

The image features two men in the lower-left foreground. The man on the left is older, with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. The man on the right is younger, balding with glasses, wearing a brown jacket over a patterned shirt and tie. The background is a high-contrast, black and white image of bare tree branches against a light sky. Overlaid on the right side of the image is large, bold, black text.

Antti Savinainen
Richard Smoley
Skeptiko #368

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where do you go and die actor Tim

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Robbins got a glimpse in this cult

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classic Jacob's Ladder

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and I guess that's how it is with the

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00:00:35,740 --> 00:00:32,400
afterlife

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00:00:43,910 --> 00:00:37,930
I mean we know it's probably gonna call

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00:00:48,900 --> 00:00:47,010
what it doesn't so we keep asking the

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00:00:51,330 --> 00:00:48,910
questions we keep looking for the

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answers and once in a while we come

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across some people who really seem to

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know there are no Devils in hell there

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are just human beings who have evil

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thoughts and habits and then as Richard

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mentioned there are some kind of of

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thought forms which are formed by people

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producing those evil and and murderers

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and that kind of thoughts and they have

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so much power that they exist there for

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some time and if a person has kind of

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affinity harboring those those negative

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feelings and thoughts throughout their

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life or at least to some extent then it

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might be that that this is somehow

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attracting to these these lower levels

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of afterlife and I find it interesting

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00:01:43,920 --> 00:01:40,780
that negative near-death experiences

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they tend to reveal that these stages

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are felt by people who who go briefly to

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00:01:54,180 --> 00:01:50,800
the other side so to speak that's

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00:01:56,430 --> 00:01:54,190
today's guest dr. ante seven onion who's

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written a new book about the finished

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mystic peak Arvest who back in the 1890s

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00:02:06,660 --> 00:02:03,210
had a series of amazing mystical

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00:02:09,530 --> 00:02:06,670
experiences that reveal to him what

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00:02:11,820 --> 00:02:09,540
really happens after we die

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00:02:13,860 --> 00:02:11,830
it's a very interesting book in

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00:02:17,910 --> 00:02:13,870
particular because it has so much

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00:02:20,520 --> 00:02:17,920

overlap with the modern-day near-death

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experience research that we've focused

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so much upon and yet at the same time it

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raises some of the same questions that

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we always come back to regarding science

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and materialism and our need to try and

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know and understand this topic from

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reason and at the same time our

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appreciation for the fact that we know

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deep down that reason can't really get

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00:02:49,949 --> 00:02:46,450

us there in this interview we're also

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00:02:52,410 --> 00:02:49,959

joined by the very excellent biblical

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scholar in spiritual scholar Richard

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Smalley

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who wrote the introduction for this book

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so it was great having him

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on as well before we get started with

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the interviewed let me just mention that

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auntie has informed me that the book is

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available actually right now as a free

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ebook it's an excellent book I've read

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it it's nicely formatted you it's not

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like a cheap freebie throw away kind of

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thing well researched again with an

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excellent introduction by Richard

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Smalley it's just a great book that's

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available for free so it's kind of a

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cool thing and I'll of course have the

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links to that in the show notes this was

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a fun interview for me we talked about

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all sorts of topics all the way from the

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idiosyncratic nature of these mystical

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experiences and how much are we to trust

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my big toe kind of simulation Theory

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kind of things versus a total full-blown

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spiritual or even Christian mystical

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experience we talked about backdoor

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materialism and medicine in particular

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and whether proposed head transplant

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that's supposed to happen in 2018 will

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reveal anything more about how we might

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understand consciousness and then we

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even venture off into biblical

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scholarship and biblical studies just a

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little bit because when you have a

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chance to talk to Richard smoly

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you can't miss the opportunity to talk

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about that stuff as well so don't let

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this creepy music and creepy

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introduction freak you out too much it's

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really kind of an upbeat and fun

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interview I hope you enjoy it and I hope

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you stick around for this episode of

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skeptic Oh

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today we welcome two guests to skeptic

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Oh dr. aunty Sivan yin he joins us as

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someone who's contacted me because he's

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listened to skeptic oh and then I came

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to find that he was writing a very

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interesting book right up our alley the

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book is titled from death to rebirth and

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it's about the Finnish mystic pika

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Arvest and now before I go further how

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00:05:19,700 --> 00:05:14,930
do we really say that name

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00:05:23,060 --> 00:05:19,710
Abed of us good enough okay good a

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00:05:26,930 --> 00:05:23,070
Finnish mystic a Christian mystic back

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in the late 1890s so we're gonna talk

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about that book we're also going to talk

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more in general about mysticism and in

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particular Christian mysticism and we're

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00:05:41,900 --> 00:05:39,380
also joined by the very excellent

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spiritual scholar that many of you will

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00:05:47,360 --> 00:05:45,120
be aware of that is Richard smoly his

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00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:47,370
work I've referenced several times on

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00:05:51,490 --> 00:05:50,160

this show because it's so excellent so

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00:05:54,680 --> 00:05:51,500

extraordinary and many many people

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regard it very highly Richard is the

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author of several books one that you may

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be aware of is his most recent how God

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became God so Richard thank you for

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joining us as well thank you very much

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Alex it's a pleasure to be here so like

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I was explaining anti Richard you know I

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thought what we would do is talk about

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this book but really kind of talk around

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it and talk about some of the

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interesting topics that I think it it

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connects to we have the near-death

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experience science that the show has

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spent a lot of times covering and this

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book connects to that because here we

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have this guy back in the 1890s nice and

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hey I went through this very tough

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spiritual transformative experience but

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at the end I know all about what happens

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in the after death world and let me tell

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you about it we also have it connecting

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just with mysticism in general with

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theosophy with a lot of topics that I

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think

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listeners might find interesting where I

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thought we might start though is just

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with this basic idea and anti you can

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you tackle this or Richard I know this

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is really in your swing zone as well you

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know

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theosophy is something that I think

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throws people for a loop I know it

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throws me for a loop I think there's a

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strong historical connection we have to

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the word that I don't think fits with

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the way people use it and think about it

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today so how do we want to just pull

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that apart to begin with as a

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definitional kind of foundational thing

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well I can start

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theosophy means divine wisdom in its

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Greek roots it has two meanings one of

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which is generic and that smalti'

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theosophy is shall we say a kind of

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blueprint of the structure of the divine

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works that I've been called Theosophical

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in this sense include the Zohar the

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Kabbalistic work from the medieval

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Europe and the works of Jakob Jerma the

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17th century German mystic now theosophy

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in a more restricted sense refers to the

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ideas propagated by HP Blavatsky in the

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late 19th century and incorporated in

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the Theosophical society so that is

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theosophy with a capital T to put it in

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an even broader context there is

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something called variously the ancient

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wisdom the esoteric tradition the

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perennial philosophy this is universal

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all versions of it are not identical or

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not overt over to all versions of it are

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not identical that is actually correct

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but overall the similarities are greater

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than the differences

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theosophy in the capital T sense happens

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to be a formulation

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of this particular ancient wisdom in the

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language and spirit of the late 19th

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century and spit and spoke very much the

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needs of its time and as a movement it

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brought forth a lot of things including

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the new age as we know it it opened the

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door for Eastern religions to come into

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the West among other things and that's

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where it gets tricky for me and Auntie

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maybe you want to pick up here and talk

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about what the Asif II meant to pika

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and in particular one of the things I

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found interesting is he's struggling

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with some very real kind of political

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struggles that you know we can probably

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understand in the context of today's

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kind of religious battles or new

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religious movements that get started and

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so all of a sudden we take what Richard

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was just saying which sounds great and

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this there's this perennial wisdom and

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there's all this stuff and then we hear

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about these guys fighting and the big

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breakups and all that stuff which I

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think it's also on the back of our mind

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00:10:30,580 --> 00:10:24,830
- so maybe switch gears for a minute and

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say what theosophy felt like to PE back

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in the 1890s from what we can tell from

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what he's written yes so I think that he

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was at about eighteen years old when he

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00:10:45,730 --> 00:10:42,890
encountered the first Theosophical book

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and it really changed his life because

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if he was looking for truth from the

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very early on and he wanted to know

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if there is knowledge about what is the

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meaning of life and how should we live

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our lives he wasn't that interested in

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the afterlife or what happens after we

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die

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is there even life after death he was

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interested in how to solve problems

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between human beings in a humane way and

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then he found theosophy it was in its

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book and he really felt that now he

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found something important and later on

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because practically everything was

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Christian at the time he was

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raised in Christian culture as well I

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don't know how much that has an impact

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on it but he felt that that a

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Christianity in its esoteric meaning not

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in a religious or a church meaning it

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had a lot to offer for him because he

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found some consolation from some words

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in the Bible which which made him

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believe that there is truth and he can

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personally find it and he found that

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these ideas about ethics of Christianity

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from Leo Tolstoy the great author

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Russian author who really changed his

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life in a different for different

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directs and after finding these kind of

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Commandments Jesus His commandments that

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that they eventually left let him let

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him into transformation experience in

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which he felt that he cut his [h__h] at a

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contact with his I would put it higher

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self and he felt that in that experience

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it was a lot experienced which actually

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resembles quite a lot of what NDE people

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are telling us and he felt that these

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commandments which Tolstoy had revealed

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from the New Testament they were not

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invented by Jesus or any God they were

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imprinted in the invisible cosmos in

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itself there were laws of of life itself

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so in a way that that was the start of

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his real spiritual teaching and he's

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both in Finnish theosophy excellent and

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I think even if we were to stop and

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pause right there for a second there's

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already some really interesting stuff to

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pull apart and I turn to you Richard and

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say how are we to understand the mystic

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in particular in our in our modern day

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culture I mean I think this is right up

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your alley in terms of some of the books

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that you've written and trying to

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understand what we call spirituality now

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which encompasses this mystical kind of

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00:13:34,060 --> 00:13:30,620

experience but then also how are we to

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00:13:37,720 --> 00:13:34,070

understand the Christian mystic in

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00:13:37,990 --> 00:13:37,730

particular and anti just you know kind

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00:13:39,610 --> 00:13:38,000

of

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00:13:42,160 --> 00:13:39,620

past that point but I think it's a very

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00:13:44,470 --> 00:13:42,170

interesting one is that he was immersed

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00:13:46,020 --> 00:13:44,480

in a Christian culture you almost get

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00:13:49,420 --> 00:13:46,030

the sense from reading him that he

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00:13:50,680 --> 00:13:49,430

really couldn't even consider anything

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00:13:54,970 --> 00:13:50,690

outside of that

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00:13:57,700 --> 00:13:54,980

so his mysticism is decidedly Christian

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00:14:01,450 --> 00:13:57,710

at the same time I think as anti is

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00:14:05,080 --> 00:14:01,460

suggesting it was broader than maybe

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00:14:08,200 --> 00:14:05,090

what most people would associate with

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00:14:12,070 --> 00:14:08,210

kind of a strict or fundamentalist kind

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00:14:14,680 --> 00:14:12,080

of Christian experience that people as

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00:14:16,150 --> 00:14:14,690

they understand it today do you get what

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00:14:18,760 --> 00:14:16,160

I'm saying can you maybe help me out

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00:14:21,340 --> 00:14:18,770

there pull that apart for me yeah well

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00:14:24,990 --> 00:14:21,350

the first question is how do we deal

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00:14:29,260 --> 00:14:25,000

with mystical experience or mysticism in

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00:14:32,620 --> 00:14:29,270

life today I'll give you a one-word

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00:14:35,770 --> 00:14:32,630

answer which is phenomenologically that

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00:14:39,520 --> 00:14:35,780

is to say if someone says they had a

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00:14:42,190 --> 00:14:39,530

given experience it's usually a good

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00:14:46,210 --> 00:14:42,200

idea to believe that they had this

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00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:46,220

experience there are frauds and you know

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00:14:52,810 --> 00:14:48,800

so on but a lot of people do actually

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00:14:55,320 --> 00:14:52,820

have mystical experience and that has to

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00:14:58,450 --> 00:14:55,330

be taken at face value that cannot be

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00:15:00,850 --> 00:14:58,460

summarily dismissed as just illusion

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00:15:03,490 --> 00:15:00,860

just imagination that sort of thing

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00:15:06,610 --> 00:15:03,500

because yeah well frankly your whole

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00:15:08,590 --> 00:15:06,620

cognition is illusion and imagination so

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00:15:10,660 --> 00:15:08,600

that doesn't help too much so I think it

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00:15:11,650 --> 00:15:10,670

has to be taken phenomenologically with

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00:15:14,920 --> 00:15:11,660

an open mind

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00:15:17,650 --> 00:15:14,930

that is both open to criticism and open

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00:15:20,470 --> 00:15:17,660

to acceptance which in this day is very

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00:15:23,079 --> 00:15:20,480

hard to do because it's always this or

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00:15:26,050 --> 00:15:23,089

that the certain level of the mind that

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00:15:27,579 --> 00:15:26,060

only can count up to two as you Spence

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00:15:30,160 --> 00:15:27,589

ki could say you know us and then

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00:15:33,400 --> 00:15:30,170

Democrats and Republicans liberals and

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00:15:35,829 --> 00:15:33,410

conservatives bla bla bla you have to

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00:15:38,230 --> 00:15:35,839

get past that to understand mystical

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00:15:40,540 --> 00:15:38,240

experience now the second half had to do

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00:15:43,120 --> 00:15:40,550

with Christianity and I will say this I

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00:15:46,840 --> 00:15:43,130

did say previously that there was this

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00:15:48,840 --> 00:15:46,850

universal tradition that appears over

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00:15:52,739 --> 00:15:48,850

and over and over again in

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00:15:54,210 --> 00:15:52,749

any number of times and places and it

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00:15:56,159 --> 00:15:54,220

has been expressed in different

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00:16:01,049 --> 00:15:56,169

languages

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00:16:04,289 --> 00:16:01,059

