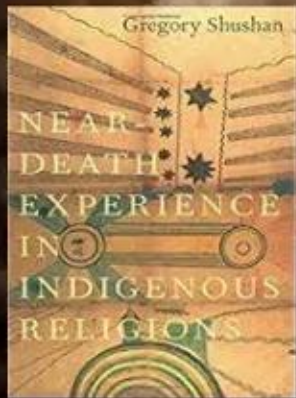


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## Skeptiko #422



### Skeptiko Topics:

Consciousness Science

Parapsychology

Near-Death Experience

Spirituality

Skeptics/Skepticism

Psi

Psychics & Mediums

Atheism

UFO

Neuroscience

Conspiracy Theories

Contactee Experience

OBE

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00:00:09,560 --> 00:00:07,730  
welcome to skeptic oh where we explore

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00:00:12,650 --> 00:00:09,570  
controversial science and spirituality

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with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:00:19,460 --> 00:00:15,990  
their critics now most of us at this

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00:00:21,650 --> 00:00:19,470  
point accept that near-death experience

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00:00:24,529 --> 00:00:21,660  
science provides a unique way for

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00:00:27,140 --> 00:00:24,539  
serious researchers to look at some of

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00:00:30,320 --> 00:00:27,150  
these deep mysteries of the afterlife

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00:00:32,840 --> 00:00:30,330  
but we also know that that road to

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00:00:33,770 --> 00:00:32,850  
discovery is filled with a lot of

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00:00:36,590 --> 00:00:33,780  
potholes

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00:00:39,170 --> 00:00:36,600  
there's stuck in the mud academics who

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can't bear the thought of having been

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wrong for all those years

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they're well-meaning Christians New

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Agers and spiritual seekers and I'd have

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00:00:51,369 --> 00:00:47,850

to throw myself in that category want to

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00:00:55,760 --> 00:00:51,379

claim nve's as their exclusive domain

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the barriers to really understanding the

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deeper implications of NDE science are

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00:01:04,509 --> 00:01:01,440

many and that's what makes it so

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00:01:08,240 --> 00:01:04,519

exciting when someone like today's guest

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dr. gregory shushan comes along he's got

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a new book near-death experience in

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indigenous religions and it looks to me

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to be one of those books that really

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00:01:22,969 --> 00:01:20,100

delves so deeply into one of the

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00:01:26,810 --> 00:01:22,979

questions that has really been central

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00:01:28,940 --> 00:01:26,820

to the ongoing discussion about NDE

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00:01:31,850 --> 00:01:28,950

science it's a question that's

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00:01:34,120 --> 00:01:31,860

interested both skeptics

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they've picked it up as their cause and

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proponents they've picked it up in there

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as their cause and that is what are we

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00:01:48,770 --> 00:01:44,310

to make of nde accounts across cultures

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00:01:52,760 --> 00:01:48,780

and an appalling question to that is how

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00:01:54,679 --> 00:01:52,770

might those experiences have impacted

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00:01:57,620 --> 00:01:54,689

those religious traditions that we see

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00:01:59,060 --> 00:01:57,630

and the spiritual beliefs which we're

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00:02:02,539 --> 00:01:59,070

gonna have to deconstruct a little bit

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00:02:05,389 --> 00:02:02,549

so the basic question usually kind of

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00:02:08,600 --> 00:02:05,399

falls into you know does the lack of

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consistency within the NDE accounts

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across cultures do those mean

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as the skeptics would have us believe

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00:02:18,900 --> 00:02:16,569

and I don't skeptics you know you know

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00:02:21,570 --> 00:02:18,910

I'm just using to fill in those people

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00:02:23,699 --> 00:02:21,580

on one camp who then use that to bolster

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their claim that maybe this is more of a

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delusional kind of thing that people are

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00:02:34,410 --> 00:02:31,150  
creating in their head or another way of

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00:02:36,979 --> 00:02:34,420  
looking at it is do the patterns the

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00:02:41,790 --> 00:02:36,989  
deeper patterns within these accounts

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00:02:45,300 --> 00:02:41,800  
suggest that maybe nd E's have an even

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00:02:48,960 --> 00:02:45,310  
more richer deeper influence on these

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00:02:52,559 --> 00:02:48,970  
cultures all the way to maybe even being

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00:02:54,809 --> 00:02:52,569  
the source of the religions we see so

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00:02:57,630 --> 00:02:54,819  
this is an awesome interview we have

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00:03:00,830 --> 00:02:57,640  
coming up a deep dive anthropology

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00:03:04,590 --> 00:03:00,840  
religious history in the east science

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00:03:07,020 --> 00:03:04,600  
world-class scholar recognized expert in

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00:03:09,300 --> 00:03:07,030  
his field it's really really great to

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00:03:11,670 --> 00:03:09,310

welcome you dr. Shi Shan to sceptical

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00:03:13,170 --> 00:03:11,680

thanks so much for joining me thanks

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00:03:14,610 --> 00:03:13,180

Alex and thanks for that great

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00:03:16,949 --> 00:03:14,620

introduction there's a really good good

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00:03:17,910 --> 00:03:16,959

summary of some of the thorny problems

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00:03:22,199 --> 00:03:17,920

of this kind of research

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that's the deal with well it's just the

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beginning and I guess that's what I

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appreciated about reading your book I

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just mentioned off and that I feel like

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I missed the point

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in a lot of ways when we talked a few

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years ago and I don't want to beat

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myself up too bad cuz I got one point

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but I kind of missed the larger point of

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your approach your methodology as an

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academic who is looking at this in a

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very serious way and there's a lot of

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00:03:55,440 --> 00:03:53,079

issues around that so I'll tell you what

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00:03:58,199 --> 00:03:55,450

I've been playing this little game I

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call skeptical jeopardy as a way of just

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kind of moving the conversation along

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and giving you a chance to kind of guide

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the conversation but I think it's only

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fitting in this case that I picked the

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first one because it's where I think we

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have to start and that's just the basics

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of cross-cultural NDE you know who who

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are you

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and then who are the cultures that we're

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looking

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rundown of the basics of your work in

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cross-cultural and de stuff okay well

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first you shouldn't beat yourself up

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00:04:46,180 --> 00:04:44,090

because the first book was really pretty

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00:04:47,740 --> 00:04:46,190

different than this book so I could see

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00:04:50,340 --> 00:04:47,750

how it could you know throw someone for

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00:04:52,660 --> 00:04:50,350

a loop so basically my background

101  
00:04:54,880 --> 00:04:52,670  
started out doing archaeology and

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00:04:58,360 --> 00:04:54,890  
Egyptology eastern Mediterranean

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00:05:01,240 --> 00:04:58,370  
archaeology and I was reading afterlife

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00:05:03,460 --> 00:05:01,250  
texts and ancient Egyptian afterlife

105  
00:05:04,690 --> 00:05:03,470  
texts like the coffin techs and Pyramid

106  
00:05:07,600 --> 00:05:04,700  
Texts which preceded the Book of the

107  
00:05:09,340 --> 00:05:07,610  
Dead and I started noticing similarities

108  
00:05:12,280 --> 00:05:09,350  
between those descriptions of the

109  
00:05:14,890 --> 00:05:12,290  
afterlife and in DES and I had read

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00:05:16,360 --> 00:05:14,900  
Carroll Zaleski's book Otherworld

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00:05:18,730 --> 00:05:16,370  
journeys where she looked at medieval

112  
00:05:20,620 --> 00:05:18,740  
visions of the afterlife in the context

113  
00:05:23,110 --> 00:05:20,630

of NDE so I kind of started thinking you

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00:05:25,330 --> 00:05:23,120

know something interesting is going on

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00:05:28,600 --> 00:05:25,340

here and and is it possible that ancient

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Egyptian afterlife beliefs you know the

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00:05:34,020 --> 00:05:31,010

origins of them can be feminine in DES

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00:05:37,620 --> 00:05:34,030

so I decided to do a comparative study

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Egypt Vedic India Mesopotamia

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00:05:43,420 --> 00:05:41,510

Mesoamerica and ancient China choosing

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00:05:45,159 --> 00:05:43,430

those because they were all so diverse

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00:05:48,040 --> 00:05:45,169

and culturally independent they didn't

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have any influence on each other to

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00:05:54,520 --> 00:05:52,430

speak of there were almost no actual

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accounts of Indies from these cultures

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there were a couple from China one one

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or two from Mesoamerica a few references

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and Indian cultures but for the most

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part it was really comparing afterlife

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texts so it was there was some

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00:06:09,880 --> 00:06:07,340

speculation there is a little bit more

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speculative than the recent book which

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we'll get to but just for the background

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00:06:16,390 --> 00:06:13,880

that was essentially looking at

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00:06:18,700 --> 00:06:16,400

similarities between afterlife beliefs

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across cultures and seeing how they

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correspond to

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NDE phenomena each element of the NDE so

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00:06:29,680 --> 00:06:27,440

for example we take the Tibetan Book of

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the Dead and say that's a text let's

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study the text rather than looking for

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00:06:36,909 --> 00:06:34,940

accounts however you would get those

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00:06:38,710 --> 00:06:36,919

accounts the the starting point for you

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which makes a lot of sense was the tech

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yeah now you've kind of shifted a little

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00:06:46,090 --> 00:06:43,160

bit in this research yeah because

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they're they're almost there almost are

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no text from the ancient civilizations

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that I was looking at so so yeah it's

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00:06:55,480 --> 00:06:52,520

looking at you know description of the

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00:06:57,490 --> 00:06:55,490  
other world journey and a Sumerian myth

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00:06:59,620 --> 00:06:57,500  
compared to the same thing and a you

153  
00:07:01,870 --> 00:06:59,630  
know the description of the afterlife

154  
00:07:04,540 --> 00:07:01,880  
and the Chinese text or whatever so so

155  
00:07:06,190 --> 00:07:04,550  
it was um finding that in these

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00:07:09,460 --> 00:07:06,200  
civilizations there were this you know

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00:07:13,660 --> 00:07:09,470  
set of similar elements not only across

158  
00:07:15,910 --> 00:07:13,670  
cultures but two nd ease so my my idea

159  
00:07:17,710 --> 00:07:15,920  
was that those similarities can best be

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00:07:19,300 --> 00:07:17,720  
accounted for by the idea that people

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00:07:20,680 --> 00:07:19,310  
are having any ease in all these

162  
00:07:24,640 --> 00:07:20,690  
cultures and facing their afterlife

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00:07:28,330 --> 00:07:24,650

beliefs on them so so I'm moving forward

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to the to the recent stuff by indigenous

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religions the title the new book

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near-death experience and indigenous

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religions that refers to a lot of people

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don't really know some of the

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terminology but it's basically what used

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to be called you know primitive or

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small-scale society religions tribal

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sorts of religions in Africa Native

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Americans and Oceania which is the

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Pacific region in general so the

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difference there is that with you know a

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couple hundred years of missionary

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activity more than a couple hundred

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going back to sort of 16th century

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missionary activity Explorer reports

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anthropology we have accounts of actual

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and E's from these different different

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societies so in this case I was able to

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look at the not just the content of the

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NDEs but how people interpreted them

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differently in each of these different

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kinds of regions I guess I would since

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you stopped

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I would interject that you know one of

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the things I think that will come up in

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this conversation a lot is that the

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carefulness and the wisdom that you show

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as an academic balanced with the

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curiosity that's driving you as someone

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who's fascinated with the NDE experience

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and how profound it is and I want to

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make sure that we kind of that I get

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that right that I'm not misrepresenting

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you because I'm throwing out something

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there that I don't know if you can't

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agree with but I think you know this is

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00:09:15,000 --> 00:09:12,550  
just a profound phenomenon you know that

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00:09:17,040 --> 00:09:15,010  
people experience the afterlife it gets

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00:09:19,829 --> 00:09:17,050  
it one of the fundamental questions that

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00:09:23,100 --> 00:09:19,839  
we've had through time you know does our

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00:09:25,620 --> 00:09:23,110  
consciousness exist so there's kind of

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00:09:27,600 --> 00:09:25,630  
this cool headedness and this methodical

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00:09:29,610 --> 00:09:27,610  
approach that comes through in your work

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00:09:32,220 --> 00:09:29,620  
that has to be there for you to answer

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some of these questions but I think I

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want people to understand that I feel

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00:09:40,470 --> 00:09:36,640  
from reading the book and looking at

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your research you are also just blown

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away at the implications at every turn

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of what this means if it falls one way I

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feel like you're kind of going hey I'm

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open to whatever it goes but if it falls

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this way the way it seems to be emerging

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this is huge do you have any thoughts on

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that yeah I think that's it's definitely

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the case I mean it's it's such an

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interesting and amazing topic with such

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huge implications that it's one of the

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few things that I can see sustaining my

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interest over all these years you know

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because I started doing this stuff and

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15 years ago or something maybe more now

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so part of what's been able to sustain

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the interest is looking at the different

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cultures and in all different areas of

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the world that's been great but also

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just that central core question not just

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how do different cultures interpret and

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experience and E's where religions based

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on NDE but underlying all that is you

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know of course the question of what RMD

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ease and and what is this what do these

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comparisons mean for the idea that NDEs

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could be actual evidence for life after

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death and that's been a you know that's

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a funny thing to tackle because i think

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as you said in the introduction they can

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be used cross-cultural Indies can be

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used for people on either side of the

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debate you know people who want to say

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that it's all hood

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Luke's inventory dying brain experience

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or that it's just entirely culturally

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constructed or it can you know be be

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used as evidence that you know this is a

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universal belief therefore it's a

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general genuine metaphysical kind of

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experience so I think even skeptics even

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00:11:32,340 --> 00:11:29,589  
angry skeptics that we've all run across

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because this is like you know such a

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basic human question survival after

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death people have this vested interest

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in it often they either want to believe

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00:11:46,510 --> 00:11:41,300  
really deeply or they really want to

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00:11:48,460 --> 00:11:46,520  
disbelieve and I actually am kind of in

260  
00:11:50,110 --> 00:11:48,470  
the middle still I mean that might sound

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00:11:53,019 --> 00:11:50,120  
disingenuous because I'd put so much

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time and effort and and energy and

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00:11:58,510 --> 00:11:55,850

thought into this stuff but um but I do

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00:12:01,780 --> 00:11:58,520

have one foot in either camp and and I'm

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00:12:04,150 --> 00:12:01,790

not totally convinced of the things I

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00:12:06,130 --> 00:12:04,160

wrote in the book but as far as like the

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00:12:08,680 --> 00:12:06,140

end the science or whatever I still kind

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00:12:10,690 --> 00:12:08,690

of keep a little bit of objectivity and

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00:12:13,420 --> 00:12:10,700

and I think keeping a little bit of

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00:12:16,890 --> 00:12:13,430

skepticism actually helps my research

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00:12:19,090 --> 00:12:16,900

because um often I think when scholars

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00:12:21,130 --> 00:12:19,100

do put their foot in one camp or another

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00:12:25,449 --> 00:12:21,140

then their their research becomes a

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00:12:27,280 --> 00:12:25,459

little bit less objective great well

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00:12:31,990 --> 00:12:27,290

that's something we may or may not

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00:12:33,900 --> 00:12:32,000

explore but I want you to direct us

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00:12:37,810 --> 00:12:33,910

where we should go next because there's

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00:12:39,220 --> 00:12:37,820

this book is opens up a ton of questions

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00:12:41,290 --> 00:12:39,230

as you read it if you're really

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00:12:44,470 --> 00:12:41,300

interested in this field so I have some

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00:12:48,600 --> 00:12:44,480

categories methodology shamans and and

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00:12:51,250 --> 00:12:48,610

pigeons versus other NDE research as

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00:12:54,190 --> 00:12:51,260

meaning you know how does your research

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00:12:55,960 --> 00:12:54,200

compare pros and cons of doing it the

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00:12:59,410 --> 00:12:55,970

way that you approached it versus other

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00:13:02,050 --> 00:12:59,420

ways religion which is kind of your

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00:13:04,240 --> 00:13:02,060

balliwick is to look not just at the

288

00:13:06,579 --> 00:13:04,250

experience but what it means in terms of

289

00:13:09,970 --> 00:13:06,589

creating new religions forming the

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00:13:12,699 --> 00:13:09,980

religions in forming religions changing

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00:13:14,110 --> 00:13:12,709

religions very interesting aspects to

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00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:14,120

the methodology come up their

293

00:13:18,850 --> 00:13:17,120

metaphysical neutrality that's where I'm

294

00:13:21,400 --> 00:13:18,860

going to get into kind of really

295

00:13:23,860 --> 00:13:21,410

I don't know that the silliness it seems

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00:13:27,190 --> 00:13:23,870

to me to even entertain that other

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00:13:29,019 --> 00:13:27,200

position but we have to go there and

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00:13:32,710 --> 00:13:29,029

then of course the accounts the ghost

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00:13:34,570 --> 00:13:32,720

dance and then finally my topic is you

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00:13:36,759 --> 00:13:34,580

know are we still as much as we're being

301  
00:13:39,460 --> 00:13:36,769  
open-minded and fair-minded are we

302  
00:13:42,730 --> 00:13:39,470  
broadly looking at all the data we can

303  
00:13:44,560 --> 00:13:42,740  
in terms of extended consciousness so

304  
00:13:47,139 --> 00:13:44,570  
for the benefit of those who haven't

305  
00:13:49,600 --> 00:13:47,149  
seen watching this video I wanted to

306  
00:13:52,030 --> 00:13:49,610  
give you a give them an overview of the

307  
00:13:54,490 --> 00:13:52,040  
categories we might cover do you have

308  
00:13:57,759 --> 00:13:54,500  
anyone that you see there that interests

309  
00:13:59,290 --> 00:13:57,769  
you maybe it's best to get the

310  
00:14:04,210 --> 00:13:59,300  
methodology out of the way because

311  
00:14:06,460 --> 00:14:04,220  
that's kind of the most boring it's a

312  
00:14:08,560 --> 00:14:06,470  
necessary I don't I would say it's a

313  
00:14:12,569 --> 00:14:08,570

necessary evil but it's a you know that

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00:14:15,759 --> 00:14:12,579

