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00:00:12,549 --> 00:00:08,740
today we welcome dr. Diana Walsh

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00:00:15,670 --> 00:00:12,559
Basilico - skeptic Oh in 2012 today's

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00:00:17,950 --> 00:00:15,680
guest was at a high point in her career

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00:00:19,660 --> 00:00:17,960
well respected professor of religious

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00:00:22,060 --> 00:00:19,670
studies at the University of North

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00:00:24,400 --> 00:00:22,070
Carolina Wilmington research Awards a

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00:00:27,550 --> 00:00:24,410
successful book with Oxford University

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00:00:30,040 --> 00:00:27,560
Press she had even gained tenure which

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00:00:32,920 --> 00:00:30,050
as we all know is almost impossible to

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00:00:34,840 --> 00:00:32,930
do these days and then Diana the

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00:00:37,510 --> 00:00:34,850
universe winked at you didn't it a

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00:00:40,240 --> 00:00:37,520
colleague noted that your account of a

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00:00:43,090 --> 00:00:40,250

catholic saint and her encounter with an

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angel sounded a lot like a UFO story

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00:00:49,150 --> 00:00:46,219

that led you to a UFO conference you met

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00:00:52,299 --> 00:00:49,160

the amazing Chris Bledsoe who told you

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00:00:56,319 --> 00:00:52,309

about his encounter with ETS that seemed

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00:00:58,450 --> 00:00:56,329

more technological than biological next

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00:01:01,630 --> 00:00:58,460

you're off to a UFO conference in

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00:01:04,090 --> 00:01:01,640

California where you just happen to land

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00:01:06,430 --> 00:01:04,100

a personal tour of your old hometown

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00:01:10,810 --> 00:01:06,440

Silicon Valley with none other than

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00:01:13,480 --> 00:01:10,820

Jacques valet so quite a journey and

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00:01:16,719 --> 00:01:13,490

that really set you off on this six-year

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00:01:19,330 --> 00:01:16,729

journey taking you from your academic

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religious conferences with our friend

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00:01:25,300 --> 00:01:22,040

Jeff at Rice University to

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00:01:29,380 --> 00:01:25,310

harvesting space junk from secret cached

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00:01:33,069 --> 00:01:29,390

UFOs in the New Mexico desert and with

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00:01:35,319 --> 00:01:33,079

Silicon Valley met experiencers who

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00:01:36,910 --> 00:01:35,329

don't think twice about ordering a

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00:01:38,859 --> 00:01:36,920

thousand dollar lunch from the Ritz and

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00:01:41,770 --> 00:01:38,869

hopping on a private jet like an uber

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00:01:45,580 --> 00:01:41,780

and ultimately back to your roots in the

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00:01:49,859 --> 00:01:45,590

deepest walls of the library of the

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00:01:51,910 --> 00:01:49,869

Vatican wow what a story what a book

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00:01:55,090 --> 00:01:51,920

congratulations on American cosmic

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00:01:56,490 --> 00:01:55,100

brilliant book and welcome to skeptical

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00:02:00,899 --> 00:01:56,500

thank you so much for joining me

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00:02:04,120 --> 00:02:00,909

absolutely here so I really just kind of

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00:02:06,520 --> 00:02:04,130

skimmed the surface which would almost

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00:02:08,290 --> 00:02:06,530

sound unbelievable to anyone who heard

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00:02:12,160 --> 00:02:08,300

that introduction and think oh there's

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00:02:15,400 --> 00:02:12,170

more but there's like a lot more tell

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00:02:17,380 --> 00:02:15,410

people you're kind of opening line when

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00:02:19,370 --> 00:02:17,390

someone bumps into you on the airplane

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00:02:22,270 --> 00:02:19,380

and says tell me about American

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00:02:24,830 --> 00:02:22,280

Kosmic what do you say right okay so

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00:02:26,900 --> 00:02:24,840

people in my field of really to study

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00:02:29,270 --> 00:02:26,910

this is kind of a well-known joke among

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00:02:31,690 --> 00:02:29,280
us we never tell people what we do when

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00:02:35,480 --> 00:02:31,700
we're on airplanes because you know they

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00:02:37,670 --> 00:02:35,490
will inevitably think we're ministers or

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00:02:40,160 --> 00:02:37,680
you know priests in the formation or

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00:02:41,960 --> 00:02:40,170
something like that and want to know

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00:02:43,760 --> 00:02:41,970
that type of stuff and and that's not

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00:02:46,700 --> 00:02:43,770
what we do so we are an

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00:02:49,340 --> 00:02:46,710
interdisciplinary field you know we're

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00:02:51,980 --> 00:02:49,350
archaeologists sociologists historians

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00:02:55,490 --> 00:02:51,990
and things like that and what we do is

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00:02:58,040 --> 00:02:55,500
we don't really weigh in on the reality

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00:02:59,360 --> 00:02:58,050
of beliefs of you know people believe in

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00:03:01,580 --> 00:02:59,370

all kinds of things they believe in

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00:03:03,710 --> 00:03:01,590

Vishnu they believe in Jesus they

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00:03:05,480 --> 00:03:03,720

believe in you know Mohammed and you

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00:03:07,310 --> 00:03:05,490

know things like that and we don't say

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00:03:10,400 --> 00:03:07,320

yes or no to those what we do is we

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00:03:13,430 --> 00:03:10,410

study the effects and practices and

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00:03:15,560 --> 00:03:13,440

these kinds of things and so if somebody

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00:03:17,960 --> 00:03:15,570

asked me about American cosmic frankly

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00:03:20,660 --> 00:03:17,970

I'd have to figure out who they were and

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00:03:23,210 --> 00:03:20,670

because that book has so many different

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00:03:25,850 --> 00:03:23,220

levels to it that if they were like

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00:03:27,770 --> 00:03:25,860

basically ufologists I told him about

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00:03:30,110 --> 00:03:27,780

the crash site and I talked about the

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00:03:32,690 --> 00:03:30,120

crash site if they were academics I'd

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00:03:35,090 --> 00:03:32,700

say oh well what I'm doing is I'm

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00:03:38,150 --> 00:03:35,100

basically using the UFO belief system as

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00:03:39,620 --> 00:03:38,160

a case study that the you know

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00:03:41,810 --> 00:03:39,630

infrastructure the changing

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00:03:43,970 --> 00:03:41,820

infrastructure that's akin to the book

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00:03:45,920 --> 00:03:43,980

of the Protestant Reformation you know

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00:03:48,740 --> 00:03:45,930

that that the book actually changed our

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00:03:50,690 --> 00:03:48,750

culture so technology changes culture it

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00:03:52,880 --> 00:03:50,700

changes everything and religion is not

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00:03:55,670 --> 00:03:52,890

exempt from that so I would focus on

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00:03:57,680 --> 00:03:55,680

that and tell them about that if they

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00:03:59,600 --> 00:03:57,690

were interested in kind of like The Da

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00:04:00,920 --> 00:03:59,610

Vinci Code I tell them a little bit

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00:04:02,900 --> 00:04:00,930

about you know the kind of more

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00:04:05,810 --> 00:04:02,910

unbelievable aspects of the book which

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00:04:07,460 --> 00:04:05,820

are nonetheless true and in my access to

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00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:07,470

the secret archive because of my

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00:04:12,560 --> 00:04:10,200

credentials and medium brother guy

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00:04:14,840 --> 00:04:12,570

Consolmagno and he's the director of the

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00:04:18,170 --> 00:04:14,850

Vatican Observatory which of course is

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00:04:21,530 --> 00:04:18,180

it tells giant telescope area in castle

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00:04:23,930 --> 00:04:21,540

Gandolfo but also one in Arizona and I

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00:04:25,310 --> 00:04:23,940

just happen to ask him he was just here

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00:04:28,430 --> 00:04:25,320

to give a lecture at my University and

101
00:04:31,430 --> 00:04:28,440
we were hanging out and I said hey you

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00:04:33,410 --> 00:04:31,440
know I do archival work and I said do

103
00:04:35,090 --> 00:04:33,420
you have a space archive and he said

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00:04:37,220 --> 00:04:35,100
well as a matter of fact anything that

105
00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:37,230
has to do with space from thousands of

106
00:04:42,320 --> 00:04:40,800
years ago comes to our place in Castle

107
00:04:45,140 --> 00:04:42,330
Gandolfo it doesn't go to the Vatican

108
00:04:47,000 --> 00:04:45,150
and so I just happened to sit there and

109
00:04:48,710 --> 00:04:47,010
I thought about and I thought I wonder

110
00:04:52,190 --> 00:04:48,720
if I could get a look in your archive

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00:04:54,200 --> 00:04:52,200
and he said of course he said we have a

112
00:04:56,450 --> 00:04:54,210
place for scholars to stay you could

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00:04:59,480 --> 00:04:56,460

stay for free and of course I had to

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00:05:02,870 --> 00:04:59,490

take him up on that so so yeah I I went

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00:05:04,610 --> 00:05:02,880

there and and honestly that that's the

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00:05:06,350 --> 00:05:04,620

end of the book that the book was done

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00:05:08,030 --> 00:05:06,360

by then so I didn't think that was the

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00:05:12,080 --> 00:05:08,040

last chapter so when I got to that

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00:05:14,600 --> 00:05:12,090

chapter I had I had to tell my editor

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00:05:16,670 --> 00:05:14,610

that sorry there's one more chapter to

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00:05:19,820 --> 00:05:16,680

this book that's already been taking too

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00:05:21,920 --> 00:05:19,830

long to write and and then it got edited

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00:05:24,440 --> 00:05:21,930

about oh I don't know a million times

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00:05:27,320 --> 00:05:24,450

and a lot of stuff taking out so I

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00:05:29,840 --> 00:05:27,330

should actually write the real story

126
00:05:32,240 --> 00:05:29,850
behind the American cosmic kind of thing

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00:05:38,630 --> 00:05:32,250
but who knows it's already caused quite

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00:05:39,860 --> 00:05:38,640
a bit of controversy and so knows that

129
00:05:43,310 --> 00:05:39,870
you know I had to get off social media

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00:05:45,320 --> 00:05:43,320
and I have to kind of like I said my

131
00:05:47,840 --> 00:05:45,330
computer's all got hacked and like I

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00:05:51,170 --> 00:05:47,850
have University police and we have tech

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00:05:53,480 --> 00:05:51,180
police at our University and and friends

134
00:05:55,460 --> 00:05:53,490
of mine too who are academics it all

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00:05:56,930 --> 00:05:55,470
happened to us at the same time same

136
00:06:00,170 --> 00:05:56,940
kinds of things so it's not a

137
00:06:02,510 --> 00:06:00,180
coincidence I don't know who or what so

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00:06:05,300 --> 00:06:02,520

I'm just you know fixing my computer as

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00:06:07,250 --> 00:06:05,310

I go and um you know I don't say

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00:06:09,409 --> 00:06:07,260

anything in there that should get

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00:06:11,780 --> 00:06:09,419

anybody in trouble basically what I'm

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00:06:17,000 --> 00:06:11,790

doing is I'm just reporting on this new

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00:06:19,610 --> 00:06:17,010

form of religiosity and to me it changed

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00:06:22,130 --> 00:06:19,620

my life I mean I you know you should be

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00:06:24,110 --> 00:06:22,140

as an academic the best thing you want

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00:06:27,310 --> 00:06:24,120

is to be surprised by your research and

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00:06:30,380 --> 00:06:27,320

like the book I wrote about purgatory

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00:06:32,090 --> 00:06:30,390

which is a Catholic dogma you know I

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00:06:34,040 --> 00:06:32,100

found out that people actually went to

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00:06:36,860 --> 00:06:34,050

purgatory caves and that it was actually

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00:06:39,620 --> 00:06:36,870

a physical kind of practice before it

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00:06:41,700 --> 00:06:39,630

became an actual dogma of the church and

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00:06:44,250 --> 00:06:41,710

that surprised me I didn't know that

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00:06:46,080 --> 00:06:44,260

anybody really thought about it and so

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00:06:49,470 --> 00:06:46,090

you know that's the kind of stuff we do

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00:06:53,010 --> 00:06:49,480

as we uncover things now I was and still

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00:06:56,760 --> 00:06:53,020

and being daily mind blown by the

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00:06:58,620 --> 00:06:56,770

research I'm doing into this field for

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00:07:00,810 --> 00:06:58,630

the very reasons of the you know the

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00:07:03,180 --> 00:07:00,820

meta experience there's the people I met

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00:07:04,920 --> 00:07:03,190

who like I say could you bridge jet I've

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00:07:06,900 --> 00:07:04,930

seen this on a number of occasions and

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00:07:08,820 --> 00:07:06,910

I've had that hate mail about it like

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00:07:10,830 --> 00:07:08,830

who do you think you are you're not you

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00:07:12,750 --> 00:07:10,840

know the da vinci code person and blah

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00:07:15,480 --> 00:07:12,760

blah and I'm like I'm sorry but I'm not

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00:07:17,100 --> 00:07:15,490

making it up this guy can do burr a jack

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00:07:19,260 --> 00:07:17,110

I mean you know when I say uber I mean

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00:07:21,750 --> 00:07:19,270

he just calls up and says I need to be

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00:07:24,600 --> 00:07:21,760

here can you can you get me jet at the

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00:07:26,820 --> 00:07:24,610

airport and they do and he goes and

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00:07:31,170 --> 00:07:26,830

that's I'm not making that up that

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00:07:33,630 --> 00:07:31,180

actually does happen so I know it sounds

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00:07:35,100 --> 00:07:33,640

unbelievable but if you look at what

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00:07:38,430 --> 00:07:35,110

I've written so far and you look at my

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00:07:40,830 --> 00:07:38,440

CV nothing is out of the ordinary I'm a

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00:07:42,090 --> 00:07:40,840

completely ordinary professor you know I

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00:07:44,280 --> 00:07:42,100

move up the ranks I'm a full professor

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00:07:46,620 --> 00:07:44,290

actually I'm not an assistant or

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00:07:49,470 --> 00:07:46,630

associate I'm at the top I'm a chair of

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00:07:52,080 --> 00:07:49,480

a department and like you said in one

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00:07:54,450 --> 00:07:52,090

researcher Awards I've won grants and

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00:07:56,790 --> 00:07:54,460

you know I'm a very typical boring

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00:07:59,280 --> 00:07:56,800

professor and all of a sudden I come out

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00:08:01,800 --> 00:07:59,290

with American cosmic I mean that's not

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00:08:04,110 --> 00:08:01,810

because I wanted to do it it's because

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that's what presented itself to me and I

