> 00:55:40,819

absolutely failed and the success of the

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00:55:46,089 --> 00:55:42,829

counterculture in many ways in which it

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00:55:48,400 --> 00:55:46,099

has become almost embedded into many

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00:55:52,720 --> 00:55:48,410

aspects of American life whether it be

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00:55:56,920 --> 00:55:52,730

in food or protest or cultural styles

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00:55:59,109 --> 00:55:56,930

and now the current resurgence of the

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00:56:01,660 --> 00:55:59,119

psychedelic Renaissance which is

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00:56:04,599 --> 00:56:01,670
avoiding the mistakes that Leary and the

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00:56:07,839 --> 00:56:04,609
others made perhaps out of innocence

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00:56:10,120 --> 00:56:07,849
perhaps out of over enthusiasm but false

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00:56:12,400 --> 00:56:10,130
you know overly promising what these

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00:56:15,010 --> 00:56:12,410
drugs can do but by putting these

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00:56:17,829 --> 00:56:15,020
substances through the rigorous

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00:56:19,120 --> 00:56:17,839
scientific and medical methodology of

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00:56:22,349 --> 00:56:19,130
showing how they can help with

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00:56:26,470 --> 00:56:22,359
Alzheimer's with cluster headaches with

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00:56:28,800 --> 00:56:26,480
with relief for cancer patients with

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00:56:31,840 --> 00:56:28,810
helping first

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00:56:34,330 --> 00:56:31,850
responders and our veterans who come

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00:56:37,090 --> 00:56:34,340

back traumatized from war this is the

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00:56:39,640 --> 00:56:37,100

way that which psychedelics are going to

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00:56:42,190 --> 00:56:39,650

enter the mainstream in other words as

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00:56:44,590 --> 00:56:42,200

we saw with marijuana legalization

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00:56:46,870 --> 00:56:44,600

follows medicalization and the

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00:56:48,670 --> 00:56:46,880

medicalization model is what's driving

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00:56:50,290 --> 00:56:48,680

this new science of psychedelics we

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00:56:52,210 --> 00:56:50,300

touch on that in the last chapter of our

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00:56:54,010 --> 00:56:52,220

book and I encourage your listeners you

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can find us at you can find all of this

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on our website psychedelic Gospels calm

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or you can find our book on Amazon the

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psychedelic Gospels or you can follow

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our page on Facebook psychedelic Gospels

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excellent once again our guest has been

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dr. Jerry B Brown who along with his

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wife who really is featured pretty

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prominently in the book and played an

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important role in it Julie brown they

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together wrote the psychedelic Gospels

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the secret history of hallucinogens in

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Christianity great job Jerry

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00:57:30,700 --> 00:57:27,680

congratulations on a very important work

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00:57:32,320 --> 00:57:30,710

and best of luck with the continued work

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that you're doing here thanks again for

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joining me my pleasure thanks again to

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dr. Jerry Brown for joining me today on

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skeptic Oh as I laid out in the intro

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and as we hammered on during the

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00:57:49,210 --> 00:57:45,440

interview the only question to really

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put on the table here is what are we to

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00:57:55,270 --> 00:57:52,570

make of the fact and I say fact that

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psychedelics were a part of early

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Christian history I guess there's a

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little wiggle room there you could say

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hey they weren't really a part of early

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Christian history they were just

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introduced in this art hundreds of

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thousands of years later but that

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doesn't really seem to hold up very well

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anyways you get the idea how do you pull

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that apart what does this mean for you

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I'd love to hear some Christians weigh

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in on that question what does this mean

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for you if you're a non-christian or if

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you're looking at this from the outside

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so would love to get any thoughts you

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have on that of course the place to do

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it is through the Skeptical website or

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through the skeptical forum or you can

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always email me and don't feel bad if

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00:58:36,880 --> 00:58:34,610

you've listened to this show months and

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00:58:38,950 --> 00:58:36,890

months after it's been out you can still

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start a conversation The Skeptical forum

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and usually people who jump right back

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in and

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create that dialogue or you can of

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course email me months later and this is

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stuff as you know that I am interested

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in and thinking about so if you're

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thinking about it too great I'd love to

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connect with you so I do have a number

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00:59:00,890 --> 00:58:58,380

of interesting shows coming up twists

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00:59:03,710 --> 00:59:00,900

and turns that I didn't see coming but

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00:59:06,710 --> 00:59:03,720

that add a certain s to skeptic code