in academic writing you have to discuss

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00:14:17,620 --> 00:14:15,769

methodology to an extent that's not

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00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:17,630

really that interesting to most people I

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00:14:21,550 --> 00:14:20,000

don't think it's boring at all and I say

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00:14:23,860 --> 00:14:21,560

you don't think it's boring to our

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00:14:26,949 --> 00:14:23,870

listeners you know I posted in the

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00:14:29,440 --> 00:14:26,959

skeptical forum questions that people

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00:14:31,900 --> 00:14:29,450

could post in advance and a lot of the

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00:14:34,120 --> 00:14:31,910

questions were methodology questions

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00:14:37,500 --> 00:14:34,130

which I was really excited about because

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00:14:39,730 --> 00:14:37,510

if you think about this field at all

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00:14:41,410 --> 00:14:39,740

methodology to me is what immediately

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00:14:44,139 --> 00:14:41,420

springs to mind well how did he do that

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00:14:45,639 --> 00:14:44,149

know what you just said he took the

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00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:45,649

accounts of missionaries and explorers

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00:14:50,889 --> 00:14:48,800

well we can discount those right off the

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00:14:53,170 --> 00:14:50,899

but right they're secondhand accounts

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00:14:57,010 --> 00:14:53,180

and then we have this indigenous things

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00:14:59,139 --> 00:14:57,020

so the way that you do that and a lot of

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00:15:02,050 --> 00:14:59,149

it is good kind of blocking and tacking

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00:15:04,210 --> 00:15:02,060

anthropology that you know is is really

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00:15:07,510 --> 00:15:04,220

fascinating the other aspect that I hope

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00:15:10,769 --> 00:15:07,520

you touch on here is you lean on a lot

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00:15:12,939 --> 00:15:10,779

of prior research and you're really

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00:15:14,319 --> 00:15:12,949

generous and acknowledging the work that

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00:15:17,110 --> 00:15:14,329

other people have done but you also

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00:15:18,819 --> 00:15:17,120

point out where you think some of that

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00:15:21,310 --> 00:15:18,829

research might have taken us in the

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00:15:23,769 --> 00:15:21,320

wrong direction in how we might look at

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00:15:27,189 --> 00:15:23,779

it anew with a different kind of

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00:15:32,280 --> 00:15:27,199

perspective so please lay into it lots

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00:15:34,200 --> 00:15:32,290

of methodology ok yeah I mean with the

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00:15:36,000 --> 00:15:34,210

if I mentioned with the first book that

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00:15:37,500 --> 00:15:36,010

methodology of trying to find cultural

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00:15:40,560 --> 00:15:37,510

independence and there was a little bit

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00:15:42,870 --> 00:15:40,570

of that with this one you know African

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00:15:44,910 --> 00:15:42,880

traditional religions religions of the

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00:15:47,220 --> 00:15:44,920

Pacific and North America are pretty

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00:15:49,890 --> 00:15:47,230

much entirely independent of each other

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00:15:51,930 --> 00:15:49,900

so if we have similarities of NDEs in

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00:15:54,600 --> 00:15:51,940

each of those regions we can say that

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00:15:56,550 --> 00:15:54,610

it's because you know they the myths

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00:15:58,680 --> 00:15:56,560

travelled from one to the other so

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00:16:00,930 --> 00:15:58,690

that's that's a non-starter right there

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00:16:02,850 --> 00:16:00,940

that gets one whole argument out of the

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00:16:06,120 --> 00:16:02,860

way one one whole a reductionist

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00:16:08,820 --> 00:16:06,130

explanation for what's going on but

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00:16:12,300 --> 00:16:08,830

you're right the missionary Explorer and

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00:16:13,560 --> 00:16:12,310

even the early anthropology accounts you

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00:16:17,700 --> 00:16:13,570

know we have to look at them with a

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00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:17,710

skeptical eye we can't just accept

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00:16:23,790 --> 00:16:19,120

everything they say as a neutral

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00:16:25,050 --> 00:16:23,800

statement of what really was said but at

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00:16:28,590 --> 00:16:25,060

the same time that doesn't mean that

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00:16:30,450 --> 00:16:28,600

they're all entirely made up by the

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00:16:33,630 --> 00:16:30,460

missionaries and explorers and in early

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00:16:38,340 --> 00:16:33,640

anthropologists what I found a lot of

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00:16:42,210 --> 00:16:38,350

times is an account will be more or less

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00:16:44,460 --> 00:16:42,220

neutrally recorded but with a lot of

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00:16:47,310 --> 00:16:44,470

interjections on the part of the

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00:16:50,520 --> 00:16:47,320

missionary like you know they'll say

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00:16:52,770 --> 00:16:50,530

this person claims to have died and

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00:16:56,280 --> 00:16:52,780

travelled to the underworld and and met

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00:16:57,690 --> 00:16:56,290

this this one of their gods and blah

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00:16:59,970 --> 00:16:57,700

blah blah and at the end they say of

379

00:17:02,700 --> 00:16:59,980

course this is the work of Satan and

380

00:17:06,569 --> 00:17:02,710

these people are you know need to be

381

00:17:08,550 --> 00:17:06,579

converted or whatever explorers were a

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00:17:10,650 --> 00:17:08,560

little bit more neutral than the

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00:17:12,840 --> 00:17:10,660

missionaries but of course you know they

384

00:17:14,730 --> 00:17:12,850

had their agenda of wanting to report

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00:17:16,800 --> 00:17:14,740

what kind of resources there were and

386

00:17:19,170 --> 00:17:16,810

how to how to manage or exploit the

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00:17:20,460 --> 00:17:19,180

local population so it so everyone had

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00:17:23,550 --> 00:17:20,470

their agenda but that doesn't

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00:17:26,130 --> 00:17:23,560

necessarily mean that all these accounts

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00:17:27,329 --> 00:17:26,140

are just being made up by these well and

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00:17:29,370 --> 00:17:27,339

that's what comes through in the book

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00:17:31,320 --> 00:17:29,380

because you start reading these accounts

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00:17:33,420 --> 00:17:31,330

and you can see exactly what you're

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00:17:35,100 --> 00:17:33,430

saying you can see an account that

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00:17:37,440 --> 00:17:35,110

clearly could only come from the

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00:17:39,540 --> 00:17:37,450

experencer couldn't have been added to

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00:17:42,180 --> 00:17:39,550

in any way when I said you know I was

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00:17:44,350 --> 00:17:42,190

taken by this coyote and we sailed

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00:17:46,450 --> 00:17:44,360

across a creek you know and

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00:17:49,360 --> 00:17:46,460

met you know no one's making that up

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00:17:51,250 --> 00:17:49,370

that's what the guy said so it is kind

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00:17:53,500 --> 00:17:51,260

of interesting that how you can do this

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00:17:56,860 --> 00:17:53,510

and that as you mentioned there's other

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00:18:00,700 --> 00:17:56,870

ways that you look at it in terms of

405

00:18:03,400 --> 00:18:00,710

well does it conform automatically to

406

00:18:05,289 --> 00:18:03,410

their prior beliefs does it change the

407

00:18:06,580 --> 00:18:05,299

beliefs of the group or the religion

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00:18:08,590 --> 00:18:06,590

this is some of the deeper stuff you get

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00:18:12,820 --> 00:18:08,600

into but it's fascinating fascinating

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00:18:15,640 --> 00:18:12,830

stuff things yeah and and there's also

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00:18:18,940 --> 00:18:15,650

the it's there's a few NDEs that were

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00:18:21,370 --> 00:18:18,950

repeated over time so one a missionary

413

00:18:22,659 --> 00:18:21,380

would report it 20 years later an

414

00:18:25,299 --> 00:18:22,669

anthropologist and then another

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00:18:27,100 --> 00:18:25,309

anthropologist another 20 40 years later

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00:18:29,650 --> 00:18:27,110

after that so it shows that there's

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00:18:32,650 --> 00:18:29,660

consistency of these accounts over time

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00:18:34,000 --> 00:18:32,660

that you know they're they're not just

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00:18:36,220 --> 00:18:34,010

being made up and it's also the case

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00:18:39,810 --> 00:18:36,230

that you can check some of these beliefs

421

00:18:42,250 --> 00:18:39,820

with later anthropological reports and

422

00:18:44,500 --> 00:18:42,260

it's also important to remember that a

423

00:18:45,850 --> 00:18:44,510

lot of these traditions go back you know

424

00:18:47,830 --> 00:18:45,860

hundreds and hundreds of years it's not

425

00:18:49,780 --> 00:18:47,840

like suddenly the missionary or the

426  
00:18:51,789 --> 00:18:49,790  
anthropologist appeared and they're

427  
00:18:55,230 --> 00:18:51,799  
getting these stories that they're you

428  
00:18:58,480 --> 00:18:55,240  
know randomly reporting to the West it's

429  
00:19:00,690 --> 00:18:58,490  
they were already there so for a long

430  
00:19:03,490 --> 00:19:00,700  
time and also that a lot of the accounts

431  
00:19:07,060 --> 00:19:03,500  
we're supposed to have preceded the

432  
00:19:08,830 --> 00:19:07,070  
arrival of these these foreigners and go

433  
00:19:10,750 --> 00:19:08,840  
back you know dozens or hundreds of

434  
00:19:13,620 --> 00:19:10,760  
years and they've these Andes have

435  
00:19:15,610 --> 00:19:13,630  
become integrated into local mythology

436  
00:19:17,650 --> 00:19:15,620  
so that's another you know

437  
00:19:21,039 --> 00:19:17,660  
methodological conceptual difference

438  
00:19:23,620 --> 00:19:21,049

with the first book is with with these

439

00:19:26,500 --> 00:19:23,630

accounts in the indigenous religions we

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00:19:28,900 --> 00:19:26,510

have actual you know verbatim in some

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00:19:31,030 --> 00:19:28,910

cases examples of people saying

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00:19:33,130 --> 00:19:31,040

describing Indies that they had or that

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00:19:35,560 --> 00:19:33,140

somebody in their culture had and saying

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00:19:38,140 --> 00:19:35,570

out right and this is how we know about

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00:19:40,690 --> 00:19:38,150

the afterlife so this is no longer

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00:19:43,710 --> 00:19:40,700

speculation that you know these

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00:19:46,720 --> 00:19:43,720

similarities to Indies suggest that

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00:19:48,640 --> 00:19:46,730

think beliefs were based on an Andy this

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00:19:51,549 --> 00:19:48,650

is people actually saying our beliefs

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00:19:55,450 --> 00:19:51,559

were based on myndy you know that might

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00:19:57,190 --> 00:19:55,460

lead into another category so rather

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00:19:58,120 --> 00:19:57,200

than you pick let me bring this up

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00:20:01,480 --> 00:19:58,130

because I wanted to

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00:20:02,920 --> 00:20:01,490

about it and I think people are going to

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00:20:07,090 --> 00:20:02,930

clue into this right away too and it's

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00:20:10,660 --> 00:20:07,100

kind of an important topic to discuss

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00:20:13,510 --> 00:20:10,670

and that's in these accounts you're open

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00:20:16,590 --> 00:20:13,520

that you can't always separate the

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00:20:20,890 --> 00:20:16,600

shamanic experience or the drug-induced

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00:20:22,660 --> 00:20:20,900

afterlife experience from the I don't

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00:20:24,820 --> 00:20:22,670

know if you want to call it pure in the

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00:20:26,650 --> 00:20:24,830

e experience so you're really open about

463

00:20:28,810 --> 00:20:26,660

that but hey this is a problem we don't

464

00:20:30,280 --> 00:20:28,820

know and and you go one step further and

465

00:20:32,550 --> 00:20:30,290

say from the accounts that we have we

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00:20:35,350 --> 00:20:32,560

can clearly see that these are

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00:20:37,720 --> 00:20:35,360

intertwined and in our mix and we don't

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00:20:40,180 --> 00:20:37,730

even understand exactly what that means

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00:20:43,090 --> 00:20:40,190

so what are some of the challenges that

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00:20:48,570 --> 00:20:43,100

we face in terms of understanding this

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00:20:51,730 --> 00:20:48,580

from a shamanic perspective the way I

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00:20:53,950 --> 00:20:51,740

tried to pick it apart was and this is

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00:20:55,540 --> 00:20:53,960

another methodological issue too is my

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00:20:58,270 --> 00:20:55,550

definition of near-death experiences a

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00:21:00,190 --> 00:20:58,280

rip rather not my definition of but what

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00:21:04,740 --> 00:21:00,200

I considered to be and E's in the book

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00:21:09,160 --> 00:21:04,750

and rather than having a set of

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00:21:11,290 --> 00:21:09,170

phenomenological elements to NDEs that

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00:21:13,740 --> 00:21:11,300

are commonly cited in the West as this

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00:21:16,420 --> 00:21:13,750

is a typical NDE you know I didn't say

481

00:21:19,810 --> 00:21:16,430

this is an NDE because it takes all

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00:21:22,030 --> 00:21:19,820

these boxes I said this is an NDE

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00:21:25,060 --> 00:21:22,040

if the person within the culture

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00:21:27,880 --> 00:21:25,070

considers it an NDE and obviously didn't

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00:21:29,920 --> 00:21:27,890

have the term Andy but if the account

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00:21:31,540 --> 00:21:29,930

says this person died had this

487

00:21:34,420 --> 00:21:31,550

particular experience and came back to

488

00:21:37,690 --> 00:21:34,430

life then that count it isn't as an NDE

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00:21:39,400 --> 00:21:37,700

to me if the person and even bad I think

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00:21:41,440 --> 00:21:39,410

with all the controversy that's going on

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00:21:43,630 --> 00:21:41,450

rum near-death experience in near-death

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00:21:46,060 --> 00:21:43,640

experience science even those terms are

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00:21:48,700 --> 00:21:46,070

highly highly charged right what does

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00:21:51,220 --> 00:21:48,710

death mean you know we you can get to

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00:21:53,260 --> 00:21:51,230

the mat with people about you know if

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00:21:55,750 --> 00:21:53,270

they're not really dead because they had

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00:21:56,860 --> 00:21:55,760

an NDE it means that they came back and

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00:21:59,410 --> 00:21:56,870

you can get into all that kind of

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00:22:01,450 --> 00:21:59,420

definition stuff but that's even more

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00:22:03,880 --> 00:22:01,460

the case here because here now you're

501  
00:22:06,460 --> 00:22:03,890  
getting into shamanic induced in the

502  
00:22:09,070 --> 00:22:06,470  
ease where we really can't even imagine

503  
00:22:11,710 --> 00:22:09,080  
that they really ever were clinically

504  
00:22:13,779 --> 00:22:11,720  
dead in a lot of these cases but if you

505  
00:22:15,970 --> 00:22:13,789  
just had some kind of extended

506  
00:22:17,580 --> 00:22:15,980  
consciousness experience but for very

507  
00:22:20,830 --> 00:22:17,590  
good reason like you just mentioned you

508  
00:22:22,389 --> 00:22:20,840  
had to throw those in or you chose to

509  
00:22:25,419 --> 00:22:22,399  
throw those in and say you know let's

510  
00:22:28,330 --> 00:22:25,429  
understand it from this kind of if they

511  
00:22:30,519 --> 00:22:28,340  
say it's a walk on the side of death

512  
00:22:33,310 --> 00:22:30,529  
good enough for me let's see where that

513  
00:22:35,769 --> 00:22:33,320

takes me is that a fair assessment yeah

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00:22:38,369 --> 00:22:35,779

I mean they don't necessarily have to

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00:22:41,769 --> 00:22:38,379

have said died and came back to life but

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00:22:44,230 --> 00:22:41,779

the person was in a physically

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00:22:47,110 --> 00:22:44,240

compromised situation you know

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00:22:50,619 --> 00:22:47,120

technically near death rather than you

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00:22:53,200 --> 00:22:50,629

know a claim of actual death grave

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00:22:55,269 --> 00:22:53,210

illness or some kind of serious accident

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00:22:58,389 --> 00:22:55,279

or near drowning those kind of things I

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00:22:59,919 --> 00:22:58,399

counted if they didn't have any context

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00:23:02,560 --> 00:22:59,929

at all like that I considered it a

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00:23:04,810 --> 00:23:02,570

vision self-induce shamanic vision but

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00:23:08,379 --> 00:23:04,820

well you're talking about where the gray

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00:23:11,590 --> 00:23:08,389

area lies is when they're shamanic

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00:23:14,080 --> 00:23:11,600

practices that compromise the the

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00:23:15,419 --> 00:23:14,090

physical body and lead to an NDE so

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00:23:18,430 --> 00:23:15,429

there's some where they you know

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00:23:22,629 --> 00:23:18,440

literally would Club themselves to death

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00:23:25,360 --> 00:23:22,639

in order to bring about an NDE beyond

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00:23:28,419 --> 00:23:25,370

even clubbing themselves maybe I'm wrong

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00:23:31,149 --> 00:23:28,429

so correct me here but I read that you

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00:23:33,009 --> 00:23:31,159

know there's people that and again it

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00:23:35,080 --> 00:23:33,019

plays right into I think one of the

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00:23:37,960 --> 00:23:35,090

conclusions if I can say that of your

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00:23:41,950 --> 00:23:37,970

book is that the near-death experiences

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00:23:44,049 --> 00:23:41,960

that are really profound and significant

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00:23:46,659 --> 00:23:44,059

in terms of a culture would a lot of

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00:23:49,450 --> 00:23:46,669

times make the shaman then want to

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00:23:52,299 --> 00:23:49,460

experience it and try anything they

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00:23:54,789 --> 00:23:52,309

could to go on that death journey so

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00:23:57,039 --> 00:23:54,799

yeah lobbying is one aspect of it but

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00:23:59,860 --> 00:23:57,049

however I can get there whether it's not

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00:24:02,169 --> 00:23:59,870

sleeping drumming and the engines

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00:24:04,840 --> 00:24:02,179

there's a journey there you took it I

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00:24:09,310 --> 00:24:04,850

want to take it yeah yeah clubbing is an

548

00:24:11,230 --> 00:24:09,320

extreme example okay there's also one

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00:24:12,669 --> 00:24:11,240

where they claim they lit themselves on

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00:24:15,909 --> 00:24:12,679

fire and you know some of these I think

551  
00:24:17,789 --> 00:24:15,919  
have to be taken in the kind of context

552  
00:24:20,259 --> 00:24:17,799  
of these things are all mythologized

553  
00:24:20,860 --> 00:24:20,269  
oftentimes so I don't think people

554  
00:24:22,930 --> 00:24:20,870  
probably

555  
00:24:24,760 --> 00:24:22,940  
really did light themselves on fire to

556  
00:24:28,570 --> 00:24:24,770  
have an indie but yeah the more usual

557  
00:24:30,640 --> 00:24:28,580  
ways are you know drumming and dancing

558  
00:24:34,450 --> 00:24:30,650  
and singing to the point of exhaustion

559  
00:24:36,880 --> 00:24:34,460  
and collapse drug use and things like

560  
00:24:41,680 --> 00:24:36,890  
that so and and a lot of cases it

561  
00:24:43,810 --> 00:24:41,690  
overtly is intended to replicate the NDE

562  
00:24:45,370 --> 00:24:43,820  
that somebody else within their society

563  
00:24:48,100 --> 00:24:45,380

had and that's what the Ghost Dance

564

00:24:49,540 --> 00:24:48,110

really was all about and the you know

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00:24:53,500 --> 00:24:49,550

all these other ghost fans type of

566

00:24:55,299 --> 00:24:53,510

religions which also occur in in the

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00:24:58,240 --> 00:24:55,309