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00:08:08,790 --> 00:08:06,490

felt it was my obligation to present it

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00:08:10,770 --> 00:08:08,800

to to an audience

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00:08:12,810 --> 00:08:10,780

honestly presented it to an audience

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00:08:14,610 --> 00:08:12,820

that I thought would be academics mostly

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00:08:17,640 --> 00:08:14,620

but it crossed over into the mainstream

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00:08:20,160 --> 00:08:17,650

and people are fascinated so I've been

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00:08:22,590 --> 00:08:20,170

pretty much doing on average four

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00:08:25,920 --> 00:08:22,600

interviews a week let me just comment on

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that because you were just super

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welcoming about doing this interview and

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at this point I think you would reach

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interview fatigue you've done just

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phenomenal interviews I've listened to a

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00:08:38,220 --> 00:08:36,670
half a dozen of your interviews in

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addition to reading the book and they're

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00:08:44,640 --> 00:08:42,010
all great you're so just unpretentious

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00:08:45,870 --> 00:08:44,650
and welcoming and I'd like to talk more

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00:08:49,830 --> 00:08:45,880
about you just touched on this

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00:08:51,540 --> 00:08:49,840
transformation folks this is just a

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00:08:53,430 --> 00:08:51,550
super important book it's one of the

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00:08:55,639 --> 00:08:53,440
most important books I think you could

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00:08:59,689 --> 00:08:55,649
possibly read about the currents

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00:09:02,480 --> 00:08:59,699
date of consciousness research UFO

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00:09:04,340 --> 00:09:02,490
research the whole interplay with

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00:09:07,239 --> 00:09:04,350
technology all the stuff you've hit on

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00:09:10,639 --> 00:09:07,249

and it's also just this wonderful

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00:09:12,519 --> 00:09:10,649

well-written story of this personal

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00:09:15,590 --> 00:09:12,529

transformation that you've gone through

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00:09:17,869 --> 00:09:15,600

that you let out a little bit and you in

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00:09:19,369 --> 00:09:17,879

the book you hint that it's been deeper

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00:09:23,179 --> 00:09:19,379

than that which I can only imagine I

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00:09:25,809 --> 00:09:23,189

mean you were born in a born-again

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Christian kind of house in California

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00:09:31,009 --> 00:09:29,040

you're not religious in that way anymore

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00:09:32,660 --> 00:09:31,019

but you still attend Roman Catholic

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00:09:35,179 --> 00:09:32,670

services and again I mention that

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00:09:36,559 --> 00:09:35,189

because that is not always the case when

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00:09:37,970 --> 00:09:36,569

you talk about a professor religious

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00:09:39,769 --> 00:09:37,980

studies most those people I've come

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00:09:43,129 --> 00:09:39,779

across are pretty a theistic when you

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00:09:44,569 --> 00:09:43,139

really kind of get down to it so you go

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00:09:48,650 --> 00:09:44,579

through this and then you go through

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00:09:50,299 --> 00:09:48,660

this just amazing amazed that you're

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00:09:53,239 --> 00:09:50,309

alluding to are literally the tip of the

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iceberg I mean the uber jet thing is so

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minor to the story because really the

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guys in the field showing you how to get

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aliens crashed chips from a 1947 craft

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00:10:07,160 --> 00:10:04,439

and then they're meeting the people that

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00:10:09,160 --> 00:10:07,170

he saved lives with because he's taken

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that and reverse engineered it into some

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biotech stuff and he's made a million

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00:10:17,299 --> 00:10:13,800

billion dollars doing it and this is

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true you know so I don't know how you go

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00:10:23,239 --> 00:10:19,259

through that without being transformed

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but it did transform you right it did

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okay so the thing is is and I thought

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00:10:33,199 --> 00:10:29,459

and I hope that I could evade that at

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00:10:35,329 --> 00:10:33,209

first I was very suspicious and to the

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00:10:37,460 --> 00:10:35,339

point of being frightened really of a

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lot of the people that I met because

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they were not at a level that you know

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they're these were not people that I'd

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ever met before and there were some who

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00:10:49,100 --> 00:10:46,949
were professors and who were studying

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00:10:50,869 --> 00:10:49,110
this as well and I kind of bonded more

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00:10:52,939 --> 00:10:50,879
with them like James in the book I

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00:10:56,329 --> 00:10:52,949
bonded with James a lot more and he's a

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00:10:58,970 --> 00:10:56,339
good friend of mine and so the other

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00:11:01,879 --> 00:10:58,980
people that are you know way out there

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00:11:03,619 --> 00:11:01,889
and doing the that space can I just

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00:11:04,850 --> 00:11:03,629
interject something because the

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00:11:07,669 --> 00:11:04,860
weirdness never stops

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00:11:09,260 --> 00:11:07,679
yeah that's James right James is also an

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00:11:12,500 --> 00:11:09,270
experiencer

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00:11:13,760 --> 00:11:12,510

who had multiple experiences with ADT if

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00:11:17,510 --> 00:11:13,770

you want to call it that for simple

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00:11:20,410 --> 00:11:17,520

terms and his main driving ambition

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00:11:24,440 --> 00:11:20,420

research project is to kind of

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00:11:27,620 --> 00:11:24,450

counteract this ability that it has to

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00:11:29,210 --> 00:11:27,630