I mean spiritual language is not verbal

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00:16:08,669 --> 00:16:04,299

languages Christianity is one of these

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00:16:10,650 --> 00:16:08,679

um it's not the only one and I would not

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00:16:14,129 --> 00:16:10,660

even argue that it is the best or

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00:16:16,909 --> 00:16:14,139

privileged over all the others for us

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00:16:23,879 --> 00:16:21,749

this is the Christian shall we say

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00:16:26,369 --> 00:16:23,889

operating system is installed in our

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00:16:28,349 --> 00:16:26,379

brains if you don't believe in God it's

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00:16:32,189 --> 00:16:28,359

the Christian God you know believe in in

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00:16:35,639 --> 00:16:32,199

short so we have to face it and deal

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00:16:38,069 --> 00:16:35,649

with it what I suggesting and what I

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00:16:42,150 --> 00:16:38,079

suggested particularly in my book inter

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00:16:45,059 --> 00:16:42,160

Christianity is that let's at least

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00:16:47,819 --> 00:16:45,069

understand this ancient wisdom using the

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00:16:51,259 --> 00:16:47,829

language of Christianity because hey it

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00:16:53,729 --> 00:16:51,269

makes it easier to understand and be

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00:16:57,659 --> 00:16:53,739

reconcile ourselves to many of the

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00:16:59,340 --> 00:16:57,669

problems we have with Christianity the

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00:17:04,019 --> 00:16:59,350

vast majority of which are entirely

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00:17:07,309 --> 00:17:04,029

justified can add a little bit above for

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00:17:11,460 --> 00:17:07,319

the excellent words that we just spoke

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00:17:13,409 --> 00:17:11,470

about peace case he was early on well

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00:17:15,210 --> 00:17:13,419

worth with languages he was about five

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00:17:17,579 --> 00:17:15,220

or six years old when he's learned to

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00:17:19,439 --> 00:17:17,589

read friends before he learned read his

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00:17:22,710 --> 00:17:19,449

own native language fruit was sweet ease

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00:17:25,049 --> 00:17:22,720

and he knew something like ten languages

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00:17:27,539 --> 00:17:25,059

or so he studied Sanskrit at university

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00:17:29,580 --> 00:17:27,549

so who could read original sources so he

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00:17:31,470 --> 00:17:29,590

was very enthusiastic about reading the

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00:17:35,850 --> 00:17:31,480

Eastern religions as well and he really

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00:17:38,850 --> 00:17:35,860

really highly admired and and even loved

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00:17:41,039 --> 00:17:38,860

great religions butta and all the great

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00:17:43,200 --> 00:17:41,049

teachings of Yogi's and all that

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00:17:45,810 --> 00:17:43,210

so he wasn't exclusively Christian at

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00:17:48,749 --> 00:17:45,820

all and the main point here is to make

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00:17:52,019 --> 00:17:48,759

to make a difference between Christ or

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00:17:54,210 --> 00:17:52,029

Christ consciousness and Jesus Jesus was

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00:17:57,269 --> 00:17:54,220

a man who was fully immersed in that

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00:17:59,909 --> 00:17:57,279

Christ consciousness in his life but

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00:18:02,730 --> 00:17:59,919

Christ consciousness is not for only one

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00:18:06,390 --> 00:18:02,740

person it's shared by all leave

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00:18:09,120 --> 00:18:06,400

beings basically and you might say God

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00:18:11,370 --> 00:18:09,130

or whatever language you prefer all you

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00:18:15,120 --> 00:18:11,380

Buddhist minds say that it's the Buddha

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00:18:18,720 --> 00:18:15,130

nature you are attached to or aspiring

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00:18:21,720 --> 00:18:18,730

to reach or whatever so Christ in this

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00:18:24,060 --> 00:18:21,730

sense really trance can screw ste anity

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00:18:26,850 --> 00:18:24,070

and it's that one might say even that

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00:18:29,790 --> 00:18:26,860

it's this consciousness which is search

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00:18:31,290 --> 00:18:29,800

for in all mystic traditions in in one

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00:18:33,299 --> 00:18:31,300

respect I don't know if Richard agrees

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00:18:35,850 --> 00:18:33,309

with this but that's my interpretation

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00:18:38,250 --> 00:18:35,860

of this let's say that's awesome I mean

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00:18:41,480 --> 00:18:38,260

that is to me I've been saying that for

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00:18:44,400 --> 00:18:41,490

a long time in the show but it's also

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00:18:47,510 --> 00:18:44,410

you know rather than an endpoint or a

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00:18:51,080 --> 00:18:47,520

pushback point or something to kind of

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00:18:53,370 --> 00:18:51,090

rally our arms about against the

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00:18:56,100 --> 00:18:53,380

materialistic atheistic kind of pushback

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00:18:59,160 --> 00:18:56,110

that we get I don't see it as another

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00:19:03,330 --> 00:18:59,170

direction because this materialistic

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00:19:06,720 --> 00:19:03,340

atheism I think is is waning is really

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00:19:09,540 --> 00:19:06,730

been for the most part supplanted by

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00:19:12,750 --> 00:19:09,550

people who've really looked at it and

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00:19:15,180 --> 00:19:12,760

examined it I say it's a jumping-off

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00:19:19,080 --> 00:19:15,190

point it's the starting point for what

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00:19:21,990 --> 00:19:19,090

we might consider is next and and as

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00:19:24,690 --> 00:19:22,000

part of that I guess I jump into again

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00:19:27,990 --> 00:19:24,700

talking about PE and I throw out a word

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00:19:31,220 --> 00:19:28,000

here idiosyncratic because that's the

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00:19:34,500 --> 00:19:31,230

word that keeps coming back to me again

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00:19:37,160 --> 00:19:34,510

let me if I can tell you guys a story

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00:19:39,990 --> 00:19:37,170

digress a little bit of skeptical story

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00:19:43,430 --> 00:19:40,000

this was years ago a years ago being

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00:19:46,380 --> 00:19:43,440

probably six seven years ago I was

401
00:19:48,810 --> 00:19:46,390
embattled in this kind of ongoing debate

402
00:19:53,820 --> 00:19:48,820
with a group of sceptics that produce a

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00:19:56,370 --> 00:19:53,830
very popular podcast show and the guy is

404
00:19:58,980 --> 00:19:56,380
from Yale his name is dr. Steven novella

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00:20:01,440 --> 00:19:58,990
and he's quite quite well-known quite

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00:20:04,110 --> 00:20:01,450
prominent in both the scientific and in

407
00:20:06,299 --> 00:20:04,120
this atheistic community and the nature

408
00:20:09,720 --> 00:20:06,309
of this debate which turned into a

409
00:20:11,549 --> 00:20:09,730
demonstration was on mediumship and I

410
00:20:13,500 --> 00:20:11,559
said well this is just it's been proven

411
00:20:16,740 --> 00:20:13,510
in the lab you know over and over again

412
00:20:19,610 --> 00:20:16,750
and it's the reality for men

413
00:20:21,990 --> 00:20:19,620

people who've had these encounters with

414

00:20:23,910 --> 00:20:22,000

there's no better way to say it

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00:20:26,010 --> 00:20:23,920

deceased people who are deceased

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00:20:29,760 --> 00:20:26,020

consciousness that is beyond the

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00:20:33,000 --> 00:20:29,770

physical form so I contacted a woman and

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00:20:35,190 --> 00:20:33,010

her name is Marilyn Hughes and Meryl has

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00:20:36,510 --> 00:20:35,200

a very interesting woman I talked to and

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00:20:38,700 --> 00:20:36,520

she goes you know I don't really do

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00:20:42,060 --> 00:20:38,710

mediumship readings she goes what I do

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00:20:44,310 --> 00:20:42,070

is out-of-body travel now this is right

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00:20:47,090 --> 00:20:44,320

along the lines of PE and that's why I

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00:20:50,970 --> 00:20:47,100

bring it up Marilyn is a devout Catholic

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00:20:53,040 --> 00:20:50,980

but she has some very for a lot of

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00:20:56,040 --> 00:20:53,050

Catholics she has a lot of ideas that

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00:20:59,010 --> 00:20:56,050

maybe wouldn't jive with their Catholic

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00:21:01,410 --> 00:20:59,020

upbringing but the importance of the

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00:21:06,150 --> 00:21:01,420

story for me is we actually did a

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00:21:08,820 --> 00:21:06,160

demonstration where I contacted had a

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00:21:12,270 --> 00:21:08,830

volunteer of a woman who had tragically

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00:21:14,550 --> 00:21:12,280

lost her teenaged daughter to suicide

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00:21:15,210 --> 00:21:14,560

and Marilyn said well let me see what I

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00:21:17,820 --> 00:21:15,220

can do

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00:21:23,180 --> 00:21:17,830

and Marilyn then went and according to

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00:21:27,090 --> 00:21:23,190

her ventured into the after death State

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00:21:29,990 --> 00:21:27,100

found her daughter and brought back a

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00:21:34,440 --> 00:21:30,000

bunch of information that was one

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00:21:36,390 --> 00:21:34,450

confirming of the fact that she for lack

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00:21:38,340 --> 00:21:36,400

of a better term but lack of a better

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00:21:40,470 --> 00:21:38,350

word had traveled to these other

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00:21:42,150 --> 00:21:40,480

dimensions she brought back this

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00:21:43,920 --> 00:21:42,160

information that I think to any

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00:21:46,430 --> 00:21:43,930

reasonable person who was listening to

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00:21:49,290 --> 00:21:46,440

the show would say gee there's no way

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00:21:52,740 --> 00:21:49,300

someone could know that stuff but more

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00:21:56,640 --> 00:21:52,750

importantly it seemed to be extremely

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00:22:00,570 --> 00:21:56,650

healing and meaningful to the mother who

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00:22:02,970 --> 00:22:00,580

had lost this daughter now the reason

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00:22:06,090 --> 00:22:02,980

that I say that whole story is because

451
00:22:11,310 --> 00:22:06,100
it does kind of have this intersection

452
00:22:14,510 --> 00:22:11,320
of science spirituality mysticism that

453
00:22:17,040 --> 00:22:14,520
says hey here's someone who's having a

454
00:22:19,200 --> 00:22:17,050
mystical experience this Autobody

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00:22:21,780 --> 00:22:19,210
experience which if you push it is

456
00:22:24,510 --> 00:22:21,790
extremely idiosyncratic I mean there's a

457
00:22:27,000 --> 00:22:24,520
lot of details to her experience that

458
00:22:30,210 --> 00:22:27,010
would be in conflict or would appear to

459
00:22:32,700 --> 00:22:30,220
be in conflict with what PE is saying

460
00:22:34,470 --> 00:22:32,710
or with what Tom Campbell is saying if

461
00:22:36,539 --> 00:22:34,480
anyone knows Tom Campbell from the

462
00:22:39,539 --> 00:22:36,549
Monroe Institute author of my big toe

463
00:22:41,399 --> 00:22:39,549

who has a very simulation has also

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00:22:45,720 --> 00:22:41,409

traveled to these other realms but has a

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00:22:48,960 --> 00:22:45,730

very techno simulation kind of view of

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00:22:51,690 --> 00:22:48,970

it again idiosyncratic if we jump over

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00:22:55,289 --> 00:22:51,700

to the near-death experience accounts

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00:22:57,149 --> 00:22:55,299

again extremely idiosyncratic one

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00:23:01,200 --> 00:22:57,159

person's reporting one thing one

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00:23:03,539 --> 00:23:01,210

person's reporting another so I've laid

471

00:23:08,759 --> 00:23:03,549

a lot on the table there but maybe we

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00:23:11,669 --> 00:23:08,769

can approach this idea of as we put our

473

00:23:14,940 --> 00:23:11,679

arms around this what are we to make of

474

00:23:17,190 --> 00:23:14,950

what seems to be the differences of

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00:23:18,600 --> 00:23:17,200

these very real as you pointed out

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00:23:20,249 --> 00:23:18,610

Richard you know we can't just blow past

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00:23:22,499 --> 00:23:20,259

them and say well right it doesn't

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00:23:24,720 --> 00:23:22,509

matter because they're all illusion

479

00:23:26,940 --> 00:23:24,730

anyway well there seems to be some

480

00:23:30,230 --> 00:23:26,950

reality to them but there seems to be

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00:23:32,490 --> 00:23:30,240

some differences almost bordering on

482

00:23:35,999 --> 00:23:32,500

contradictions to them and I'd like you

483

00:23:39,509 --> 00:23:36,009

both maybe to talk about that well what

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00:23:43,289 --> 00:23:39,519

I would say is this let's say you don't

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00:23:44,580 --> 00:23:43,299

believe in the existence of Africa you

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00:23:47,490 --> 00:23:44,590

just don't believe in the existence of

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00:23:50,159 --> 00:23:47,500

it you want proof so there are all these

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00:23:53,190 --> 00:23:50,169

descriptions of Africa ranging from the

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00:23:57,289 --> 00:23:53,200