Pacific region as well with kind of

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00:25:01,060 --> 00:24:58,250

similar dynamics behind them about you

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00:25:05,640 --> 00:25:01,070

know responses to cultural domination

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00:25:08,980 --> 00:25:05,650

and either you know resistance against

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00:25:11,590 --> 00:25:08,990

you know Western influence resistance

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00:25:15,130 --> 00:25:11,600

against Christianity or alternately

573

00:25:17,169 --> 00:25:15,140

embracing it well you mentioned Ghost

574

00:25:18,880 --> 00:25:17,179

Dance so I thought we might go there and

575

00:25:21,669 --> 00:25:18,890

I think the way that you brought it up

576

00:25:24,669 --> 00:25:21,679

is is really important because it does

577

00:25:28,180 --> 00:25:24,679

get back to this methodology kind of

578

00:25:30,010 --> 00:25:28,190

thing in that well first you ought to

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00:25:31,419 --> 00:25:30,020

describe what the Ghost Dance is but I

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00:25:34,930 --> 00:25:31,429

want to emphasize that point that you

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00:25:36,340 --> 00:25:34,940

just made is that it's hard not to see

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00:25:40,750 --> 00:25:36,350

the Ghost Dance

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00:25:44,350 --> 00:25:40,760

as being a direct result of the NDE

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00:25:46,570 --> 00:25:44,360

experience and then that just leads to a

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00:25:49,330 --> 00:25:46,580

whole bunch of questions well what does

586

00:25:51,780 --> 00:25:49,340

that mean about how these religions

587

00:25:54,430 --> 00:25:51,790

really were formed maintained and

588

00:25:58,990 --> 00:25:54,440

energized and enlivened you know what

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00:26:00,850 --> 00:25:59,000

was it all about in de I think some of

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00:26:02,799 --> 00:26:00,860

these Ghost Dance type or religions

591

00:26:05,320 --> 00:26:02,809

really were I mean they it's interesting

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00:26:07,510 --> 00:26:05,330

because these things have been studied

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00:26:12,060 --> 00:26:07,520

since the 19th century when you know

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00:26:15,640 --> 00:26:12,070

when they were actually happening and

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00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:15,650

most of the focus has been on the social

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00:26:20,140 --> 00:26:18,080

and political dimensions about you know

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00:26:21,640 --> 00:26:20,150

response to Christianity in response to

598

00:26:22,870 --> 00:26:21,650

threat and that's that's how they've

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00:26:25,950 --> 00:26:22,880

been studied in various parts of the

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00:26:28,210 --> 00:26:25,960

world and and it's true that that's how

601  
00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:28,220  
that is one of the main reasons they

602  
00:26:32,260 --> 00:26:30,320  
come into being as a new religion that's

603  
00:26:33,490 --> 00:26:32,270  
revitalise they're called religious

604  
00:26:35,920 --> 00:26:33,500  
revitalization

605  
00:26:38,560 --> 00:26:35,930  
and basically it's the appear during

606  
00:26:42,670 --> 00:26:38,570  
times of threat from other kind of

607  
00:26:45,640 --> 00:26:42,680  
cultural dominance or some other kind of

608  
00:26:47,830 --> 00:26:45,650  
external threat usually in the Pacific

609  
00:26:49,180 --> 00:26:47,840  
there's one called the kerreri movement

610  
00:26:49,990 --> 00:26:49,190  
and that was in response to a disease

611  
00:26:51,580 --> 00:26:50,000  
epidemic

612  
00:26:53,380 --> 00:26:51,590  
so it's whenever there's some kind of

613  
00:26:55,480 --> 00:26:53,390

threat and what's interesting about it

614

00:26:58,570 --> 00:26:55,490

is because most of the time more often

615

00:27:01,120 --> 00:26:58,580

than not they're grounded in an MDE or

616

00:27:03,340 --> 00:27:01,130

at least in a claim of an NDE so

617

00:27:05,410 --> 00:27:03,350

somebody has claims to have had a

618

00:27:08,680 --> 00:27:05,420

near-death experience comes back and

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00:27:10,660 --> 00:27:08,690

says I was told by you know this entity

620

00:27:13,620 --> 00:27:10,670

in the afterlife that we need to change

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00:27:16,750 --> 00:27:13,630

our ways that we need to you know stop

622

00:27:20,830 --> 00:27:16,760

beating our lives or we need to stop

623

00:27:23,320 --> 00:27:20,840

using Western weapons and farming

624

00:27:24,400 --> 00:27:23,330

equipment or whatever or conversely we

625

00:27:27,280 --> 00:27:24,410

need to convert to Christianity

626

00:27:29,950 --> 00:27:27,290

Christianity and these problems will be

627

00:27:33,790 --> 00:27:29,960

resolved and what's interesting theme

628

00:27:36,130 --> 00:27:33,800

Attica Lee is like an NDE is it's death

629

00:27:38,320 --> 00:27:36,140

and rebirth and one of the main themes

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00:27:40,210 --> 00:27:38,330

of when somebody comes back from an NDE

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00:27:43,630 --> 00:27:40,220

their renewed they have this whole you

632

00:27:45,520 --> 00:27:43,640

know spiritual renaissance sometimes

633

00:27:47,800 --> 00:27:45,530

they claim to have new abilities and it

634

00:27:49,480 --> 00:27:47,810

really changes their lives so what's

635

00:27:51,360 --> 00:27:49,490

happening and these new religious

636

00:27:55,870 --> 00:27:51,370

movements as that is them being

637

00:27:58,180 --> 00:27:55,880

outwardly focused upon the whole society

638

00:28:00,940 --> 00:27:58,190

at large so the whole society is that

639

00:28:04,480 --> 00:28:00,950

benefiting in theory from this one

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00:28:06,910 --> 00:28:04,490

person's NDE you know wanting the whole

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00:28:10,630 --> 00:28:06,920

society to become reborn and renewed and

642

00:28:13,270 --> 00:28:10,640

revitalized and that's tricky and thorny

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00:28:16,860 --> 00:28:13,280

as you just mentioned what comes through

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00:28:19,390 --> 00:28:16,870

in the book and in your research is that

645

00:28:24,220 --> 00:28:19,400

sorting and sifting through that and

646

00:28:26,680 --> 00:28:24,230

looking at the anomalies isn't quite the

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00:28:30,180 --> 00:28:26,690

right word but the cases where people

648

00:28:32,440 --> 00:28:30,190

come back with beliefs that are directly

649

00:28:35,820 --> 00:28:32,450

contradictory to what the current

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00:28:40,570 --> 00:28:35,830

religious beliefs are and yet are so

651  
00:28:42,550 --> 00:28:40,580  
influential so powerful that they caused

652  
00:28:44,470 --> 00:28:42,560  
the culture to change or they definitely

653  
00:28:46,810 --> 00:28:44,480  
caused that person to change and the way

654  
00:28:47,289 --> 00:28:46,820  
that that person changes causes other

655  
00:28:49,419 --> 00:28:47,299  
people

656  
00:28:53,049 --> 00:28:49,429  
the change so there's always going to be

657  
00:28:55,749 --> 00:28:53,059  
these cultural overlays and then even

658  
00:29:00,460 --> 00:28:55,759  
the social engineering you know we just

659  
00:29:02,799 --> 00:29:00,470  
had a wonderful gentleman and a few

660  
00:29:06,580 --> 00:29:02,809  
episodes go and anthropologist Brian

661  
00:29:08,649 --> 00:29:06,590  
Hayden who did this work on the self

662  
00:29:10,779 --> 00:29:08,659  
aggrandizement right so it's like hey I

663  
00:29:13,149 --> 00:29:10,789

went to the other side too when you know

664

00:29:15,460 --> 00:29:13,159

that he said I should be able to sleep

665

00:29:17,499 --> 00:29:15,470

with your wife and all the other women

666

00:29:19,539 --> 00:29:17,509

that I choose to that's what they said

667

00:29:20,950 --> 00:29:19,549

hey that is always in play there's

668

00:29:23,560 --> 00:29:20,960

always going to be people that are going

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00:29:27,190 --> 00:29:23,570

to do that so what interest me more are

670

00:29:30,549 --> 00:29:27,200

these cases where we can't give those

671

00:29:32,889 --> 00:29:30,559

kind of explanations we can't provide

672

00:29:35,710 --> 00:29:32,899

that that doesn't really fill in the gap

673

00:29:38,080 --> 00:29:35,720

so any thoughts on that yeah there's

674

00:29:40,239 --> 00:29:38,090

there's a good Native American example

675

00:29:42,039 --> 00:29:40,249

of that I'm a caring member the the

676

00:29:43,450 --> 00:29:42,049

person's name but you know there was

677

00:29:46,090 --> 00:29:43,460

this big explosion of ghost dance

678

00:29:51,129 --> 00:29:46,100

religion starting with wool VOCA who was

679

00:29:54,639 --> 00:29:51,139

a peyote shaman late 19th century then

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00:29:56,529 --> 00:29:54,649

there was a bianchi who who's on the his

681

00:30:00,039 --> 00:29:56,539

n de vision that he drew was on the

682

00:30:02,470 --> 00:30:00,049

cover of the new book and he went to see

683

00:30:05,830 --> 00:30:02,480

will oka and he you know he had his own

684

00:30:08,619 --> 00:30:05,840

NDE vision it was not not clearly in a

685

00:30:12,369 --> 00:30:08,629

you know a near-death context but he had

686

00:30:13,960 --> 00:30:12,379

a vision after praying and fasting and

687

00:30:15,580 --> 00:30:13,970

then he went to see well okay and he

688

00:30:17,799 --> 00:30:15,590

didn't believe where he said he was

689

00:30:21,399 --> 00:30:17,809

completely disappointed and he said you

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00:30:23,409 --> 00:30:21,409

know this this guy is a sham or whatever

691

00:30:25,119 --> 00:30:23,419

but then there's another guy who's the

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00:30:28,119 --> 00:30:25,129

one whose name I can't recall the moment

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00:30:30,909 --> 00:30:28,129

who I'm claimed to have had an NDE and

694

00:30:33,940 --> 00:30:30,919

then just basically exploited people

695

00:30:35,979 --> 00:30:33,950

around him and it was things like you

696

00:30:37,989 --> 00:30:35,989

know sleep with your wife you have to

697

00:30:39,820 --> 00:30:37,999

give me some money whatever it was and

698

00:30:42,340 --> 00:30:39,830

and it turned out you know later he he

699

00:30:44,349 --> 00:30:42,350

did he was arrested and I think he later

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00:30:47,619 --> 00:30:44,359

confessed that it was all all a scam

701  
00:30:50,349 --> 00:30:47,629  
anyway but that isn't always the case

702  
00:30:54,879 --> 00:30:50,359  
they don't know I said that definitely

703  
00:30:56,769 --> 00:30:54,889  
not and you know and and I think it's

704  
00:30:57,390 --> 00:30:56,779  
that's one of the main you know another

705  
00:30:59,010 --> 00:30:57,400  
problem

706  
00:31:02,730 --> 00:30:59,020  
this kind of research is disentangling

707  
00:31:04,800 --> 00:31:02,740  
what accounts are real in the represent

708  
00:31:10,050 --> 00:31:04,810  
actual and E's and which ones are either

709  
00:31:12,810 --> 00:31:10,060  
opportunistic or just seeing the success

710  
00:31:14,010 --> 00:31:12,820  
of a different person who started their

711  
00:31:16,800 --> 00:31:14,020  
religion and wanting to emulate that

712  
00:31:19,080 --> 00:31:16,810  
maybe not for opportunistic reasons but

713  
00:31:22,880 --> 00:31:19,090

just as a genuine way to you know

714

00:31:26,400 --> 00:31:22,890

improve your society so I think that's a

715

00:31:27,950 --> 00:31:26,410

very thorny thing to try to beg and I

716

00:31:30,810 --> 00:31:27,960

don't think there's any way to really

717

00:31:33,210 --> 00:31:30,820

completely say whether somebody's in de

718

00:31:36,900 --> 00:31:33,220

account was was an actual historic thing

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00:31:39,830 --> 00:31:36,910

or not great where do you think we might

720

00:31:42,990 --> 00:31:39,840

want to go next

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00:31:46,620 --> 00:31:44,490

maybe I should say something under this

722

00:31:51,840 --> 00:31:46,630

this counts under the account section

723

00:31:54,570 --> 00:31:51,850

but you know should should say one of

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00:31:57,240 --> 00:31:54,580

the the main things about this this

725

00:31:58,740 --> 00:31:57,250

research has been and you touched on it

726

00:32:02,040 --> 00:31:58,750

at the beginning in your introduction is

727

00:32:05,360 --> 00:32:02,050

is the differences between NDE accounts

728

00:32:08,060 --> 00:32:05,370

so it's not just a difference between

729

00:32:10,680 --> 00:32:08,070

the different religions and and

730

00:32:12,930 --> 00:32:10,690

different ideas about the afterlife but

731

00:32:18,180 --> 00:32:12,940

it's the actual and bees themselves

732

00:32:20,790 --> 00:32:18,190

could be vastly different so and that's

733

00:32:22,980 --> 00:32:20,800

one of the key things that that skeptics

734

00:32:25,710 --> 00:32:22,990

use to say you know well how come and

735

00:32:29,480 --> 00:32:25,720

E's be evidence of an eighth of an

736

00:32:35,790 --> 00:32:33,930

to which I would reply why did well

737

00:32:37,440 --> 00:32:35,800

indeed why would everyone's afterlife

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00:32:39,600 --> 00:32:37,450

have to be the same for there to be an

739

00:32:41,400 --> 00:32:39,610

afterlife and I take that one step

740

00:32:43,410 --> 00:32:41,410

further I'd say you know the book just

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00:32:45,510 --> 00:32:43,420

without even kind of addressing that

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00:32:47,010 --> 00:32:45,520

which i think is it's an important

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00:32:48,780 --> 00:32:47,020

question but when you dig into a little

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00:32:51,540 --> 00:32:48,790

bit it's kind of a silly question and

745

00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:51,550

the silliness is the accounts themselves

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00:32:55,320 --> 00:32:53,440

you know I have a few up there that I

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00:32:56,940 --> 00:32:55,330

put on the screen and I don't know if

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00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:56,950

you can recall those HUF to top your

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00:33:03,030 --> 00:32:58,720

head cuz yeah I'm sure your friend it's

750

00:33:05,940 --> 00:33:03,040

floating in your head but there are you

751  
00:33:08,910 --> 00:33:05,950  
you read these accounts and let me pull

752  
00:33:10,170 --> 00:33:08,920  
up one of them if I can well I'll just

753  
00:33:11,730 --> 00:33:10,180  
say well you're doing that

754  
00:33:13,769 --> 00:33:11,740  
you know the idea that

755  
00:33:17,580 --> 00:33:13,779  
kind of I in the background of a lot of

756  
00:33:19,440 --> 00:33:17,590  
this for me is that you know the way to

757  
00:33:22,860 --> 00:33:19,450  
explain these cross-cultural differences

758  
00:33:27,389 --> 00:33:22,870  
is not to ignore the similarities but to

759  
00:33:31,430 --> 00:33:27,399  
look at them side-by-side so what I mean

760  
00:33:35,370 --> 00:33:31,440  
by that is what the way I see it is that

761  
00:33:38,909 --> 00:33:35,380  
an NDE is essentially like a triggering

762  
00:33:40,830 --> 00:33:38,919  
event which has these you know I don't

763  
00:33:43,169 --> 00:33:40,840

know the neuro physiological or

764

00:33:44,549 --> 00:33:43,179

metaphysical structure or or system

765

00:33:48,779 --> 00:33:44,559

behind it but what seems to be going on

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00:33:53,669 --> 00:33:48,789

is there's this event which has this set

767

00:33:56,490 --> 00:33:53,679

of very similar somatic experiences that

768

00:33:58,950 --> 00:33:56,500

it causes and because each of us you

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00:34:01,169 --> 00:33:58,960

know I was a particular individual in a

770

00:34:03,620 --> 00:34:01,179

particular culture we experienced those

771

00:34:07,380 --> 00:34:03,630

events in ways that are relevant and

772

00:34:09,780 --> 00:34:07,390

specific to our culture let me read one

773

00:34:12,570 --> 00:34:09,790

such account and I think it builds on

774

00:34:15,060 --> 00:34:12,580

what you're saying so this is from North

775

00:34:17,099 --> 00:34:15,070

America and SUNY these are the Southwest

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00:34:18,990 --> 00:34:17,109

people right that you you drive through

777

00:34:22,800 --> 00:34:19,000

Arizona and you see Arizona New Mexico

778

00:34:25,409 --> 00:34:22,810

in 1928 a woman died of measles and saw

779

00:34:27,750 --> 00:34:25,419

a quote-unquote bright light in the room

780

00:34:29,430 --> 00:34:27,760

and left her body she traveled westward

781

00:34:32,070 --> 00:34:29,440

to meet her deceased grandfather and

782

00:34:34,530 --> 00:34:32,080

aunts quote/unquote still living the way

783

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

we do the experience not only resulted

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00:34:38,490 --> 00:34:36,760

in a change in woman's own beliefs I

785

00:34:40,500 --> 00:34:38,500

never believed that it could happen but

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00:34:42,690 --> 00:34:40,510

it really did but she was thereafter

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00:34:45,149 --> 00:34:42,700

made a healer and a member of the

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00:34:47,579 --> 00:34:45,159