seem to just bump into us in the

269

00:11:30,470 --> 00:11:29,220

extended consciousness realm wherever he

270

00:11:32,690 --> 00:11:30,480

wants and he wants to have greater

271

00:11:34,520 --> 00:11:32,700

control of that so even when you when

272

00:11:36,700 --> 00:11:34,530

you blow past that which you should be

273

00:11:39,200 --> 00:11:36,710

allowed to do because your story so huge

274

00:11:41,210 --> 00:11:39,210

there's a lot of depth there that just

275

00:11:42,890 --> 00:11:41,220

would blow people away totally change

276

00:11:45,200 --> 00:11:42,900

our paradigm change everything we think

277

00:11:47,740 --> 00:11:45,210

we know about this stuff so I'm sorry

278

00:11:53,120 --> 00:11:47,750

please continue with your transformation

279

00:11:55,520 --> 00:11:53,130

yeah so again so I put off the meeting I

280

00:11:57,830 --> 00:11:55,530

became a very good friend with

281

00:11:59,870 --> 00:11:57,840

Christopher Bledsoe and his family we

282

00:12:02,030 --> 00:11:59,880

actually happen to live about an hour

283

00:12:04,250 --> 00:12:02,040

and a half away and hit one of his kids

284

00:12:06,050 --> 00:12:04,260

went to my University and so we would

285

00:12:08,360 --> 00:12:06,060

see each other very often I would go to

286

00:12:10,310 --> 00:12:08,370

his house and bring my kids and he would

287

00:12:13,070 --> 00:12:10,320

come to my house and we eat dinner and

288

00:12:15,020 --> 00:12:13,080

stuff like that and he met several of

289

00:12:17,470 --> 00:12:15,030

the professors in my department and he

290

00:12:20,390 --> 00:12:17,480

would come and talk to my students and

291

00:12:24,610 --> 00:12:20,400

what a sweet nice man you know and what

292

00:12:28,280 --> 00:12:24,620

an incredibly hospitable family and so

293

00:12:31,340 --> 00:12:28,290

what happened was that he became

294

00:12:34,250 --> 00:12:31,350

surrounded by the meta experiencers and

295

00:12:36,140 --> 00:12:34,260

people that were affiliated with like

296

00:12:37,520 --> 00:12:36,150

government programs and that was

297

00:12:39,320 --> 00:12:37,530

something I didn't actually want to get

298

00:12:41,630 --> 00:12:39,330

into it all I was afraid of it frankly I

299

00:12:43,880 --> 00:12:41,640

was like I'm just a normal professor mom

300

00:12:46,630 --> 00:12:43,890

going about my business and you know I

301
00:12:50,210 --> 00:12:46,640
wasn't worried about Chris frankly and

302
00:12:53,990 --> 00:12:50,220
so I had to kind of step away and then I

303
00:12:56,600 --> 00:12:54,000
met Tyler and Tyler was a person who I

304
00:12:57,950 --> 00:12:56,610
was agreed to correspond with over email

305
00:13:00,530 --> 00:12:57,960
for about a year and a half before I

306
00:13:02,210 --> 00:13:00,540
ever met him and what I did meet him he

307
00:13:05,000 --> 00:13:02,220
wanted to take me to New Mexico because

308
00:13:09,080 --> 00:13:05,010
he said that for he wanted to know what

309
00:13:11,180 --> 00:13:09,090
what I knew about consciousness and the

310
00:13:13,160 --> 00:13:11,190
religious experience and mysticism and

311
00:13:15,590 --> 00:13:13,170
he said you don't believe in the

312
00:13:17,330 --> 00:13:15,600
physical aspects of the phenomenon but

313
00:13:20,270 --> 00:13:17,340

I'm going to show you the physical

314

00:13:22,639 --> 00:13:20,280

aspects and I thought hmm I'm not sure I

315

00:13:26,619 --> 00:13:22,649

want to know about that but he kind

316

00:13:29,989 --> 00:13:26,629

assisted and then I met him in Atlanta

317

00:13:33,019 --> 00:13:29,999

and one of our conferences the American

318

00:13:35,389 --> 00:13:33,029

Academy of religion and I I asked Jeff

319

00:13:37,579 --> 00:13:35,399

who is a friend of mine and an

320

00:13:40,460 --> 00:13:37,589

academic at Rice University and he has

321

00:13:44,449 --> 00:13:40,470

an amazing body of work and I asked him

322

00:13:46,220 --> 00:13:44,459

to meet him with me and so that was

323

00:13:48,410 --> 00:13:46,230

funny because here's you know here we

324

00:13:50,389 --> 00:13:48,420

are at this giant conference of

325

00:13:52,999 --> 00:13:50,399

religious studies scholars oh they're

326

00:13:54,799 --> 00:13:53,009

all like wearing black you know how you

327

00:13:57,169 --> 00:13:54,809

the scholars you know they're like

328

00:13:59,269 --> 00:13:57,179

shuffling around and like looking for

329

00:14:02,600 --> 00:13:59,279

food and tables and everything and in

330

00:14:05,359 --> 00:14:02,610

comes this guy completely cool wearing

331

00:14:07,910 --> 00:14:05,369

Gucci you know and I immediately knew

332

00:14:10,429 --> 00:14:07,920

that was Tyler I was like okay this is

333

00:14:13,220 --> 00:14:10,439

not a scholar of religion and he comes

334

00:14:16,759 --> 00:14:13,230

in and we introduce each other he looks

335

00:14:19,160 --> 00:14:16,769

around me says we can't eat here he said

336

00:14:24,710 --> 00:14:19,170

let's go to my hotel the ritz and so

337

00:14:26,179 --> 00:14:24,720

Jeff and I said sure you know and so he

338

00:14:28,819 --> 00:14:26,189

just phoned and he said hey I need a

339

00:14:31,040 --> 00:14:28,829

table for three and when we got there it

340

00:14:33,590 --> 00:14:31,050

was just like he was incredibly

341

00:14:37,280 --> 00:14:33,600

charismatic I had told Jeff to I had

342

00:14:39,769 --> 00:14:37,290

said don't give in to his charisma like

343

00:14:41,900 --> 00:14:39,779

you might you know he might and Jeff

344

00:14:44,419 --> 00:14:41,910

completely did by the end of the lunch

345

00:14:46,309 --> 00:14:44,429

Jeff was inviting one to his house in

346

00:14:48,739 --> 00:14:46,319

Houston meeting his wife and everything

347

00:14:50,379 --> 00:14:48,749

and I was like what are you doing like

348

00:14:53,329 --> 00:14:50,389

you know you need to be more suspicious

349

00:14:56,840 --> 00:14:53,339

so he again Kylie reiterated his

350

00:14:59,960 --> 00:14:56,850

invitation to go to the quote-unquote

351

00:15:03,110 --> 00:14:59,970

alleged crash site of these artifacts in

352

00:15:05,900 --> 00:15:03,120

New Mexico and I was not going alone

353

00:15:07,819 --> 00:15:05,910

and so I said to Jeff why don't you come

354

00:15:09,650 --> 00:15:07,829

with me and Jeff was like that's a

355

00:15:12,259 --> 00:15:09,660

little outside of my comfort zone and I

356

00:15:14,210 --> 00:15:12,269

said I know and so then I decided to ask

357

00:15:18,019 --> 00:15:14,220

James the scientists and James of course

358

00:15:20,650 --> 00:15:18,029

was all over it so James went with me we

359

00:15:22,789 --> 00:15:20,660

had to wear a blindfold because it was

360

00:15:26,389 --> 00:15:22,799

it's a place that can't be known

361

00:15:28,720 --> 00:15:26,399

apparently and there are apparently like

362

00:15:32,210 --> 00:15:28,730

seven crash sites that happened in that

363

00:15:33,860 --> 00:15:32,220

time period now remember I'm speaking as

364

00:15:34,740 --> 00:15:33,870

a scholar of religion so I don't

365

00:15:37,389 --> 00:15:34,750

actually

366

00:15:40,060 --> 00:15:37,399

believe or disbelieve that there are

367

00:15:42,790 --> 00:15:40,070

actual crash sites of UFOs what I'm

368

00:15:46,210 --> 00:15:42,800

doing is I'm going to document this

369

00:15:48,190 --> 00:15:46,220

extremely elite group of people who

370

00:15:50,320 --> 00:15:48,200

believe that they're getting these

371

00:15:52,740 --> 00:15:50,330

artifacts and their engineering them

372

00:15:56,949 --> 00:15:52,750

into biotechnology back to the idea the

373

00:15:59,500 --> 00:15:56,959

transformation what I picked up on and I

374

00:16:03,460 --> 00:15:59,510

totally understand it but only from a

375

00:16:07,389 --> 00:16:03,470

person who is really uniquely open to

376

00:16:08,259 --> 00:16:07,399

following the data in a way that you

377

00:16:10,990 --> 00:16:08,269

don't care if it makes you uncomfortable

378

00:16:12,940 --> 00:16:11,000

you did say you were cautious about hey

379

00:16:15,430 --> 00:16:12,950

I'm tenured so maybe I can do this you

380

00:16:18,280 --> 00:16:15,440

weren't like totally foolish about it

381

00:16:20,259 --> 00:16:18,290

but you just kept following and

382

00:16:23,259 --> 00:16:20,269

following the data in a way that most

383

00:16:24,940 --> 00:16:23,269

people just don't do so that first step

384

00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:24,950

is interesting you know that first step

385

00:16:30,190 --> 00:16:27,440

is like somebody says Wow to handle that

386

00:16:32,590 --> 00:16:30,200

that sounds your angel story sounds a

387

00:16:35,500 --> 00:16:32,600

lot like a UFO story and you dig into it

388

00:16:37,360 --> 00:16:35,510

you go yeah it does let me go to a UFO

389

00:16:40,120 --> 00:16:37,370

conference which is you know pretty out

390

00:16:42,400 --> 00:16:40,130

there for people in your position but

391

00:16:44,350 --> 00:16:42,410

then you do and then you take the next

392

00:16:48,069 --> 00:16:44,360

step in the next step in the next step

393

00:16:50,829 --> 00:16:48,079

is that in your history so I guess what

394

00:16:53,560 --> 00:16:50,839

I've been interested in since I was 11

395

00:16:56,620 --> 00:16:53,570

so I'm not the kind of person who is

396

00:16:58,630 --> 00:16:56,630

going to follow the you know the kind of

397

00:17:02,019 --> 00:16:58,640

theory about it I'm gonna I'm gonna look

398

00:17:03,760 --> 00:17:02,029

at it and I have actually thought a lot

399

00:17:06,790 --> 00:17:03,770

about their religions I studied so like

400

00:17:09,460 --> 00:17:06,800

Zen Buddhism I credit with getting me a

401
00:17:11,260 --> 00:17:09,470
good grades in math and calculus because

402
00:17:12,939 --> 00:17:11,270
I'm serious because you know it taught

403
00:17:14,429 --> 00:17:12,949
me how to actually look at something

404
00:17:18,250 --> 00:17:14,439
without

405
00:17:19,809 --> 00:17:18,260
frameworks you know so if you if you

406
00:17:21,579 --> 00:17:19,819
actually utilize some of the techniques

407
00:17:22,990 --> 00:17:21,589
that religious traditions have taught us

408
00:17:25,689 --> 00:17:23,000
you know they've been around for a long

409
00:17:28,810 --> 00:17:25,699
time and that they can actually teach us

410
00:17:31,510 --> 00:17:28,820
things and so I have learned those

411
00:17:33,880 --> 00:17:31,520
techniques and that's helped me in my

412
00:17:36,460 --> 00:17:33,890
research one of the things that came

413
00:17:38,530 --> 00:17:36,470

through I couldn't think of it any other

414

00:17:41,620 --> 00:17:38,540

way than this idea of breakaway

415

00:17:44,340 --> 00:17:41,630

civilization kept popping up breakaway

416

00:17:48,030 --> 00:17:44,350

academia where there is this

417

00:17:51,000 --> 00:17:48,040

Fight Club college they know stuff

418

00:17:53,160 --> 00:17:51,010

nobody else knows I think it extends

419

00:17:56,040 --> 00:17:53,170

into politics I think it extends into

420

00:17:58,440 --> 00:17:56,050

technology as you document is that what

421

00:18:00,510 --> 00:17:58,450

you're documenting here is that this is

422

00:18:03,210 --> 00:18:00,520

that one of the stories is there the

423

00:18:05,160 --> 00:18:03,220

distance between where these folks are

424

00:18:07,920 --> 00:18:05,170

that you're talking about in the book

425

00:18:11,370 --> 00:18:07,930

and where the rest of us are and and

426

00:18:13,680 --> 00:18:11,380

even us being like we're kind of reading

427

00:18:15,480 --> 00:18:13,690

American cosmic we're in the minority

428

00:18:17,250 --> 00:18:15,490

anyway you know we're in this tiny

429

00:18:19,080 --> 00:18:17,260

little tribe of community that's willing

430

00:18:21,240 --> 00:18:19,090

to accept what you're saying what about

431

00:18:23,580 --> 00:18:21,250

the rest of the people have we reached

432

00:18:28,490 --> 00:18:23,590

that breakaway civilization kind of

433

00:18:32,070 --> 00:18:28,500

point okay I know the theory okay and

434

00:18:35,760 --> 00:18:32,080

from my perspective the people that I

435

00:18:37,470 --> 00:18:35,770

interacted with were now this is where

436

00:18:39,150 --> 00:18:37,480

it gets really weird I know that I you

437

00:18:41,250 --> 00:18:39,160

know it's already weird enough but this

438

00:18:45,120 --> 00:18:41,260

is where it gets really weird it and

439

00:18:46,590 --> 00:18:45,130

this is where I think that at the

440

00:18:49,350 --> 00:18:46,600

Vatican when we went to the Vatican

441

00:18:51,630 --> 00:18:49,360

Tyler and I we learned a lot and we

442

00:18:54,090 --> 00:18:51,640

learned a lot because he said what

443

00:18:55,920 --> 00:18:54,100

should we do and I said the only thing

444

00:19:00,090 --> 00:18:55,930

we should do is keep quiet and listen

445

00:19:04,590 --> 00:19:00,100

that's all we do and that's how we learn

446

00:19:08,550 --> 00:19:04,600

and so we went and we met people that

447

00:19:10,950 --> 00:19:08,560

were the people we should meet and what

448

00:19:12,950 --> 00:19:10,960

I learned was that let's theoretically

449

00:19:15,090 --> 00:19:12,960

suggest there's this breakaway

450

00:19:18,480 --> 00:19:15,100

civilization within our within our

451
00:19:21,330 --> 00:19:18,490
species okay and they are at the

452
00:19:22,980 --> 00:19:21,340
forefront of discovery and by the way I

453
00:19:25,920 --> 00:19:22,990
don't know if you know about this author

454
00:19:28,320 --> 00:19:25,930
Ted Chiang his book was the basis for

455
00:19:31,470 --> 00:19:28,330
the movie called arrival which is a

456
00:19:34,110 --> 00:19:31,480
great movie about the phenomenon and he

457
00:19:35,790 --> 00:19:34,120
wrote a very very short story in nature

458
00:19:38,070 --> 00:19:35,800
about 20 years ago called

459
00:19:40,020 --> 00:19:38,080
picking up the breadcrumbs and it's

460
00:19:44,520 --> 00:19:40,030
basically about the breakaway

461
00:19:46,980 --> 00:19:44,530
civilization but about scientists who

462
00:19:50,570 --> 00:19:46,990
hack into their own bodies and become

463
00:19:54,690 --> 00:19:50,580

super humans and are so far removed from

464

00:19:57,180 --> 00:19:54,700

humans that we have to just study them

465

00:19:58,109 --> 00:19:57,190

but just let me be clear on this because

466

00:19:59,999 --> 00:19:58,119

some people think

467

00:20:01,709 --> 00:20:00,009

breakaway civilization and they take it

468

00:20:03,899 --> 00:20:01,719

in a whole other direction in kind of a

469

00:20:06,359 --> 00:20:03,909

sci-fi age direction which may be the

470

00:20:07,169 --> 00:20:06,369

future reality but what I thought was

471

00:20:11,119 --> 00:20:07,179

amazing

472

00:20:14,689 --> 00:20:11,129

about American cosmic is that's my

473

00:20:18,299 --> 00:20:14,699

literal read of your book not

474

00:20:20,729 --> 00:20:18,309

extrapolating it's just your chronicling

475

00:20:24,839 --> 00:20:20,739

a breakaway civilization you're

476
00:20:27,749 --> 00:20:24,849
chronicling an academia that is you know

477
00:20:30,809 --> 00:20:27,759
there's the people who know and the

478
00:20:32,819 --> 00:20:30,819
people who don't and James's passed a

479
00:20:36,239 --> 00:20:32,829
card you don't like out of a movie and

480
00:20:38,219 --> 00:20:36,249
says call us and then the kind of men in

481
00:20:40,739 --> 00:20:38,229
blackish not real men in blackish but

482
00:20:42,569 --> 00:20:40,749
guys who just know stuff say okay you're

483
00:20:44,639 --> 00:20:42,579
invited in the invisible college and

484
00:20:46,649 --> 00:20:44,649
it's real and you've been there and

485
00:20:48,899 --> 00:20:46,659
you've seen the The Fight Club kind of

486
00:20:51,059 --> 00:20:48,909
thing the secrecy it's a whole different

487
00:20:53,039 --> 00:20:51,069
world and again this is what you're

488
00:20:55,979 --> 00:20:53,049

documenting in the book and then when

489

00:20:58,739 --> 00:20:55,989

you go and meet Tyler he is in a

490

00:21:01,829 --> 00:20:58,749

different world not just because he

491

00:21:05,549 --> 00:21:01,839

Hoover's planes but because he just

492

00:21:07,439 --> 00:21:05,559

knows stuff that is way beyond what

493

00:21:09,689 --> 00:21:07,449

other people know or would ever be

494

00:21:12,599 --> 00:21:09,699

willing to accept will ever make it on

495

00:21:15,809 --> 00:21:12,609

the news again I'm emphasizing the point

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00:21:17,819 --> 00:21:15,819

maybe too much Diana you're documenting

497

00:21:20,929 --> 00:21:17,829

a breakaway civilization it's not the

498

00:21:24,829 --> 00:21:20,939

sci-fi one but aren't we already there

499

00:21:27,929 --> 00:21:24,839

okay I hear what you're saying and um I

500

00:21:31,469 --> 00:21:27,939

didn't know I was doing that I just was

501
00:21:33,689 --> 00:21:31,479
amazed by what I was discovering and the

502
00:21:35,279 --> 00:21:33,699
things that were happening even with

503
00:21:38,489 --> 00:21:35,289
Jacques Jacques Vallee

504
00:21:41,549 --> 00:21:38,499
you know his trust in me he's got a

505
00:21:43,469 --> 00:21:41,559
whole library of and archives of

506
00:21:46,379 --> 00:21:43,479
information and I'm a one of two people

507
00:21:49,379 --> 00:21:46,389
who have access it for ten years and so

508
00:21:52,289 --> 00:21:49,389
I was being given a lot of access which

509
00:21:54,839 --> 00:21:52,299
I didn't understand why well now I

510
00:21:57,449 --> 00:21:54,849
understand a little bit more but still

511
00:22:00,059 --> 00:21:57,459
don't know the full story nobody knows

512
00:22:01,799 --> 00:22:00,069
the full story here Alex even but that's

513
00:22:03,269 --> 00:22:01,809

why it's not an invisible College

514

00:22:06,500 --> 00:22:03,279

anymore because at least they used to

515

00:22:12,080 --> 00:22:09,170

I want to convey the tragedy of this for

516

00:22:14,360 --> 00:22:12,090

these people take Tyler I wanted to

517

00:22:16,370 --> 00:22:14,370

convey that place in the in the story

518

00:22:17,900 --> 00:22:16,380

where he sees you know Judy Resnik you

519

00:22:20,090 --> 00:22:17,910

know in the whole situation of the

520

00:22:22,640 --> 00:22:20,100

Challenger blowing up what I want to

521

00:22:24,980 --> 00:22:22,650

show is that this this guy lead to

522

00:22:27,650 --> 00:22:24,990

tragic life I mean hey it's all cool he

523

00:22:28,490 --> 00:22:27,660

can you know order this uber and he's

524

00:22:30,920 --> 00:22:28,500

really awesome

525

00:22:34,220 --> 00:22:30,930

he wears Gucci you know and this kind of

526

00:22:35,720 --> 00:22:34,230

thing but he's not a happy person and he

527

00:22:38,300 --> 00:22:35,730

you know the things that he knows it

528

00:22:40,040 --> 00:22:38,310

drives him crazy he doesn't know how he

529

00:22:42,410 --> 00:22:40,050

knows these things don't you you know

530

00:22:45,530 --> 00:22:42,420

I'm glad I'm not Tyler I'm glad I had

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00:22:48,380 --> 00:22:45,540

this kind of more ordinary life so the

532

00:22:50,720 --> 00:22:48,390

the kind of in effect I don't know even

533

00:22:53,330 --> 00:22:50,730

know if I ever want to get back into

534

00:22:57,650 --> 00:22:53,340

this thing again because of the pain is

535

00:22:59,720 --> 00:22:57,660

suffering of that group and that when

536

00:23:03,440 --> 00:22:59,730

you bring it out look what happens to

537

00:23:05,300 --> 00:23:03,450

you you know you get targeted as a crazy

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00:23:08,270 --> 00:23:05,310

person and this and that and so you know

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00:23:11,390 --> 00:23:08,280

who wants that and so you know in and it

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00:23:14,090 --> 00:23:11,400

stops academics from actually trying to

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00:23:16,810 --> 00:23:14,100

study it because once they do they get

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00:23:18,890 --> 00:23:16,820

ridiculed and you know put you know

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00:23:23,300 --> 00:23:18,900

things like that happened to me things

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00:23:27,050 --> 00:23:23,310

very very bad that I don't actually want

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00:23:29,060 --> 00:23:27,060

to have in my my reality and you know it

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00:23:31,790 --> 00:23:29,070

sounds glamorous and everything that

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00:23:34,970 --> 00:23:31,800

those those wives but they're kings with

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00:23:38,660 --> 00:23:34,980

pain and suffering and any constant

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00:23:42,620 --> 00:23:38,670

anxiety so I mean does that kind of give

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00:23:44,720 --> 00:23:42,630

an indication of its it's out there yeah

551
00:23:47,600 --> 00:23:44,730
and maybe somebody will take the banner

552
00:23:50,480 --> 00:23:47,610
and go and do the next American cosmic

553
00:23:53,300 --> 00:23:50,490
two or something like that but it most

554
00:23:55,910 --> 00:23:53,310
likely will not be me because I've been

555
00:23:59,060 --> 00:23:55,920
burned by it I mean it hurt me the

556
00:24:01,070 --> 00:23:59,070
realizations is that you see are amazing

557
00:24:03,470 --> 00:24:01,080
and you'll never be the same and maybe

558
00:24:06,740 --> 00:24:03,480
that's what life is really about is to

559
00:24:08,600 --> 00:24:06,750
open up and see that you know not just

560
00:24:13,250 --> 00:24:08,610
the amazingness of it but also the pain

561
00:24:14,900 --> 00:24:13,260
is suffering of it I saw a lot and I

562
00:24:17,720 --> 00:24:14,910
just kind of want to go back into my

563
00:24:19,250 --> 00:24:17,730

cave again for a while I do do the

564

00:24:21,110 --> 00:24:19,260

interviews because my

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00:24:25,010 --> 00:24:21,120

book just came out people want to know

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00:24:26,660 --> 00:24:25,020

about it and I I do like the book I mean

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00:24:28,670 --> 00:24:26,670

