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00:00:03,770 --> 00:00:01,819
don't you but you can say something

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00:00:06,260 --> 00:00:03,780
about the question which you really

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00:00:08,330 --> 00:00:06,270
would wish to know the answer to and I

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00:00:11,270 --> 00:00:08,340
mean for me it would be what

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00:00:18,590 --> 00:00:11,280
what's consciousness because that's

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00:00:21,560 --> 00:00:18,600
that's totally baffling not that you

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00:00:24,800 --> 00:00:21,570
asked but what I think on this is a

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00:00:28,429 --> 00:00:24,810
consciousness has kind of baffled us for

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00:00:30,290 --> 00:00:28,439
a while okay and evidence that we

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00:00:34,430 --> 00:00:30,300
haven't a clue about what consciousness

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00:00:36,110 --> 00:00:34,440
is is drawn from the in from the fact of

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00:00:38,479 --> 00:00:36,120
how many books are published on the

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00:00:42,010 --> 00:00:38,489

topic right we're not really continuing

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00:00:45,170 --> 00:00:42,020

to publish books not really on like

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00:00:48,049 --> 00:00:45,180

Newtonian physics it's done all right so

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00:00:50,000 --> 00:00:48,059

so the fact that people keep publishing

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00:00:51,229 --> 00:00:50,010

books on consciousness is the evidence

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00:00:52,310 --> 00:00:51,239

we don't know anything about it because

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00:00:54,979 --> 00:00:52,320

if we knew all about it

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00:00:56,840 --> 00:00:54,989

you wouldn't have to be published so so

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00:01:07,010 --> 00:00:56,850

what I wonder

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00:01:09,050 --> 00:01:07,020

really is no such thing as consciousness

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00:01:10,670 --> 00:01:09,060

at all and that there's some other

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00:01:12,800 --> 00:01:10,680

understanding of the functioning of the

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00:01:28,039 --> 00:01:12,810

human brain that renders that question

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00:01:31,130 --> 00:01:28,049

obsolete to that I gotta say like what

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00:01:34,779 --> 00:01:31,140

is so funny about that of course that

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00:01:37,580 --> 00:01:34,789

last voice was Bill Nye the Science Guy

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00:01:44,749 --> 00:01:37,590

he was astonished and Bill was

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00:01:47,389 --> 00:01:44,759

astonished I mean the idea that maybe

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00:01:50,510 --> 00:01:47,399

consciousness is not there it's probably

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00:01:53,809 --> 00:01:50,520

the weirdest stupidest idea ever

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00:01:56,029 --> 00:01:53,819

conceived by human thoughts I mean where

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00:01:58,660 --> 00:01:56,039

does thought take place it takes place

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00:02:02,450 --> 00:01:58,670

in consciousness so here we have

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00:02:04,670 --> 00:02:02,460

consciousness speculating about the

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00:02:07,700 --> 00:02:04,680

possibility that consciousness does not

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00:02:10,240 --> 00:02:07,710

exist and it may not be there I mean the

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00:02:12,500 --> 00:02:10,250

very thought is that in your face

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00:02:14,000 --> 00:02:12,510

contradiction and the fact that

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00:02:15,949 --> 00:02:14,010

something like this is not only

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00:02:19,550 --> 00:02:15,959

seriously entertained but even

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00:02:22,759 --> 00:02:19,560

verbalized by a person with the public

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00:02:28,670 --> 00:02:22,769

exposure of the gentleman we just saw is

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00:02:32,870 --> 00:02:28,680

is a worrying sign of cultural thickness

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00:02:34,460 --> 00:02:32,880

a very serious one you know the other

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00:02:37,310 --> 00:02:34,470

thing that got me and I hope you dis

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00:02:40,160 --> 00:02:37,320

comment on because you are a philosopher

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00:02:42,849 --> 00:02:40,170

and an expert in logic and you've your

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00:02:45,410 --> 00:02:42,859

books you do a wonderful job of

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00:02:48,920 --> 00:02:45,420
deconstructing this silliness down to a

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00:02:54,920 --> 00:02:48,930
level that is extremely comprehensive

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00:02:57,319 --> 00:02:54,930
and well thought out but I love thing I

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00:03:00,800 --> 00:02:57,329
thought was just stunning you know I

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00:03:02,870 --> 00:03:00,810
mean what kind of logic is that they're

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00:03:04,729 --> 00:03:02,880
not writing any books about physics

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00:03:05,960 --> 00:03:04,739
they're not ready and he's saying no

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00:03:08,540 --> 00:03:05,970
Tony is I mean I think

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00:03:10,490 --> 00:03:08,550
first of all books you mean papers don't