Medicine Society furthermore her

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00:34:50,220 --> 00:34:47,589

experience was inconsistent with soonly

790

00:34:52,530 --> 00:34:50,230

afterlife conceptions in which the dead

791

00:34:55,320 --> 00:34:52,540

remain with their body for four days

792

00:34:58,079 --> 00:34:55,330

change shape become the wind or enter

793

00:34:59,640 --> 00:34:58,089

the lake of what is it Kachins Kachinas

794

00:35:02,130 --> 00:34:59,650

oh yeah Kachinas of course the little

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00:35:03,960 --> 00:35:02,140

dolls or into the lake of Kachinas this

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00:35:07,520 --> 00:35:03,970

suggests that the experience was largely

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00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:07,530

independent of its cultural context so

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00:35:11,220 --> 00:35:09,760

this kind of pulls together a lot of

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00:35:13,290 --> 00:35:11,230

things that we're talking about but

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00:35:15,240 --> 00:35:13,300

maybe you want to expound on that but I

801  
00:35:17,280 --> 00:35:15,250  
think anyone listening to that good hey

802  
00:35:20,460 --> 00:35:17,290  
you know what I really feel like I could

803  
00:35:22,710 --> 00:35:20,470  
pull something out of that yeah that I

804  
00:35:24,960 --> 00:35:22,720  
didn't know before that's such a great

805  
00:35:27,200 --> 00:35:24,970  
example - it's concise it

806  
00:35:29,339 --> 00:35:27,210  
it has so you know hits so many of the

807  
00:35:31,859 --> 00:35:29,349  
you know ideas that are behind what's

808  
00:35:35,040 --> 00:35:31,869  
going on here so she changed her beliefs

809  
00:35:36,900 --> 00:35:35,050  
she became a religious leader they were

810  
00:35:39,180 --> 00:35:36,910  
inconsistent with Zuni beliefs

811  
00:35:41,070 --> 00:35:39,190  
pre-existing which shows that this is an

812  
00:35:44,910 --> 00:35:41,080  
experience which is not generated just

813  
00:35:48,240 --> 00:35:44,920

by culture so it's yeah it's a it's a

814

00:35:50,790 --> 00:35:48,250

really good example and and it's uh it

815

00:35:52,470 --> 00:35:50,800

shows exactly the kind of thing that I'm

816

00:35:55,740 --> 00:35:52,480

talking about but you know it's it's

817

00:35:57,900 --> 00:35:55,750

also there are still people out there

818

00:35:59,730 --> 00:35:57,910

who were fighting tooth and nail to say

819

00:36:02,000 --> 00:35:59,740

these are entirely culturally

820

00:36:05,609 --> 00:36:02,010

linguistically generated experiences so

821

00:36:07,530 --> 00:36:05,619

well what do you know that's not good

822

00:36:09,480 --> 00:36:07,540

that's not going to change its that it

823

00:36:11,280 --> 00:36:09,490

changes by funeral my funeral kind of

824

00:36:15,380 --> 00:36:11,290

thing yeah the thing is I mean I'm not

825

00:36:17,700 --> 00:36:15,390

again it's it's not a case of are these

826

00:36:19,320 --> 00:36:17,710

experiences evidence of the afterlife

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00:36:21,320 --> 00:36:19,330

you know we can talk about about that

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00:36:25,020 --> 00:36:21,330

later but it's a separate question of

829

00:36:26,970 --> 00:36:25,030

are they an experience to begin with I

830

00:36:29,750 --> 00:36:26,980

mean some people just completely deny

831

00:36:33,450 --> 00:36:29,760

that this kind of post modernist

832

00:36:35,700 --> 00:36:33,460

constructivist approach they deny that

833

00:36:37,920 --> 00:36:35,710

it that the accounts actually referred

834

00:36:40,020 --> 00:36:37,930

to an actual experience which you know

835

00:36:42,359 --> 00:36:40,030

is basically just saying all of our

836

00:36:43,680 --> 00:36:42,369

sources are lying there making stuff up

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00:36:46,800 --> 00:36:43,690

because they're part of their culture

838

00:36:48,930 --> 00:36:46,810

which is not you know why why even be an

839

00:36:50,190 --> 00:36:48,940

anthropologist or a scholar is religion

840

00:36:52,349 --> 00:36:50,200

if you're not gonna believe what your

841

00:36:53,910 --> 00:36:52,359

sources say well you know that's the

842

00:36:56,640 --> 00:36:53,920

other thing that's really cool about

843

00:36:58,980 --> 00:36:56,650

what falls out of this really broad

844

00:37:01,200 --> 00:36:58,990

approach that you take of indigenous

845

00:37:04,050 --> 00:37:01,210

cultures you go from North America then

846

00:37:07,050 --> 00:37:04,060

you jump over to Africa and what I was

847

00:37:09,359 --> 00:37:07,060

kind of kind of blown away with is so

848

00:37:12,960 --> 00:37:09,369

you turn the page and you get to Africa

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00:37:15,060 --> 00:37:12,970

and now as you say things are a lot

850

00:37:17,430 --> 00:37:15,070

different when we have the problem that

851

00:37:19,980 --> 00:37:17,440

Africa is a big continent you know we

852

00:37:21,680 --> 00:37:19,990

can't make a lot of generalizations but

853

00:37:24,570 --> 00:37:21,690

we can start to make some

854

00:37:26,940 --> 00:37:24,580

generalizations and we see that it's a

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00:37:29,339 --> 00:37:26,950

different game it for one thing the

856

00:37:31,980 --> 00:37:29,349

fluidity isn't there you know the North

857

00:37:34,620 --> 00:37:31,990

American indigenous people are pretty

858

00:37:37,210 --> 00:37:34,630

open lot you know stuff comes along and

859

00:37:39,790 --> 00:37:37,220

they go oh okay we have to change or

860

00:37:42,010 --> 00:37:39,800

the one shaman says which I thought was

861

00:37:43,839 --> 00:37:42,020

quite beautiful he goes you know I guess

862

00:37:45,460 --> 00:37:43,849

it really shows that we don't know you

863

00:37:47,020 --> 00:37:45,470

know we just have to listen to these

864

00:37:49,330 --> 00:37:47,030

people that have been there because I

865

00:37:51,940 --> 00:37:49,340

haven't been there he's been there I

866

00:37:54,609 --> 00:37:51,950

take his word for it yeah what I what I

867

00:37:56,320 --> 00:37:54,619

read into the African uh-uh and it's not

868

00:37:58,240 --> 00:37:56,330

across the board because you do a great

869

00:38:00,520 --> 00:37:58,250

job of teasing out some important

870

00:38:02,589 --> 00:38:00,530

accounts from these different African

871

00:38:05,320 --> 00:38:02,599

traditions but it's a little bit harder

872

00:38:11,560 --> 00:38:05,330

because it's it's it's more kind of an

873

00:38:13,540 --> 00:38:11,570

entrenched a religious 'ti yet some of

874

00:38:16,089 --> 00:38:13,550

the patterns still come through which is

875

00:38:18,400 --> 00:38:16,099

what's so enormous ly valuable about

876

00:38:20,500 --> 00:38:18,410

your research yeah thanks

877

00:38:23,920 --> 00:38:20,510

yeah that's definitely the case so it's

878

00:38:26,140 --> 00:38:23,930

it's not a case that you know in Africa

879

00:38:28,410 --> 00:38:26,150

they didn't have any ease and Native

880

00:38:31,690 --> 00:38:28,420

Americans did have them it's a case of

881

00:38:32,560 --> 00:38:31,700

not just that the experiences themselves

882

00:38:35,170 --> 00:38:32,570

are different but how they're

883

00:38:39,700 --> 00:38:35,180

interpreted by the societies by the

884

00:38:42,460 --> 00:38:39,710

cultures very really widely you know

885

00:38:45,810 --> 00:38:42,470

it's easier to generalize about Native

886

00:38:48,760 --> 00:38:45,820

Americans than it is about Africans

887

00:38:49,990 --> 00:38:48,770

there are a few examples in with Native

888

00:38:51,940 --> 00:38:50,000

Americans like some people say well we

889

00:38:53,380 --> 00:38:51,950

don't have any afterlife beliefs because

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00:38:55,870 --> 00:38:53,390

nobody's ever been there so how should

891

00:38:59,020 --> 00:38:55,880

we know kind of the reverse of the guy

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00:39:00,880 --> 00:38:59,030

you were mentioning some of them you

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00:39:03,099 --> 00:39:00,890

know just just actively disbelief but

894

00:39:07,240 --> 00:39:03,109

those are really rare and African

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00:39:11,220 --> 00:39:07,250

societies they come from you know just

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00:39:13,960 --> 00:39:11,230

find I have the figures here somewhere

897

00:39:17,050 --> 00:39:13,970

just to kind of put a general context of

898

00:39:21,280 --> 00:39:17,060

the whole thing for Native Americans I

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00:39:23,020 --> 00:39:21,290

found 70 MDEs or references to Indies

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00:39:25,480 --> 00:39:23,030

you know in a historical context and

901  
00:39:27,970 --> 00:39:25,490  
that's specifically accounts where

902  
00:39:29,349 --> 00:39:27,980  
somebody a dieter came near death so

903  
00:39:32,470 --> 00:39:29,359  
that's not even counting the shamanic

904  
00:39:35,829 --> 00:39:32,480  
experiences out of those there were 20

905  
00:39:40,030 --> 00:39:35,839  
where they said our afterlife beliefs

906  
00:39:44,109 --> 00:39:40,040  
were based on these experiences Africa

907  
00:39:45,790 --> 00:39:44,119  
there were 10 and E's altogether and to

908  
00:39:49,420 --> 00:39:45,800  
saying that they based their experiences

909  
00:39:50,450 --> 00:39:49,430  
on them and there are a few reasons for

910  
00:39:51,710 --> 00:39:50,460  
that and

911  
00:39:54,020 --> 00:39:51,720  
you know we that's kind of like an

912  
00:39:57,620 --> 00:39:54,030  
all-day discussion but just to kind of

913  
00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:57,630

put it in a nutshell burial practices

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00:40:01,940 --> 00:39:59,760

are a factor because African burial

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00:40:03,680 --> 00:40:01,950

practice is by and large didn't really

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00:40:05,780 --> 00:40:03,690

allow for somebody to come back to life

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00:40:11,210 --> 00:40:05,790

they were they were very concerned with

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00:40:14,230 --> 00:40:11,220

preventing angry ancestor spirits from

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00:40:18,829 --> 00:40:14,240

coming and taking possession of the body

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00:40:20,810 --> 00:40:18,839

so if a body rose after being dead they

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00:40:22,550 --> 00:40:20,820

didn't think oh my relative has come

922

00:40:25,099 --> 00:40:22,560

back let's go shower them with praise

923

00:40:27,859 --> 00:40:25,109

and and welcome em they thought of that

924

00:40:29,660 --> 00:40:27,869

person is possessed essentially a zombie

925

00:40:32,140 --> 00:40:29,670

you know this this is like a danger to

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00:40:34,640 --> 00:40:32,150

society so first of all they would take

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00:40:37,700 --> 00:40:34,650

you know preemptive pre-emptive steps

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00:40:40,070 --> 00:40:37,710

towards that happening so binding the

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00:40:43,970 --> 00:40:40,080

corpse sometimes they would just serve

930

00:40:46,579 --> 00:40:43,980

them out to animals to be eaten they

931

00:40:49,670 --> 00:40:46,589

didn't go through as many efforts to

932

00:40:51,589 --> 00:40:49,680

bring somebody back from from dying as

933

00:40:54,970 --> 00:40:51,599

Native Americans might or or in the

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00:40:59,300 --> 00:40:54,980

Pacific so already there's a sort of

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00:41:01,760 --> 00:40:59,310

physical factor in in fewer African

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00:41:04,339 --> 00:41:01,770

Indian he's being reported and then on

937

00:41:05,750 --> 00:41:04,349

top of that there rather than like you

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00:41:08,089 --> 00:41:05,760

know and with Native Americans they had

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00:41:11,240 --> 00:41:08,099

this whole shamanic Vision Quest culture

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00:41:12,920 --> 00:41:11,250

going back so so it's you know part of

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00:41:15,470 --> 00:41:12,930

built into the culture to have

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00:41:18,740 --> 00:41:15,480

experiences like Andy he's or whatever

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00:41:22,570 --> 00:41:18,750

other kind of you know visionary

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00:41:25,790 --> 00:41:22,580

experiences African religions were often

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00:41:27,859 --> 00:41:25,800

more concerned with sorcery they

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00:41:30,290 --> 00:41:27,869

believed that the ancestors were living

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00:41:31,910 --> 00:41:30,300

nearby and the villager in the forest

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00:41:34,520 --> 00:41:31,920

some of them were benevolent some of

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00:41:37,960 --> 00:41:34,530

them were malevolent so a lot of it was

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00:41:41,770 --> 00:41:37,970

managing these kinds of possibly

951  
00:41:44,740 --> 00:41:41,780  
malevolent forces on the society

952  
00:41:48,770 --> 00:41:44,750  
witchcraft and sorcery were all kind of

953  
00:41:50,480 --> 00:41:48,780  
preoccupations a lot of it was more you

954  
00:41:52,430 --> 00:41:50,490  
know this worldly what's what's going to

955  
00:41:55,099 --> 00:41:52,440  
happen to us right now right here and

956  
00:41:56,599 --> 00:41:55,109  
not really much speculation about what's

957  
00:41:59,060 --> 00:41:56,609  
going to happen in the beyond it just

958  
00:42:01,160 --> 00:41:59,070  
wasn't really that relevant to you know

959  
00:42:02,670 --> 00:42:01,170  
their life experience so they were just

960  
00:42:04,890 --> 00:42:02,680  
kind of negotiating

961  
00:42:07,230 --> 00:42:04,900  
these things in a very different way see

962  
00:42:10,350 --> 00:42:07,240  
that's that's so awesome

963  
00:42:14,340 --> 00:42:10,360

and fascinating and I guess I want

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00:42:17,400 --> 00:42:14,350

people to appreciate how our entire

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00:42:18,990 --> 00:42:17,410

perspective changes when you look at it

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00:42:21,000 --> 00:42:19,000

through the lens that you've looked at

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00:42:22,590 --> 00:42:21,010

it through so you're standing on the

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00:42:25,830 --> 00:42:22,600

shoulders of a lot of awesome people

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00:42:28,110 --> 00:42:25,840

who've done awesome work but you can see

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00:42:30,600 --> 00:42:28,120

how they would totally I have to say

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00:42:34,110 --> 00:42:30,610

misinterpret all that if they weren't

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00:42:36,470 --> 00:42:34,120

considering the reality or if you want

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00:42:40,800 --> 00:42:36,480

to say potential reality of a real

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00:42:45,960 --> 00:42:40,810

afterlife that came with it a certain

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00:42:48,140 --> 00:42:45,970

set of experiences that are are real you

976  
00:42:50,550 --> 00:42:48,150  
know I did an interview with this woman

977  
00:42:53,970 --> 00:42:50,560  
Jan Vanessa Stein who wrote this amazing

978  
00:42:56,070 --> 00:42:53,980  
book and studied the shamanic people of

979  
00:42:57,540 --> 00:42:56,080  
Siberia for the longest time and just to

980  
00:42:58,950 --> 00:42:57,550  
highlight the differences you know I

981  
00:43:01,560 --> 00:42:58,960  
asked her some of these questions and

982  
00:43:04,610 --> 00:43:01,570  
she says oh no they never try and

983  
00:43:07,380 --> 00:43:04,620  
contact the spirit world or the deceased

984  
00:43:09,300 --> 00:43:07,390  
what everybody does that beautiful no

985  
00:43:12,690 --> 00:43:09,310  
their religious belief is that you're

986  
00:43:14,520 --> 00:43:12,700  
not supposed to disturb them we can't

987  
00:43:16,890 --> 00:43:14,530  
say whether that's true or not but as

988  
00:43:19,800 --> 00:43:16,900

you're just saying how wouldn't that

989

00:43:22,560 --> 00:43:19,810

then inform the experiences that you

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00:43:24,360 --> 00:43:22,570

would have and but independent of

991

00:43:25,920 --> 00:43:24,370

whether people then have those

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00:43:27,630 --> 00:43:25,930

experiences they come back there might

993

00:43:30,870 --> 00:43:27,640

be less likely to talk about those

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00:43:32,940 --> 00:43:30,880

experiences so it's only when we take

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00:43:35,460 --> 00:43:32,950

the step that you've taken kindred that

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00:43:37,800 --> 00:43:35,470

we can begin to kind of understand this

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00:43:41,400 --> 00:43:37,810

stuff again yeah yeah and I mean there's

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00:43:44,910 --> 00:43:41,410

examples from Africa that somebody

999

00:43:47,190 --> 00:43:44,920

coming back from from the Dead reviving

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00:43:48,810 --> 00:43:47,200

from an Indian and you know having

1001  
00:43:51,210 --> 00:43:48,820  
stones thrown at them and things like

1002  
00:43:52,770 --> 00:43:51,220  
that so yeah if you have an NDE you're

1003  
00:43:55,380 --> 00:43:52,780  
gonna keep quiet about it for the most

1004  
00:43:56,460 --> 00:43:55,390  
part in cultures like that I guess I

1005  
00:43:58,470 --> 00:43:56,470  
should just say a little about the

1006  
00:44:01,590 --> 00:43:58,480  
Pacific what we're here and that's a

1007  
00:44:04,110 --> 00:44:01,600  
what's interesting there is Polynesians

1008  
00:44:07,230 --> 00:44:04,120  
and Melanesians followed more along the

1009  
00:44:12,190 --> 00:44:07,240  
native-american lines there were you

1010  
00:44:15,490 --> 00:44:12,200  
know 36 Polynesian and Melanesian in the

1011  
00:44:18,000 --> 00:44:15,500  
and 19 statements that they based their

1012  
00:44:20,110 --> 00:44:18,010  
afterlife beliefs on those Indies

1013  
00:44:22,870 --> 00:44:20,120

melodies especially they were open to

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00:44:25,240 --> 00:44:22,880

all kinds of different kinds of

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00:44:27,820 --> 00:44:25,250

practices like mediumship they believed

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00:44:30,430 --> 00:44:27,830

in soul travel possession just kind of

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00:44:32,800 --> 00:44:30,440

like open to all of it

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00:44:35,800 --> 00:44:32,810