I've read it a couple times now you know

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00:24:30,770 --> 00:24:28,680

you read their books and by the time

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00:24:32,180 --> 00:24:30,780

academics by the time we've read our

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00:24:34,940 --> 00:24:32,190

books a couple times or sick of our

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00:24:36,830 --> 00:24:34,950

books I actually still like my book when

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00:24:39,560 --> 00:24:36,840

I read it I go yeah you know I remember

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00:24:42,020 --> 00:24:39,570

that experience these are experiences I

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00:24:44,360 --> 00:24:42,030

had these aren't theoretical kinds of

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00:24:47,020 --> 00:24:44,370

things you know these are like I went

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00:24:50,390 --> 00:24:47,030

through all these experiences I retain

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00:24:54,530 --> 00:24:50,400

excellent relationships with James and

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00:25:00,230 --> 00:24:54,540

Jacques Vallee and Jeff crippled Whitley

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00:25:03,740 --> 00:25:00,240

Strieber you know and the others of the

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00:25:06,620 --> 00:25:03,750

Fight Club I'm just like I was before

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00:25:08,450 --> 00:25:06,630

I want to retreat from that because um I

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00:25:11,270 --> 00:25:08,460

don't want to be involved again with

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00:25:15,260 --> 00:25:11,280

that well Wow

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00:25:17,030 --> 00:25:15,270

I mean you just said a talk and I guess

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00:25:19,790 --> 00:25:17,040

that's one of the topics I really am

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00:25:22,070 --> 00:25:19,800

most interested in I mean people you

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00:25:26,000 --> 00:25:22,080

have to buy this book I mean if you not

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00:25:28,930 --> 00:25:26,010

already so tempted then you're listening

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00:25:32,360 --> 00:25:28,940

to the wrong show because we are

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00:25:35,870 --> 00:25:32,370

scratching the surface of a much much

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00:25:37,670 --> 00:25:35,880

broader painting of a landscape which we

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00:25:41,570 --> 00:25:37,680

don't we can't fill in all the pieces

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00:25:44,750 --> 00:25:41,580

but at least someone has stepped out

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00:25:46,790 --> 00:25:44,760

there and has tried to map the territory

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00:25:48,500 --> 00:25:46,800

you know what I mean because the map

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00:25:50,960 --> 00:25:48,510

isn't the territory but all's were ever

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00:25:52,760 --> 00:25:50,970

going to have our maps and one of the

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00:25:54,590 --> 00:25:52,770

things that kept coming up for me as you

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00:25:57,290 --> 00:25:54,600

were talking about that and as I was

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00:25:59,770 --> 00:25:57,300

preparing for the interview was this

601
00:26:04,340 --> 00:25:59,780
idea of a religion versus spirituality

602
00:26:07,490 --> 00:26:04,350
and it's a that's a huge question for

603
00:26:11,660 --> 00:26:07,500
all time you know but it all sounds so

604
00:26:13,600 --> 00:26:11,670
left-hand path ish to me so much of the

605
00:26:17,120 --> 00:26:13,610
stuff that's described in the book

606
00:26:19,730 --> 00:26:17,130
materialism is cool but you know tech is

607
00:26:22,660 --> 00:26:19,740
cool but it's still materialism it's not

608
00:26:26,120 --> 00:26:22,670
consciousness if there is a spirituality

609
00:26:29,570 --> 00:26:26,130
then it's not that I don't think it is

610
00:26:32,660 --> 00:26:29,580
so you know what are your thoughts in

611
00:26:35,180 --> 00:26:32,670
general you laid out some of them

612
00:26:36,560 --> 00:26:35,190
but what are we looking at because also

613
00:26:39,740 --> 00:26:36,570

in the book and I can't help but jump

614

00:26:42,170 --> 00:26:39,750

around the book is about a spiritually

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00:26:45,140 --> 00:26:42,180

transformative experience as well at the

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00:26:47,450 --> 00:26:45,150

end of the day not even your own but the

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00:26:50,380 --> 00:26:47,460

one of the key characters in the book

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00:26:54,170 --> 00:26:50,390

and what are spiritually transformative

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00:26:58,370 --> 00:26:54,180

experiences tell us about what's going

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00:27:01,100 --> 00:26:58,380

on is that closer to a real spirituality

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00:27:03,500 --> 00:27:01,110

is there such a thing as real

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00:27:06,340 --> 00:27:03,510

spirituality does it make sense to talk

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00:27:09,860 --> 00:27:06,350

in those terms a lot of people point at

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00:27:13,310 --> 00:27:09,870

religion particularly Catholicism and

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00:27:15,590 --> 00:27:13,320

say hey was that ever real spirituality

626
00:27:18,800 --> 00:27:15,600
even though there's no doubt that people

627
00:27:21,860 --> 00:27:18,810
who experience spiritual transforming

628
00:27:24,500 --> 00:27:21,870
experiences through it as it you know is

629
00:27:26,390 --> 00:27:24,510
the vehicle but please rescue me here

630
00:27:30,350 --> 00:27:26,400
tell me you should begin to pull that

631
00:27:32,540 --> 00:27:30,360
apart right okay so you're getting at is

632
00:27:36,890 --> 00:27:32,550
this idea is there some kind of

633
00:27:38,150 --> 00:27:36,900
objective reality of what is called you

634
00:27:39,590 --> 00:27:38,160
know when we talk about religious

635
00:27:41,480 --> 00:27:39,600
language are we actually talking about

636
00:27:44,180 --> 00:27:41,490
something that's objectively real right

637
00:27:47,330 --> 00:27:44,190
outside of ourselves and if we encounter

638
00:27:49,880 --> 00:27:47,340

those things are we are we having

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00:27:52,340 --> 00:27:49,890

genuine experiences or are we having

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00:27:54,530 --> 00:27:52,350

subjective experiences right so it's

641

00:27:57,680 --> 00:27:54,540

this kind of problem of other minds it's

642

00:28:00,260 --> 00:27:57,690

called in philosophy and so what I look

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00:28:02,030 --> 00:28:00,270

at is that and you also mentioned Jeff

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00:28:03,800 --> 00:28:02,040

Piper with respect to this who says that

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00:28:06,590 --> 00:28:03,810

it's all of us you know it's all kind of

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00:28:13,580 --> 00:28:06,600

us and I'm actually not of that opinion

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00:28:17,740 --> 00:28:13,590

and I think that there could be I mean

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00:28:21,200 --> 00:28:17,750

what are religions but experiences that

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00:28:23,210 --> 00:28:21,210

expand who and what we are you know

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00:28:25,310 --> 00:28:23,220

Heidegger the one of the philosophers

651
00:28:27,170 --> 00:28:25,320
that I talked about in the book says the

652
00:28:29,920 --> 00:28:27,180
age-old philosophical question which is

653
00:28:32,510 --> 00:28:29,930
not asked in philosophy anymore is why

654
00:28:34,970 --> 00:28:32,520
something rather than nothing I mean

655
00:28:37,510 --> 00:28:34,980
once we start to contemplate wow we're

656
00:28:39,860 --> 00:28:37,520
here and that's a little bit strange and

657
00:28:41,480 --> 00:28:39,870
so once we start to think about those

658
00:28:44,900 --> 00:28:41,490
things and think about these experiences

659
00:28:46,240 --> 00:28:44,910
so okay Jacque valais have made a great

660
00:28:49,570 --> 00:28:46,250
point at the

661
00:28:52,090 --> 00:28:49,580
in 70's when he said regardless of

662
00:28:54,909 --> 00:28:52,100
whether UFOs are real or not there's a

663
00:28:56,799 --> 00:28:54,919

huge belief system around them and

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00:28:58,810 --> 00:28:56,809

that's why we should study them because

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00:29:00,490 --> 00:28:58,820

they could be real or they could not be

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00:29:02,500 --> 00:29:00,500

real it doesn't really matter but we

667

00:29:04,360 --> 00:29:02,510

study them anyway Jesus could have

668

00:29:06,220 --> 00:29:04,370

walked on water or he could not have

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00:29:08,169 --> 00:29:06,230

walked on water it doesn't really matter

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00:29:10,419 --> 00:29:08,179

because a lot of people believe that he

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00:29:13,360 --> 00:29:10,429

walked on water okay so the belief

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00:29:17,440 --> 00:29:13,370

system exists regardless of their actual

673

00:29:20,260 --> 00:29:17,450

reality of the thing that is the object

674

00:29:23,649 --> 00:29:20,270

of the belief system okay so that being

675

00:29:25,750 --> 00:29:23,659

said I think that we have to then get

676
00:29:27,370 --> 00:29:25,760
into if we're gonna really go down that

677
00:29:30,940 --> 00:29:27,380
field we have to get into some serious

678
00:29:32,350 --> 00:29:30,950
philosophical metaphysics and being the

679
00:29:34,990 --> 00:29:32,360
chair of my department I've had the

680
00:29:36,399 --> 00:29:35,000
honor actually of interviewing we just

681
00:29:38,860 --> 00:29:36,409
hired a met a physician in our

682
00:29:42,190 --> 00:29:38,870
department who's incredibly talented and

683
00:29:45,279 --> 00:29:42,200
I had the honor of hearing the job talks

684
00:29:48,370 --> 00:29:45,289
and research of about four different

685
00:29:50,310 --> 00:29:48,380
young meta physicians he would at the

686
00:29:53,140 --> 00:29:50,320
top of their field and philosophy and

687
00:29:55,000 --> 00:29:53,150
every single one of their job talks was

688
00:29:57,370 --> 00:29:55,010

basically saying that there's you know

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00:29:59,049 --> 00:29:57,380

we get into the physicality and the

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00:30:00,640 --> 00:29:59,059

objectivity of things are actually just

691

00:30:02,860 --> 00:30:00,650

the physicality of things there's

692

00:30:06,730 --> 00:30:02,870

nothing there so if we're talking about

693

00:30:08,529 --> 00:30:06,740

there's nothing there then but you know

694

00:30:10,630 --> 00:30:08,539

what kind of language do you use to

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00:30:12,430 --> 00:30:10,640

describe that and each of them you know

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00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:12,440

their dissertation was basically about

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00:30:17,380 --> 00:30:15,440

the different languages to describe the

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00:30:19,630 --> 00:30:17,390

nothingness right and it sounds a lot

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00:30:22,240 --> 00:30:19,640

like Buddhism frankly to me but isn't

700

00:30:24,460 --> 00:30:22,250

that someone a product of the system I

701
00:30:28,799 --> 00:30:24,470
tell you one of my frustrations at this

702
00:30:31,990 --> 00:30:28,809
point is interviewing academics who are

703
00:30:33,970 --> 00:30:32,000
paralyzed by having to talk out of both

704
00:30:37,149 --> 00:30:33,980
sides of their mouth you know like

705
00:30:39,039 --> 00:30:37,159
really really good academics who are on

706
00:30:41,590 --> 00:30:39,049
the cutting edge you say well here's

707
00:30:44,279 --> 00:30:41,600
what I have to say professionally which

708
00:30:48,190 --> 00:30:44,289
fits into this kind of materialistic

709
00:30:50,080 --> 00:30:48,200
dialogue and then here's what I

710
00:30:51,820 --> 00:30:50,090
really think about extended

711
00:30:54,639 --> 00:30:51,830
consciousness and all the rest of it you

712
00:30:56,080 --> 00:30:54,649
know I passed along to you a couple of

713
00:30:58,330 --> 00:30:56,090

links and I want to kind of bring these

714

00:30:59,860 --> 00:30:58,340

up and and just throw them on the table

715

00:31:03,010 --> 00:30:59,870

because I'm not

716

00:31:04,510 --> 00:31:03,020

totally down with what Jacques Vallee is

717

00:31:07,240 --> 00:31:04,520

saying because I think it's somewhat

718

00:31:09,010 --> 00:31:07,250

again another version of the shut up and

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00:31:13,360 --> 00:31:09,020

calculate we can't really know for sure

720

00:31:16,240 --> 00:31:13,370

but meanwhile Jacques has the the trace

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00:31:18,550 --> 00:31:16,250

elements in his rear pocket the same as

722

00:31:20,230 --> 00:31:18,560

you do I don't know how someone can go

723

00:31:22,390 --> 00:31:20,240

and you're not saying this you are

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00:31:24,220 --> 00:31:22,400

somnath saying this but I don't know how

725

00:31:26,680 --> 00:31:24,230

you can walk through that New Mexico

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00:31:28,960 --> 00:31:26,690

desert crash site and find that stuff

727

00:31:30,490 --> 00:31:28,970

and say well maybe there's a reality to

728

00:31:32,560 --> 00:31:30,500

all this and maybe there isn't I mean if

729

00:31:35,260 --> 00:31:32,570

you kind of answered that question there

730

00:31:38,170 --> 00:31:35,270

is a physical reality to it the question

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00:31:40,450 --> 00:31:38,180

is how does that relate to the extended

732

00:31:42,760 --> 00:31:40,460

reality of it which we know is real -

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00:31:45,910 --> 00:31:42,770