Sahara to the pyramids to the source of

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00:23:59,789 --> 00:23:57,299

the Nile to the Connaught South Africa

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00:24:04,879 --> 00:23:59,799

and all of these things seem very

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00:24:07,320 --> 00:24:04,889

idiosyncratic they all seem so different

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00:24:08,999 --> 00:24:07,330

how could they be true how could all of

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00:24:12,570 --> 00:24:09,009

these descriptions be true they're all

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00:24:14,789 --> 00:24:12,580

talking about Africa all we can really

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00:24:16,619 --> 00:24:14,799

conclude is that these people who are

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00:24:18,330 --> 00:24:16,629

talking about Africa are just making it

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00:24:22,680 --> 00:24:18,340

up and all they're in their imaginations

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00:24:25,320 --> 00:24:22,690

or you know it's an illusion my point is

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00:24:28,440 --> 00:24:25,330

that if the afterlife if it exists if

501
00:24:30,060 --> 00:24:28,450
these other realms exist we have every

502
00:24:33,659 --> 00:24:30,070
reason to believe that they are at least

503
00:24:37,320 --> 00:24:33,669
is multi-varied and disparate in nature

504
00:24:40,399 --> 00:24:37,330
as the perfectly earthly continent of

505
00:24:43,260 --> 00:24:40,409
Africa so you can make a lot of

506
00:24:45,900 --> 00:24:43,270
idiosyncrasies but I think

507
00:24:49,200 --> 00:24:45,910
it would be foolish to expect every last

508
00:24:51,240 --> 00:24:49,210
report to be the same right but hold on

509
00:24:52,920 --> 00:24:51,250
Oh mommy dinner check because that's all

510
00:24:55,080 --> 00:24:52,930
well and good but if one person comes

511
00:24:57,900 --> 00:24:55,090
back and says the Nile runs north and

512
00:25:00,450 --> 00:24:57,910
the other person says the the Nile runs

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00:25:01,920 --> 00:25:00,460

south I mean we have something there

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00:25:03,540 --> 00:25:01,930

that we can't just say well wow isn't

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00:25:05,820 --> 00:25:03,550

that interesting everybody kind of sees

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00:25:08,580 --> 00:25:05,830

the world differently it's like no

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00:25:12,390 --> 00:25:08,590

there's there's no way to really resolve

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00:25:14,940 --> 00:25:12,400

that may I say something here yes so I

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00:25:17,460 --> 00:25:14,950

really like that we just analogy it

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00:25:20,280 --> 00:25:17,470

seems to be appropriate but first let me

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00:25:21,900 --> 00:25:20,290

make a point about science different

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00:25:23,910 --> 00:25:21,910

people have different a little bit

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00:25:26,430 --> 00:25:23,920

different experiences that all people

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00:25:28,950 --> 00:25:26,440

who go through the NDA do not have the

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00:25:31,020 --> 00:25:28,960

same faces they have partial faces and

526
00:25:33,210 --> 00:25:31,030
they have different types of experiences

527
00:25:36,330 --> 00:25:33,220
that's where we need science when we

528
00:25:39,150 --> 00:25:36,340
gather a long database a large database

529
00:25:42,420 --> 00:25:39,160
and they will if you use strict

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00:25:45,120 --> 00:25:42,430
scientific rigorous designs like pin

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00:25:47,700 --> 00:25:45,130
Marlo no study and some others are which

532
00:25:51,330 --> 00:25:47,710
are the best we can have in in medicine

533
00:25:54,480 --> 00:25:51,340
for instance and then we know what is

534
00:25:57,150 --> 00:25:54,490
the big picture in these cases and then

535
00:25:59,100 --> 00:25:57,160
we can discern different faces and then

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00:26:01,710 --> 00:25:59,110
we can start counting how many reaches

537
00:26:03,690 --> 00:26:01,720
different faces and so forth you are

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00:26:05,400 --> 00:26:03,700

well versed with this but my point is

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00:26:07,680 --> 00:26:05,410

that you can't really know if you just

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00:26:10,500 --> 00:26:07,690

listen to one person or ten persons you

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00:26:12,420 --> 00:26:10,510

need to have a rigorous scientific study

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00:26:14,670 --> 00:26:12,430

and many of them and when you have many

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00:26:17,400 --> 00:26:14,680

of them then you have a scientific map

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00:26:18,120 --> 00:26:17,410

that's how I think scientific method

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00:26:20,310 --> 00:26:18,130

works

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00:26:23,250 --> 00:26:20,320

not one single study but many studies

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00:26:26,370 --> 00:26:23,260

supporting each other eventually then we

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00:26:28,680 --> 00:26:26,380

know something about it and that's how

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00:26:30,780 --> 00:26:28,690

we know despite of differences between

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00:26:34,110 --> 00:26:30,790

individuals that's how we know the big

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00:26:36,840 --> 00:26:34,120

picture what's going on and what is

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00:26:38,490 --> 00:26:36,850

interesting to me is that when I've been

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00:26:40,400 --> 00:26:38,500

interested in various accounts of

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00:26:43,620 --> 00:26:40,410

afterlife for many many years

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00:26:46,380 --> 00:26:43,630

spiritualistic and Theosophical and many

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00:26:49,200 --> 00:26:46,390

others and kind of looking at what they

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00:26:53,130 --> 00:26:49,210

say about it and well now I'm speaking

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00:26:56,700 --> 00:26:53,140

for the book when I compare this what PE

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00:26:58,769 --> 00:26:56,710

had to say about this afterlife stage is

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00:27:01,049 --> 00:26:58,779

early stages especially and when I

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00:27:03,149 --> 00:27:01,059

compare what this big picture emerging

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00:27:05,070 --> 00:27:03,159

from the indeed in from the NDE study

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00:27:07,310 --> 00:27:05,080

tells they seem to match almost

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00:27:10,590 --> 00:27:07,320

perfectly not well not perfectly but

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00:27:12,659 --> 00:27:10,600

extremely well might say there are minor

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00:27:15,330 --> 00:27:12,669

differences but if you'll take a look at

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00:27:17,820 --> 00:27:15,340

the leaving the body looking at their

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00:27:19,769 --> 00:27:17,830

surroundings going to light meeting the

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00:27:22,200 --> 00:27:19,779

relatives and deceased and perhaps some

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00:27:25,560 --> 00:27:22,210

holy being and respect and then seeing

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00:27:27,659 --> 00:27:25,570

your life review it's all there there

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00:27:30,600 --> 00:27:27,669

might be some differences when the life

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00:27:32,130 --> 00:27:30,610

review for instance takes place in in in

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00:27:34,889 --> 00:27:32,140

Theosophical accounts and in Everest

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00:27:37,740 --> 00:27:34,899

view it takes place at least shortly

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00:27:39,779 --> 00:27:37,750

after you leave your body in in many

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00:27:41,490 --> 00:27:39,789

indie cases it takes place in the light

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00:27:43,440 --> 00:27:41,500

but in some cases it does take place

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00:27:45,779 --> 00:27:43,450

when you leave the body so that kind of

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00:27:47,730 --> 00:27:45,789

differences might be there but what is

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00:27:50,430 --> 00:27:47,740

interesting is that it P is not the only

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00:27:52,889 --> 00:27:50,440

one to tell about these phases so you

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00:27:55,769 --> 00:27:52,899

really can't just have a couple of cases

584

00:27:57,480 --> 00:27:55,779

and then kind of try to guess what's

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00:27:59,399 --> 00:27:57,490

going on but when you have the

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00:28:01,019 --> 00:27:59,409

scientific studies which are reliable

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00:28:03,779 --> 00:28:01,029

enough and then you take a look at this

588

00:28:05,789 --> 00:28:03,789

esoteric or cult people who are saying

589

00:28:08,010 --> 00:28:05,799

and then you compare them you'll find

590

00:28:10,440 --> 00:28:08,020

something which is amazingly good match

591

00:28:13,500 --> 00:28:10,450

I'd say Richard would you like to add

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00:28:16,139 --> 00:28:13,510

anything there are certainly differences

593

00:28:20,430 --> 00:28:16,149

in state but I'd like to know what

594

00:28:22,680 --> 00:28:20,440

science is science is or ideally some

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00:28:27,350 --> 00:28:22,690

kind of discipline that we're told

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00:28:30,330 --> 00:28:27,360

considers all the relevant data but

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00:28:33,930 --> 00:28:30,340

skeptical materialism does not do that

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00:28:37,560 --> 00:28:33,940

what it does is bracket all things that

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00:28:40,590 --> 00:28:37,570

it counts as paranormal that is that is

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00:28:42,240 --> 00:28:40,600

is somehow out of sync with say the way

601
00:28:44,880 --> 00:28:42,250
an eighth grader who's just learned

602
00:28:47,970 --> 00:28:44,890
Newton's laws of physics would describe

603
00:28:50,510 --> 00:28:47,980
the world and you've bracketed that all

604
00:28:54,260 --> 00:28:50,520
it's it's imaginary because it's not

605
00:28:59,389 --> 00:28:54,270
scientific well this is part of the data

606
00:29:03,149 --> 00:28:59,399
this is a human experience that goes so

607
00:29:05,039 --> 00:29:03,159
universally so far back has to be

608
00:29:08,760 --> 00:29:05,049
counted as part of the data to begin

609
00:29:10,470 --> 00:29:08,770
with if you dismiss it a priori it's

610
00:29:12,900 --> 00:29:10,480
unscientific because it is

611
00:29:14,970 --> 00:29:12,910
material world it does not accord with

612
00:29:17,640 --> 00:29:14,980
our preconceptions as the typical

613
00:29:21,420 --> 00:29:17,650

skeptic does you my friend are begging

614

00:29:25,410 --> 00:29:21,430

the question and I that is what I see a

615

00:29:30,000 --> 00:29:25,420

lot of in what is so probably calls

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00:29:31,620 --> 00:29:30,010

itself scientific materialism well let

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00:29:33,600 --> 00:29:31,630

me just interject because none of us

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00:29:35,760 --> 00:29:33,610

know each other but a couple years ago I

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00:29:39,300 --> 00:29:35,770

wrote a book why science is wrong about

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00:29:41,250 --> 00:29:39,310

almost everything and the basic premise

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00:29:44,310 --> 00:29:41,260

of the book was science has

622

00:29:47,670 --> 00:29:44,320

fundamentally flubbed consciousness and

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00:29:51,210 --> 00:29:47,680

if you get consciousness wrong but you

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00:29:54,450 --> 00:29:51,220

really can't get anything right and to

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00:29:57,260 --> 00:29:54,460

further that point maybe is that I think

626
00:30:00,060 --> 00:29:57,270
we've known for at least a hundred years

627
00:30:03,210 --> 00:30:00,070
science is known by scientific means

628
00:30:04,890 --> 00:30:03,220
that we can't really measure things so

629
00:30:06,540 --> 00:30:04,900
that's what quantum physics has come

630
00:30:09,240 --> 00:30:06,550
back and told us at the end of the day

631
00:30:11,850 --> 00:30:09,250
hey we can kind of approximate here but

632
00:30:14,490 --> 00:30:11,860
we're not really measuring in quite the

633
00:30:17,850 --> 00:30:14,500
way that we thought we were so I guess

634
00:30:20,970 --> 00:30:17,860
I'm with you on that one of my concerns

635
00:30:24,270 --> 00:30:20,980
and antia brought this up to you a

636
00:30:27,090 --> 00:30:24,280
little bit is that as much as we try and

637
00:30:30,030 --> 00:30:27,100
get away from scientific materialism

638
00:30:31,230 --> 00:30:30,040

and that we put it over and we want to

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00:30:33,300 --> 00:30:31,240

hold it up and say no you don't

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00:30:34,980 --> 00:30:33,310

understand science is a method it's not

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00:30:37,470 --> 00:30:34,990

a position statement which I totally

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00:30:39,950 --> 00:30:37,480

agree with at the same time we want to

643

00:30:42,720 --> 00:30:39,960

pull it back in we have this desire for

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00:30:45,030 --> 00:30:42,730

backdoor materialism I call it where we

645

00:30:48,210 --> 00:30:45,040

want to say oh yeah but look at this

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00:30:50,820 --> 00:30:48,220

study where we showed that nd ears have

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00:30:52,920 --> 00:30:50,830

this kind of experience forty two point

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00:30:55,230 --> 00:30:52,930

six percent of the time and we want to

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00:30:57,840 --> 00:30:55,240

somehow hold on to that and give that

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00:31:00,800 --> 00:30:57,850

meaning and elevate that up in a way

651
00:31:05,010 --> 00:31:00,810
that again tries to add some kind of

652
00:31:08,490 --> 00:31:05,020
scientific legitimacy to it that I don't

653
00:31:10,890 --> 00:31:08,500
know I mean I feel torn with that

654
00:31:14,550 --> 00:31:10,900
because I understand the appeal of that

655
00:31:16,980 --> 00:31:14,560
and I certainly do as someone who likes

656
00:31:20,250 --> 00:31:16,990
to be logical likes to be rational but I

657
00:31:23,040 --> 00:31:20,260
also see the limits of that and let me

658
00:31:23,840 --> 00:31:23,050
throw one tiny more piece on the table

659
00:31:26,870 --> 00:31:23,850
there and

660
00:31:30,710 --> 00:31:26,880
that I was surprised to find this same

661
00:31:33,289 --> 00:31:30,720
kind of what I call spiritual physics in

662
00:31:36,200 --> 00:31:33,299
the work of PE again here he's writing

663
00:31:38,930 --> 00:31:36,210

in the you know 1890s and he's saying

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00:31:41,570 --> 00:31:38,940

well suicide works like this and it can

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00:31:44,090 --> 00:31:41,580

be broken down these ways and we spend

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00:31:46,490 --> 00:31:44,100

this much time here and this much time

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00:31:50,120 --> 00:31:46,500

there in the afterlife and again I want

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00:31:52,870 --> 00:31:50,130

to challenge that and say why do we want

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00:31:55,909 --> 00:31:52,880

to reduce this down to some kind of

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00:31:58,520 --> 00:31:55,919

physics again like we understand it we

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00:32:00,890 --> 00:31:58,530

can measure it we understand time time

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00:32:02,840 --> 00:32:00,900

is linear what we clearly maybe he

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00:32:05,390 --> 00:32:02,850

didn't maybe it wasn't commonly

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00:32:08,060 --> 00:32:05,400

understood in 1890 but it certainly is

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00:32:12,320 --> 00:32:08,070

today that this concept of time in this

676
00:32:15,320 --> 00:32:12,330
linearity to it is just a convenience

677
00:32:16,820 --> 00:32:15,330
that that makes us comfortable with what

678
00:32:22,610 --> 00:32:16,830
we experience but doesn't have any

679
00:32:25,430 --> 00:32:22,620
reality to it so what about that well

680
00:32:27,140 --> 00:32:25,440
let me first say something about science

681
00:32:30,380 --> 00:32:27,150
I'm a science teacher a physics teacher

682
00:32:34,340 --> 00:32:30,390
and I'm enthusiastic about it and I've

683
00:32:36,680 --> 00:32:34,350
produced some science myself and so I

684
00:32:38,810 --> 00:32:36,690
have an idea how science works and of

685
00:32:40,760 --> 00:32:38,820
course listening to your skeptical shows

686
00:32:43,490 --> 00:32:40,770
have allowed me to see a different

687
00:32:47,270 --> 00:32:43,500
perspective so what I find interesting

688
00:32:49,490 --> 00:32:47,280

is in this nd studies and children

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00:32:52,610 --> 00:32:49,500