Polynesians you know for the most part

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00:44:37,090 --> 00:44:35,810

very focused on Anandi's total casual

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00:44:39,070 --> 00:44:37,100

acceptance of them it's like of course

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00:44:42,310 --> 00:44:39,080

their fact of course we base our

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00:44:46,150 --> 00:44:42,320

religion on it and what's interesting

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00:44:49,510 --> 00:44:46,160

there is Micronesia and Australia no

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00:44:51,610 --> 00:44:49,520

Indies no examples of people saying they

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00:44:56,140 --> 00:44:51,620

based their beliefs on Indies and that's

1026  
00:44:57,880 --> 00:44:56,150  
because in Australia basically shamanic

1027  
00:45:01,990 --> 00:44:57,890  
soul traveled to other worlds

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00:45:04,030 --> 00:45:02,000  
took the place and it's almost like the

1029  
00:45:05,920 --> 00:45:04,040  
concepts of NDA's and shamanism there

1030  
00:45:08,140 --> 00:45:05,930  
were so intertwined there was no

1031  
00:45:09,910 --> 00:45:08,150  
difference between them so so there's no

1032  
00:45:11,920 --> 00:45:09,920  
real context of saying somebody died and

1033  
00:45:15,070 --> 00:45:11,930  
came back it's just like you know these

1034  
00:45:16,690 --> 00:45:15,080  
are people who who do this and then in

1035  
00:45:18,790 --> 00:45:16,700  
Micronesia it was just a lot more

1036  
00:45:20,710 --> 00:45:18,800  
similar to African example with similar

1037  
00:45:23,620 --> 00:45:20,720  
kinds of burial beliefs and beliefs

1038  
00:45:27,310 --> 00:45:23,630

about you know souls coming back and

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00:45:29,380 --> 00:45:27,320

things like that but it's just so to me

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00:45:32,620 --> 00:45:29,390

so totally clear when you have zero

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00:45:36,010 --> 00:45:32,630

examples and and then in other cultures

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00:45:38,320 --> 00:45:36,020

you know Polynesian Melanesia 36 and 20

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00:45:41,530 --> 00:45:38,330

of them almost saying we based our Andes

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00:45:43,030 --> 00:45:41,540

on this you know that's to me a

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00:45:45,790 --> 00:45:43,040

scientific proof you know you don't have

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00:45:47,350 --> 00:45:45,800

to go beyond a speculation of our people

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00:45:50,320 --> 00:45:47,360

basing their beliefs on these

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00:45:54,810 --> 00:45:50,330

experiences okay we're like where you

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00:45:58,350 --> 00:45:54,820

want to go next you choose this time

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00:46:01,090 --> 00:45:58,360

okay I was hoping you might say that

1051  
00:46:02,830 --> 00:46:01,100  
let's talk about the cross-cultural kind

1052  
00:46:04,980 --> 00:46:02,840  
of work that you've done and the

1053  
00:46:08,980 --> 00:46:04,990  
methodology that we keep talking about

1054  
00:46:11,860 --> 00:46:08,990  
versus you know other NDE research I was

1055  
00:46:14,740 --> 00:46:11,870  
just remarking a video by the very

1056  
00:46:17,140 --> 00:46:14,750  
excellent doctor Peter fennec in a TED

1057  
00:46:19,540 --> 00:46:17,150  
talk so he's talking to a very general

1058  
00:46:22,300 --> 00:46:19,550  
kind of science II audience but he's

1059  
00:46:24,640 --> 00:46:22,310  
talking about the importance of the

1060  
00:46:25,780 --> 00:46:24,650  
cardiac arrest research and I think a

1061  
00:46:28,270 --> 00:46:25,790  
lot of people when they first

1062  
00:46:31,090 --> 00:46:28,280  
near-death experience research they

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00:46:33,010 --> 00:46:31,100

don't necessarily pick up on that you

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00:46:36,340 --> 00:46:33,020

know that hey people are having all

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00:46:38,410 --> 00:46:36,350

sorts of ND ease under all sorts of

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00:46:40,600 --> 00:46:38,420

different circumstances right jumping

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00:46:43,690 --> 00:46:40,610

off the Golden Gate Bridge drowning in a

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00:46:45,550 --> 00:46:43,700

pool just being really afraid or not

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00:46:48,190 --> 00:46:45,560

being afraid and just having it so the

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00:46:48,700 --> 00:46:48,200

same kind of mix that you're talking

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00:46:51,550 --> 00:46:48,710

about

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00:46:54,430 --> 00:46:51,560

there's contemporary accounts of the

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00:46:58,090 --> 00:46:54,440

same thing but the near-death experience

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00:47:01,620 --> 00:46:58,100

research / science that we hear about so

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00:47:04,300 --> 00:47:01,630

much is based on a group of really smart

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00:47:06,340 --> 00:47:04,310

scientists saying you know what to get

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00:47:09,070 --> 00:47:06,350

to the bottom of this we have to try and

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00:47:11,050 --> 00:47:09,080

control some of these variables it's

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00:47:13,630 --> 00:47:11,060

almost the opposite of your research you

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00:47:15,730 --> 00:47:13,640

know you had to open up the valve a

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00:47:19,360 --> 00:47:15,740

little bit and let in a lot of accounts

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00:47:20,800 --> 00:47:19,370

in order to understand this they're

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00:47:23,470 --> 00:47:20,810

doing the opposite they're saying you

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00:47:27,010 --> 00:47:23,480

know what tell you what let's restrict

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00:47:29,050 --> 00:47:27,020

this to cardiac arrest in a hospital

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00:47:31,330 --> 00:47:29,060

because now I think I have a pretty good

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00:47:34,510 --> 00:47:31,340

idea of the physiology that's going on

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00:47:37,390 --> 00:47:34,520

and the conclusion for that more than

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00:47:39,490 --> 00:47:37,400

overwhelming unanimous is that

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00:47:41,920 --> 00:47:39,500

consciousness is surviving death in a

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00:47:44,230 --> 00:47:41,930

way we don't understand because the

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00:47:45,220 --> 00:47:44,240

neurological model is completely outside

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00:47:47,410 --> 00:47:45,230

out of the window

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00:47:49,060 --> 00:47:47,420

it just is because whether you want to

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00:47:51,850 --> 00:47:49,070

call it death or not death or whatever

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00:47:54,670 --> 00:47:51,860

we're seeing consciousness at a time

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00:47:56,620 --> 00:47:54,680

when the brain based on our current

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00:47:58,500 --> 00:47:56,630

neurological models shouldn't be able to

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00:48:01,270 --> 00:47:58,510

produce consciousness and yet

1100

00:48:04,780 --> 00:48:01,280

consciousness is there it's showing up

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00:48:07,300 --> 00:48:04,790

so I guess I'm kind of late enough of

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00:48:09,580 --> 00:48:07,310

the groundwork I'm just wondering what

1103

00:48:12,130 --> 00:48:09,590

your thoughts are of that on that in

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00:48:14,800 --> 00:48:12,140

terms of you know Bravo to you for

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00:48:18,940 --> 00:48:14,810

seeing that you needed to kind of open

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00:48:21,910 --> 00:48:18,950

up the the gates and let in these

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00:48:24,910 --> 00:48:21,920

accounts but then you know any thoughts

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00:48:30,610 --> 00:48:24,920

on the contrast of how that compares

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00:48:33,210 --> 00:48:30,620

with modern NDE research yeah well I

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00:48:39,609 --> 00:48:36,250

this kind of research that I've done has

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00:48:41,500 --> 00:48:39,619

to be taken into account in any theory

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00:48:43,540 --> 00:48:41,510

of any he's really I mean not

1113

00:48:46,150 --> 00:48:43,550

necessarily how its integrated into

1114

00:48:48,609 --> 00:48:46,160  
cultures and religion but just the

1115

00:48:53,020 --> 00:48:48,619  
cross-cultural differences in NDE

1116

00:48:54,550 --> 00:48:53,030  
accounts so and and I talked about this

1117

00:48:57,220 --> 00:48:54,560  
in the book there's a section towards

1118

00:49:02,230 --> 00:48:57,230  
the end on you know what are the

1119

00:49:05,050 --> 00:49:02,240  
implications of all this cross-cultural

1120

00:49:09,280 --> 00:49:05,060  
differences for the idea that NDEs are

1121

00:49:12,400 --> 00:49:09,290  
genuine evidence of an afterlife because

1122

00:49:14,560 --> 00:49:12,410  
if you know if it is if Andes are

1123

00:49:16,480 --> 00:49:14,570  
evidence for an afterlife then that

1124

00:49:18,970 --> 00:49:16,490  
means it's a universal phenomena

1125

00:49:22,450 --> 00:49:18,980  
presumably that it's evidence of an

1126  
00:49:24,640 --> 00:49:22,460  
afterlife for everybody who has one and

1127  
00:49:26,410 --> 00:49:24,650  
if that's the case why aren't for

1128  
00:49:30,940 --> 00:49:26,420  
example most people in small-scale

1129  
00:49:33,580 --> 00:49:30,950  
societies having life reviews why why is

1130  
00:49:37,030 --> 00:49:33,590  
it you know a tunnel not a common

1131  
00:49:38,460 --> 00:49:37,040  
experience and things like that so and

1132  
00:49:40,660 --> 00:49:38,470  
that's right I kind of go back to the

1133  
00:49:42,310 --> 00:49:40,670  
explanation of the thematic thing so

1134  
00:49:44,710 --> 00:49:42,320  
there might not be tunnels everywhere

1135  
00:49:46,570 --> 00:49:44,720  
you might not have a you know an

1136  
00:49:49,180 --> 00:49:46,580  
Australian person saying I went through

1137  
00:49:51,150 --> 00:49:49,190  
a tunnel but he probably will say I went

1138  
00:49:54,190 --> 00:49:51,160

through darkness and emerged into light

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00:49:56,349 --> 00:49:54,200

you might not have a panoramic life

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00:50:00,190 --> 00:49:56,359

review you know described in a kind of

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00:50:02,290 --> 00:50:00,200

contemporary Western sense in you know a

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00:50:07,240 --> 00:50:02,300

small-scale society somewhere but they

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00:50:09,640 --> 00:50:07,250

will say there was a deity there and he

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00:50:12,849 --> 00:50:09,650

had all of the history of my life in a

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00:50:14,680 --> 00:50:12,859

book you know it's thematically the same

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00:50:16,780 --> 00:50:14,690

thing or even if it's not that

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00:50:19,599 --> 00:50:16,790

somatically close there's always some

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00:50:21,490 --> 00:50:19,609

evaluation of the person's like almost

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00:50:23,650 --> 00:50:21,500

always you know what did what kind of

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00:50:25,780 --> 00:50:23,660

person you were you do you have to go

1151  
00:50:28,270 --> 00:50:25,790  
back and if you have to go back why so

1152  
00:50:29,740 --> 00:50:28,280  
to me seems like there's two entirely

1153  
00:50:31,810 --> 00:50:29,750  
different set of questions there that

1154  
00:50:33,460 --> 00:50:31,820  
have to be approached you know

1155  
00:50:35,700 --> 00:50:33,470  
completely differently and I think the

1156  
00:50:38,050 --> 00:50:35,710  
methodology that you've applied is

1157  
00:50:40,930 --> 00:50:38,060  
super-important I'm not so sure that I

1158  
00:50:44,500 --> 00:50:40,940  
would be totally aligned with you in

1159  
00:50:45,850 --> 00:50:44,510  
terms of those then raise questions that

1160  
00:50:47,950 --> 00:50:45,860  
NDE

1161  
00:50:50,190 --> 00:50:47,960  
has to address kind of been in a

1162  
00:50:51,790 --> 00:50:50,200  
different way it's almost me like the

1163  
00:50:54,160 --> 00:50:51,800

parapsychology example I remember

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00:50:57,010 --> 00:50:54,170

interviewing Dean Radin very early on

1165

00:50:58,810 --> 00:50:57,020

when he's kind of pounding away like a

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00:51:01,300 --> 00:50:58,820

real good scientist at these

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00:51:03,520 --> 00:51:01,310

presentiment experiments that he did and

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00:51:05,860 --> 00:51:03,530

he replicates him two times in four

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00:51:08,290 --> 00:51:05,870

times in five times and maybe 50 times

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00:51:10,510 --> 00:51:08,300

and then it's like well yeah but you're

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00:51:13,290 --> 00:51:10,520

showing a small effect sighs people are

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00:51:17,170 --> 00:51:13,300

able to see or sense the future you know

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00:51:19,720 --> 00:51:17,180

55 percent versus 45 percent show us the

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00:51:20,980 --> 00:51:19,730

really extreme examples and he was like

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00:51:22,720 --> 00:51:20,990

you know what I think that's been

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00:51:25,000 --> 00:51:22,730

showing already that's already been

1177

00:51:28,090 --> 00:51:25,010

demonstrated what I'm trying to see is

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00:51:31,450 --> 00:51:28,100

whether this is something that is an

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00:51:34,150 --> 00:51:31,460

innate property of human nature if it

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00:51:36,040 --> 00:51:34,160

appears across the board and I will see

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00:51:38,650 --> 00:51:36,050

the same thing kind of going on here

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00:51:39,430 --> 00:51:38,660

I don't think anybody needs to repeat at

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00:51:43,530 --> 00:51:39,440

this point

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00:51:47,290 --> 00:51:43,540

dr. Phoenix work or sampar Nia's work or

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00:51:49,930 --> 00:51:47,300

PIM van Lommel or Jeff Long anyone whose

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00:51:52,480 --> 00:51:49,940

fair and open-minded has to look at that

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00:51:54,340 --> 00:51:52,490

research and say case closed for

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00:51:57,340 --> 00:51:54,350

whatever reason that we don't understand

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00:51:59,350 --> 00:51:57,350

consciousness seems to survive bodily

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00:52:00,880 --> 00:51:59,360

death these people are clinically dead

1191

00:52:03,090 --> 00:52:00,890

and they're having a conscious

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00:52:05,200 --> 00:52:03,100

experience our neurological existing

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00:52:07,660 --> 00:52:05,210

neurological models don't explain that

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00:52:10,780 --> 00:52:07,670

well I see your research coming in is

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00:52:14,410 --> 00:52:10,790

really to go to that next level of

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00:52:16,930 --> 00:52:14,420

understanding but the really important

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00:52:19,810 --> 00:52:16,940

implications are okay before we jump the

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00:52:23,590 --> 00:52:19,820

gun and say okay that means that Jesus

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00:52:26,650 --> 00:52:23,600

really is mediating all these it's like

1200

00:52:30,520 --> 00:52:26,660

oh yeah I don't mean to say that it's a

1201  
00:52:31,960 --> 00:52:30,530  
challenge to you know ideas that that in

1202  
00:52:34,480 --> 00:52:31,970  
these are evidence of an afterlife I

1203  
00:52:36,220 --> 00:52:34,490  
just think is that it's a it's something

1204  
00:52:37,930 --> 00:52:36,230  
that needs to be explained and addressed

1205  
00:52:41,680 --> 00:52:37,940  
along with a kind of comprehensive

1206  
00:52:43,540 --> 00:52:41,690  
theory of what an NDE is and I think you

1207  
00:52:46,320 --> 00:52:43,550  
know I feel like I've kind of I've done

1208  
00:52:48,660 --> 00:52:46,330  
that component they can integrate it

1209  
00:52:51,040 --> 00:52:48,670  
whichever's I you know I've shown that

1210  
00:52:52,360 --> 00:52:51,050  
Andy's are different across cultures

1211  
00:52:54,700 --> 00:52:52,370  
I've shown that they're also the same

1212  
00:52:56,210 --> 00:52:54,710  
across cultures at the same time and I

1213  
00:52:59,510 --> 00:52:56,220

think given

1214

00:53:02,329 --> 00:52:59,520

you know reason why that fair fair

1215

00:53:04,940 --> 00:53:02,339

enough so so you're the not so fast guy

1216

00:53:06,859 --> 00:53:04,950

over there like hey okay I'm with you

1217

00:53:08,390 --> 00:53:06,869

but not so fast you know right I'll see

1218

00:53:09,950 --> 00:53:08,400

there are some questions over here that

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00:53:14,089 --> 00:53:09,960

are and it's exactly what you said I

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00:53:16,280 --> 00:53:14,099

mean I you can't have you know and this

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00:53:18,680 --> 00:53:16,290

is why I research seems to kind of piss

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00:53:22,730 --> 00:53:18,690

off both sides of the camp you you have

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00:53:24,920 --> 00:53:22,740

people who are you know you know almost

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00:53:27,200 --> 00:53:24,930

sort of religious about and E's and firm

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00:53:29,960 --> 00:53:27,210

firm believers in it and their model of

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00:53:31,720 --> 00:53:29,970

wooden and II ela is like is the model

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00:53:34,190 --> 00:53:31,730

and if it's not that in other cultures

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00:53:35,420 --> 00:53:34,200

they don't consider it an MD key so

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00:53:37,700 --> 00:53:35,430

they're taking the exact opposite

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00:53:39,620 --> 00:53:37,710

approach that I did worse I'm saying if

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00:53:41,690 --> 00:53:39,630

if they say it's an NDE I'm going to

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00:53:42,140 --> 00:53:41,700

consider it an NDE and let's see what it

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00:53:43,849 --> 00:53:42,150

says

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00:53:45,349 --> 00:53:43,859

that's the phenomenological approach and

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00:53:50,000 --> 00:53:45,359

it basically just reading what is in the

1236

00:53:51,800 --> 00:53:50,010

text whereas you know to say no he

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00:53:54,020 --> 00:53:51,810

didn't have an NDE or she didn't have an

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00:53:55,280 --> 00:53:54,030