because all your religious reports have

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00:31:48,340 --> 00:31:45,920

chronicled it throughout time let me

735

00:31:50,950 --> 00:31:48,350

throw this on the table so dr. gregory

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00:31:52,870 --> 00:31:50,960

shushan comes along and he says ok i'm

737

00:31:54,160 --> 00:31:52,880

gonna take a fresh look at this first of

738

00:31:56,980 --> 00:31:54,170

all i'm gonna look at the near-death

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00:31:58,450 --> 00:31:56,990

experience because in a lot of ways the

740

00:31:59,950 --> 00:31:58,460

near-death experience and you're

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00:32:02,010 --> 00:31:59,960

well-versed and all this stuff so we can

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00:32:05,620 --> 00:32:02,020

just jump right in the middle of it is

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00:32:09,130 --> 00:32:05,630

somewhat of a of a clean data set in

744

00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:09,140

that we understand at least we think we

745

00:32:14,650 --> 00:32:12,010

understand from a neurological

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00:32:17,200 --> 00:32:14,660

physiological medical standpoint we

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00:32:17,980 --> 00:32:17,210

understand that consciousness can't be

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00:32:20,500 --> 00:32:17,990

happening

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00:32:21,910 --> 00:32:20,510

in that thing that we call brain so

750

00:32:23,740 --> 00:32:21,920

people can get all sideways about

751
00:32:26,500 --> 00:32:23,750
whether you're dead or last gasp of a

752
00:32:30,240 --> 00:32:26,510
dying brain but no if you go talk to you

753
00:32:33,370 --> 00:32:30,250
know Sam Varney who's one of the top

754
00:32:35,800 --> 00:32:33,380
resuscitation experts physicians in the

755
00:32:38,080 --> 00:32:35,810
world he'll say no these people are dead

756
00:32:39,670 --> 00:32:38,090
the brain should not be producing

757
00:32:41,860 --> 00:32:39,680
anything close to what we call

758
00:32:43,270 --> 00:32:41,870
consciousness and yet it is and it's

759
00:32:45,700 --> 00:32:43,280
doing it from the top of the room which

760
00:32:49,210 --> 00:32:45,710
we know at the top of the room looking

761
00:32:51,190 --> 00:32:49,220
down so Andy is real it suggests

762
00:32:52,600 --> 00:32:51,200
survival of consciousness again I'm not

763
00:32:56,010 --> 00:32:52,610

saying that this is what every NDE

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00:32:58,960 --> 00:32:56,020

researcher you know radiation oncologist

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00:33:01,180 --> 00:32:58,970

cardiologist world-famous dr. PIM family

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00:33:04,390 --> 00:33:01,190

says that right so gregory shushan comes

767

00:33:06,100 --> 00:33:04,400

along and says hey you know what what

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00:33:09,460 --> 00:33:06,110

does that have to do with religion and

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00:33:12,989 --> 00:33:09,470

then he looks at this cross cultural

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00:33:15,059 --> 00:33:12,999

cross temporal kind of view of all the

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00:33:17,489 --> 00:33:15,069

religions right as far back as he can go

772

00:33:19,229 --> 00:33:17,499

Egypt Mesopotamia Greece you know the

773

00:33:22,349 --> 00:33:19,239

whole thing and even more modern ones

774

00:33:24,659 --> 00:33:22,359

Buddhism and he says Wow all these

775

00:33:26,789 --> 00:33:24,669

people in one way or another sound like

776

00:33:28,409 --> 00:33:26,799

they're having an NDE now it doesn't fit

777

00:33:30,149 --> 00:33:28,419

perfectly and there's obviously this

778

00:33:31,619 --> 00:33:30,159

cultural overlay and then there's a

779

00:33:33,359 --> 00:33:31,629

social engineering overlay because

780

00:33:35,549 --> 00:33:33,369

religion is used to manipulate and

781

00:33:38,909 --> 00:33:35,559

control people he says but the core of

782

00:33:42,209 --> 00:33:38,919

it is be a good person you will be

783

00:33:45,209 --> 00:33:42,219

judged ultimate love these things come

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00:33:48,479 --> 00:33:45,219

through and they form religion and that

785

00:33:50,279 --> 00:33:48,489

is a totally different spin I'm not

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00:33:53,129 --> 00:33:50,289

saying it's true I believe it's true I'm

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00:33:56,099 --> 00:33:53,139

not saying it's true but that would be a

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00:33:58,529 --> 00:33:56,109

completely different way of looking at

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00:34:02,189 --> 00:33:58,539

the religious experience rather than

790

00:34:03,899 --> 00:34:02,199

this kind of you know academic isn't it

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00:34:05,759 --> 00:34:03,909

crazy that people have these weird

792

00:34:07,229 --> 00:34:05,769

experiences you know why people believe

793

00:34:08,970 --> 00:34:07,239

weird things that's what I always think

794

00:34:10,950 --> 00:34:08,980

of when I think about religious studies

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00:34:12,569 --> 00:34:10,960

you know they ought to just label it why

796

00:34:15,089 --> 00:34:12,579

people believe weird things because

797

00:34:16,740 --> 00:34:15,099

that's what I hear yeah I also want to

798

00:34:20,220 --> 00:34:16,750

point it out though that you just talked

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00:34:22,289 --> 00:34:20,230

about both sides of your mouth - like in

800

00:34:24,569 --> 00:34:22,299

academic you said the NDE

801
00:34:26,369 --> 00:34:24,579
I'm not saying it it exists but I

802
00:34:29,430 --> 00:34:26,379
believe it so I mean that's kind of how

803
00:34:32,309 --> 00:34:29,440
we talk - so you know in a sense we

804
00:34:34,529 --> 00:34:32,319
can't help it because we are at a

805
00:34:36,269 --> 00:34:34,539
crossroads in our culture where it's

806
00:34:38,519 --> 00:34:36,279
almost like a paradigm shift right -

807
00:34:42,059 --> 00:34:38,529
kuhnian paradigm shift where on the one

808
00:34:44,399 --> 00:34:42,069
hand we can't prove it in the old way of

809
00:34:46,680 --> 00:34:44,409
proving it and on the other hand we

810
00:34:50,039 --> 00:34:46,690
actually can but it were too afraid to

811
00:34:52,200 --> 00:34:50,049
say it and so I think that um I think

812
00:34:54,480 --> 00:34:52,210
with NDEs I mean I was actually just

813
00:34:56,970 --> 00:34:54,490

talking about this with a couple of

814

00:34:59,039 --> 00:34:56,980

people yesterday about st. Paul you know

815

00:35:00,690 --> 00:34:59,049

who was Saul and then he had this

816

00:35:03,509 --> 00:35:00,700

experience in the Christian tradition

817

00:35:06,180 --> 00:35:03,519

and it looked very much like an NDE

818

00:35:07,859 --> 00:35:06,190

right and so he goes up and did they out

819

00:35:10,680 --> 00:35:07,869

of his body into these heavens and he

820

00:35:12,240 --> 00:35:10,690

meets this man of light who then he

821

00:35:14,609 --> 00:35:12,250

believes is Jesus and then he becomes

822

00:35:18,359 --> 00:35:14,619

Paul he changes his name and he has the

823

00:35:20,809 --> 00:35:18,369

classic NDE transformation and then he's

824

00:35:24,210 --> 00:35:20,819

a good person after that right and so

825

00:35:26,040 --> 00:35:24,220

yeah I mean I agree with you so are you

826

00:35:28,080 --> 00:35:26,050

asking me about

827

00:35:29,910 --> 00:35:28,090

UFO experiences being kind of like any

828

00:35:32,220 --> 00:35:29,920

experiences because I can say something

829

00:35:34,170 --> 00:35:32,230

about that I'm going past that and

830

00:35:37,290 --> 00:35:34,180

asking this question because in the book

831

00:35:40,080 --> 00:35:37,300

you devote a chapter to my buddy ray

832

00:35:43,020 --> 00:35:40,090

Hernandez who is you know done some

833

00:35:44,880 --> 00:35:43,030

really cool research and I'm always

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00:35:47,250 --> 00:35:44,890

butting up against fray for folks who

835

00:35:50,940 --> 00:35:47,260

don't remember ray Hernandez has this

836

00:35:53,340 --> 00:35:50,950

incredible experience encounter really

837

00:35:55,350 --> 00:35:53,350

his wife does but he kind of tags along

838

00:35:58,170 --> 00:35:55,360

and it's so cool because it kind of

839

00:36:00,690 --> 00:35:58,180

reminds me of James's experiences ray is

840

00:36:04,440 --> 00:36:00,700

walking down the stairs and his wife

841

00:36:07,440 --> 00:36:04,450

goes into this like hyper space ball

842

00:36:09,720 --> 00:36:07,450

along with their dog who is dying who is

843

00:36:12,260 --> 00:36:09,730

healed through the process and Ray Goes

844

00:36:15,000 --> 00:36:12,270

Down and follows them and then is told

845

00:36:15,510 --> 00:36:15,010

there's nothing going on here go back to

846

00:36:17,550 --> 00:36:15,520

bed

847

00:36:19,560 --> 00:36:17,560

and he marches back upstairs and goes

848

00:36:20,940 --> 00:36:19,570

back to bed which suggests you know

849

00:36:23,040 --> 00:36:20,950

let's jump ahead in the story we're

850

00:36:25,860 --> 00:36:23,050

talking to a different crowd here et has

851

00:36:28,650 --> 00:36:25,870

this ability to screen our brain and

852

00:36:30,570 --> 00:36:28,660

control consciousness in the same way it

853

00:36:32,490 --> 00:36:30,580

doesn't the tic-tac flight or fighter

854

00:36:33,690 --> 00:36:32,500

pilot thing where it says meet at this

855

00:36:35,340 --> 00:36:33,700

point and no one's supposed to know

856

00:36:37,260 --> 00:36:35,350

where that point is so there's all this

857

00:36:38,970 --> 00:36:37,270

crazy consciousness stuff going on but

858

00:36:41,130 --> 00:36:38,980

this is Wright Hernandez and then break

859

00:36:44,460 --> 00:36:41,140

goes on to do the first academic survey

860

00:36:46,710 --> 00:36:44,470

of et contact and his big takeaway as

861

00:36:48,990 --> 00:36:46,720

guys quit calling them abductions

862

00:36:51,180 --> 00:36:49,000

they're not abductions there are moral

863

00:36:53,460 --> 00:36:51,190

spiritually transformative experiences

864

00:36:56,160 --> 00:36:53,470

now your buddy James has something to

865

00:37:00,000 --> 00:36:56,170

say about that and that's I guess the

866

00:37:02,570 --> 00:37:00,010

part that interests me is if we're

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00:37:06,890 --> 00:37:02,580

talking about a nonhuman intelligence

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00:37:10,410 --> 00:37:06,900

that has that degree of control

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00:37:13,320 --> 00:37:10,420

certainly we should be very skeptical

870

00:37:16,380 --> 00:37:13,330

when we enter into the spiritually

871

00:37:19,310 --> 00:37:16,390

transformative experience territory but

872

00:37:23,700 --> 00:37:19,320

the first thing I think the answer is as

873

00:37:26,700 --> 00:37:23,710

we map this extended consciousness realm

874

00:37:28,560 --> 00:37:26,710

and we say there's this god realm in

875

00:37:32,880 --> 00:37:28,570

this heaven realm and that seems to be

876

00:37:36,800 --> 00:37:32,890

where NDEs are and then recently there's

877

00:37:39,930 --> 00:37:36,810

been this very pronounced move within

878

00:37:42,120 --> 00:37:39,940

certain aspects of the UFO commune

879

00:37:44,579 --> 00:37:42,130

the including Jeff crippled an including

880

00:37:47,640 --> 00:37:44,589

way you know with the multiple contact

881

00:37:50,010 --> 00:37:47,650

modalities saying hey no no no it's all

882

00:37:53,190 --> 00:37:50,020

one there's just different ways of

883

00:37:55,920 --> 00:37:53,200

contacting and accessing these same

884

00:37:57,779 --> 00:37:55,930

extended realms and I guess I want to

885

00:38:02,370 --> 00:37:57,789

pump the brakes on that a little bit and

886

00:38:05,270 --> 00:38:02,380

say do we know that or do we maybe want

887

00:38:08,190 --> 00:38:05,280

to consider more of a traditional

888

00:38:10,770 --> 00:38:08,200

religious perspective if you will what's

889

00:38:15,029 --> 00:38:10,780

always been tallied is that and say no

890

00:38:17,880 --> 00:38:15,039

there is a pure form of that extended

891

00:38:20,130 --> 00:38:17,890

realm where God is

892

00:38:22,980 --> 00:38:20,140

I mean I've framed it up as the question

893

00:38:25,200 --> 00:38:22,990

who does et pray to you mentioned you

894

00:38:27,569 --> 00:38:25,210

know in the book you're so open but

895

00:38:30,390 --> 00:38:27,579

you're going into this crash site this

896

00:38:32,339 --> 00:38:30,400

UFO crashed like the next day and you

897

00:38:34,289 --> 00:38:32,349

say I prayed because I didn't know what

898

00:38:35,430 --> 00:38:34,299

was gonna happen and I you know I could

899

00:38:39,329 --> 00:38:35,440

only expect the worst

900

00:38:41,460 --> 00:38:39,339

so you prayed you prayed does et pray

901
00:38:44,779 --> 00:38:41,470
who does he T pray to that's the

902
00:38:49,690 --> 00:38:44,789
question no one's asking that question

903
00:38:54,750 --> 00:38:51,589
[Music]