children who claim to remember their

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00:32:54,830 --> 00:32:52,620

past lives and some psy research is that

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00:32:57,500 --> 00:32:54,840

using the scientific method or

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00:33:00,890 --> 00:32:57,510

scientific methods which do not assume

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00:33:04,039 --> 00:33:00,900

any metaphysical assumptions about soul

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00:33:05,510 --> 00:33:04,049

or anything else but material word and

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00:33:08,210 --> 00:33:05,520

energy and information that's the

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00:33:10,279 --> 00:33:08,220

package basically so that's fine I have

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00:33:13,010 --> 00:33:10,289

no trouble with that as a physics

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00:33:14,899 --> 00:33:13,020

teacher I know that this laws of physics

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00:33:16,430 --> 00:33:14,909

they work well in lab and you can

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00:33:19,220 --> 00:33:16,440

reproduce them and better lap you have

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00:33:21,250 --> 00:33:19,230

the better you can reproduce them

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00:33:24,830 --> 00:33:21,260

so there's no problem in that however

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00:33:26,600 --> 00:33:24,840

when this these topics are just

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00:33:29,360 --> 00:33:26,610

mentioned when they are investigated

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00:33:31,760 --> 00:33:29,370

using scientific methods you end up with

706

00:33:35,240 --> 00:33:31,770

the data which is not anymore best

707

00:33:37,600 --> 00:33:35,250

explained by reducing all these concepts

708

00:33:40,840 --> 00:33:37,610

within the materialistic frame

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00:33:45,190 --> 00:33:40,850

but you need to look at the data and

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00:33:49,060 --> 00:33:45,200

then you are forced to in kind of forced

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00:33:52,380 --> 00:33:49,070

to have a different explanation which

712

00:33:55,240 --> 00:33:52,390

opens the door to other things besides

713

00:33:58,360 --> 00:33:55,250

material world I think this is what

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00:34:01,000 --> 00:33:58,370

skeptical shows and research have very

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00:34:03,910 --> 00:34:01,010

clearly so I find it fascinating that

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00:34:05,980 --> 00:34:03,920

using the scientific method you just end

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00:34:09,010 --> 00:34:05,990

up with something which isn't anymore

718

00:34:13,090 --> 00:34:09,020

within the realm of scientific method

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00:34:15,430 --> 00:34:13,100

for those who believe in natural axiom

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00:34:17,530 --> 00:34:15,440

that there can be no other explanations

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00:34:19,680 --> 00:34:17,540

besides natural ones

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00:34:21,790 --> 00:34:19,690

and that's rectified in a narrower sense

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00:34:23,290 --> 00:34:21,800

yes let me just emphasize that point

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00:34:25,180 --> 00:34:23,300

because I think it's an awesome one is

725

00:34:32,580 --> 00:34:25,190

that I think the greatest contribution

726

00:34:38,440 --> 00:34:36,490

which is well skeptics say they really

727

00:34:40,570 --> 00:34:38,450

want to believe in that there can be

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00:34:42,909 --> 00:34:40,580

nothing else oh of course it depends on

729

00:34:45,340 --> 00:34:42,919

skeptic you talked about but that's what

730

00:34:47,109 --> 00:34:45,350

they seem to be adhering to very

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00:34:49,389 --> 00:34:47,119

strongly that there can't be any other

732

00:34:52,030 --> 00:34:49,399

things besides what you can find in

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00:34:55,290 --> 00:34:52,040

natural world so in a way you're right

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00:34:58,720 --> 00:34:55,300

yeah Richard can you jump in there I

735

00:35:00,370 --> 00:34:58,730

would myself say that there's a great

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00:35:03,970 --> 00:35:00,380

deal of evidence that is not only

737

00:35:06,490 --> 00:35:03,980

scientific but to use a bad word that I

738

00:35:11,650 --> 00:35:06,500

hope you don't mind that I use on a show

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00:35:13,810 --> 00:35:11,660

like this but anecdotal mother or less I

740

00:35:16,800 --> 00:35:13,820

think there's something to be said for

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00:35:20,740 --> 00:35:16,810

the existence of these alternate planes

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00:35:24,430 --> 00:35:20,750

and the survival of the human entity on

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00:35:26,650 --> 00:35:24,440

them in some way after death but I agree

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00:35:29,560 --> 00:35:26,660

with you about a lot of it where it says

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00:35:31,870 --> 00:35:29,570

you know like well this is how long you

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00:35:34,630 --> 00:35:31,880

stay on the unexplained if you committed

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00:35:37,080 --> 00:35:34,640

suicide and that kind of thing I that I

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00:35:40,120 --> 00:35:37,090

I simply don't know about and I'm not

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00:35:42,370 --> 00:35:40,130

wildly inclined to take it at face value

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00:35:43,690 --> 00:35:42,380

well Richard let me pull you back

751
00:35:45,490 --> 00:35:43,700
because I know I talked for a long time

752
00:35:47,500 --> 00:35:45,500
what do you make of this when I'm

753
00:35:49,180 --> 00:35:47,510
calling backdoor materialism and and

754
00:35:50,720 --> 00:35:49,190
I'll tell you where it really comes into

755
00:35:54,170 --> 00:35:50,730
play if you are familiar with the word

756
00:35:56,720 --> 00:35:54,180
of Thomas Campbell my big toe is very

757
00:35:59,720 --> 00:35:56,730
popular on YouTube and on the lecture

758
00:36:02,240 --> 00:35:59,730
circuit Monroe Institute if any windows

759
00:36:03,680 --> 00:36:02,250
would give you an idea but what I see

760
00:36:05,750 --> 00:36:03,690
coming from that is even a further

761
00:36:07,790 --> 00:36:05,760
pullback of the mystic so he's in the

762
00:36:10,190 --> 00:36:07,800
mystical realm but he's saying oh no no

763
00:36:12,170 --> 00:36:10,200

it's a simulation I can think of it as a

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00:36:14,390 --> 00:36:12,180

computer simulation and I've done the

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00:36:18,109 --> 00:36:14,400

math I've done the physics it's a 60

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00:36:21,280 --> 00:36:18,119

same 60 frames a second simulation I

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00:36:25,760 --> 00:36:21,290

mean there is a continuum of mystical

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00:36:29,780 --> 00:36:25,770

experiences that get slotted into some

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00:36:33,380 --> 00:36:29,790

very materialistic sounding expressions

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00:36:35,540 --> 00:36:33,390

of this that I want to say concern me

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00:36:36,650 --> 00:36:35,550

give me pause I mean I don't agree with

772

00:36:38,390 --> 00:36:36,660

I mean I don't know

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00:36:41,780 --> 00:36:38,400

backdoor materialism what do you make of

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00:36:43,730 --> 00:36:41,790

that I'm not familiar with Campbell's

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00:36:49,400 --> 00:36:43,740

work at all so I think I don't really

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00:36:52,730 --> 00:36:49,410

feel qualified to comment on it I think

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00:36:55,760 --> 00:36:52,740

that even if you go that way you can say

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00:36:58,340 --> 00:36:55,770

well it's all a simulation it's all you

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00:37:03,620 --> 00:36:58,350

know a simulacrum constructed by the

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00:37:07,359 --> 00:37:03,630

mind well that's true no doubt but I

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00:37:11,530 --> 00:37:07,369

think cognitive science has proven that

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00:37:16,130 --> 00:37:11,540

your ordinary sensory and cognitive

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00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:16,140

experience is also a simulacrum that is

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00:37:21,680 --> 00:37:18,960

constructed by your nervous system so to

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00:37:26,060 --> 00:37:21,690

privileged one and say well this is real

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00:37:29,750 --> 00:37:26,070

and to turn this other aside and say if

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00:37:33,650 --> 00:37:29,760

this is false I think is fallacious

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00:37:36,530 --> 00:37:33,660

argument but you know that that

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00:37:38,330 --> 00:37:36,540

particular argument that you're talking

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00:37:42,710 --> 00:37:38,340

about of Campbell's I don't know enough

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00:37:45,620 --> 00:37:42,720

about you to comment on there's a

792

00:37:49,460 --> 00:37:45,630

perspective to put here well if I'm

793

00:37:51,830 --> 00:37:49,470

referring to piecework he he tells that

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00:37:53,330 --> 00:37:51,840

it's not his own opinion of course there

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00:37:56,240 --> 00:37:53,340

are many others who say the same thing

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00:37:58,730 --> 00:37:56,250

that the the afterlife States is just a

797

00:38:01,940 --> 00:37:58,740

very very tiny fraction of the other

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00:38:04,650 --> 00:38:01,950

other planes or other worlds that exist

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00:38:07,890 --> 00:38:04,660

there and usually when somebody leaves

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00:38:09,720 --> 00:38:07,900

he saw her body they will end up in that

801
00:38:11,940 --> 00:38:09,730
different real but not in the real where

802
00:38:14,820 --> 00:38:11,950
the dead people are residing so it's

803
00:38:17,010 --> 00:38:14,830
kind of in peace words it's sacred it's

804
00:38:21,150 --> 00:38:17,020
guarded in a sense and you can't enter

805
00:38:22,770 --> 00:38:21,160
in that world without good cause so that

806
00:38:24,630 --> 00:38:22,780
might explain some of the differences

807
00:38:26,760 --> 00:38:24,640
you just mentioned that people go to

808
00:38:28,800 --> 00:38:26,770
this vast degraded world which is called

809
00:38:30,660 --> 00:38:28,810
the astral world in the Theosophical

810
00:38:32,730 --> 00:38:30,670
language and some other people are using

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00:38:35,849 --> 00:38:32,740
that as well and then there is this tiny

812
00:38:37,680 --> 00:38:35,859
tiny kind of area which is the land of

813
00:38:40,830 --> 00:38:37,690

the dead or the Blue Island or whatever

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00:38:43,050 --> 00:38:40,840

you want to call it and yeah but ante go

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00:38:44,640 --> 00:38:43,060

read like I'm saying Tom Campbell or go

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00:38:48,390 --> 00:38:44,650

read Robert Monroe of Monroe Institute

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00:38:50,490 --> 00:38:48,400

those guys ib1 their process they're

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00:38:52,500 --> 00:38:50,500

very rigorous scientifically how they

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00:38:53,849 --> 00:38:52,510

did it you know 50 60 years ago and

820

00:38:56,520 --> 00:38:53,859

they're still doing it today you can go

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00:38:58,349 --> 00:38:56,530

to Virginia and you can sit down and

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00:38:59,880 --> 00:38:58,359

tend a weekend and they'll give you the

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00:39:00,840 --> 00:38:59,890

Hema sink things and you put on your

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00:39:02,880 --> 00:39:00,850

head and you'll have the out-of-body

825

00:39:05,040 --> 00:39:02,890

experience but they've mapped it all off

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00:39:06,960 --> 00:39:05,050

- that's my point so I think they call

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00:39:08,940 --> 00:39:06,970

it like room you know you go to room 9

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00:39:13,620 --> 00:39:08,950

or level 7 I mean they have all this

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00:39:16,230 --> 00:39:13,630

elaborate system of mapping out all

830

00:39:19,440 --> 00:39:16,240

these realms - so again you know you

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00:39:22,859 --> 00:39:19,450

would probably find similarities to

832

00:39:25,080 --> 00:39:22,869

pease mapping but she'd also find

833

00:39:27,750 --> 00:39:25,090

differences and then you'd find then if

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00:39:31,170 --> 00:39:27,760

you go back to Maryland hues like I said

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00:39:32,910 --> 00:39:31,180

I mean she also produced and feature was

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00:39:35,700 --> 00:39:32,920

featured in a documentary on Armageddon

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00:39:38,160 --> 00:39:35,710

and she's very convinced again devout

838

00:39:41,000 --> 00:39:38,170

Catholic and someone I if you want to

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00:39:43,320 --> 00:39:41,010

say tested tested and found her to be

840

00:39:44,670 --> 00:39:43,330

effective at what she can do terms of

841

00:39:47,609 --> 00:39:44,680

out-of-body but you know she's

842

00:39:48,840 --> 00:39:47,619

predicting Armageddon and that past her

843

00:39:50,700 --> 00:39:48,850

date that she said it was going to

844

00:39:53,550 --> 00:39:50,710

happen that past but you know that

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00:39:57,870 --> 00:39:53,560

changed all the stuff that drives people

846

00:40:00,480 --> 00:39:57,880

nuts about those mystical those crazy

847

00:40:02,730 --> 00:40:00,490

mystics again you know what I mean yeah

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00:40:05,820 --> 00:40:02,740

well I was thinking about you Rick and

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00:40:08,550 --> 00:40:05,830