ID because she didn't see it being of

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00:53:57,190 --> 00:53:55,290

light she didn't go through a tunnel

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00:53:59,720 --> 00:53:57,200

described specifically as a tunnel

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00:54:02,780 --> 00:53:59,730

didn't have a life whatever whatever it

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00:54:05,540 --> 00:54:02,790

is and that's why I guess I'm saying is

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00:54:07,900 --> 00:54:05,550

I think we need to move beyond almost

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00:54:09,950 --> 00:54:07,910

all the other cross-cultural comparisons

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00:54:14,270 --> 00:54:09,960

before the stuff I've done have been

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00:54:16,420 --> 00:54:14,280

just obsessed really with what exactly

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00:54:19,579 --> 00:54:16,430

is the common core of the NDE

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00:54:21,680 --> 00:54:19,589

and if there's no life review then it's

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00:54:24,079 --> 00:54:21,690

not you know that whole kind of argument

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00:54:26,300 --> 00:54:24,089

Verizon I just think like we need to

1251  
00:54:29,990 --> 00:54:26,310  
look at you know the Grayson scale or

1252  
00:54:31,910 --> 00:54:30,000  
whatever as this is a list of possible

1253  
00:54:34,579 --> 00:54:31,920  
elements that can be included in an NDE

1254  
00:54:37,010 --> 00:54:34,589  
if somebody dies and comes back to life

1255  
00:54:38,569 --> 00:54:37,020  
or almost dies and comes back let's see

1256  
00:54:40,520 --> 00:54:38,579  
what they have to say we can compare it

1257  
00:54:43,030 --> 00:54:40,530  
to the scale but if it doesn't hit that

1258  
00:54:45,770 --> 00:54:43,040  
scale does that mean it's not an Andy

1259  
00:54:47,420 --> 00:54:45,780  
that's right you know I don't think so

1260  
00:54:48,770 --> 00:54:47,430  
and that's where I think over

1261  
00:54:53,540 --> 00:54:48,780  
generalizing is a little bit of a

1262  
00:54:55,490 --> 00:54:53,550  
problem just as denying similarity is

1263  
00:54:58,839 --> 00:54:55,500

equally a problem so it's really just

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00:55:02,420 --> 00:54:58,849

you know my only argument really is

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00:55:04,430 --> 00:55:02,430

scientists or whoever is speculating

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00:55:07,670 --> 00:55:04,440

making theories about in DES has to have

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00:55:08,290 --> 00:55:07,680

to take the similarities and the

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00:55:11,170 --> 00:55:08,300

different

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00:55:13,780 --> 00:55:11,180

and explaining both of them in order to

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00:55:15,190 --> 00:55:13,790

you know not be subject to the kind of

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00:55:18,250 --> 00:55:15,200

criticism that theories have been

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00:55:20,950 --> 00:55:18,260

subject to so far that's such a great

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00:55:23,350 --> 00:55:20,960

point and if I'm gonna pick maybe I'm

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00:55:27,190 --> 00:55:23,360

gonna pick another one thing because I

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00:55:30,400 --> 00:55:27,200

think it leads into this which I don't

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00:55:33,490 --> 00:55:30,410

know I guess I'm really accepting of

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00:55:35,590 --> 00:55:33,500

what you are saying and I'm blown away

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00:55:36,460 --> 00:55:35,600

by what you've done and I have to

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00:55:38,890 --> 00:55:36,470

mention to people

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00:55:41,260 --> 00:55:38,900

this book is an expensive book to just

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00:55:43,570 --> 00:55:41,270

kind of pick up casually we all get that

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00:55:46,780 --> 00:55:43,580

it's Oxford University Press it's like

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00:55:48,330 --> 00:55:46,790

seventy bucks if you can afford it if

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00:55:51,910 --> 00:55:48,340

you're really into this kind of research

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00:55:54,250 --> 00:55:51,920

do it because it's really worthwhile and

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00:55:55,960 --> 00:55:54,260

it's kind of a cornerstone kind of book

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00:55:59,290 --> 00:55:55,970

to have but for a lot of people they're

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00:56:01,180 --> 00:55:59,300

just gonna have to pass on the book and

1289

00:56:04,210 --> 00:56:01,190

maybe to look at side or watch this

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00:56:09,250 --> 00:56:04,220

interview but don't let it decide you

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00:56:11,290 --> 00:56:09,260

from fully taking in what dr. Shoshanna

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00:56:16,000 --> 00:56:11,300

is saying because I think it is this

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00:56:19,480 --> 00:56:16,010

part of this maturing of nde science

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00:56:23,680 --> 00:56:19,490

it's going beyond the spinning our

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00:56:25,660 --> 00:56:23,690

wheels trying to respond to the disa

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00:56:27,820 --> 00:56:25,670

leanness that's been thrown in the face

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00:56:32,470 --> 00:56:27,830

of these researchers for the most part

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00:56:37,590 --> 00:56:32,480

but I guess that's where I still see in

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00:56:40,420 --> 00:56:37,600

your book I still see someone who is

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00:56:43,240 --> 00:56:40,430

inside of an academic culture that

1301

00:56:46,090 --> 00:56:43,250

really to me for the most part seems

1302

00:56:48,070 --> 00:56:46,100

completely ignorant of the real science

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00:56:50,110 --> 00:56:48,080

that's going on in your experience I

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00:56:52,600 --> 00:56:50,120

mean it just is they're not they're not

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00:56:54,430 --> 00:56:52,610

hitting on any of the real stuff they're

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00:56:56,710 --> 00:56:54,440

just repeating you know well this

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00:56:59,620 --> 00:56:56,720

couldn't possibly be true last gasp of a

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00:57:01,780 --> 00:56:59,630

dying grain or whatever when all these

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00:57:04,600 --> 00:57:01,790

things have been addressed and they have

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00:57:07,300 --> 00:57:04,610

problems with it you know there are

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00:57:09,910 --> 00:57:07,310

problems with some of the conclusions

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00:57:12,790 --> 00:57:09,920

and over generalizations that NDE

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00:57:14,440 --> 00:57:12,800

researchers and and proponents Moore

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00:57:15,820 --> 00:57:14,450

proponents than the researchers because

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00:57:18,490 --> 00:57:15,830

I think most the research was pretty

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00:57:20,950 --> 00:57:18,500

level-headed but when I read this you

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00:57:22,060 --> 00:57:20,960

know this is from your book whether the

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00:57:24,460 --> 00:57:22,070

prompting is

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00:57:27,670 --> 00:57:24,470

biological psychological and or

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00:57:30,310 --> 00:57:27,680

metaphysical in nature set that aside I

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00:57:32,470 --> 00:57:30,320

get that you have to do that I get that

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00:57:36,040 --> 00:57:32,480

you're in an academic where that's the

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00:57:39,730 --> 00:57:36,050

belief that 90% of the folks that you

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00:57:43,270 --> 00:57:39,740

speak to have but I'd almost say if we

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00:57:45,040 --> 00:57:43,280

have to set it aside then that's not

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00:57:47,080 --> 00:57:45,050

what your book is about your butt really

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00:57:49,000 --> 00:57:47,090

isn't about that you sidestep that and

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00:57:51,220 --> 00:57:49,010

say okay let's set that aside but now

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00:57:53,700 --> 00:57:51,230

let me assume that there is a reality to

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00:57:56,470 --> 00:57:53,710

it and I also don't like the kind of

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00:57:59,620 --> 00:57:56,480

forced equality here you know that the

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00:58:01,780 --> 00:57:59,630

the biological and physiological are

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00:58:04,750 --> 00:58:01,790

really on put the evidence is really on

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00:58:07,120 --> 00:58:04,760

par with the metaphysical no freakin way

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00:58:10,590 --> 00:58:07,130

it just is no I agree with you there and

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00:58:13,240 --> 00:58:10,600

I think somewhere I do say that no

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00:58:16,960 --> 00:58:13,250

theory has been you know comprehensively

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00:58:18,790 --> 00:58:16,970

able to explain away in bees which is

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00:58:23,470 --> 00:58:18,800

you know that's a it's a big step for an

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00:58:24,760 --> 00:58:23,480

academic book so so I mean I think but

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00:58:26,980 --> 00:58:24,770

at the same time yet it is an academic

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00:58:28,420 --> 00:58:26,990

book and it's not a theology book it's

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00:58:31,000 --> 00:58:28,430

you know history of religions

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00:58:34,870 --> 00:58:31,010

anthropology so so there is there does

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00:58:36,760 --> 00:58:34,880

have to be that neutrality and you know

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00:58:39,430 --> 00:58:36,770

when somebody comes along and reviews it

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00:58:42,190 --> 00:58:39,440

and says I'm a crypto theologian I have

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00:58:45,790 --> 00:58:42,200

a religious agenda right which you know

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00:58:48,280 --> 00:58:45,800

they say then I can say well look at

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00:58:50,140 --> 00:58:48,290

that sentence you know I don't and

1351  
00:58:51,700 --> 00:58:50,150  
actually don't because you know I wasn't

1352  
00:59:02,950 --> 00:58:51,710  
I

1353  
00:59:05,290 --> 00:59:02,960  
believe that that Andes have not been

1354  
00:59:07,390 --> 00:59:05,300  
explained in a way and I think that you

1355  
00:59:10,690 --> 00:59:07,400  
know a lot of the evidence is amazing

1356  
00:59:13,480 --> 00:59:10,700  
the peak and Darien type experiences you

1357  
00:59:14,830 --> 00:59:13,490  
know where people's seeing people that

1358  
00:59:17,200 --> 00:59:14,840  
they didn't know it died and come back

1359  
00:59:19,440 --> 00:59:17,210  
and find out that they did die and

1360  
00:59:22,180 --> 00:59:19,450  
that's how do you explain things like

1361  
00:59:24,190 --> 00:59:22,190  
death experience is always one that

1362  
00:59:25,960 --> 00:59:24,200  
doesn't get enough attention where as

1363  
00:59:28,540 --> 00:59:25,970

other people in the room and they share

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00:59:32,140 --> 00:59:28,550

the experience they do can't even

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00:59:34,930 --> 00:59:32,150

and a biological explanation on that you

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00:59:37,120 --> 00:59:34,940

know yeah yeah and you know in another

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00:59:41,080 --> 00:59:37,130

place I went out on a limb in that book

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00:59:44,080 --> 00:59:41,090

is there's a section on which is

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00:59:47,160 --> 00:59:44,090

basically given all these things about

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00:59:51,910 --> 00:59:47,170

religious diversity diversity of NDEs

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00:59:54,400 --> 00:59:51,920

etc etc if there is a real afterlife

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00:59:57,070 --> 00:59:54,410

what could it possibly be like so so

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01:00:02,470 --> 00:59:57,080

what are the implications of all this

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01:00:03,970 --> 01:00:02,480

diversity for for an afterlife and I

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01:00:05,620 --> 01:00:03,980

think that's you know that's not

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01:00:08,590 --> 01:00:05,630

something that's you're going to come

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01:00:11,140 --> 01:00:08,600

across in the traditional work of

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01:00:12,850 --> 01:00:11,150

anthropology or history of religions

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01:00:14,980 --> 01:00:12,860

that's where it's kind of going into the

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01:00:18,760 --> 01:00:14,990

you know philosophical speculation but

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01:00:22,480 --> 01:00:18,770

but I think it's to me that was treating

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01:00:25,360 --> 01:00:22,490

the metaphysical interpretation

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01:00:28,180 --> 01:00:25,370

seriously and it is giving it its due

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01:00:29,710 --> 01:00:28,190

that's such an awesome point I want to

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01:00:32,470 --> 01:00:29,720

emphasize that because you know I almost

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01:00:36,070 --> 01:00:32,480

missed that and when you just repeated

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01:00:38,170 --> 01:00:36,080

it it kind of stirred up in me again so

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01:00:39,850 --> 01:00:38,180

I want you to expound on that a little

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01:00:42,760 --> 01:00:39,860

it's like you're taking the leap

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01:00:45,100 --> 01:00:42,770

and saying okay let me play the

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01:00:48,940 --> 01:00:45,110

metaphysical game for a minute and now

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01:00:51,700 --> 01:00:48,950

let me try and speculate as to what the

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01:00:55,090 --> 01:00:51,710

implications might be and then your book

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01:00:57,820 --> 01:00:55,100

is like hey doesn't this look like this

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01:01:01,360 --> 01:00:57,830

could be the implications yeah there's a

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01:01:04,870 --> 01:01:01,370

section on cross-cultural Indians and

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01:01:09,970 --> 01:01:04,880

the survival hypothesis where it kind of

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01:01:11,920 --> 01:01:09,980

addresses exactly that and yeah I mean

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01:01:14,500 --> 01:01:11,930

so so it's kind of back to the question

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01:01:16,390 --> 01:01:14,510

of you know certain certain scholars

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01:01:18,100 --> 01:01:16,400

there was a big debate in journals

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01:01:21,790 --> 01:01:18,110

near-death studies a couple years ago

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01:01:23,320 --> 01:01:21,800

about how Fendi's are different across

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01:01:25,480 --> 01:01:23,330

cultures there can't possibly be an

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01:01:30,400 --> 01:01:25,490

afterlife so I kind of I delve into that

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01:01:32,230 --> 01:01:30,410

and because it's true if NDEs are

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01:01:35,010 --> 01:01:32,240

evidence of an afterlife across cultures

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01:01:37,020 --> 01:01:35,020

no single religion is true

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01:01:39,500 --> 01:01:37,030

so we have to face that you know the

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01:01:41,940 --> 01:01:39,510

Christian model of an afterlife not true

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01:01:46,680 --> 01:01:41,950

you know Islamic model Jewish can do

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01:01:51,090 --> 01:01:46,690

whatever and when you say not true we

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01:01:53,460 --> 01:01:51,100

it's just not exclusively true because I

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01:01:55,710 --> 01:01:53,470

don't know I because again what your

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01:01:57,720 --> 01:01:55,720

research comes through is that there's

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01:02:00,600 --> 01:01:57,730

all these overlays you know yeah yeah

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01:02:02,910 --> 01:02:00,610

but none of these dogmas let's say have

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01:02:05,700 --> 01:02:02,920

hit it 100 percent correctly I would say

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01:02:07,470 --> 01:02:05,710

each one of them has elements that are

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01:02:11,010 --> 01:02:07,480

you know getting towards the truth

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01:02:13,560 --> 01:02:11,020

whatever the truth might be unto me that

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01:02:15,840 --> 01:02:13,570

that truth is where there's convergences

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01:02:18,330 --> 01:02:15,850

in similarities across cultures they're

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01:02:20,130 --> 01:02:18,340

all these similar things that people are

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01:02:21,960 --> 01:02:20,140

arriving at independently are probably

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01:02:28,440 --> 01:02:21,970

the things that are closest to the truth

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01:02:30,090 --> 01:02:28,450

so some of my you know the idea is so if

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01:02:34,410 --> 01:02:30,100

everyone's different how can they all be

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01:02:36,660 --> 01:02:34,420

right you know if if all these Indies

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01:02:38,550 --> 01:02:36,670

are different even between individuals

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01:02:40,500 --> 01:02:38,560

you know that was recognized by my moody

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01:02:42,840 --> 01:02:40,510

way back he said there are no two and

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01:02:45,120 --> 01:02:42,850