904
00:38:57,299 --> 00:38:54,760
that's who I that's who I trust believe

905
00:38:58,980 --> 00:38:57,309
me I'm just saying that they did they've

906
00:39:02,880 --> 00:38:58,990
asked that question so brother guy

907
00:39:06,359 --> 00:39:02,890
Consolmagno asks it in his book would

908
00:39:08,490 --> 00:39:06,369
you baptize and ET and you know he says

909
00:39:10,589 --> 00:39:08,500
that he would if she wanted to be

910
00:39:14,760 --> 00:39:10,599
baptized I mean even when you read the

911
00:39:17,849 --> 00:39:14,770
Old Testament Hebrew Bible God is

912
00:39:20,849 --> 00:39:17,859
referring to God's self as plural okay

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00:39:24,240 --> 00:39:20,859

so I always like to go back to Socrates

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00:39:26,190 --> 00:39:24,250

as you know that the person who was

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00:39:28,440 --> 00:39:26,200

given the honor of the smartest person

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00:39:30,569 --> 00:39:28,450

is the person who says they knew nothing

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00:39:33,359 --> 00:39:30,579

so I think we have to approach this with

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00:39:35,309 --> 00:39:33,369

the perspective of gosh those are all

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00:39:37,140 --> 00:39:35,319

good questions and we should follow

920

00:39:39,839 --> 00:39:37,150

through on them but I have no

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00:39:41,069 --> 00:39:39,849

conclusions I've been criticized for it

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00:39:44,400 --> 00:39:41,079

you know well she doesn't give us any

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00:39:46,230 --> 00:39:44,410

answers well who can you know I mean

924

00:39:47,819 --> 00:39:46,240

who's going to give you an answer yes

925

00:39:49,590 --> 00:39:47,829

there are Martians and there are on Mars

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00:39:51,450 --> 00:39:49,600

okay no no I

927

00:39:53,730 --> 00:39:51,460

you know I am sorry I can't give that

928

00:39:57,420 --> 00:39:53,740

answer I'm not going to you because I'm

929

00:39:59,280 --> 00:39:57,430

responsible in terms of I'll present

930

00:40:00,990 --> 00:39:59,290

something that I say okay yes this is

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00:40:03,240 --> 00:40:01,000

the source for it I know this to be true

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00:40:04,950 --> 00:40:03,250

but within this realm I think what we

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00:40:07,170 --> 00:40:04,960

have to do is we have to open up our

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00:40:08,370 --> 00:40:07,180

minds to it I mean I honestly think that

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00:40:10,920 --> 00:40:08,380

were just at the beginning of

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00:40:13,160 --> 00:40:10,930

understanding it and I think that we've

937

00:40:16,650 --> 00:40:13,170

made a shift into the culture in that

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00:40:18,750 --> 00:40:16,660

people like Robert Bigelow and people

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00:40:20,910 --> 00:40:18,760

that have you know that means are

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00:40:23,550 --> 00:40:20,920

believing it and being very open about

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00:40:25,920 --> 00:40:23,560

it now and it's no longer so secretive

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00:40:30,840 --> 00:40:25,930

or stigmatized and that that's a huge

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00:40:33,030 --> 00:40:30,850

step forward and I also think that I I

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00:40:35,310 --> 00:40:33,040

have a tradition and I'm a believer in

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00:40:38,070 --> 00:40:35,320

my tradition now my tradition is not

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00:40:39,440 --> 00:40:38,080

perfect I'm not like if if they knew

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00:40:41,970 --> 00:40:39,450

what I actually thought I'd get

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00:40:44,390 --> 00:40:41,980

excommunicated but you know I'm still a

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00:40:47,520 --> 00:40:44,400

cultural Catholic who believes in in

950

00:40:49,410 --> 00:40:47,530

social justice so there are different

951
00:40:52,790 --> 00:40:49,420
types of Catholics just like there are

952
00:40:55,830 --> 00:40:52,800
different types of Buddhists so you know

953
00:40:57,630 --> 00:40:55,840
what can we say let's put it this way

954
00:41:00,390 --> 00:40:57,640
and I'm gonna say I'm not reflecting my

955
00:41:03,300 --> 00:41:00,400
University and I'm not reflecting my

956
00:41:06,560 --> 00:41:03,310
boat Oxford you know press you know the

957
00:41:09,090 --> 00:41:06,570
press but if there are these non-human

958
00:41:11,460 --> 00:41:09,100
intelligences there are different sorts

959
00:41:13,860 --> 00:41:11,470
and types of them and this goes back a

960
00:41:15,360 --> 00:41:13,870
long way like in my purgatory in the

961
00:41:17,430 --> 00:41:15,370
book that I wrote about purgatory the

962
00:41:19,410 --> 00:41:17,440
one previous to this I go back to about

963
00:41:21,960 --> 00:41:19,420

1100 nice and I read some of the

964

00:41:23,670 --> 00:41:21,970

original sources by Aquinas and those

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00:41:26,370 --> 00:41:23,680

guys and you know they're talking about

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00:41:30,330 --> 00:41:26,380

planetary intelligences and things like

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00:41:33,720 --> 00:41:30,340

that and different forms of of non-human

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00:41:35,040 --> 00:41:33,730

intelligences that are spatial they're

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00:41:38,460 --> 00:41:35,050

they're stellar

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00:41:40,110 --> 00:41:38,470

okay so they're it's not a new concept

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00:41:42,810 --> 00:41:40,120

it's been around for a long time I mean

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00:41:44,820 --> 00:41:42,820

Emanuel Swedenborg wrote a best-seller

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00:41:48,420 --> 00:41:44,830

in the 1750s called life on other

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00:41:51,660 --> 00:41:48,430

planets and he was a very intelligent

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00:41:53,600 --> 00:41:51,670

person right and so I think that we

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00:41:56,070 --> 00:41:53,610

can't just lump it into one category

977

00:41:58,770 --> 00:41:56,080

because there are also of course as you

978

00:42:01,570 --> 00:41:58,780

know like Howard storms NDE was terrible

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00:42:05,740 --> 00:42:01,580

yeah we just did a whole show

980

00:42:08,830 --> 00:42:05,750

yeah I mean when you say you don't come

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00:42:11,400 --> 00:42:08,840

to any conclusions certainly great you

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00:42:15,460 --> 00:42:11,410

know you hold to that but your book is

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00:42:17,020 --> 00:42:15,470

more revealing I think then just about

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00:42:20,440 --> 00:42:17,030

any other book I've read in this field

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00:42:22,930 --> 00:42:20,450

and in terms of delivering the goods you

986

00:42:25,570 --> 00:42:22,940

do it over and over again the one thing

987

00:42:29,830 --> 00:42:25,580

that I'm left with from the book is that

988

00:42:32,230 --> 00:42:29,840

it forces a complete paradigm shift in

989

00:42:35,170 --> 00:42:32,240

terms of burden of proof the burden of

990

00:42:37,750 --> 00:42:35,180

proof if we accept your book at all and

991

00:42:40,380 --> 00:42:37,760

there's no reason not to it shifts on

992

00:42:44,800 --> 00:42:40,390

everything we can no longer talk about

993

00:42:46,480 --> 00:42:44,810

whether there is et that's answered if

994

00:42:49,540 --> 00:42:46,490

anyone doesn't believe that the burden

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00:42:52,560 --> 00:42:49,550

of proof is on them we can't ask whether

996

00:42:55,540 --> 00:42:52,570

or not they're traveling in these

997

00:42:59,440 --> 00:42:55,550

unbelievable tech crafts from other

998

00:43:01,270 --> 00:42:59,450

places far away that's answered in your

999

00:43:03,160 --> 00:43:01,280

book the burden of proof now shifts to

1000

00:43:04,390 --> 00:43:03,170

someone else and and I'm not saying

1001
00:43:05,890 --> 00:43:04,400
you're making these claims I'm just

1002
00:43:09,040 --> 00:43:05,900
saying if someone just follows your

1003
00:43:13,480 --> 00:43:09,050
stories they do and I guess I'm asking

1004
00:43:15,760 --> 00:43:13,490
similarly to the question of the data

1005
00:43:17,500 --> 00:43:15,770
that comes back and it is relevant to

1006
00:43:21,550 --> 00:43:17,510
your book because it's James

1007
00:43:24,160 --> 00:43:21,560
it's James your experience or who has

1008
00:43:27,370 --> 00:43:24,170
been traumatized by the experience and

1009
00:43:29,800 --> 00:43:27,380
whose life is not made better because of

1010
00:43:34,090 --> 00:43:29,810
it I mean maybe it is maybe it isn't but

1011
00:43:36,400 --> 00:43:34,100
he is very invested in stopping ET

1012
00:43:39,370 --> 00:43:36,410
contact or having the ability to control

1013
00:43:40,990 --> 00:43:39,380

ET contact and I just take it back

1014

00:43:43,210 --> 00:43:41,000

that's my read of the data that's my

1015

00:43:45,280 --> 00:43:43,220

pushback on my friend ray Hernandez I

1016

00:43:47,350 --> 00:43:45,290

say just take your survey data of

1017

00:43:50,320 --> 00:43:47,360

contact experiences and you have 10 to

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00:43:52,540 --> 00:43:50,330

15% that have my lab ok military

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00:43:54,190 --> 00:43:52,550

abduction or military presence is part

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00:43:56,560 --> 00:43:54,200

of the abduction go rid the NDE

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00:43:58,030 --> 00:43:56,570

literature go read dr. Jeff long 3,000

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00:44:00,760 --> 00:43:58,040

accounts tell me how many my lab

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00:44:05,020 --> 00:44:00,770

accounts you found in there zero you

1024

00:44:07,900 --> 00:44:05,030

find none we have to start mapping those

1025

00:44:10,480 --> 00:44:07,910

extended realms and I'm frustrated with

1026
00:44:13,570 --> 00:44:10,490
the multiple contact modality thing that

1027
00:44:15,400 --> 00:44:13,580
says oh it's all one I'm frustrated with

1028
00:44:16,990 --> 00:44:15,410
Jacques Valley who I love

1029
00:44:19,480 --> 00:44:17,000
has been on the show and it's talked

1030
00:44:21,309 --> 00:44:19,490
about a pioneer who's completely you

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00:44:22,779 --> 00:44:21,319
know all the respect in the world but

1032
00:44:24,999 --> 00:44:22,789
this whole idea of absurdity

1033
00:44:27,819 --> 00:44:25,009
well he's got it all wrong that you know

1034
00:44:30,220 --> 00:44:27,829
all this stuff is absurd we are from a

1035
00:44:31,809 --> 00:44:30,230
position of absurdity once we realize

1036
00:44:34,599 --> 00:44:31,819
that there is this extended

1037
00:44:36,609 --> 00:44:34,609
consciousness we occupy a very small bit

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00:44:39,099 --> 00:44:36,619

of it that's been as my friend Gordon

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00:44:41,380 --> 00:44:39,109

white says has been smeared into a 25%

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00:44:43,990 --> 00:44:41,390

time-space reality and all the rest of

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00:44:45,549 --> 00:44:44,000

it is out there well everything is going

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00:44:47,130 --> 00:44:45,559

to look absurd because we're looking

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00:44:49,599 --> 00:44:47,140

through the wrong end of the telescope

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00:44:52,630 --> 00:44:49,609

but if we are gonna look and we're gonna

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00:44:55,180 --> 00:44:52,640

follow the data we got this major divide

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00:44:57,579 --> 00:44:55,190

here between what people are reporting

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00:45:00,640 --> 00:44:57,589

as god and what people are reporting as

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00:45:03,670 --> 00:45:00,650

et and I'm okay if they're the same but

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00:45:05,920 --> 00:45:03,680

I'm not convinced yeah so there's a

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00:45:07,960 --> 00:45:05,930

point in the book where we're coming

1051
00:45:11,079 --> 00:45:07,970
back from the site in the very beginning

1052
00:45:12,880 --> 00:45:11,089
with James and Tyler and James is kind

1053
00:45:15,700 --> 00:45:12,890
of thinking about it and he's telling me

1054
00:45:17,650 --> 00:45:15,710
about hit you know his research and by

1055
00:45:20,440 --> 00:45:17,660
the way part of the reason I prayed that

1056
00:45:24,670 --> 00:45:20,450
night was because James actually showed

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00:45:27,370 --> 00:45:24,680
me a presentation he had done about his

1058
00:45:29,230 --> 00:45:27,380
research and it terrified I mean I I

1059
00:45:32,890 --> 00:45:29,240
couldn't sleep that night I had terrible

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00:45:35,470 --> 00:45:32,900
dreams in nightmares and so he said you

1061
00:45:38,079 --> 00:45:35,480
know Diana he said if we were doing this

1062
00:45:41,200 --> 00:45:38,089
research a hundred years ago we would

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00:45:42,849 --> 00:45:41,210

call these angels and demons and I

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00:45:45,759 --> 00:45:42,859

thought yeah that would be the framework

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00:45:48,640 --> 00:45:45,769

for sure because a lot of them are

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00:45:50,529 --> 00:45:48,650

pretty nasty and they do nasty things

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00:45:53,529 --> 00:45:50,539

now do they do that on purpose

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00:45:55,210 --> 00:45:53,539