Ziva you had him in the show show some

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00:40:10,349 --> 00:40:08,560

years ago and I read his books and that

851

00:40:12,930 --> 00:40:10,359

it seems to me that what he is

852

00:40:15,480 --> 00:40:12,940

describing about the afterlife states it

853

00:40:17,940 --> 00:40:15,490

cohere is quite well what Pease same for

854

00:40:20,010 --> 00:40:17,950

instance and he even told that he

855

00:40:21,870 --> 00:40:20,020

guidance to begin with he met this

856

00:40:24,569 --> 00:40:21,880

person I am not sure if he called him a

857

00:40:27,839 --> 00:40:24,579

master or some some exalted being who

858

00:40:30,540 --> 00:40:27,849

who was really really kind of familiar

859

00:40:32,400 --> 00:40:30,550

with all these states that were going on

860

00:40:35,579 --> 00:40:32,410

and he helped him to move between

861

00:40:37,470 --> 00:40:35,589

different phases and stage so he could

862

00:40:40,290 --> 00:40:37,480

guidance and this is explained in peace

863

00:40:43,290 --> 00:40:40,300

book as well how this is organized in a

864

00:40:44,910 --> 00:40:43,300

way so I found it fascinating that Ziva

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00:40:46,470 --> 00:40:44,920

who had nothing to do with this of it to

866

00:40:49,260 --> 00:40:46,480

begin with even though he's aware that

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00:40:52,680 --> 00:40:49,270

it exists his experiences maths well in

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00:40:54,780 --> 00:40:52,690

this regard with what P is saying so it

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00:40:56,730 --> 00:40:54,790

depends if you go unprepared you might

870

00:40:59,760 --> 00:40:56,740

see very different things if you are

871

00:41:01,530 --> 00:40:59,770

prepared and kind of you might say it

872

00:41:03,930 --> 00:41:01,540

purified or having these mystical

873

00:41:06,960 --> 00:41:03,940

experiences and I've found Ziva's were

874

00:41:07,950 --> 00:41:06,970

quite impressive in that respect go

875

00:41:09,750 --> 00:41:07,960

ahead I'm sorry Richard

876

00:41:13,650 --> 00:41:09,760

well let me just just say briefly you

877

00:41:18,240 --> 00:41:13,660

know for one thing let us assume that

878

00:41:21,990 --> 00:41:18,250

there are these alternate realities they

879

00:41:26,339 --> 00:41:22,000

are assesses necessarily non earthly

880

00:41:29,910 --> 00:41:26,349

reality right but our cognition is

881

00:41:32,880 --> 00:41:29,920

totally shaped by our experience of

882

00:41:35,490 --> 00:41:32,890

personal reality it is impossible for

883

00:41:36,420 --> 00:41:35,500

example just try to visualize a color

884

00:41:40,440 --> 00:41:36,430

you've never seen

885

00:41:43,880 --> 00:41:40,450

I find that impossible so what you're

886

00:41:46,559 --> 00:41:43,890

doing is taking arguably these

887

00:41:49,140 --> 00:41:46,569

experiences of alternate realities and

888

00:41:52,550 --> 00:41:49,150

framing them in the language of this

889

00:41:55,950 --> 00:41:52,560

reality and there are bound to be

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00:41:58,829 --> 00:41:55,960

differences even apparent contradictions

891

00:42:01,559 --> 00:41:58,839

I myself would not privilege any one of

892

00:42:03,630 --> 00:42:01,569

these accounts all radically over the

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00:42:07,140 --> 00:42:03,640

others whether it's Robert Monroe's or

894

00:42:08,670 --> 00:42:07,150

Sweden boobs or anyone else's so I think

895

00:42:10,400 --> 00:42:08,680

those those things they can recount I

896

00:42:14,010 --> 00:42:10,410

think they're pointing to something

897

00:42:17,730 --> 00:42:14,020

let's not be too 100 percent certain

898

00:42:21,450 --> 00:42:17,740

that we know XYZ about exactly how it is

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00:42:23,700 --> 00:42:21,460

I love that let's take that big caution

900

00:42:26,069 --> 00:42:23,710

sign and make sure we pull it out on

901
00:42:28,980 --> 00:42:26,079
each other all the time when we need it

902
00:42:31,660 --> 00:42:28,990
and and to others too because I'll think

903
00:42:33,940 --> 00:42:31,670
you're so right I mean even if we just

904
00:42:36,820 --> 00:42:33,950
kind of again trying to use our rational

905
00:42:39,970 --> 00:42:36,830
logical mind I think you've hit on a key

906
00:42:43,000 --> 00:42:39,980
part of that and that that is our human

907
00:42:43,480 --> 00:42:43,010
cognitive processes as we understand

908
00:42:46,660 --> 00:42:43,490
them

909
00:42:49,540 --> 00:42:46,670
are filtering all this stuff right so

910
00:42:51,220 --> 00:42:49,550
it's all contaminated by our filter and

911
00:42:53,380 --> 00:42:51,230
as soon as we realize that we kind of

912
00:42:56,290 --> 00:42:53,390
throw up our hands to say okay well we

913
00:42:57,700 --> 00:42:56,300

can play this consensus reality game

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00:42:59,950 --> 00:42:57,710

where you're talking and I'm pretending

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00:43:01,600 --> 00:42:59,960

I understand you and I'm talking and you

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00:43:03,700 --> 00:43:01,610

pretend you're understanding me and it's

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00:43:05,710 --> 00:43:03,710

a useful fun game and maybe we'll feel

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00:43:07,450 --> 00:43:05,720

better but at the end of the day there's

919

00:43:10,690 --> 00:43:07,460

all these filters going on so I love

920

00:43:12,250 --> 00:43:10,700

that look let me if I can switch gears

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00:43:14,950 --> 00:43:12,260

and try and touch on a couple other

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00:43:17,430 --> 00:43:14,960

things tangential but I think very

923

00:43:21,280 --> 00:43:17,440

interesting Richard you wrote a very

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00:43:23,950 --> 00:43:21,290

excellent introduction to this book from

925

00:43:27,670 --> 00:43:23,960

death to rebirth a book about this

926
00:43:31,210 --> 00:43:27,680
Finnish mystic peak earthís and it was

927
00:43:33,730 --> 00:43:31,220
co-authored by our guest on tea and a

928
00:43:35,190 --> 00:43:33,740
couple of other folks as well and you're

929
00:43:37,390 --> 00:43:35,200
gonna want to check it out it's really

930
00:43:39,070 --> 00:43:37,400
let me say that because I've kind of

931
00:43:42,580 --> 00:43:39,080
been interested in talking about these

932
00:43:46,690 --> 00:43:42,590
other topics it is a fascinating read it

933
00:43:50,470 --> 00:43:46,700
is stunning in a lot of ways to be

934
00:43:53,620 --> 00:43:50,480
reading these words from a hundred years

935
00:43:56,460 --> 00:43:53,630
ago that do seem so relevant do seem so

936
00:43:59,410 --> 00:43:56,470
pertinent do seem so connected with a

937
00:44:02,620 --> 00:43:59,420
modern NDE account that you might read

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00:44:05,110 --> 00:44:02,630

today or a modern mystical experience

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00:44:08,830 --> 00:44:05,120

and that in and of itself is something

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00:44:12,580 --> 00:44:08,840

we could really explore and pull apart

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00:44:14,530 --> 00:44:12,590

but I'm gonna I'm gonna move on a little

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00:44:15,820 --> 00:44:14,540

bit because I'll have all the links and

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00:44:18,040 --> 00:44:15,830

people should definitely check out the

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00:44:20,140 --> 00:44:18,050

book and I encourage you to do so but

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00:44:21,430 --> 00:44:20,150

back to this introduction that you wrote

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00:44:24,160 --> 00:44:21,440

Richard there was a couple things in

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00:44:26,590 --> 00:44:24,170

there that I I thought they just kind of

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00:44:29,230 --> 00:44:26,600

piqued my interest and one thing I want

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00:44:32,650 --> 00:44:29,240

to talk about is this this myth of

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00:44:35,680 --> 00:44:32,660

progress or non myth of progress if you

951
00:44:38,290 --> 00:44:35,690
don't think progress is a myth I hear

952
00:44:42,460 --> 00:44:38,300
this all the time the veil is thinning

953
00:44:45,030 --> 00:44:42,470
we are more in a consciousness world

954
00:44:48,150 --> 00:44:45,040
evolved consciousness world

955
00:44:50,880 --> 00:44:48,160
I'm not so sure it in particular as

956
00:44:53,220 --> 00:44:50,890
we're just talking about how is the veil

957
00:44:56,210 --> 00:44:53,230
thinned how do we know that the the veil

958
00:44:59,520 --> 00:44:56,220
has thinned or we've made this progress

959
00:45:01,710 --> 00:44:59,530
what we do look at the work of PE and we

960
00:45:04,380 --> 00:45:01,720
say you know how have we really

961
00:45:08,700 --> 00:45:04,390
progressed I'm not entirely sure we have

962
00:45:12,210 --> 00:45:08,710
and I'm not sure that I believe in the

963
00:45:14,550 --> 00:45:12,220

myth of progress and that myth is being

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00:45:17,250 --> 00:45:14,560

questioned now because in one sense

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00:45:21,300 --> 00:45:17,260

we've enjoyed a lot of progress we live

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00:45:24,180 --> 00:45:21,310

in absurd luxury compared even to the

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00:45:26,010 --> 00:45:24,190

aristocrats of 200 years ago we can talk

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00:45:29,190 --> 00:45:26,020

about an ordinary middle-class American

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00:45:32,810 --> 00:45:29,200

person in that sense there's been

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00:45:37,040 --> 00:45:32,820

progress there's also been progress in

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00:45:39,630 --> 00:45:37,050

things like environmental degradation

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00:45:43,290 --> 00:45:39,640

weapons of mass destruction to use a

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00:45:46,740 --> 00:45:43,300

phrase used by somebody or another so

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00:45:52,080 --> 00:45:46,750

does this all add up to progress I don't

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00:45:54,780 --> 00:45:52,090

know I do though that as the Christian

976
00:45:57,810 --> 00:45:54,790
worldview was losing its hold during the

977
00:46:01,230 --> 00:45:57,820
Enlightenment it rapidly became

978
00:46:03,720 --> 00:46:01,240
supplanted you know in the early 19th

979
00:46:06,800 --> 00:46:03,730
century say with the Whig notion of

980
00:46:11,040 --> 00:46:06,810
history which is all about progress so

981
00:46:13,110 --> 00:46:11,050
the shall we say eschatology of Christ's

982
00:46:15,390 --> 00:46:13,120
coming down fixing all things at the

983
00:46:18,870 --> 00:46:15,400
time of the end was starting to weaken

984
00:46:23,150 --> 00:46:18,880
so we had to replace it with a myth of

985
00:46:26,310 --> 00:46:23,160
gradually incremental improvements or

986
00:46:29,630 --> 00:46:26,320
dramatic improvements and progress now a

987
00:46:32,820 --> 00:46:29,640
lot of a new age has taken that into

988
00:46:34,290 --> 00:46:32,830

this in a sense spiritualize did by

989

00:46:37,320 --> 00:46:34,300

saying yeah we're just about to enter

990

00:46:39,540 --> 00:46:37,330

into a brilliant you know new era and

991

00:46:41,550 --> 00:46:39,550

everybody's awakening I don't know if

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00:46:43,620 --> 00:46:41,560

that's the case at all

993

00:46:44,910 --> 00:46:43,630

when I first became interested in a lot

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00:46:47,730 --> 00:46:44,920

of things that were you know in the in

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00:46:50,100 --> 00:46:47,740

the 1980s the New Age movement was at

996

00:46:52,049 --> 00:46:50,110

its height and there it was a lot more

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00:46:53,789 --> 00:46:52,059

possible to believe that

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00:46:55,769 --> 00:46:53,799

but 30 years later it's a lot more

999

00:46:58,109 --> 00:46:55,779

ambiguous especially since well alright

1000

00:47:00,989 --> 00:46:58,119

a smartphone is a great improvement in a

1001
00:47:02,400 --> 00:47:00,999
lot of ways but in some ways it's also

1002
00:47:03,929 --> 00:47:02,410
seems to be like dulling people's

1003
00:47:07,859 --> 00:47:03,939
intelligence and making them more

1004
00:47:11,519 --> 00:47:07,869
isolated so I myself do not necessarily

1005
00:47:14,579 --> 00:47:11,529
believe that so it's not a view that I'm

1006
00:47:16,890 --> 00:47:14,589
really willing to defend it may be so it

1007
00:47:18,179 --> 00:47:16,900
may not be so what I took out of your

1008
00:47:19,979 --> 00:47:18,189
introduction that I thought was very

1009
00:47:22,109 --> 00:47:19,989
interesting and worth bringing up and

1010
00:47:25,890 --> 00:47:22,119
talking about it because I agree you

1011
00:47:28,319 --> 00:47:25,900
cannot suggested that medicine and the

1012
00:47:32,299 --> 00:47:28,329
technological advancements in medicine

1013
00:47:35,279 --> 00:47:32,309

might be the wedge that kind of further

1014

00:47:37,559 --> 00:47:35,289

further our understanding of what

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00:47:40,380 --> 00:47:37,569

progress means and whether progress is a

1016

00:47:43,199 --> 00:47:40,390

myth and I think that's a really that

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00:47:46,079 --> 00:47:43,209

brings it to a reality and I think I

1018

00:47:48,059 --> 00:47:46,089

sent you a link to this Italian doctor

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00:47:51,089 --> 00:47:48,069

that some people have probably heard

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00:47:53,370 --> 00:47:51,099

about who is but very renowned and very

1021

00:47:58,160 --> 00:47:53,380

qualified and is talking about doing a

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00:48:01,709 --> 00:47:58,170

head transplantation in 2018 and I think

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00:48:04,910 --> 00:48:01,719

to me that really gets cuts to the core

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00:48:06,120 --> 00:48:04,920

if you will of some of these ideas about

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00:48:08,699 --> 00:48:06,130

transhumanism

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00:48:12,569 --> 00:48:08,709
and how that might intersect with our

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00:48:16,019 --> 00:48:12,579
ideas about what it is to be a spiritual

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00:48:19,439 --> 00:48:16,029
being and the transcendence of the

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00:48:22,739 --> 00:48:19,449
spiritual experience so maybe both of

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00:48:26,579 --> 00:48:22,749
you want to talk about what some of

1031
00:48:28,439 --> 00:48:26,589
these technological advances white might

1032
00:48:29,729 --> 00:48:28,449
mean and how they might challenge you

1033
00:48:33,419 --> 00:48:29,739
know we've been here for almost an hour

1034
00:48:35,069 --> 00:48:33,429
talking about all these cool things what

1035
00:48:37,769 --> 00:48:35,079
about when the technology comes along

1036
00:48:42,169 --> 00:48:37,779
and says oh no problem I can move your

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00:48:45,089 --> 00:48:42,179
soul from this entity to this entity is