E's that are going to hit all of these

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01:02:48,330 --> 01:02:45,130

criteria so even there how do we explain

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01:02:51,470 --> 01:02:48,340

it let alone bringing in Katinas and

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01:02:54,330 --> 01:02:51,480

ancestor spirits and whatever else so

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01:02:57,720 --> 01:02:54,340

you know that's another thing that you

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01:03:00,530 --> 01:02:57,730

know as I said in de science researchers

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01:03:03,330 --> 01:03:00,540

have to confront these things but so do

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01:03:06,540 --> 01:03:03,340

philosophers or theologians about the

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01:03:09,090 --> 01:03:06,550

afterlife but you bring that around full

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01:03:10,530 --> 01:03:09,100

circle and say you could also look at it

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01:03:12,900 --> 01:03:10,540

and turn the question around and say

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01:03:15,060 --> 01:03:12,910

well isn't that really evidence that

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01:03:17,609 --> 01:03:15,070

there is something deeper going on right

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01:03:21,960 --> 01:03:17,619

yeah yeah you could definitely look at

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01:03:24,180 --> 01:03:21,970

it that way and yeah that's where I kind

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01:03:25,530 --> 01:03:24,190

of come to an impasse the the the issue

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01:03:28,230 --> 01:03:25,540

of similarity to me

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01:03:29,910 --> 01:03:28,240

it demonstrates in DES it demonstrates

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01:03:32,790 --> 01:03:29,920

their influence on religion

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01:03:35,040 --> 01:03:32,800

but it doesn't necessarily you know just

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01:03:38,130 --> 01:03:35,050

to be perfectly objective about it it

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01:03:39,930 --> 01:03:38,140

doesn't necessarily demonstrate that nd

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01:03:41,970 --> 01:03:39,940

either actually evidence of an afterlife

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01:03:46,020 --> 01:03:41,980

but but fair enough fair enough

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01:03:48,740 --> 01:03:46,030

I guess what struck me because I am at

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01:03:50,960 --> 01:03:48,750

this point pretty solidly can

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01:03:52,730 --> 01:03:50,970

just by the evidence that because I've

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01:03:55,130 --> 01:03:52,740

talked to all those people multiple

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01:03:59,360 --> 01:03:55,140

times and I just can't shoot holes in

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01:04:01,580 --> 01:03:59,370

there yeah yeah but one of the things

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01:04:06,220 --> 01:04:01,590

that that I liked about what would you

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01:04:10,330 --> 01:04:06,230

dot did and where you brought me to is

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01:04:13,610 --> 01:04:10,340

speculating imagining how these

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01:04:15,800 --> 01:04:13,620

experiences may have informed these

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01:04:18,140 --> 01:04:15,810

religions may have influenced these

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01:04:21,410 --> 01:04:18,150

religions you know and someone had

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01:04:25,250 --> 01:04:21,420

posted on the forum made the connection

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01:04:27,820 --> 01:04:25,260

between life review and confessional in

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01:04:31,130 --> 01:04:27,830

in the Roman Catholic Church you know

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01:04:33,440 --> 01:04:31,140

right and it's a loose Association but

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01:04:36,050 --> 01:04:33,450

can't you just see it there's more

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01:04:39,530 --> 01:04:36,060

clear-cut examples that maybe you can

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01:04:43,130 --> 01:04:39,540

think of where you you can almost see

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01:04:46,120 --> 01:04:43,140

how these consistent themes of the

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01:04:48,530 --> 01:04:46,130

near-death experience do seem to be

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01:04:50,060 --> 01:04:48,540

organically emerging in these religions

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01:04:52,760 --> 01:04:50,070

and it's not organic really it's it's

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01:04:55,280 --> 01:04:52,770

it's coming directly from the NVE and a

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01:04:57,170 --> 01:04:55,290

lot of times it's it's co-opted and

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01:05:00,350 --> 01:04:57,180

maybe not used in a way that we all

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01:05:03,650 --> 01:05:00,360

think is so great but isn't that just

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01:05:07,130 --> 01:05:03,660

the history of religion too so yeah yeah

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01:05:11,240 --> 01:05:07,140

I think that's definitely the case yeah

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01:05:13,790 --> 01:05:11,250

I mean I it's it's just a case of again

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01:05:15,410 --> 01:05:13,800

it goes back to the you know balancing

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01:05:18,740 --> 01:05:15,420

the similarities and the differences and

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01:05:20,630 --> 01:05:18,750

and if there really is an afterlife

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01:05:24,560 --> 01:05:20,640

how do we explain it in light of the

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01:05:28,460 --> 01:05:24,570

diversity and and I think for me the the

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01:05:30,110 --> 01:05:28,470

model that best explains it is I know if

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01:05:33,940 --> 01:05:30,120

you're familiar with HH price who's a

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01:05:37,310 --> 01:05:33,950

British philosopher he talks about a

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01:05:39,140 --> 01:05:37,320

inter subjective afterlife where it's

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01:05:41,930 --> 01:05:39,150

basically like a lucid dream that you're

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01:05:43,160 --> 01:05:41,940

sharing with other people and to me that

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01:05:45,950 --> 01:05:43,170

accounts for the cross-cultural

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01:05:48,110 --> 01:05:45,960

similarities of an NDE it also accounts

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01:05:50,540 --> 01:05:48,120

for the cultural and individual

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01:05:53,480 --> 01:05:50,550

particularity of a Hindi because if

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you're creating it as your your going

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01:05:59,840 --> 01:05:57,020

along that would you know account for

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01:06:02,070 --> 01:05:59,850

the the thematic similarities but also

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01:06:04,320 --> 01:06:02,080

the cultural differences

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01:06:07,080 --> 01:06:04,330

I think it really addresses a lot and it

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01:06:09,150 --> 01:06:07,090

also it doesn't mean that Emmys are just

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01:06:10,590 --> 01:06:09,160

a dream or that the afterlife is just a

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01:06:13,550 --> 01:06:10,600

dream it's another state of reality

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01:06:16,920 --> 01:06:13,560

where you have this different level of

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01:06:18,540 --> 01:06:16,930

creation and control involved in it well

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01:06:20,640 --> 01:06:18,550

you know what so many of the great

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01:06:23,640 --> 01:06:20,650

spiritual masters have been telling us

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01:06:26,100 --> 01:06:23,650

throughout time and it's also a very

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01:06:27,780 --> 01:06:26,110

popular topic among people who are

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01:06:32,040 --> 01:06:27,790

interested in studying the paranormal

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01:06:34,460 --> 01:06:32,050

and present time is that that a better

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01:06:37,620 --> 01:06:34,470

way of looking at it is that our

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01:06:41,550 --> 01:06:37,630

time-space continuum that we experience

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01:06:43,890 --> 01:06:41,560

is a small part of consciousness that we

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01:06:44,340 --> 01:06:43,900

are embedded in and that would explain

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01:06:51,270 --> 01:06:44,350

it

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01:06:53,460 --> 01:06:51,280

masters have told us all along so we put

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01:06:55,590 --> 01:06:53,470

it in this nice little box of time-space

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01:06:58,200 --> 01:06:55,600

reality but when we step outside of that

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01:07:01,080 --> 01:06:58,210

either through and theagenes or any

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01:07:03,960 --> 01:07:01,090

number of other experiences that get us

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01:07:06,240 --> 01:07:03,970

outside of that it all looks different

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01:07:09,090 --> 01:07:06,250

we get these downloads of information to

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01:07:11,700 --> 01:07:09,100

tell us oh okay I get it now and then we

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01:07:13,590 --> 01:07:11,710

have to come back and live our little

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01:07:16,500 --> 01:07:13,600

humble little lives here and I guess

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01:07:18,660 --> 01:07:16,510

there's really only one topic left I

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01:07:20,520 --> 01:07:18,670

appreciate how you know Opeth you are

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01:07:22,020 --> 01:07:20,530

generous you are playing our little game

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01:07:25,140 --> 01:07:22,030

here but it's been that's absolutely

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01:07:27,360 --> 01:07:25,150

delightful yeah but here's a tough one

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01:07:28,350 --> 01:07:27,370

oh wait I just I just remember I didn't

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01:07:30,570 --> 01:07:28,360

quite answer your previous question

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01:07:34,860 --> 01:07:30,580

about Christianity and confessional

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01:07:36,540 --> 01:07:34,870

stuff I was just going to add that when

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01:07:38,820 --> 01:07:36,550

we have the kind this is what like kind

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01:07:41,580 --> 01:07:38,830

of wider implications of this book is

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01:07:43,770 --> 01:07:41,590

when we have all these examples of

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01:07:45,600 --> 01:07:43,780

people in different societies saying our

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01:07:47,580 --> 01:07:45,610

religions are based on Indies or our

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01:07:49,560 --> 01:07:47,590

afterlife beliefs are based on NDS

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01:07:51,710 --> 01:07:49,570

there's no reason to think that

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01:07:53,700 --> 01:07:51,720

Christianity would be any different or

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01:07:57,720 --> 01:07:53,710

any other religion would be any

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01:08:00,150 --> 01:07:57,730

different so and I think it probably is

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01:08:02,010 --> 01:08:00,160

the case because there are plenty of you

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01:08:03,960 --> 01:08:02,020

know AMD's and Christian traditions and

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01:08:05,460 --> 01:08:03,970

going back to medieval times and some

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01:08:07,680 --> 01:08:05,470

people think Steve Paul's vision was an

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01:08:09,660 --> 01:08:07,690

NDE so it definitely has some

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01:08:11,100 --> 01:08:09,670

similarities to it there's Greek oh

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01:08:12,420 --> 01:08:11,110

that's a great point I'm glad you

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01:08:13,680 --> 01:08:12,430

brought that up because we kind of just

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01:08:14,670 --> 01:08:13,690

jumped right in the middle of it

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01:08:17,400 --> 01:08:14,680

assuming that

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understand that this is like the next

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01:08:23,040 --> 01:08:21,010

chapter in this book it's not assuming

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01:08:26,610 --> 01:08:23,050

that we have to go look at indigenous

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01:08:29,340 --> 01:08:26,620

people because they are the only ones

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01:08:32,040 --> 01:08:29,350

who are whose you know little puny

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01:08:34,410 --> 01:08:32,050

religions have been you know manipulated

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by these and ease it's like no it's the

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01:08:37,620 --> 01:08:36,100

opposite it's like right you can get

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01:08:41,190 --> 01:08:37,630

that like you said at the beginning

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01:08:44,190 --> 01:08:41,200

because you can get that cross-cultural

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01:08:46,010 --> 01:08:44,200

wide the myth can't travel during these

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01:08:48,630 --> 01:08:46,020

periods kind of things so yeah I mean

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01:08:51,660 --> 01:08:48,640

you know the Pure Land Buddhism for

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01:08:53,400 --> 01:08:51,670

example is you know very clearly these

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01:08:54,900 --> 01:08:53,410

are very central to the religion so it's

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01:08:57,030 --> 01:08:54,910

not as you know there are examples that

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01:09:03,990 --> 01:08:57,040

are not just you know small-scale

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01:09:06,540 --> 01:09:04,000

societies sorry no very good as with all

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01:09:08,250 --> 01:09:06,550

your other ones great point so here's my

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01:09:11,040 --> 01:09:08,260

last topic and this is going to be way

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01:09:13,830 --> 01:09:11,050

outside of your swing zone but hey

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01:09:15,960 --> 01:09:13,840

that's part of the fun of pushing

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01:09:17,610 --> 01:09:15,970

pushing to other things I've been doing

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01:09:19,710 --> 01:09:17,620

a lot of research and investigation

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01:09:23,850 --> 01:09:19,720