I don't know and so you know the

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00:45:57,279 --> 00:45:55,220

experiences are nasty for a lot of

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00:46:00,430 --> 00:45:57,289

people and I think that a lot of people

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00:46:01,930 --> 00:46:00,440

won't accept that and you know in

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00:46:04,539 --> 00:46:01,940

religious studies we've get this all the

1073

00:46:06,880 --> 00:46:04,549

time in fact to UM I tell my students

1074

00:46:08,589 --> 00:46:06,890

there's a time when I'm gonna have my

1075

00:46:10,599 --> 00:46:08,599

blood drawn you know it's my annual

1076
00:46:12,430 --> 00:46:10,609
physical and the nurse and she says so

1077
00:46:15,130 --> 00:46:12,440
what do you do and I saying

1078
00:46:17,109 --> 00:46:15,140
I study religion and she goes do you

1079
00:46:19,839 --> 00:46:17,119
know what I think about religion and I

1080
00:46:21,849 --> 00:46:19,849
say no and she said I think that it's

1081
00:46:25,539 --> 00:46:21,859
all about love and of course I'm

1082
00:46:26,480 --> 00:46:25,549
thinking in my head no but you know it's

1083
00:46:27,920 --> 00:46:26,490
not

1084
00:46:30,230 --> 00:46:27,930
look have you actually read the books

1085
00:46:32,240 --> 00:46:30,240
there's lots of killing of children and

1086
00:46:33,859 --> 00:46:32,250
you know and since he's just about to

1087
00:46:35,630 --> 00:46:33,869
stick me with the needle to get the

1088
00:46:38,420 --> 00:46:35,640

blood so I just look at her and I say

1089

00:46:40,880 --> 00:46:38,430

yep it's all about love right baby you

1090

00:46:42,620 --> 00:46:40,890

know what keep ya argue you know these

1091

00:46:44,930 --> 00:46:42,630

are people who want it to be all about

1092

00:46:47,329 --> 00:46:44,940

love but it's not they want it to be all

1093

00:46:49,250 --> 00:46:47,339

about like cultural evolution and you

1094

00:46:51,349 --> 00:46:49,260

know us all getting along and stuff like

1095

00:46:53,390 --> 00:46:51,359

that but it's a lot more complicated

1096

00:46:55,370 --> 00:46:53,400

than that and I get into the

1097

00:46:58,099 --> 00:46:55,380

complication of it in the last chapter

1098

00:47:01,280 --> 00:46:58,109

with sister Maria abre de of Spain as

1099

00:47:02,990 --> 00:47:01,290

she's a 16th century nun who's she by

1100

00:47:05,329 --> 00:47:03,000

locates which means she can be in two

1101

00:47:07,550 --> 00:47:05,339

places at once like this is the belief

1102

00:47:11,060 --> 00:47:07,560

that she was she believed she was by

1103

00:47:13,880 --> 00:47:11,070

locating from her so in Spain to New

1104

00:47:15,680 --> 00:47:13,890

Mexico strangely and I've known about

1105

00:47:17,599 --> 00:47:15,690

her but I had not I was there to read

1106

00:47:19,700 --> 00:47:17,609

some of her manuscripts and her first

1107

00:47:22,010 --> 00:47:19,710

book by the way was a cosmography which

1108

00:47:23,210 --> 00:47:22,020

is a kind of scientific analysis of the

1109

00:47:25,339 --> 00:47:23,220

Earth from space

1110

00:47:27,380 --> 00:47:25,349

so she's traveling in space and she sees

1111

00:47:29,630 --> 00:47:27,390

the earth spinning and so she goes to

1112

00:47:33,170 --> 00:47:29,640

New Mexico and she's supposed to

1113

00:47:36,020 --> 00:47:33,180

evangelize that I forgot who MA no

1114

00:47:38,329 --> 00:47:36,030

Indian tribe I think I can't remember

1115

00:47:40,250 --> 00:47:38,339

the exact tribe but I mean they're like

1116

00:47:42,500 --> 00:47:40,260

monuments out to her back if you go to

1117

00:47:44,720 --> 00:47:42,510

New Mexico to these places and so I

1118

00:47:46,250 --> 00:47:44,730

think to myself wow what a really weird

1119

00:47:48,200 --> 00:47:46,260

coincidence in fact I call it a

1120

00:47:50,780 --> 00:47:48,210

synchronicity and so I start to think

1121

00:47:52,790 --> 00:47:50,790

about her with respect to Tyler and I

1122

00:47:54,950 --> 00:47:52,800

start to think to myself you know what

1123

00:47:56,960 --> 00:47:54,960

that was a pretty horrific thing that

1124

00:48:00,740 --> 00:47:56,970

happened to her because she did not want

1125

00:48:03,770 --> 00:48:00,750

any of her experiences we put into the

1126
00:48:05,660 --> 00:48:03,780
political ends of the Catholic Church in

1127
00:48:07,820 --> 00:48:05,670
Spain to colonize the indigenous

1128
00:48:10,430 --> 00:48:07,830
population but that's exactly how they

1129
00:48:12,050 --> 00:48:10,440
used it and I was thinking you know what

1130
00:48:13,490 --> 00:48:12,060
if they do the same thing to Tyler

1131
00:48:15,530 --> 00:48:13,500
what if they're using him in this way

1132
00:48:17,420 --> 00:48:15,540
and I wrote a big part of the section

1133
00:48:19,430 --> 00:48:17,430
that was edited out completely and

1134
00:48:22,130 --> 00:48:19,440
probably I wasn't able to convey it

1135
00:48:24,470 --> 00:48:22,140
correctly or eloquently and that's why

1136
00:48:27,200 --> 00:48:24,480
it was edited out but a few people have

1137
00:48:29,960 --> 00:48:27,210
asked me about it not very many but I

1138
00:48:32,810 --> 00:48:29,970

think that you know some people have

1139

00:48:34,520 --> 00:48:32,820

said well if you would believe in ET do

1140

00:48:35,420 --> 00:48:34,530

you want them to come and be here and

1141

00:48:37,220 --> 00:48:35,430

I'm thinking no

1142

00:48:39,890 --> 00:48:37,230

because it doesn't you know what Stephen

1143

00:48:42,500 --> 00:48:39,900

Hawking said why would we be advertising

1144

00:48:43,430 --> 00:48:42,510

hey you know advanced civilization come

1145

00:48:46,250 --> 00:48:43,440

get our stuff

1146

00:48:49,010 --> 00:48:46,260

come colonize us you know I mean not a

1147

00:48:51,799 --> 00:48:49,020

good idea so if they're here already of

1148

00:48:53,750 --> 00:48:51,809

course as how are they not here well I

1149

00:48:56,000 --> 00:48:53,760

mean I mean this is back to the ancient

1150

00:48:59,990 --> 00:48:56,010

alien things I don't know how we put

1151
00:49:03,589 --> 00:49:00,000
together a story that doesn't have them

1152
00:49:05,299 --> 00:49:03,599
here for a long long time in our past I

1153
00:49:07,370 --> 00:49:05,309
don't know how we really put together a

1154
00:49:10,210 --> 00:49:07,380
story that doesn't have them working

1155
00:49:14,420 --> 00:49:10,220
with us as part of genetic engineering

1156
00:49:17,510 --> 00:49:14,430
kind of program I mean again this is

1157
00:49:20,599 --> 00:49:17,520
where I think American cosmic takes us

1158
00:49:23,720 --> 00:49:20,609
because all this stuff becomes not just

1159
00:49:25,640 --> 00:49:23,730
on the table but the burden of proof I

1160
00:49:27,650 --> 00:49:25,650
think shifts you know it's like I always

1161
00:49:30,049 --> 00:49:27,660
remember a Richard double and wrote an

1162
00:49:32,120 --> 00:49:30,059
excellent book years ago at this point

1163
00:49:34,309 --> 00:49:32,130

called after disclosure well they've

1164

00:49:37,160 --> 00:49:34,319

already begun the disclosure the drip

1165

00:49:39,620 --> 00:49:37,170

drip disclosure you know December 2017

1166

00:49:41,780 --> 00:49:39,630

in the New York Times CBS News Fox News

1167

00:49:43,700 --> 00:49:41,790

you can't get more disclosed than that

1168

00:49:47,569 --> 00:49:43,710

and they're still running the reruns on

1169

00:49:50,180 --> 00:49:47,579

history TV they're disclosing and no

1170

00:49:51,760 --> 00:49:50,190

one's asking any questions so I think

1171

00:49:54,530 --> 00:49:51,770

your book brings us to a new level

1172

00:49:57,319 --> 00:49:54,540

American cosmic answers those questions

1173

00:49:59,839 --> 00:49:57,329

but I think it shifts the thing of well

1174

00:50:01,640 --> 00:49:59,849

of course they've been here forever how

1175

00:50:03,829 --> 00:50:01,650

else do you explain how the pyramids are

1176

00:50:05,960 --> 00:50:03,839

lined up with the stars and that all the

1177

00:50:09,140 --> 00:50:05,970

ancient tribes say they came from the

1178

00:50:11,660 --> 00:50:09,150

sky I mean all that becomes accepted

1179

00:50:13,849 --> 00:50:11,670

until it's falsified in my opinion I

1180

00:50:16,130 --> 00:50:13,859

mean there's two really different

1181

00:50:20,240 --> 00:50:16,140

interesting ways to take that one is

1182

00:50:21,950 --> 00:50:20,250

that we're being led in the way that you

1183

00:50:23,809 --> 00:50:21,960

know ray Hernandez is walking down the

1184

00:50:27,289 --> 00:50:23,819

stairs and he's told to go back upstairs

1185

00:50:29,809 --> 00:50:27,299

and go to sleep and the other way that

1186

00:50:32,630 --> 00:50:29,819

we're being led is that God is leading

1187

00:50:34,130 --> 00:50:32,640

us in some way and I really want to

1188

00:50:36,410 --> 00:50:34,140

return to that because I'm not a

1189

00:50:37,670 --> 00:50:36,420

religious person you know and and I

1190

00:50:40,579 --> 00:50:37,680

don't know how far you want to go down

1191

00:50:44,310 --> 00:50:40,589

this path but to me I'm talking in

1192

00:50:45,900 --> 00:50:44,320

shorthand here I go do ETS have nd ease

1193

00:50:47,760 --> 00:50:45,910

I'm really really talking in Shoreham

1194

00:50:50,340 --> 00:50:47,770

because I feel like I can do it with you

1195

00:50:52,740 --> 00:50:50,350

and the point is that these near-death

1196

00:50:54,720 --> 00:50:52,750

experiences that we're talking to are of

1197

00:50:56,610 --> 00:50:54,730

a different ilk we don't know how or we

1198

00:50:58,740 --> 00:50:56,620

don't know why I'm not saying that but

1199

00:51:01,170 --> 00:50:58,750

I'm saying if you do the content

1200

00:51:04,140 --> 00:51:01,180

analysis on him one these people are

1201
00:51:05,850 --> 00:51:04,150
meeting God consistently again dr.

1202
00:51:08,190 --> 00:51:05,860
Jeffery long who's compiled at largest

1203
00:51:10,380 --> 00:51:08,200
database of it his last book a New York

1204
00:51:12,510 --> 00:51:10,390
Times bestseller he says hey I'm sorry

1205
00:51:14,880 --> 00:51:12,520
to report this folks and it's way under

1206
00:51:17,760 --> 00:51:14,890
reported by NDE scientists but

1207
00:51:20,340 --> 00:51:17,770
overwhelmingly these people say they're

1208
00:51:22,740 --> 00:51:20,350
meeting God and they're not meeting a

1209
00:51:24,570 --> 00:51:22,750
Christian God or a Buddhist God but

1210
00:51:26,850 --> 00:51:24,580
they're meeting something that they call

1211
00:51:29,490 --> 00:51:26,860
God and he says this seems important

1212
00:51:31,320 --> 00:51:29,500
this is more often reported than the

1213
00:51:32,670 --> 00:51:31,330

tunnel is reported yet also we hear

1214

00:51:34,830 --> 00:51:32,680

about as a tunnel we don't hear about

1215

00:51:37,380 --> 00:51:34,840

God and again like I said with the thing

1216

00:51:39,000 --> 00:51:37,390

with Ray Hernandez there's no MyLab and

1217

00:51:41,370 --> 00:51:39,010

you mentioned howard storm in the

1218

00:51:43,470 --> 00:51:41,380

hellish NDEs look into the hellish and

1219

00:51:46,080 --> 00:51:43,480

E's they're always this kind of

1220

00:51:48,240 --> 00:51:46,090

two-sided you're judging yourself you're

1221

00:51:50,490 --> 00:51:48,250

the one keeping yourself in hell God is

1222

00:51:53,040 --> 00:51:50,500

always there God is always you know

1223

00:51:54,720 --> 00:51:53,050

follow the light folks I'm not a

1224

00:51:57,120 --> 00:51:54,730

religious person I don't have a

1225

00:51:59,310 --> 00:51:57,130

religious agenda I just following the

1226
00:52:02,460 --> 00:51:59,320
data and when I look at the data on the

1227
00:52:03,690 --> 00:52:02,470
other side of ET isn't that clean yes

1228
00:52:05,730 --> 00:52:03,700
people are having spiritually

1229
00:52:07,620 --> 00:52:05,740
transformative experiences and Ray's dog

1230
00:52:10,230 --> 00:52:07,630
is healed but at the same times like

1231
00:52:12,060 --> 00:52:10,240
your buddy James they're saying no this

1232
00:52:14,550 --> 00:52:12,070
is traumatic and other people saying

1233
00:52:15,810 --> 00:52:14,560
that they are the reptilian alien raped

1234
00:52:17,700 --> 00:52:15,820
me again

1235
00:52:20,970 --> 00:52:17,710
there's no stories like that in the NDE

1236
00:52:24,600 --> 00:52:20,980
literature I'm pushing for some

1237
00:52:27,210 --> 00:52:24,610
precision here some more granularity

1238
00:52:28,950 --> 00:52:27,220

some drive to understand these extended

1239

00:52:30,600 --> 00:52:28,960

consciousness realms and I want to put

1240

00:52:33,240 --> 00:52:30,610

the brakes on a multiple contact

1241

00:52:34,770 --> 00:52:33,250

modality thing like oh it's all seems to

1242

00:52:37,080 --> 00:52:34,780

be the same whether you access it

1243

00:52:40,470 --> 00:52:37,090

through spirits and demons or you access

1244

00:52:42,480 --> 00:52:40,480

it through ET and DMT or NDE they all

1245

00:52:45,930 --> 00:52:42,490

seem to be going to the same place maybe

1246

00:52:48,150 --> 00:52:45,940

yes maybe no what are you writing so

1247

00:52:50,520 --> 00:52:48,160

gosh I mean you know I'm we're going act

1248

00:52:52,380 --> 00:52:50,530

like this is my stranger things t-shirt

1249

00:52:53,250 --> 00:52:52,390

and I don't know if you've seen that no

1250

00:52:55,800 --> 00:52:53,260

it's really

1251
00:52:57,359 --> 00:52:55,810
they have the upside down right so are

1252
00:52:58,770 --> 00:52:57,369
these people all going to the upside

1253
00:53:02,760 --> 00:52:58,780
down I mean that's kind of like the

1254
00:53:05,910 --> 00:53:02,770
question right and I'm I don't know I'm

1255
00:53:08,820 --> 00:53:05,920
think so this is why I called James

1256
00:53:10,859 --> 00:53:08,830
master of the multiverse right what if

1257
00:53:12,359 --> 00:53:10,869
there are multi verses and then of

1258
00:53:15,530 --> 00:53:12,369
course you have you know people like

1259
00:53:18,210 --> 00:53:15,540
rizwan farook you are writing about the

1260
00:53:20,520 --> 00:53:18,220
simulated realities you know which is

1261
00:53:23,730 --> 00:53:20,530
kind of like a multiverse things too so

1262
00:53:26,640 --> 00:53:23,740
I mean there you know what I always say

1263
00:53:30,800 --> 00:53:26,650

simulation of what are our hokey tech

1264

00:53:33,720 --> 00:53:30,810

that we have here are Sim City I mean

1265

00:53:38,070 --> 00:53:33,730

that's okay I mean it is a multiverse

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00:53:41,970 --> 00:53:38,080