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00:48:47,669 --> 00:48:45,099

that going to is that going to be the

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00:48:51,109 --> 00:48:47,679

wedge that now causes us to have to

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00:48:53,400 --> 00:48:51,119

re-examine all these great ideas we have

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00:48:57,660 --> 00:48:53,410

can I make a comment off the earlier

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00:49:00,419 --> 00:48:57,670

point about thinning the whale first so

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00:49:01,919 --> 00:49:00,429

I think that if you take a look at lots

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00:49:05,549 --> 00:49:01,929

of perspective which reached up nicely

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00:49:05,880 --> 00:49:05,559

brought up is that to say 300 400 years

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00:49:08,010 --> 00:49:05,890

ago

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00:49:10,290 --> 00:49:08,020

if you spoke about reincarnation art but

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00:49:12,090 --> 00:49:10,300

experiences you were in serious trouble

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00:49:14,430 --> 00:49:12,100

in many parts in Europe

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00:49:17,400 --> 00:49:14,440

you are not anymore and actually these

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00:49:19,050 --> 00:49:17,410
ideas which we take so self-evident that

1052
00:49:21,180 --> 00:49:19,060
you can talk about these things and you

1053
00:49:23,340 --> 00:49:21,190
know many people they people know who

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00:49:26,790 --> 00:49:23,350
have no nothing to do with religions or

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00:49:28,350 --> 00:49:26,800
or theosophy or any spiritual moments

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00:49:31,320 --> 00:49:28,360
they know about these things a little

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00:49:32,340 --> 00:49:31,330
bit at least so it's a cultural thing I

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00:49:33,720 --> 00:49:32,350
mean you're talking about but it is

1059
00:49:35,820 --> 00:49:33,730
you're talking about the Europeans who

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00:49:37,560 --> 00:49:35,830
who are the only people who throughout

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00:49:40,290 --> 00:49:37,570
time throughout is through the only

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00:49:43,520 --> 00:49:40,300
group bits that's going away from right

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00:49:46,620 --> 00:49:43,530

now all the shaman and all the people in

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00:49:48,630 --> 00:49:46,630

that's true but there is some progress

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00:49:50,730 --> 00:49:48,640

if you think in terms of hundreds of

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00:49:52,650 --> 00:49:50,740

years which you can talk about what you

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00:49:54,660 --> 00:49:52,660

can write and we can have even this

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00:49:57,240 --> 00:49:54,670

conversation with no fear I mean it

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00:50:00,330 --> 00:49:57,250

wasn't possible in in in the 16th

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00:50:01,710 --> 00:50:00,340

century say yeah we all know that but

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00:50:03,420 --> 00:50:01,720

ante what are we gonna do when this guy

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00:50:05,250 --> 00:50:03,430

takes the head off of one guy and puts

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00:50:06,840 --> 00:50:05,260

it on another guy yeah I mean that's

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00:50:08,520 --> 00:50:06,850

gonna answer a lot that's gonna answer a

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00:50:09,840 --> 00:50:08,530

lot of questions we're gonna be we might

1076
00:50:13,110 --> 00:50:09,850
be having a very different conversation

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00:50:15,840 --> 00:50:13,120
next year let me make a confession here

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00:50:17,850 --> 00:50:15,850
I'm a part-time skeptic it means that

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00:50:19,680 --> 00:50:17,860
when we're dealing with questions which

1080
00:50:21,510 --> 00:50:19,690
are in the realm of science I'm always

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00:50:23,310 --> 00:50:21,520
looking for the best evidence as you as

1082
00:50:25,950 --> 00:50:23,320
well but what I'm looking for I'm

1083
00:50:28,260 --> 00:50:25,960
looking for not one study but many

1084
00:50:30,030 --> 00:50:28,270
studies replication in the independent

1085
00:50:31,920 --> 00:50:30,040
replications and then I'm looking at the

1086
00:50:34,440 --> 00:50:31,930
whole picture which is meta-analysis or

1087
00:50:36,630 --> 00:50:34,450
reviews or something like that and then

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00:50:38,940 --> 00:50:36,640

we know quite certain so what I'm saying

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00:50:42,240 --> 00:50:38,950

about that experiment I took a look at

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00:50:44,130 --> 00:50:42,250

it I'll wait and see and after a couple

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00:50:46,650 --> 00:50:44,140

of years and after replications are many

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00:50:49,350 --> 00:50:46,660

many rounds then we know what is the

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00:50:52,140 --> 00:50:49,360

data that we can trust and then I can

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00:50:54,120 --> 00:50:52,150

make my conclusions about itself even if

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00:50:58,040 --> 00:50:54,130

it happens once it's not something which

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00:51:01,170 --> 00:50:58,050

would be scientifically that say

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00:51:04,230 --> 00:51:01,180

revolutionary unless it's replicated as

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00:51:08,380 --> 00:51:04,240

you know so I'm a bit well to hesitate

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00:51:14,620 --> 00:51:12,400

I'm not a scientist and that's largely

1100

00:51:17,289 --> 00:51:14,630

because I'm skeptical you know some of

1101
00:51:19,359 --> 00:51:17,299
the fundamental premises of science but

1102
00:51:21,549 --> 00:51:19,369
all right you're talking about you can

1103
00:51:24,670 --> 00:51:21,559
transplant consciousness technological

1104
00:51:27,690 --> 00:51:24,680
okay let's go with that what if you go

1105
00:51:29,829 --> 00:51:27,700
back to the year 1750 and to learning

1106
00:51:31,900 --> 00:51:29,839
scientific savants are talking about

1107
00:51:35,200 --> 00:51:31,910
whether it would be possible to land a

1108
00:51:37,230 --> 00:51:35,210
man on the moon one of them says it is

1109
00:51:39,880 --> 00:51:37,240
one of them says it will never happen

1110
00:51:45,180 --> 00:51:39,890
which one was right well the answer is

1111
00:51:48,250 --> 00:51:45,190
obvious but here's the catch what the

1112
00:51:53,170 --> 00:51:48,260
increase in knowledge required to put a

1113
00:51:57,039 --> 00:51:53,180

man on the moon took science far beyond

1114

00:52:00,279 --> 00:51:57,049

what the knowledge of its day of 1750

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00:52:01,500 --> 00:52:00,289

was so if you are actually going to get

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00:52:05,940 --> 00:52:01,510

to a point where you're transplanting

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00:52:08,470 --> 00:52:05,950

consciousness in reality rather than

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00:52:11,380 --> 00:52:08,480

speculatively and you know arthur c

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00:52:12,910 --> 00:52:11,390

clarke land you may have to know a great

1120

00:52:15,759 --> 00:52:12,920

deal more about consciousness and they

1121

00:52:18,009 --> 00:52:15,769

do now i'm as you know even getting a

1122

00:52:21,400 --> 00:52:18,019

coherent definition of consciousness has

1123

00:52:26,440 --> 00:52:21,410

been rather difficult to extract from

1124

00:52:29,200 --> 00:52:26,450

the experts true and here's where I was

1125

00:52:31,329 --> 00:52:29,210

going guys and again I apologize for not

1126

00:52:33,910 --> 00:52:31,339

having the exact line the exact quote

1127

00:52:38,349 --> 00:52:33,920

from your introduction but what I

1128

00:52:40,319 --> 00:52:38,359

thought was a great point was that you

1129

00:52:43,749 --> 00:52:40,329

know we can talk about these things

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00:52:45,640 --> 00:52:43,759

philosophically but technology that's

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00:52:47,559 --> 00:52:45,650

the advantage of technology in

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00:52:49,690 --> 00:52:47,569

particular and if we want to make a

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00:52:52,509 --> 00:52:49,700

distinction between technology and

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00:52:54,339 --> 00:52:52,519

engineering and science which i think is

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00:52:56,920 --> 00:52:54,349

a useful distinction sometimes to make

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00:52:58,960 --> 00:52:56,930

you know a lot of people don't

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00:53:00,490 --> 00:52:58,970

understand science but the point of

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00:53:02,620 --> 00:53:00,500

their fricking iphone and say see this

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00:53:06,279 --> 00:53:02,630

hi phone eight let me show you what it

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00:53:10,720 --> 00:53:06,289

can do and we can't deny what it can do

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00:53:15,210 --> 00:53:10,730

and in medicine is even trickier right

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00:53:18,460 --> 00:53:15,220

so when we do what is it the Krispy gene

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00:53:20,290 --> 00:53:18,470

therapy and we're rewiring and we're

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00:53:24,490 --> 00:53:20,300

changing genes

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00:53:27,090 --> 00:53:24,500

or even something as as kind of common

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00:53:29,770 --> 00:53:27,100

places in terms our understanding about

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00:53:32,530 --> 00:53:29,780

neuroplasticity and our ability of the

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00:53:35,710 --> 00:53:32,540

brain to rewire itself I think you were

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00:53:38,290 --> 00:53:35,720

correct Richard to point to medicine in

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00:53:40,660 --> 00:53:38,300

particular in the technology of medicine

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00:53:43,150 --> 00:53:40,670

as being kind of the the tip of the

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00:53:45,820 --> 00:53:43,160

spear in some ways in terms of getting

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00:53:47,380 --> 00:53:45,830

at some of these questions and I just

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00:53:50,800 --> 00:53:47,390

said I would just take that one step

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00:53:53,410 --> 00:53:50,810

further and say here's a spear that

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00:53:55,030 --> 00:53:53,420

seems to be poking out and that is this

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00:53:57,550 --> 00:53:55,040

guy's doing a fricking head transplant

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00:53:58,930 --> 00:53:57,560

and I don't know what's gonna happen and

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00:54:01,450 --> 00:53:58,940

I don't know how I'm gonna feel about

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00:54:04,360 --> 00:54:01,460

what's it what happens and I don't think

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00:54:07,000 --> 00:54:04,370

it's going to be anything clear in like

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00:54:08,770 --> 00:54:07,010

you're saying auntie but this is not the

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00:54:10,750 --> 00:54:08,780

kind of thing but we're gonna need five

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00:54:12,700 --> 00:54:10,760

or six studies I mean we're gonna have

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00:54:15,010 --> 00:54:12,710

somebody who used to have a head and now

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00:54:18,040 --> 00:54:15,020

has a different head and that's gonna

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00:54:20,500 --> 00:54:18,050

answer questions right away I mean right

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00:54:22,870 --> 00:54:20,510

away yeah I think that medicine is

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00:54:25,420 --> 00:54:22,880

indeed a key here because without

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00:54:28,420 --> 00:54:25,430

medicine we wouldn't have NDE results as

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00:54:30,550 --> 00:54:28,430

we know them and they have produced many

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00:54:32,740 --> 00:54:30,560

techniques which allow us to study these

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00:54:35,110 --> 00:54:32,750

phenomena even if the researcher doesn't

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00:54:37,420 --> 00:54:35,120

believe in any metaphysical explanation

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00:54:39,940 --> 00:54:37,430

of it he or she might end up with having

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00:54:42,280 --> 00:54:39,950

the data which suggests that the mind

1177

00:54:44,620 --> 00:54:42,290

doesn't equal the brain as you tend to

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00:54:49,720 --> 00:54:44,630

say here in skeptical that I'm skeptical

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00:54:51,760 --> 00:54:49,730

so I think that medicine will play and

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00:54:54,070 --> 00:54:51,770

is playing an important role of changing

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00:54:57,160 --> 00:54:54,080

people's mind for instance Richard talks

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00:55:00,150 --> 00:54:57,170

about in his excellent introduction to

1183

00:55:02,980 --> 00:55:00,160

the book about urban Alexander and his

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00:55:07,180 --> 00:55:02,990

experiences and when these are coming

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00:55:09,760 --> 00:55:07,190

into public view and many many people at

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00:55:12,940 --> 00:55:09,770

least in the West they get to know about

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00:55:15,760 --> 00:55:12,950

these special cases and perhaps even the

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00:55:17,860 --> 00:55:15,770

scientific resets in in general in this

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00:55:21,670 --> 00:55:17,870

field of it might change their minds at

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00:55:24,790 --> 00:55:21,680

least a little bit I think it's true

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00:55:29,320 --> 00:55:24,800

medicine has pushed the boundaries path

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00:55:30,880 --> 00:55:29,330

back a little bit but all of this to go

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00:55:34,740 --> 00:55:30,890

back to your example of the head

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00:55:42,460 --> 00:55:38,950

these hypothetical things and you know

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00:55:44,950 --> 00:55:42,470

let's say let's say it's done okay

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00:55:48,550 --> 00:55:44,960

there's kind of an assumption that we

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00:55:50,440 --> 00:55:48,560

know what's gonna happen once it's done

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00:55:52,750 --> 00:55:50,450

that if you transplant someone else's

1199

00:55:55,210 --> 00:55:52,760

brain onto someone else's body the

1200

00:55:59,859 --> 00:55:55,220

person whose brain it is is gonna you

1201

00:56:03,280 --> 00:55:59,869

know be the identity it's probably not

1202

00:56:05,290 --> 00:56:03,290

going to be that simple and a lot of

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00:56:07,720 --> 00:56:05,300

these hypothetical discussions and the

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00:56:09,880 --> 00:56:07,730

philosophical world is full of them

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00:56:12,430 --> 00:56:09,890

they're interesting but often they

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00:56:15,670 --> 00:56:12,440

presuppose what kind of result is going

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00:56:18,430 --> 00:56:15,680

to take place from some purely

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00:56:20,319 --> 00:56:18,440

hypothetical thing that whose outcome we

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00:56:22,750 --> 00:56:20,329

really know nothing about so I think

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00:56:25,890 --> 00:56:22,760

yeah science has pushed the boundaries

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00:56:28,599 --> 00:56:25,900

by of medicine by in the first place

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00:56:31,030 --> 00:56:28,609

suggesting that showing that well

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00:56:33,339 --> 00:56:31,040

stopping the heart doesn't mean definite

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00:56:36,339 --> 00:56:33,349

renzo well stopping a brain waves don't

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00:56:39,550 --> 00:56:36,349

seem to you know entirely me either but

1216

00:56:41,829 --> 00:56:39,560

we're where's gonna go further than you

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00:56:44,020 --> 00:56:41,839

know it becomes very speculative very

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00:56:48,430 --> 00:56:44,030

fast that's all I would like to say

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00:56:51,309 --> 00:56:48,440

about let me up in the time that we have

1220

00:56:53,559 --> 00:56:51,319

left and it's been a great chat I don't

1221

00:56:55,030 --> 00:56:53,569

know how it's going to be received by

1222

00:56:57,700 --> 00:56:55,040

listeners because you find it bounced

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00:56:59,410 --> 00:56:57,710

all over the place and engaged in some

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00:57:00,609 --> 00:56:59,420

inside baseball but that's kind of the

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00:57:03,670 --> 00:57:00,619

nature of these things if you're going

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00:57:05,470 --> 00:57:03,680

to have just a a very plain vanilla

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00:57:08,740 --> 00:57:05,480

conversation it probably wouldn't be

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00:57:13,599 --> 00:57:08,750

interesting to us you know so in another

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00:57:17,470 --> 00:57:13,609

part of the process that is this show is

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00:57:21,339 --> 00:57:17,480

skeptic oh is this idea of conspiracy

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00:57:25,059 --> 00:57:21,349

and it's not because I like conspiracies

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00:57:28,180 --> 00:57:25,069