lately and it's got to be research

1587

01:09:26,720 --> 01:09:23,860

because the the claim that human beings

1588

01:09:30,000 --> 01:09:26,730

are contacting non-human intelligence is

1589

01:09:32,760 --> 01:09:30,010

reaching the point of something that we

1590

01:09:34,770 --> 01:09:32,770

can actually talk about without being

1591

01:09:38,700 --> 01:09:34,780

kind of laughed out of the room i

1592

01:09:41,010 --> 01:09:38,710

reference ray Hernandez who's along with

1593

01:09:43,650 --> 01:09:41,020

Harvard social scientist

1594

01:09:47,490 --> 01:09:43,660

Rudy shields has published the first

1595

01:09:49,950 --> 01:09:47,500

academic survey of non-human

1596

01:09:52,320 --> 01:09:49,960

intelligence contact with people it

1597

01:09:54,780 --> 01:09:52,330

parallels some of the work of dr. Jeff

1598

01:09:57,000 --> 01:09:54,790

long radiation oncologist who's done the

1599

01:10:00,270 --> 01:09:57,010

similar largest database for NDE

1600

01:10:01,560 --> 01:10:00,280

research and then with the disclosure

1601  
01:10:03,780 --> 01:10:01,570  
you know a lot of people I always have

1602  
01:10:05,880 --> 01:10:03,790  
to say this could people forget we have

1603  
01:10:08,670 --> 01:10:05,890  
the New York Times coming out and saying

1604  
01:10:10,190 --> 01:10:08,680  
okay UFOs are real here's the video

1605  
01:10:12,870 --> 01:10:10,200  
released by the Department of Defense

1606  
01:10:15,360 --> 01:10:12,880  
they're for whatever reason we're in

1607  
01:10:19,650 --> 01:10:15,370  
this mode where we can now put this

1608  
01:10:23,760 --> 01:10:19,660  
stuff on the table I wonder what we

1609  
01:10:27,450 --> 01:10:23,770  
might think 20 years from now how we

1610  
01:10:28,260 --> 01:10:27,460  
might consider almost in parallel with

1611  
01:10:35,930 --> 01:10:28,270  
the

1612  
01:10:38,490 --> 01:10:35,940  
contact with non-human intelligence so

1613  
01:10:41,310 --> 01:10:38,500

and this does have more direct

1614

01:10:44,520 --> 01:10:41,320

connection to your book because if we

1615

01:10:47,040 --> 01:10:44,530

accept the shamanic experience as being

1616

01:10:49,890 --> 01:10:47,050

not just a near-death experience

1617

01:10:52,740 --> 01:10:49,900

but somehow possibly some connection

1618

01:10:54,630 --> 01:10:52,750

with these extended consciousness realms

1619

01:10:56,340 --> 01:10:54,640

well then we're right in the soup with

1620

01:10:59,880 --> 01:10:56,350

ET and all the rest of it because he

1621

01:11:03,180 --> 01:10:59,890

showed up all the time there you know

1622

01:11:06,510 --> 01:11:03,190

even from our dr. Rick Strassman in New

1623

01:11:09,180 --> 01:11:06,520

Mexico who gives his subjects DMT and I

1624

01:11:12,480 --> 01:11:09,190

said up there it is there is et over

1625

01:11:15,030 --> 01:11:12,490

there you know so any thoughts I know

1626

01:11:18,060 --> 01:11:15,040

this is really a stretch but the reason

1627

01:11:21,870 --> 01:11:18,070

I title decides this slide silos is in

1628

01:11:23,970 --> 01:11:21,880

the same way that your work moves us

1629

01:11:25,650 --> 01:11:23,980

forward by kind of breaking down some of

1630

01:11:29,070 --> 01:11:25,660

these barriers and talking about the

1631

01:11:30,960 --> 01:11:29,080

stuff that really we have to address I

1632

01:11:33,150 --> 01:11:30,970

think this is another one of those

1633

01:11:36,030 --> 01:11:33,160

things where we we have to try and

1634

01:11:39,000 --> 01:11:36,040

understand what's going on in these

1635

01:11:41,480 --> 01:11:39,010

extended consciousness realms in a in a

1636

01:11:44,010 --> 01:11:41,490

broader way rather than immediately

1637

01:11:45,930 --> 01:11:44,020

pigeonholing it stifle link dance I know

1638

01:11:50,700 --> 01:11:45,940

it can't only be this or it can only be

1639

01:11:52,770 --> 01:11:50,710

that yeah I mean that's that's where you

1640

01:11:54,900 --> 01:11:52,780

know he's talking about the HH price

1641

01:11:59,220 --> 01:11:54,910

model of you know the lucid dreaming

1642

01:12:01,680 --> 01:11:59,230

afterlife collective lucid dreaming you

1643

01:12:03,440 --> 01:12:01,690

know it always I kind of get tripped up

1644

01:12:07,010 --> 01:12:03,450

when I think okay well but what about

1645

01:12:10,530 --> 01:12:07,020

these you know divine beings and

1646

01:12:13,290 --> 01:12:10,540

Kachinas and whatever other kind of you

1647

01:12:17,160 --> 01:12:13,300

know deity or whatever is encountered

1648

01:12:19,050 --> 01:12:17,170

are those with those be souls of the

1649

01:12:20,760 --> 01:12:19,060

dead who have reached a certain stage of

1650

01:12:22,350 --> 01:12:20,770

transformation or development or

1651  
01:12:23,430 --> 01:12:22,360  
whatever or is it and what does that let

1652  
01:12:25,680 --> 01:12:23,440  
me interject right there because that's

1653  
01:12:27,900 --> 01:12:25,690  
people slide over that what does that

1654  
01:12:29,940 --> 01:12:27,910  
even mean if it's a stage of development

1655  
01:12:32,220 --> 01:12:29,950  
or transformation now where are

1656  
01:12:34,050 --> 01:12:32,230  
automatically suggesting that there is a

1657  
01:12:36,210 --> 01:12:34,060  
hierarchy to those extended realms if

1658  
01:12:38,460 --> 01:12:36,220  
there's a fire key is there a top of

1659  
01:12:40,320 --> 01:12:38,470  
that hierarchy is there god for lack of

1660  
01:12:41,560 --> 01:12:40,330  
a better term that we're not comfortable

1661  
01:12:44,110 --> 01:12:41,570  
saying but that

1662  
01:12:45,850 --> 01:12:44,120  
is that the accounts come through just

1663  
01:12:49,740 --> 01:12:45,860

consistently over and over again but

1664

01:12:53,010 --> 01:12:49,750

please keep going with your flow don't

1665

01:12:56,890 --> 01:12:53,020

ya or if not a hierarchy at least eight

1666

01:12:58,200 --> 01:12:56,900

I mean I think there can be this kind of

1667

01:13:01,000 --> 01:12:58,210

transformation without there being

1668

01:13:03,070 --> 01:13:01,010

necessarily a you know like a system or

1669

01:13:04,480 --> 01:13:03,080

bureaucracy and it's when I start

1670

01:13:07,120 --> 01:13:04,490

hearing things like that that make me

1671

01:13:08,800 --> 01:13:07,130

really skeptical about afterlife but I

1672

01:13:12,940 --> 01:13:08,810

have to do that let me interject there

1673

01:13:14,140 --> 01:13:12,950

that is directly what dr. Jeff long and

1674

01:13:16,150 --> 01:13:14,150

again for people who aren't familiar

1675

01:13:17,560 --> 01:13:16,160

with his research this is not a guy who

1676

01:13:19,450 --> 01:13:17,570

has a religious agenda

1677

01:13:21,340 --> 01:13:19,460

it's a radiation oncologist who just

1678

01:13:23,560 --> 01:13:21,350

starts collecting these cases and in his

1679

01:13:25,000 --> 01:13:23,570

latest book God in the afterlife which

1680

01:13:27,520 --> 01:13:25,010

has a provocative title that throws

1681

01:13:29,710 --> 01:13:27,530

everyone off I interviewed him anyone

1682

01:13:32,710 --> 01:13:29,720

can watch it it's a extremely popular

1683

01:13:34,450 --> 01:13:32,720

interview and he says hey I didn't go

1684

01:13:36,130 --> 01:13:34,460

looking for this this is just what the

1685

01:13:38,140 --> 01:13:36,140

data says and as a matter of fact what

1686

01:13:39,850 --> 01:13:38,150

he says is interesting from a social

1687

01:13:40,870 --> 01:13:39,860

science standpoint like you said he said

1688

01:13:44,170 --> 01:13:40,880

I don't know why this is so

1689

01:13:45,940 --> 01:13:44,180

underreported this is war just go look

1690

01:13:48,460 --> 01:13:45,950

at my database that's online this is

1691

01:13:51,580 --> 01:13:48,470

much more widely reported than the

1692

01:13:53,560 --> 01:13:51,590

tunnel then you know all the travel all

1693

01:13:56,020 --> 01:13:53,570

these other things is an experience of

1694

01:14:00,340 --> 01:13:56,030

God an experience of hierarchy that

1695

01:14:02,020 --> 01:14:00,350

being was higher than me in a way that

1696

01:14:04,210 --> 01:14:02,030

has been explained to me as God

1697

01:14:05,950 --> 01:14:04,220

throughout my life so I'm calling it God

1698

01:14:08,500 --> 01:14:05,960

so that's the kind of stuff that I think

1699

01:14:10,500 --> 01:14:08,510

I'm not saying I'm going there I don't

1700

01:14:13,240 --> 01:14:10,510

have I'm not a Christian I'm not

1701

01:14:16,870 --> 01:14:13,250

religious I don't have that agenda I'm

1702

01:14:20,170 --> 01:14:16,880

just saying I'm not I don't think we

1703

01:14:22,240 --> 01:14:20,180

should immediately put that aside if

1704

01:14:27,130 --> 01:14:22,250

that's where the data takes us yeah I

1705

01:14:29,380 --> 01:14:27,140

mean I guess I would yeah I don't know

1706

01:14:31,690 --> 01:14:29,390

if those kind of entities would be like

1707

01:14:35,710 --> 01:14:31,700

I said some kind of transformed human

1708

01:14:38,620 --> 01:14:35,720

soul or something totally different you

1709

01:14:41,440 --> 01:14:38,630

know from an alien or different type of

1710

01:14:44,200 --> 01:14:41,450

deity entity or whatever I don't know

1711

01:14:47,740 --> 01:14:44,210

how that could even be addressed but I

1712

01:14:50,020 --> 01:14:47,750

guess the you know the reader my

1713

01:14:51,450 --> 01:14:50,030

skepticism arises not just with

1714

01:14:53,370 --> 01:14:51,460

hierarchies but system

1715

01:14:55,560 --> 01:14:53,380

and when I when people say there was a

1716

01:14:57,510 --> 01:14:55,570

library and there's columns and Greek

1717

01:15:01,470 --> 01:14:57,520

croaks it's just like that you know I

1718

01:15:03,270 --> 01:15:01,480

shut down not not fruit nut that I

1719

01:15:04,740 --> 01:15:03,280

disbelieve the person experienced that

1720

01:15:06,360 --> 01:15:04,750

but I just believe that that is the

1721

01:15:10,520 --> 01:15:06,370

objective reality that everyone's going

1722

01:15:12,870 --> 01:15:10,530

to experience so um you know some

1723

01:15:15,150 --> 01:15:12,880

peasant farmer and Siberia is not going

1724

01:15:18,570 --> 01:15:15,160

to probably experience something like

1725

01:15:21,030 --> 01:15:18,580

that whatever you know so I just think

1726

01:15:23,610 --> 01:15:21,040

if there if there is an afterlife if

1727

01:15:25,560 --> 01:15:23,620

these things are true it's just a lot

1728

01:15:29,520 --> 01:15:25,570

more chaotic than we think I mean think

1729

01:15:31,590 --> 01:15:29,530

about reincarnation as well maybe it's

1730

01:15:34,680 --> 01:15:31,600

just the case that it's true that most

1731

01:15:36,870 --> 01:15:34,690

so many of the reincarnation accounts in

1732

01:15:38,250 --> 01:15:36,880

Stevenson and other researchers come

1733

01:15:40,470 --> 01:15:38,260

from India where they happen to believe

1734

01:15:42,209 --> 01:15:40,480

in reincarnation and Druze people who

1735

01:15:44,850 --> 01:15:42,219

believe in reincarnation there are some

1736

01:15:47,910 --> 01:15:44,860

and you know very famous ones in in the

1737

01:15:50,850 --> 01:15:47,920

West but they're exceptions so you know

1738

01:15:54,540 --> 01:15:50,860

maybe it's the case that people steer

1739

01:15:57,390 --> 01:15:54,550

their afterlife experience and whether

1740

01:15:59,340 --> 01:15:57,400

consciously or unconsciously when they

1741

01:16:01,770 --> 01:15:59,350

die I you know I don't know I just think

1742

01:16:03,630 --> 01:16:01,780

it's um hey I think it's great that you

1743

01:16:04,950 --> 01:16:03,640

went there and that's a super important

1744

01:16:06,780 --> 01:16:04,960

contribution in your books we got to

1745

01:16:09,240 --> 01:16:06,790

keep emphasizing that is the differences

1746

01:16:11,550 --> 01:16:09,250

you know you're this anthropology guy

1747

01:16:13,950 --> 01:16:11,560

who keeps saying hey explain you know

1748

01:16:16,350 --> 01:16:13,960

how there's this huge difference in this

1749

01:16:18,209 --> 01:16:16,360

person saw it this way in that way but

1750

01:16:19,920 --> 01:16:18,219

it is interesting I have to point out

1751

01:16:22,920 --> 01:16:19,930

that that's the example you'd bring

1752

01:16:25,350 --> 01:16:22,930

which is Ian Stevenson and they were all

1753

01:16:26,959 --> 01:16:25,360

from India and Sri Lanka because most

1754

01:16:30,630 --> 01:16:26,969

the people I talk to about reincarnation

1755

01:16:33,780 --> 01:16:30,640

focus on the three year old boy who was

1756

01:16:35,850 --> 01:16:33,790

in a fighter jet in Missouri he was

1757

01:16:37,830 --> 01:16:35,860

walking past the toy store and said to

1758

01:16:39,930 --> 01:16:37,840

his mom owns three hey that's the plane

1759

01:16:43,440 --> 01:16:39,940

I was in and then describes in detail

1760

01:16:45,660 --> 01:16:43,450

the plane who is flying with all this

1761

01:16:47,310 --> 01:16:45,670

harasses his parents to death when they

1762

01:16:51,090 --> 01:16:47,320

finally go do the research and find the

1763

01:16:53,280 --> 01:16:51,100

pilot yeah or the other guy but you know

1764

01:16:55,470 --> 01:16:53,290

I going to pursue Virginia where they've

1765

01:16:58,050 --> 01:16:55,480

studied this more than anyone in Jim

1766

01:16:59,970 --> 01:16:58,060

Tucker has you know you're familiar with

1767

01:17:02,040 --> 01:16:59,980

all this stuff but I inject it and just

1768

01:17:03,480 --> 01:17:02,050

to get into the show the kid from

1769

01:17:06,530 --> 01:17:03,490

Hollywood similar you know there

1770

01:17:09,510 --> 01:17:06,540

young boy who sees a picture of this

1771

01:17:10,770 --> 01:17:09,520

1950s movie and said hey I know that guy

1772

01:17:14,130 --> 01:17:10,780

and then they go through this extensive

1773

01:17:17,610 --> 01:17:14,140

research and I have 54 points of contact

1774

01:17:19,890 --> 01:17:17,620

where this guy has memories of this past

1775

01:17:22,080 --> 01:17:19,900

life so again you can explain it away as

1776

01:17:24,450 --> 01:17:22,090

this you know I love what you said about

1777

01:17:28,530 --> 01:17:24,460

that oh it's all in the Akashic records

1778

01:17:30,930 --> 01:17:28,540

and anyone can go do okay but that's not

1779

01:17:34,410 --> 01:17:30,940

what he's that's not your answer says

1780

01:17:36,510 --> 01:17:34,420

the experiencer says I lived in that

1781

01:17:38,250 --> 01:17:36,520

body and as a matter of fact at the end

1782

01:17:43,020 --> 01:17:38,260

Stephen said here's the scar on my back

1783

01:17:47,280 --> 01:17:43,030

where I got shot so hey I'm open to the

1784

01:17:49,500 --> 01:17:47,290

shared dream kind of thing but it is fun

1785

01:17:52,110 --> 01:17:49,510

to talk about this with someone like

1786

01:17:53,850 --> 01:17:52,120

yourself we've really done the work so

1787

01:17:55,590 --> 01:17:53,860

we can kind of get to that next level

1788

01:17:58,320 --> 01:17:55,600

because that's what this work is really

1789

01:18:02,400 --> 01:17:58,330

all about is getting us into a dialogue

1790

01:18:05,310 --> 01:18:02,410

about the deeper questions yeah and I

1791

01:18:07,200 --> 01:18:05,320

think I would you know the ultimate you

1792

01:18:11,340 --> 01:18:07,210

know submarine would have about is first

1793

01:18:14,820 --> 01:18:11,350

after life goes you know nature is

1794

01:18:18,960 --> 01:18:14,830

pretty chaotic life is chaotic life is

1795

01:18:20,790 --> 01:18:18,970

really diverse human populations are

1796

01:18:25,110 --> 01:18:20,800

incredibly diverse a Hammel pup you know

1797

01:18:26,640 --> 01:18:25,120

it's it's a chaotic crazy universe that

1798

01:18:29,100 --> 01:18:26,650

we live in and there are some rules and

1799

01:18:32,490 --> 01:18:29,110

there is a lot of random chaos so I just

1800

01:18:34,470 --> 01:18:32,500

think that if there is an afterlife it's

1801

01:18:36,600 --> 01:18:34,480

part of nature I do I don't believe in

1802

01:18:38,160 --> 01:18:36,610

like that it would be supernatural

1803

01:18:39,780 --> 01:18:38,170

because if it exists it's going to be a

1804

01:18:42,480 --> 01:18:39,790

part of nature right that's it's part of

1805

01:18:44,490 --> 01:18:42,490

the human experience so if that's the

1806

01:18:46,730 --> 01:18:44,500

case then there's no reason why we

1807

01:18:49,800 --> 01:18:46,740

should suddenly experience order and

1808

01:18:52,040 --> 01:18:49,810

similarity and structure you know with

1809

01:18:57,240 --> 01:18:52,050

all these things are basically

1810

01:18:57,720 --> 01:18:57,250

inventions of humans anyway awesome

1811

01:19:02,820 --> 01:18:57,730

stuff

1812

01:19:05,250 --> 01:19:02,830

so dr. Chacon how can people follow your

1813

01:19:07,800 --> 01:19:05,260

work I mentioned this is an awesome book

1814

01:19:10,440 --> 01:19:07,810

if you can fork over the 70 bucks or

1815

01:19:12,990 --> 01:19:10,450

whatever to Oxford press you'll enjoy it

1816

01:19:14,880 --> 01:19:13,000

you'll get a lot out of it if you can't

1817

01:19:16,710 --> 01:19:14,890

and people want to follow what's going

1818

01:19:17,280 --> 01:19:16,720

on you do some you have some great

1819

01:19:19,080 --> 01:19:17,290

present

1820

01:19:20,940 --> 01:19:19,090

out there on YouTube I've seen a couple

1821

01:19:23,130 --> 01:19:20,950

and other places

1822

01:19:24,750 --> 01:19:23,140

how do people stay connected with this

1823

01:19:26,340 --> 01:19:24,760

important work that you're doing and I

1824

01:19:28,680 --> 01:19:26,350

guess I should preface that with asking

1825

01:19:33,480 --> 01:19:28,690

are you going to continue or have you

1826

01:19:36,840 --> 01:19:33,490

kind of had it with this I thought I had

1827

01:19:38,700 --> 01:19:36,850

but now I'm gonna put together an

1828

01:19:40,440 --> 01:19:38,710

anthology of historical and

1829

01:19:42,510 --> 01:19:40,450

cross-cultural and E's so people can

1830

01:19:44,940 --> 01:19:42,520

read you know the full accounts from for

1831

01:19:47,220 --> 01:19:44,950

themselves because these things are just

1832

01:19:50,280 --> 01:19:47,230

scattered all over the place you know

1833

01:19:53,160 --> 01:19:50,290

like I said in this book alone hundreds

1834

01:19:54,960 --> 01:19:53,170

and hundreds of you know sources that I

1835

01:19:57,330 --> 01:19:54,970

look through anthropological reports

1836

01:20:00,390 --> 01:19:57,340

missionary reports really obscure stuff

1837

01:20:02,010 --> 01:20:00,400

hunt it down and you know in a book like

1838

01:20:03,990 --> 01:20:02,020

that you can't provide all of them

1839

01:20:05,880 --> 01:20:04,000

verbatim so it's just a lot of brief

1840

01:20:08,610 --> 01:20:05,890

summaries so I'd like to provide you

1841

01:20:11,340 --> 01:20:08,620

know have a nice good anthology of those

1842

01:20:13,800 --> 01:20:11,350

accounts medieval European accounts

1843

01:20:15,660 --> 01:20:13,810

Asian accounts from around the world and

1844

01:20:17,930 --> 01:20:15,670

then stuff like that so that's going to

1845

01:20:20,700 --> 01:20:17,940

be the next project mostly going to do a

1846

01:20:23,520 --> 01:20:20,710

book on Indies and the afterlife in

1847

01:20:27,360 --> 01:20:23,530

Greece and Rome that's kind of a little

1848

01:20:29,340 --> 01:20:27,370

bit further down the pike this book

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01:20:32,190 --> 01:20:29,350

should be mountain paper backed by the

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01:20:35,790 --> 01:20:32,200

way within you know probably less than a

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year so that will the current book on

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01:20:40,950 --> 01:20:38,860

indigenous religions so um that will be

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more affordable at a certain stage I've

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kind of been you know pushing Oxford

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University Press

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to to make it sooner than later but

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hopefully it'll be you know early next

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year or something like that and I also

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have a website gregory shushan calm and

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01:20:59,220 --> 01:20:56,920

you can find different articles there

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through the one on african and E's i

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think is where the native american one

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is is up there so a lot of kind of stuff

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that came from this book and also a lot

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of the theoretical and methodological

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stuff if any listeners are interested in

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01:21:18,330 --> 01:21:15,940

and these kinds of debates where you

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01:21:19,620 --> 01:21:18,340

know certain scholars are saying

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01:21:21,870 --> 01:21:19,630

everything is

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entirely culturally constructed and

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linguistically constructed a kind of

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attack that stuff head-on in a couple of

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articles there's one on Vedic afterlife

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beliefs so I tried to keep this book

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01:21:37,590 --> 01:21:35,890

that keep that stuff to a minimum in

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this book there's a really heavy theory

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and Method stuff to make it more

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01:21:43,320 --> 01:21:40,930

accessible so hopefully when it does

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01:21:46,520 --> 01:21:43,330

come out in paperback people will enjoy

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01:21:49,800 --> 01:21:46,530

it well it's an absolutely great

1881

01:21:52,260 --> 01:21:49,810

contribution and I really appreciate you

1882

01:21:54,090 --> 01:21:52,270

joining us today and talking about it so

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01:21:56,820 --> 01:21:54,100

that's the thanks I didn't thanks again

1884

01:21:58,890 --> 01:21:56,830

thanks hey time thanks again to dr.

1885

01:22:01,170 --> 01:21:58,900

gregory shushan for joining me today on

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skeptic oh the one question I guess I

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teed up from this interview is the

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question that dr. Shushan is still

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wrestling with and that is do the

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01:22:12,960 --> 01:22:09,640

differences we see in near-death

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accounts across cultures make it more or

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less likely that deer death experiences

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are genuine encounters with the

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01:22:26,790 --> 01:22:23,740

afterlife with extended consciousness as

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I like to say so I think you know my

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position on that but I'd like to hear

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01:22:35,340 --> 01:22:32,590

what you think and your understanding of

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01:22:37,860 --> 01:22:35,350

pulling that apart in any way you see

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01:22:40,860 --> 01:22:37,870

fit so comment here if you're watching

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01:22:43,320 --> 01:22:40,870

on YouTube or on The Skeptical forum or

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01:22:46,140 --> 01:22:43,330

wherever you are let me know your

1902

01:22:48,660 --> 01:22:46,150

thoughts do stay tuned I have some more

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01:22:50,310 --> 01:22:48,670

excellent I think interviews coming up

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01:22:52,830 --> 01:22:50,320

because there does some extraordinary

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01:22:54,960 --> 01:22:52,840

guests who are coming up and be sure to

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01:22:56,750 --> 01:22:54,970

check out the skeptical website where

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01:23:00,000 --> 01:22:56,760

you can find all these interviews

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01:23:02,220 --> 01:23:00,010

available for free thanks so much for

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watching and being a part of this