type of model and so I guess my question

1267

00:53:44,580 --> 00:53:41,980

is that well okay remote viewers when

1268

00:53:46,109 --> 00:53:44,590

they go they report something similar to

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00:53:48,000 --> 00:53:46,119

the oh and I'm just gonna call it the

1270

00:53:49,740 --> 00:53:48,010

upside down you know they report

1271

00:53:52,170 --> 00:53:49,750

something similar to the upside down to

1272

00:53:53,849 --> 00:53:52,180

and you know they go out and they feel

1273

00:53:55,859 --> 00:53:53,859

like they go and they're able to get

1274

00:53:59,220 --> 00:53:55,869

this non-local information and bring it

1275

00:54:00,960 --> 00:53:59,230

back and say what they saw and then NDE

1276

00:54:03,330 --> 00:54:00,970

people you know they go out and they

1277

00:54:07,140 --> 00:54:03,340

also see stuff you know the original

1278

00:54:11,160 --> 00:54:07,150

book was it what's his name Richard

1279

00:54:13,320 --> 00:54:11,170

moody MIDI yeah I mean I read that when

1280

00:54:15,690 --> 00:54:13,330

I can't I think I was 11 when I read

1281

00:54:18,300 --> 00:54:15,700

that or 12 and that blew me away I was

1282

00:54:20,340 --> 00:54:18,310

like really this happens you know this

1283

00:54:21,510 --> 00:54:20,350

guy went out we actually saw stuff that

1284

00:54:24,030 --> 00:54:21,520

was out there that he could corroborate

1285

00:54:25,320 --> 00:54:24,040

so again that's the same kind of thing

1286

00:54:26,820 --> 00:54:25,330

is the remote viewing you know you're

1287

00:54:28,740 --> 00:54:26,830

seeing things that you shouldn't see and

1288

00:54:30,930 --> 00:54:28,750

you're corroborating them into our

1289

00:54:34,080 --> 00:54:30,940

reality which by the way there's a

1290

00:54:36,960 --> 00:54:34,090

really excellent book by Leslie sylco

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00:54:39,690 --> 00:54:36,970

called ceremony which basically is the

1292

00:54:42,599 --> 00:54:39,700

same thing it's about a Vietnam vet who

1293

00:54:44,550 --> 00:54:42,609

comes back and he has PTSD and he's

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00:54:45,750 --> 00:54:44,560

trying to get the ceremony of his tribe

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00:54:49,050 --> 00:54:45,760

he's a Native American he's trying to

1296

00:54:50,580 --> 00:54:49,060

get this dog I think Lakota but anyway

1297

00:54:52,440 --> 00:54:50,590

he's trying to get the ceremony it

1298

00:54:55,380 --> 00:54:52,450

doesn't work for him so he has to go to

1299

00:54:57,960 --> 00:54:55,390

a new ceremony basically that's going to

1300

00:55:00,300 --> 00:54:57,970

heal him and the new ceremony basically

1301

00:55:03,750 --> 00:55:00,310

shows that the vision that he has is

1302

00:55:05,120 --> 00:55:03,760

actually corroborated on the outside

1303

00:55:07,910 --> 00:55:05,130

world and

1304

00:55:08,930 --> 00:55:07,920

heals him now what does that mean you

1305

00:55:13,220 --> 00:55:08,940

know there's something pretty profound

1306

00:55:16,010 --> 00:55:13,230

about that and so um you know you've got

1307

00:55:17,990 --> 00:55:16,020

a lot of that going on here and by the

1308

00:55:19,790 --> 00:55:18,000

way that's that's part of the reason I

1309

00:55:22,220 --> 00:55:19,800

wrote the book in the style that I wrote

1310

00:55:25,640 --> 00:55:22,230

it in was because I had a list data and

1311

00:55:28,100 --> 00:55:25,650

I said I can't write this data in the

1312

00:55:31,370 --> 00:55:28,110

traditional way of an academic book I

1313

00:55:33,260 --> 00:55:31,380

just can't do it so I went to a couple

1314

00:55:34,940 --> 00:55:33,270

different presses and they wanted me to

1315

00:55:37,460 --> 00:55:34,950

change it they said you can't write it

1316

00:55:38,720 --> 00:55:37,470

like this and I thought well I can't

1317

00:55:41,660 --> 00:55:38,730

write it like that either

1318

00:55:43,940 --> 00:55:41,670

so my wonderful editor at Oxford she

1319

00:55:46,040 --> 00:55:43,950

said Diana write it in any way that you

1320

00:55:48,440 --> 00:55:46,050

think the data will come out and so I

1321

00:55:52,220 --> 00:55:48,450

did and she helped me you know she

1322

00:55:54,560 --> 00:55:52,230

edited it so if it was cleaned up and I

1323

00:55:58,850 --> 00:55:54,570

think that it that story which by the

1324

00:56:01,070 --> 00:55:58,860

way another audio toast Walt who is a

1325

00:56:03,350 --> 00:56:01,080

professor of religion at Appalachian

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00:56:05,690 --> 00:56:03,360

State University he basically said this

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00:56:08,360 --> 00:56:05,700

is the hero's journey and I thought wow

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00:56:08,630 --> 00:56:08,370

it is and I hadn't it hadn't occurred to

1329

00:56:16,600 --> 00:56:08,640

me

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00:56:19,310 --> 00:56:16,610

basically said do you think that

1331

00:56:21,560 --> 00:56:19,320

information at a very symbolic an

1332

00:56:23,960 --> 00:56:21,570

unconscious level is passed on through

1333

00:56:25,850 --> 00:56:23,970

us through the hero's journey because

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00:56:27,890 --> 00:56:25,860

look at Star Wars you know Star Wars

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00:56:30,230 --> 00:56:27,900

like has changed our language even and

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00:56:31,880 --> 00:56:30,240

you know if idioms from Star Wars that

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00:56:33,590 --> 00:56:31,890

people all over the world and there's

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00:56:35,960 --> 00:56:33,600

also you know I write about it in my

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00:56:38,810 --> 00:56:35,970

book there's this idea that Star Wars is

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00:56:40,670 --> 00:56:38,820

real right I mean it's really this very

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00:56:43,160 --> 00:56:40,680

interesting kind of thing where the

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00:56:44,930 --> 00:56:43,170

stories we write become the reality we

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00:56:46,790 --> 00:56:44,940

live I do want to emphasize that last

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00:56:48,770 --> 00:56:46,800

point because people another reason you

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00:56:50,750 --> 00:56:48,780

have to read this book it's it's

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00:56:52,850 --> 00:56:50,760

beautifully written and it just brings

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00:56:54,650 --> 00:56:52,860

you along these stories you actually

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00:56:56,600 --> 00:56:54,660

cover this point and it's pretty

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00:56:59,690 --> 00:56:56,610

remarkable and the way that you do it is

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00:57:02,380 --> 00:56:59,700

that you are now living an x-files

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00:57:04,730 --> 00:57:02,390
reality and you call into question

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00:57:08,120 --> 00:57:04,740
whether or not you would have lived that

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00:57:10,340 --> 00:57:08,130
reality if x-files was never created

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00:57:12,680 --> 00:57:10,350
which is kind of an interesting thought

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00:57:16,220 --> 00:57:12,690
the one last thing I did want to talk

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00:57:18,170 --> 00:57:16,230
about is how can people find this book

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00:57:18,609 --> 00:57:18,180
it's on Amazon you can get for Kindle

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00:57:20,499 --> 00:57:18,619
very

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00:57:22,870 --> 00:57:20,509
reasonable price can even get a hard

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00:57:24,249 --> 00:57:22,880
copy at a very very reasonable price and

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00:57:26,849 --> 00:57:24,259
they were sold out for the longest time

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00:57:29,769 --> 00:57:26,859
so people need to take advantage of that

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00:57:31,839 --> 00:57:29,779

so tell us about where they can get the

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00:57:33,400 --> 00:57:31,849

book and also what projects you're

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00:57:37,239 --> 00:57:33,410

working on which we haven't even touched

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00:57:39,700 --> 00:57:37,249

on all the tech stuff and where AI might

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00:57:41,859 --> 00:57:39,710

be taking us and how all that fits in so

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00:57:44,469 --> 00:57:41,869

there's so much more to talk about but

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00:57:47,739 --> 00:57:44,479

I'd love for you to tell us how people

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00:57:50,200 --> 00:57:47,749

can connect with you sure so the idea of

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00:57:53,920 --> 00:57:50,210

a website called American cosmic comm

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00:57:56,410 --> 00:57:53,930

and what I try to do there i I'm trying

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00:57:58,390 --> 00:57:56,420

to keep it up but I've I've been so busy

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00:58:00,339 --> 00:57:58,400

once the book came out that I haven't

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00:58:01,989 --> 00:58:00,349

been able to update it but I'm updating

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00:58:04,329 --> 00:58:01,999

it with a lot of different things like

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00:58:07,870 --> 00:58:04,339

some producers are interested in doing

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00:58:10,120 --> 00:58:07,880

some type of TV series around it and so

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00:58:12,219 --> 00:58:10,130

we're we're kind of talking about doing

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00:58:14,620 --> 00:58:12,229

that I have another book that I'm

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00:58:16,630 --> 00:58:14,630

considering doing which is called the

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00:58:19,809 --> 00:58:16,640

language of angels where I talk about

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00:58:21,099 --> 00:58:19,819

how synchronicity fits into this all and

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00:58:23,140 --> 00:58:21,109

it's kind of like the engine of

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00:58:25,029 --> 00:58:23,150

religious belief and religion and

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00:58:27,400 --> 00:58:25,039

spiritualities and even New Age

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00:58:32,709 --> 00:58:27,410

spirituality I also have an ongoing

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00:58:34,539 --> 00:58:32,719

project with the Vatican about the you

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00:58:38,499 --> 00:58:34,549

know kind of going back into the Vatican

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00:58:40,239 --> 00:58:38,509

and looking at some of those sources but

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00:58:43,989 --> 00:58:40,249

you know quote unquote angel encounters

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00:58:45,849 --> 00:58:43,999

and actually doing the analyses of them

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00:58:48,489 --> 00:58:45,859

from their language kind of dunno

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00:58:50,890 --> 00:58:48,499

literal analysis an end of contextual

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00:58:52,509 --> 00:58:50,900

analysis side by side so I've got like a

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00:58:55,839 --> 00:58:52,519

bunch of different projects that I'm

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00:58:58,029 --> 00:58:55,849

doing so I'm fairly busy doing all of

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00:58:59,829 --> 00:58:58,039

that and I do want to update my American

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00:59:03,069 --> 00:58:59,839

cosmic website because people keep going

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00:59:05,259 --> 00:59:03,079

there and and it's been the same for a

1401
00:59:07,059 --> 00:59:05,269
long time and I and I want to bring that

1402
00:59:09,009 --> 00:59:07,069
information because a lot of things have

1403
00:59:11,620 --> 00:59:09,019
happened and the last thing I wanted to

1404
00:59:14,019 --> 00:59:11,630
say was you could get it on the oxford

1405
00:59:16,239 --> 00:59:14,029
university press website you could get

1406
00:59:20,259 --> 00:59:16,249
it at Barnes & Noble you could get it at

1407
00:59:22,959 --> 00:59:20,269
Amazon and I there there's an audio

1408
00:59:26,079 --> 00:59:22,969
version but that's not me speaking and I

1409
00:59:26,980 --> 00:59:26,089
am gonna do an audio first chapter and

1410
00:59:28,660 --> 00:59:26,990
I'm going

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00:59:29,980 --> 00:59:28,670
I hope some of my friends are gonna help

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00:59:31,450 --> 00:59:29,990
me put it up on their site and if you

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00:59:33,670 --> 00:59:31,460

want to put it up on yours you can't you

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00:59:37,000 --> 00:59:33,680

so I'm gonna do that too because I think

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00:59:39,400 --> 00:59:37,010

that um I want to say some things in in

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00:59:41,140 --> 00:59:39,410

that audio version it's just not going

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to be an audio version but it's gonna be

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00:59:44,770 --> 00:59:43,070

you know me also saying a couple things

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00:59:48,100 --> 00:59:44,780

about it and what's happened since then

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00:59:51,010 --> 00:59:48,110

so yeah so that's where I'm at right now

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00:59:52,860 --> 00:59:51,020

and I have to admit I'm also recovering

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00:59:56,530 --> 00:59:52,870

from doing that book

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00:59:58,990 --> 00:59:56,540

we certainly do hope there's more coming

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01:00:00,780 --> 00:59:59,000

it's absolutely again a whole different

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01:00:05,140 --> 01:00:00,790

world that you're opening up to us and

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01:00:07,270 --> 01:00:05,150

we want to know more about it so thank

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01:00:09,580 --> 01:00:07,280

you so much diana for joining me today

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01:00:12,310 --> 01:00:09,590

on skeptic oh and i certainly encourage

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01:00:14,890 --> 01:00:12,320

everyone to check out your amazing book

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01:00:19,630 --> 01:00:14,900

american cosmic thanks so much Alex I

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01:00:21,010 --> 01:00:19,640

had a great time talking with you so

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01:00:22,660 --> 01:00:21,020

thanks for watching this video

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01:00:24,850 --> 01:00:22,670

but there's more videos out there as

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01:00:26,650 --> 01:00:24,860

well but please check out the skeptical

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website you can see it here we cover a

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lot of different stuff you might be

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01:00:33,070 --> 01:00:29,990

interested in we relating to

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01:00:36,130 --> 01:00:33,080

controversial science and spirituality a

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lot of shows up there over 350 of them

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or so all free all available for