I was never even aware of the idea of

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00:57:31,300 --> 00:57:28,190

any kind of that the role the conspiracy

1234

00:57:33,700 --> 00:57:31,310

played except in following the data

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00:57:36,069 --> 00:57:33,710

following the the scientific data why

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00:57:37,839 --> 00:57:36,079

are they presenting it like this and why

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00:57:40,510 --> 00:57:37,849

are they they seem to be know one thing

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00:57:42,930 --> 00:57:40,520

and say something else and I think

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00:57:46,150 --> 00:57:42,940

Richard some of your work has become

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00:57:48,420 --> 00:57:46,160

extremely popular among

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00:57:51,160 --> 00:57:48,430

people who would consider themselves

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00:57:53,140 --> 00:57:51,170

conspiratorial because it's just the

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00:57:55,750 --> 00:57:53,150

nature of again I don't think you're a

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00:57:58,300 --> 00:57:55,760

conspiracy guy per se or conspiracy

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00:58:00,580 --> 00:57:58,310

theorist far from it you've just not

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00:58:02,970 --> 00:58:00,590

followed the data where it leads and

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00:58:06,760 --> 00:58:02,980

some of the things you've discovered

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00:58:08,650 --> 00:58:06,770

people find shattering of their existing

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00:58:10,120 --> 00:58:08,660

belief systems and I want to talk about

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00:58:11,350 --> 00:58:10,130

a couple of those because there's a

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00:58:14,620 --> 00:58:11,360

couples that I think are really

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00:58:18,820 --> 00:58:14,630

interesting to kind of just get out

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00:58:21,910 --> 00:58:18,830

there one is again and if I got this

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00:58:25,230 --> 00:58:21,920

wrong you know you tell me but from your

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00:58:28,360 --> 00:58:25,240

very excellent how God became God

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00:58:33,820 --> 00:58:28,370

best-selling book one of the points you

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00:58:36,640 --> 00:58:33,830

make is this idea that we have about the

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00:58:40,300 --> 00:58:36,650

devil Satan the bad guy what whoever you

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00:58:42,490 --> 00:58:40,310

want to characterize him in the Old

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00:58:45,160 --> 00:58:42,500

Testament and before the Old Testament

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00:58:49,000 --> 00:58:45,170

we can pretty much go back and trace

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00:58:51,490 --> 00:58:49,010

that as an invention that seems to pop

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00:58:52,060 --> 00:58:51,500

up in these books kind of out of thin

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00:58:54,160 --> 00:58:52,070

air

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00:58:55,720 --> 00:58:54,170

did I get that wrong or do you want to

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00:58:57,730 --> 00:58:55,730

elaborate that on that a little bit

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00:59:00,670 --> 00:58:57,740

because I think that's that's really

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00:59:03,670 --> 00:59:00,680

really significant for the way a lot of

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00:59:07,720 --> 00:59:03,680

people are processing that history yeah

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00:59:13,150 --> 00:59:07,730

well to give a very simple or simplistic

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00:59:16,540 --> 00:59:13,160

answer Judaism before the sack of the

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00:59:18,640 --> 00:59:16,550

first temple in 586 BC doesn't really

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00:59:23,110 --> 00:59:18,650

seem to have very much of a concept of a

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00:59:24,730 --> 00:59:23,120

devil and Yahweh is kind of playing both

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00:59:26,770 --> 00:59:24,740

sides yeah always the good guy and

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00:59:29,380 --> 00:59:26,780

always the bad guy right I mean it's

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00:59:31,180 --> 00:59:29,390

radical monotheism I make peace and

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00:59:31,720 --> 00:59:31,190

create evil that's from the Book of

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00:59:36,820 --> 00:59:31,730

Isaiah

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00:59:39,220 --> 00:59:36,830

I the LORD do all these things after the

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00:59:42,250 --> 00:59:39,230

Exile the Babylonian exile in the sixth

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00:59:45,600 --> 00:59:42,260

century BC this concept of Satan comes

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00:59:48,990 --> 00:59:45,610

in now religious scholars generally say

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00:59:51,450 --> 00:59:49,000

and maybe the evidence isn't really

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00:59:53,250 --> 00:59:51,460

so strong for this as it might be but

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00:59:54,950 --> 00:59:53,260

that this concept of the devil was

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00:59:56,940 --> 00:59:54,960

introduced into Judaism from

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00:59:59,940 --> 00:59:56,950

Zoroastrians because they were living in

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01:00:03,930 --> 00:59:59,950

a Persian Empire and Zoroastrianism was

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01:00:07,350 --> 01:00:03,940

very dualistic with a dark figure called

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01:00:11,460 --> 01:00:07,360

our Herman so that is the you know

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01:00:14,600 --> 01:00:11,470

standard scholarly answer I don't see

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01:00:17,730 --> 01:00:14,610

any particular reason to doubt it and

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01:00:21,450 --> 01:00:17,740

later on this devil starts to become

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01:00:23,700 --> 01:00:21,460

more and more prominent Satan in the

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01:00:26,240 --> 01:00:23,710

book of Job which is written probably in

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01:00:29,960 --> 01:00:26,250

the sixth century BC nobody really knows

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01:00:32,670 --> 01:00:29,970

Satan is not really God's enemy Satan

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01:00:35,040 --> 01:00:32,680

heaven to pay God a visit hey Satan

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01:00:38,160 --> 01:00:35,050

how's it going what even up to blow up

1301

01:00:40,230 --> 01:00:38,170

and welcome around hey that joke guy of

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01:00:42,090 --> 01:00:40,240

mine he's a pretty great guy huh oh yeah

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01:00:44,160 --> 01:00:42,100

well if you poke him a little he won't

1304

01:00:46,470 --> 01:00:44,170

be so great that's how the book of Job

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01:00:50,430 --> 01:00:46,480

starts there's certainly no cosmic

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01:00:53,720 --> 01:00:50,440

opposition in the early days of Judaism

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01:00:57,540 --> 01:00:53,730

and this is survived in Jewish mysticism

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01:00:59,790 --> 01:00:57,550

to this day the angels are not

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01:01:07,260 --> 01:00:59,800

necessarily evil but they're not

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01:01:13,470 --> 01:01:07,270

necessarily friends at camp accusing

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01:01:15,480 --> 01:01:13,480

figures like Satan mutated yet further

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01:01:20,940 --> 01:01:15,490

into the you know Christian devil that

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01:01:24,780 --> 01:01:20,950

we we know and I suppose well you know

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01:01:26,790 --> 01:01:24,790

there's an interesting tie back here to

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01:01:29,160 --> 01:01:26,800

something that auntie was saying earlier

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01:01:34,110 --> 01:01:29,170

in the show about the distinction

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01:01:38,910 --> 01:01:34,120

between Christ consciousness and Jesus

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01:01:40,890 --> 01:01:38,920

and you know because in this work that

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01:01:44,160 --> 01:01:40,900

you've done this incredible body of work

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01:01:46,440 --> 01:01:44,170

in pulling apart examining and carefully

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01:01:50,000 --> 01:01:46,450

analyzing again we're talking to a guy

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01:01:53,670 --> 01:01:50,010

who's Harvard educated Oxford educated a

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01:01:56,820 --> 01:01:53,680

true scholar incapable of doing this

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01:02:00,360 --> 01:01:56,830

work when you go look at the text it's

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01:02:01,890 --> 01:02:00,370

telling us a different story than what

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01:02:05,940 --> 01:02:01,900

the Mystics

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01:02:09,990 --> 01:02:05,950

are experiencing in some cases and to

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01:02:13,140 --> 01:02:10,000

that end you know how do you square the

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01:02:16,890 --> 01:02:13,150

idea of what you just said about satan

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01:02:20,039 --> 01:02:16,900

about the devil about evil with the

1331

01:02:23,789 --> 01:02:20,049

experience that so many people have of

1332

01:02:27,539 --> 01:02:23,799

the reality of that and is it possible

1333

01:02:30,210 --> 01:02:27,549

that since this is all kind of a

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01:02:32,180 --> 01:02:30,220

thought-form thing as we were talking

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01:02:34,650 --> 01:02:32,190

about when we're talking about the

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01:02:39,059 --> 01:02:34,660

idiosyncratic nature of all of this and

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01:02:42,000 --> 01:02:39,069

how we're all making all this up in our

1338

01:02:44,400 --> 01:02:42,010

heads but at the same time as we make up

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01:02:46,829 --> 01:02:44,410

the same thing we seem to live that same

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01:02:51,690 --> 01:02:46,839

thing I mean have you given any thought

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01:02:54,900 --> 01:02:51,700

to how we pull apart the the thought

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01:02:57,720 --> 01:02:54,910

form understanding of things versus the

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01:02:59,849 --> 01:02:57,730

spiritual reality again reality's a

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01:03:02,730 --> 01:02:59,859

tricky word of things do you get what

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01:03:06,089 --> 01:03:02,740

I'm driving at there yeah and it's a

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01:03:08,579 --> 01:03:06,099

very long and complex answer but I you

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01:03:12,000 --> 01:03:08,589

know to give a short answer to part of

1348

01:03:16,440 --> 01:03:12,010

it I think the thought-form concept that

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01:03:19,769 --> 01:03:16,450

you mentioned is important because human

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01:03:22,650 --> 01:03:19,779

thought has power it has power it

1351
01:03:24,690 --> 01:03:22,660
mabel's you to build bridges and follow

1352
01:03:27,029 --> 01:03:24,700
up other people and all sorts of things

1353
01:03:29,519 --> 01:03:27,039
like that but the thought itself as a

1354
01:03:35,160 --> 01:03:29,529
kind of power if a lot of people have

1355
01:03:37,049 --> 01:03:35,170
the same thought its power square and in

1356
01:03:37,620 --> 01:03:37,059
the alcohol literature this is called an

1357
01:03:40,109 --> 01:03:37,630
egregore

1358
01:03:42,390 --> 01:03:40,119
which is what what I just said it's a

1359
01:03:44,250 --> 01:03:42,400
collectively generated thought form that

1360
01:03:47,430 --> 01:03:44,260
appears to have a quasi independent

1361
01:03:49,019 --> 01:03:47,440
existence if you don't want to use the

1362
01:03:52,859 --> 01:03:49,029
example of the devil how about Santa

1363
01:03:55,589 --> 01:03:52,869

Claus or what's the same thing to Santa

1364

01:03:57,720 --> 01:03:55,599

Claus you can just no not me deity but

1365

01:04:02,190 --> 01:03:57,730

you know the other hand Santa Claus does

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01:04:04,109 --> 01:04:02,200

exist in people's minds and you know I

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01:04:06,750 --> 01:04:04,119

think the devil does exist in people's

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01:04:08,370 --> 01:04:06,760

minds you know there's a larger problem

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01:04:11,480 --> 01:04:08,380

which is of course the problem of evil

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01:04:13,770 --> 01:04:11,490

and who is to blame for it and that's

1371

01:04:15,960 --> 01:04:13,780

well that's a really big topic

1372

01:04:20,280 --> 01:04:15,970

we get going to it or not you know we

1373

01:04:23,070 --> 01:04:20,290

prefer Edie do you have anything to to

1374

01:04:26,790 --> 01:04:23,080

maybe add to that or in particular how

1375

01:04:30,180 --> 01:04:26,800

it might relate to your understanding of

1376

01:04:33,060 --> 01:04:30,190

Pease work how much of that is because

1377

01:04:35,160 --> 01:04:33,070

it also relates to his his time in

1378

01:04:38,210 --> 01:04:35,170

history and that you know I think if we

1379

01:04:41,070 --> 01:04:38,220

take Richards idea of thought-forms

1380

01:04:43,590 --> 01:04:41,080

matterng making a difference then I

1381

01:04:45,660 --> 01:04:43,600

think that also explains why we all kind

1382

01:04:47,940 --> 01:04:45,670

of move in lockstep with our times to a

1383

01:04:51,590 --> 01:04:47,950

certain extent because we are embedded

1384

01:04:54,720 --> 01:04:51,600

in a culture we are embedded in a common

1385

01:04:58,230 --> 01:04:54,730

because cultural motif you know from one

1386

01:05:00,420 --> 01:04:58,240

time or another well I take a lead about

1387

01:05:03,420 --> 01:05:00,430

that devilish you not devil it's himself

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01:05:06,090 --> 01:05:03,430

or herself whatever he that is but about

1389

01:05:09,060 --> 01:05:06,100

a negative near-death experiences which

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01:05:11,490 --> 01:05:09,070

are even hellish as when you take a look

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01:05:15,060 --> 01:05:11,500

at the book there there there's a

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01:05:18,450 --> 01:05:15,070

chapter about these afterlife stages

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01:05:22,620 --> 01:05:18,460

which are helis in nature and PE tells

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01:05:25,320 --> 01:05:22,630

in his own experience that there are no

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01:05:28,560 --> 01:05:25,330