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00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:10,500
you mean peer review published papers

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00:03:15,740 --> 00:03:12,480
and aren't they doing a lot of work I'm

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00:03:21,800 --> 00:03:15,750
gravity and you know issues in physics

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00:03:24,770 --> 00:03:21,810

that are central to preposterous just

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00:03:27,310 --> 00:03:24,780

again it's just really really funny but

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00:03:30,800 --> 00:03:27,320

to his credit he did say the laws in

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00:03:33,740 --> 00:03:30,810

Newtonian laws so classical Newtonian

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00:03:35,600 --> 00:03:33,750

physics but but given that given that I

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00:03:39,500 --> 00:03:35,610

mean this is I guess kind of interesting

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00:03:41,720 --> 00:03:39,510

in that we build on these laws right so

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00:03:43,970 --> 00:03:41,730

no one has said that the laws of

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00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:43,980

Newtonian physics are quote-unquote

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00:03:48,680 --> 00:03:46,560

wrong they're just incomplete they just

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00:03:50,870 --> 00:03:48,690

describe a certain aspect of what we

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00:03:53,800 --> 00:03:50,880

observe and the same could be said for

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00:03:57,650 --> 00:03:53,810

this insistence that consciousness is

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00:04:00,860 --> 00:03:57,660

physical biological a brain-based all

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00:04:03,980 --> 00:04:00,870

those things are not wrong per se

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00:04:05,690 --> 00:04:03,990

they're just incomplete in terms of our

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00:04:07,510 --> 00:04:05,700

understanding of consciousness if

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00:04:10,699 --> 00:04:07,520

consciousness is as we'll talk about

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00:04:12,320 --> 00:04:10,709

somehow fundamental then everything gets

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00:04:14,449 --> 00:04:12,330

turned on its head but that doesn't mean

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00:04:16,940 --> 00:04:14,459

that there aren't some neural correlates

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00:04:19,310 --> 00:04:16,950

to consciousness and ground function so

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00:04:23,150 --> 00:04:19,320

that's where I think it's it's just it

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00:04:26,570 --> 00:04:23,160

just shows a deep misunderstanding I

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00:04:28,130 --> 00:04:26,580

guess would be generous or of of what

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00:04:29,960 --> 00:04:28,140

they're really talking about when he

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00:04:32,270 --> 00:04:29,970

talks about conscious I think I think

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00:04:34,670 --> 00:04:32,280

what motivates even the question because

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00:04:36,800 --> 00:04:34,680

you see how they how they formulated the

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00:04:40,159 --> 00:04:36,810

question how Richard Dawkins formulated

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00:04:43,760 --> 00:04:40,169

the question he said what is

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00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:43,770

consciousness and what they're trying to

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00:04:49,190 --> 00:04:46,560

get at is a reduction what you're trying

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00:04:52,280 --> 00:04:49,200

to answer the form of the answer they

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00:04:55,100 --> 00:04:52,290

are looking for is consciousness is just

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00:04:57,650 --> 00:04:55,110

this doesn't that operate in this that

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00:04:59,150 --> 00:04:57,660

way under this and that condition in

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00:05:00,950 --> 00:04:59,160

other words they're trying to explain

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00:05:03,190 --> 00:05:00,960
consciousness in terms of something else

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00:05:06,110 --> 00:05:03,200
in terms of something that isn't

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00:05:08,770 --> 00:05:06,120
consciousness that would be the answer

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00:05:12,290 --> 00:05:08,780
to the question what is consciousness

105
00:05:15,500 --> 00:05:12,300
and and that is indeed a baffling

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00:05:18,469 --> 00:05:15,510
question because you see who is trying

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00:05:19,730 --> 00:05:18,479
to answer it is consciousness that is

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00:05:22,240 --> 00:05:19,740
trying to answer

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00:05:24,890 --> 00:05:22,250
so you get a self reference there that

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00:05:27,680 --> 00:05:24,900
makes the question indeed very baffling

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00:05:29,540 --> 00:05:27,690
if you are framing it that way if you're

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00:05:32,150 --> 00:05:29,550
trying to reduce consciousness and

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00:05:34,040 --> 00:05:32,160

that's why it goes wrong nobody well

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00:05:37,010 --> 00:05:34,050

very few people have stopped to think

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00:05:38,930 --> 00:05:37,020

that maybe we shouldn't formulate the

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00:05:42,110 --> 00:05:38,940

question that way maybe what we have to

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00:05:44,780 --> 00:05:42,120

ask is how can we explain everything

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00:05:48,440 --> 00:05:44,790

else in terms of consciousness which is

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00:05:51,200 --> 00:05:48,450

the given of reality it's the the basis