Devils in hell there are just human

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01:05:31,080 --> 01:05:28,570

beings who have evil thoughts and habits

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01:05:35,460 --> 01:05:31,090

and then as Richard mentioned there are

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01:05:38,430 --> 01:05:35,470

some kind of of thought forms which are

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01:05:41,490 --> 01:05:38,440

found by people producing those evil and

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01:05:43,350 --> 01:05:41,500

and murderers and that kind of thoughts

1401
01:05:46,530 --> 01:05:43,360
and they have so much power that they

1402
01:05:49,260 --> 01:05:46,540
exist there for some time and if a

1403
01:05:52,320 --> 01:05:49,270
person has kind of affinity harboring

1404
01:05:54,120 --> 01:05:52,330
those those negative feelings and

1405
01:05:55,140 --> 01:05:54,130
thoughts throughout the life or at least

1406
01:05:58,230 --> 01:05:55,150
to some extent

1407
01:06:01,710 --> 01:05:58,240
then it might be that that this is

1408
01:06:04,230 --> 01:06:01,720
somehow attracting to these these lower

1409
01:06:06,150 --> 01:06:04,240
levels of afterlife and I find it

1410
01:06:08,850 --> 01:06:06,160
interesting that negative near-death

1411
01:06:12,450 --> 01:06:08,860
experiences they tend to reveal that

1412
01:06:15,990 --> 01:06:12,460
these stages are felt by people who who

1413
01:06:19,020 --> 01:06:16,000

go briefly to the other side so to speak

1414

01:06:20,760 --> 01:06:19,030

and of course in usually they don't go

1415

01:06:23,310 --> 01:06:20,770

to hell as such that they but they are

1416

01:06:25,380 --> 01:06:23,320

allowed to see or hear something kind

1417

01:06:27,450 --> 01:06:25,390

quite near that's what I gather when I

1418

01:06:29,940 --> 01:06:27,460

read some books about that issue but

1419

01:06:31,740 --> 01:06:29,950

it seems to cohere will for instance be

1420

01:06:34,470 --> 01:06:31,750

and other Theosophical sources are

1421

01:06:37,200 --> 01:06:34,480

telling about it so I'm not sure if that

1422

01:06:40,319 --> 01:06:37,210

answers anything about this issue of the

1423

01:06:42,299 --> 01:06:40,329

issue of evil or devil but it's an

1424

01:06:44,640 --> 01:06:42,309

interesting point to be made that it's

1425

01:06:47,190 --> 01:06:44,650

human beings who are producing that evil

1426

01:06:49,410 --> 01:06:47,200

in those afterlife stages but it's only

1427

01:06:52,650 --> 01:06:49,420

temporary there is no such thing as per

1428

01:06:54,900 --> 01:06:52,660

permanent hell I'm sorry that I I

1429

01:06:57,900 --> 01:06:54,910

dragged this disgusting back into the

1430

01:06:59,849 --> 01:06:57,910

book but that's why I'm not a bother at

1431

01:07:01,260 --> 01:06:59,859

all so I'm just reading Bart Ehrman and

1432

01:07:03,450 --> 01:07:01,270

some other sources to know what they are

1433

01:07:05,460 --> 01:07:03,460

what they are saying about the

1434

01:07:07,410 --> 01:07:05,470

scholarship of battle so I can't really

1435

01:07:10,380 --> 01:07:07,420

make any comment about that but this is

1436

01:07:13,170 --> 01:07:10,390

what I wanted to say yes no it's very

1437

01:07:16,920 --> 01:07:13,180

good I kind of tend to agree with you

1438

01:07:20,549 --> 01:07:16,930

that as above so below and turning that

1439

01:07:24,920 --> 01:07:20,559

around works too as below so above IB we

1440

01:07:29,309 --> 01:07:24,930

don't have to look very far to imagine

1441

01:07:32,640 --> 01:07:29,319

how far evil can go in the realms beyond

1442

01:07:35,839 --> 01:07:32,650

this world right I mean we see it all

1443

01:07:37,859 --> 01:07:35,849

around us so if there's any kind of

1444

01:07:38,400 --> 01:07:37,869

extension of that into these other

1445

01:07:44,760 --> 01:07:38,410

realms

1446

01:07:46,710 --> 01:07:44,770

hell yes there is he he did yeah you

1447

01:07:48,240 --> 01:07:46,720

know I would guess just sort of sawed

1448

01:07:51,480 --> 01:07:48,250

off with a wine from the Tibetan Book of

1449

01:07:52,710 --> 01:07:51,490

the Dead no these things are to be thine

1450

01:07:55,380 --> 01:07:52,720

own thought-forms

1451

01:07:57,839 --> 01:07:55,390

you know as the deceased person is going

1452

01:08:00,120 --> 01:07:57,849

through the year both positive and

1453

01:08:04,230 --> 01:08:00,130

negative aspects of the after death

1454

01:08:06,299 --> 01:08:04,240

state awesome well perhaps we'll just

1455

01:08:09,420 --> 01:08:06,309

leave it there because we could go on

1456

01:08:12,750 --> 01:08:09,430

and on and on such a great interesting

1457

01:08:16,620 --> 01:08:12,760

conversation again our guests have been

1458

01:08:19,709 --> 01:08:16,630

dr. aunty Sivan Ian from Finland who's

1459

01:08:23,610 --> 01:08:19,719

just written this new book from death to

1460

01:08:25,169 --> 01:08:23,620

rebirth also Richard smoly who's you can

1461

01:08:27,090 --> 01:08:25,179

check out his excellent website we'll

1462

01:08:30,829 --> 01:08:27,100

have a link to it and be sure to check

1463

01:08:33,419 --> 01:08:30,839

out his latest book how God became God

1464

01:08:36,570 --> 01:08:33,429

thank you so much to both of you for

1465

01:08:38,789 --> 01:08:36,580

joining me today on skeptic oh so it's

1466

01:08:40,439 --> 01:08:38,799

it's free it's an e-book and there will

1467

01:08:41,250 --> 01:08:40,449

be an audio version of it as well so

1468

01:08:42,630 --> 01:08:41,260

anybody

1469

01:08:44,640 --> 01:08:42,640

read it and down with no strings

1470

01:08:46,830 --> 01:08:44,650

advanced we are not interested in

1471

01:08:48,840 --> 01:08:46,840

selling anything or attaching people to

1472

01:08:51,150 --> 01:08:48,850

any any groups or anything like that

1473

01:08:54,240 --> 01:08:51,160

read it if you like it and if you don't

1474

01:08:55,890 --> 01:08:54,250

that's fine as well that's great I'll

1475

01:08:58,290 --> 01:08:55,900

also include that in the introduction

1476

01:09:00,840 --> 01:08:58,300

very early on so don't worry I'll

1477

01:09:03,480 --> 01:09:00,850

mention that and it Richard I'm sorry

1478

01:09:07,080 --> 01:09:03,490

tell folks some more because I just kind

1479

01:09:08,850 --> 01:09:07,090

of blew past this tell folks more about

1480

01:09:11,430 --> 01:09:08,860

they'd be very interested I'm sure in

1481

01:09:14,280 --> 01:09:11,440

hearing about what you're working on

1482

01:09:16,710 --> 01:09:14,290

what's up with you where they can find

1483

01:09:17,250 --> 01:09:16,720

out more about what you're up to these

1484

01:09:19,590 --> 01:09:17,260

days

1485

01:09:21,840 --> 01:09:19,600

thank you first of all I want to thank

1486

01:09:23,760 --> 01:09:21,850

you very very much for your extremely

1487

01:09:26,340 --> 01:09:23,770

kind and supportive words about my work

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01:09:29,400 --> 01:09:26,350

I'm really very grateful for that

1489

01:09:33,390 --> 01:09:29,410

well my website is w is inner

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01:09:37,500 --> 01:09:33,400

Christianity i-n and ER Christianity

1491

01:09:40,980 --> 01:09:37,510

calm which has a description about me my

1492

01:09:42,870 --> 01:09:40,990

books and so on I'm editor of quest

1493

01:09:48,930 --> 01:09:42,880

which is the Journal of the Theosophical

1494

01:09:51,090 --> 01:09:48,940

Society in America and that is most of

1495

01:09:53,820 --> 01:09:51,100

its contents are online at least for

1496

01:09:56,400 --> 01:09:53,830

back issues so people can have access to

1497

01:09:58,560 --> 01:09:56,410

that readily as I say my you know you

1498

01:10:00,360 --> 01:09:58,570

said my latest book is how God became

1499

01:10:03,030 --> 01:10:00,370

God what scholars are really saying

1500

01:10:06,720 --> 01:10:03,040

about God in the Bible and what that is

1501
01:10:09,240 --> 01:10:06,730
is essentially a attempt to present you

1502
01:10:11,370 --> 01:10:09,250
know just a basic street-level guide to

1503
01:10:12,930 --> 01:10:11,380
well you've heard part of the Bible is

1504
01:10:15,420 --> 01:10:12,940
literally true part of it isn't what

1505
01:10:18,480 --> 01:10:15,430
parts are what parts are and that is you

1506
01:10:20,640 --> 01:10:18,490
know it said to digest scholarly opinion

1507
01:10:22,860 --> 01:10:20,650
to a greater or lesser extent of course

1508
01:10:25,710 --> 01:10:22,870
being the author I have my own opinions

1509
01:10:27,960 --> 01:10:25,720
and certainly insert those as well but I

1510
01:10:30,900 --> 01:10:27,970
think it's a fascinating topic and you

1511
01:10:33,510 --> 01:10:30,910
know I find it continuously absorb it so

1512
01:10:36,240 --> 01:10:33,520
in any case that's a little bit about me

1513
01:10:38,940 --> 01:10:36,250

I really really do appreciate your time

1514

01:10:42,030 --> 01:10:38,950

and your interest on this has been a

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01:10:44,160 --> 01:10:42,040

delightful conversation well it

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01:10:46,860 --> 01:10:44,170

certainly has for me I thank both of you

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01:10:48,960 --> 01:10:46,870

very much and it's been kind of a dream

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01:10:51,300 --> 01:10:48,970

come true because I'm an avid Skepta

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01:10:53,340 --> 01:10:51,310

listener so being part of the show is

1520

01:10:54,540 --> 01:10:53,350

just wonderful and to talk about these

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01:10:57,870 --> 01:10:54,550

topics and

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01:11:00,120 --> 01:10:57,880

thank you so much Alex and Richard I

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01:11:01,890 --> 01:11:00,130

really appreciate your work and your

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01:11:03,330 --> 01:11:01,900

contribution to this project and it was

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01:11:06,689 --> 01:11:03,340

so nice to talk to you both

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01:11:08,250 --> 01:11:06,699

Thanks thanks again for auntie and

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01:11:10,020 --> 01:11:08,260

Richard for joining me today on

1528

01:11:13,680 --> 01:11:10,030

sceptical I guess the one question I T

1529

01:11:17,729 --> 01:11:13,690

up from this interview is what does

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01:11:20,010 --> 01:11:17,739

await us after we die that's a huge

1531

01:11:22,879 --> 01:11:20,020

question but it's the question of this

1532

01:11:25,950 --> 01:11:22,889

interview so let's toss it around is

1533

01:11:28,859 --> 01:11:25,960

there really a there there to even

1534

01:11:31,950 --> 01:11:28,869

explore is it all thought form created

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01:11:35,580 --> 01:11:31,960

by what we think it's going to be or is

1536

01:11:37,950 --> 01:11:35,590

there a reality out there that we must

1537

01:11:40,439 --> 01:11:37,960

face let me know your thoughts of course

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01:11:42,209 --> 01:11:40,449

the place to do it is well anyway you

1539

01:11:47,160 --> 01:11:42,219

want you can do it through the sceptical

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01:11:49,500 --> 01:11:47,170

format ske p tik Oh calm you can reach

1541

01:11:52,640 --> 01:11:49,510

me on Facebook or drop me an email or

1542

01:11:55,680 --> 01:11:52,650

even on Twitter I'm starting to slowly

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01:11:57,750 --> 01:11:55,690

eventually move over to Twitter a little

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01:11:58,770 --> 01:11:57,760

bit and try and dabble in that so if you

1545

01:12:01,470 --> 01:11:58,780

want to try and reach me over there

1546

01:12:03,569 --> 01:12:01,480

that's fine as well anyway you connect

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01:12:06,149 --> 01:12:03,579

with me we'll be fine with me I'd love

1548

01:12:06,899 --> 01:12:06,159

to connect in here which you think about

1549

01:12:09,689 --> 01:12:06,909

this show

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01:12:12,990 --> 01:12:09,699

well I have a number of episodes coming

1551

01:12:14,640 --> 01:12:13,000

up I also am trying to do more video I

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01:12:16,830 --> 01:12:14,650

don't know how that's going to go it's

1553

01:12:17,970 --> 01:12:16,840

kind of a lot more work but I'm trying

1554

01:12:20,399 --> 01:12:17,980

to figure out a way to do it that's

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01:12:22,770 --> 01:12:20,409

manageable but I will be putting out

1556

01:12:24,629 --> 01:12:22,780

more YouTube videos related to the

1557

01:12:27,120 --> 01:12:24,639

interviews that I do on skeptic oh so

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01:12:30,689 --> 01:12:27,130

look for that if you're interested as

1559

01:12:34,960 --> 01:12:30,699

well alright enough for today until next