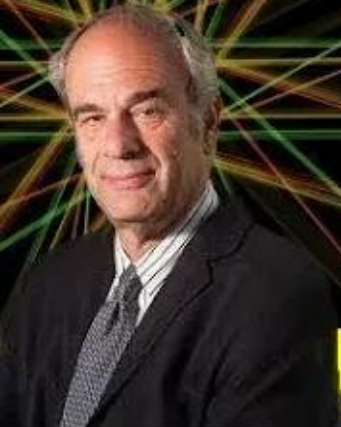


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skeptiko #431



**NDE Debunker**

## **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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00:00:09,490 --> 00:00:07,400  
this skeptical where we explore

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00:00:12,350 --> 00:00:09,500  
controversial science and spirituality

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00:00:14,690 --> 00:00:12,360  
with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:00:17,480 --> 00:00:14,700  
their critics I'm your host Alex Karras

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00:00:21,920 --> 00:00:17,490  
and during the many years I've done the

6  
00:00:24,650 --> 00:00:21,930  
show I've never had someone ask to come

7  
00:00:27,259 --> 00:00:24,660  
on and straighten me out about something

8  
00:00:28,759 --> 00:00:27,269  
I got wrong on previous interview with

9  
00:00:31,370 --> 00:00:28,769  
them or in this case with their

10  
00:00:33,799 --> 00:00:31,380  
co-author but that's exactly what we're

11  
00:00:36,200 --> 00:00:33,809  
going to do today dr. John Martin

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00:00:38,180 --> 00:00:36,210  
Fischer a distinguished professor of

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00:00:40,010 --> 00:00:38,190

philosophy at University of California

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00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:40,020

Riverside which is right up the road

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00:00:44,690 --> 00:00:42,480

from me is here to talk about a couple

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:44,700

of books that he's written one that we

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00:00:48,610 --> 00:00:46,079

featured in the previous episode of

18

00:00:51,049 --> 00:00:48,620

skeptical near-death experiences

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00:00:53,569 --> 00:00:51,059

understanding visions of the afterlife

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00:00:57,849 --> 00:00:53,579

and another one it which is more recent

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00:01:01,520 --> 00:00:57,859

death immortality and meaning of life

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00:01:03,709 --> 00:01:01,530

john welcome to skeptic oh thanks so

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00:01:06,890 --> 00:01:03,719

much for joining me thank you

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00:01:09,859 --> 00:01:06,900

Alex I appreciate the invitation and let

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00:01:13,250 --> 00:01:09,869

me just clarify that one reason I wanted

26  
00:01:15,620 --> 00:01:13,260  
to come on the show was that when you

27  
00:01:19,520 --> 00:01:15,630  
had tried to reach me before I was

28  
00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:19,530  
actually ill and away from my office for

29  
00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:22,320  
some months and that's why I did not get

30  
00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:25,200  
your messages but it was entirely my

31  
00:01:31,730 --> 00:01:27,840  
fault and it seemed too very rude I'm

32  
00:01:35,569 --> 00:01:31,740  
sure but I I apologized and I'm happy to

33  
00:01:37,160 --> 00:01:35,579  
have the opportunity now well I'm more

34  
00:01:39,530 --> 00:01:37,170  
than happy to give you that opportunity

35  
00:01:42,050 --> 00:01:39,540  
and yeah I did reach out to you

36  
00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:42,060  
initially but I wonder I thought one way

37  
00:01:46,880 --> 00:01:43,530  
we could bring people up to speed is I

38  
00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:46,890

did have a very good interview I thought

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00:01:52,429 --> 00:01:50,880

with your co-author someone who was a

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00:01:55,730 --> 00:01:52,439

research fellow working underneath

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:55,740

underneath you dr. Ben Mitchell Yellin

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00:02:01,249 --> 00:01:57,600

and I thought one way to kind of kick

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00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:01,259

this thing off is to play a clip from

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00:02:07,490 --> 00:02:04,079

that previous interview that we did and

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00:02:11,190 --> 00:02:07,500

I'll go ahead and play that clip for the

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00:02:13,200 --> 00:02:11,200

audience right now okay

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00:02:15,930 --> 00:02:13,210

we can start there I have to say when I

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00:02:18,990 --> 00:02:15,940

play that clip it's actually more

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00:02:21,620 --> 00:02:19,000

generous to you guys even than I would

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00:02:26,190 --> 00:02:21,630

be if I was kind of doing it again but

51  
00:02:30,060 --> 00:02:26,200  
tell us tell us why you felt like you

52  
00:02:32,930 --> 00:02:30,070  
needed to come back on and kind of set

53  
00:02:36,590 --> 00:02:32,940  
the record straight okay well first

54  
00:02:38,850 --> 00:02:36,600  
again I appreciate that opportunity

55  
00:02:42,320 --> 00:02:38,860  
there were a couple of things that I

56  
00:02:47,550 --> 00:02:42,330  
picked up from that quotation that

57  
00:02:49,820 --> 00:02:47,560  
little extra one was the point that all

58  
00:02:53,190 --> 00:02:49,830  
of the other near-death researchers

59  
00:02:55,290 --> 00:02:53,200  
perhaps serious academic researchers

60  
00:02:57,630 --> 00:02:55,300  
have not come to the same conclusion

61  
00:02:59,910 --> 00:02:57,640  
that we did you are wondering why and

62  
00:03:02,160 --> 00:02:59,920  
secondly the introduction to the chapter

63  
00:03:03,960 --> 00:03:02,170

in which we were talking about

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00:03:08,009 --> 00:03:03,970

near-death experiences in the blind

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00:03:12,320 --> 00:03:08,019

first of all as you know when we're

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00:03:15,479 --> 00:03:12,330

doing thoughtful analysis and reflection

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00:03:18,720 --> 00:03:15,489

we don't just count the number of people

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00:03:22,140 --> 00:03:18,730

who are on one side or another you know

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00:03:24,300 --> 00:03:22,150

you can find a lot of people on every

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00:03:27,150 --> 00:03:24,310

side of any interesting controversial

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00:03:30,350 --> 00:03:27,160

issue secondly there are quite a number

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00:03:32,940 --> 00:03:30,360

of researchers serious academic

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00:03:37,979 --> 00:03:32,950

researchers some of which we supported

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00:03:40,440 --> 00:03:37,989

in the immortality project who take a

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00:03:43,080 --> 00:03:40,450

different perspective not necessarily as

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00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:43,090

supernaturalists so for instance one of

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00:03:49,080 --> 00:03:46,000

our researchers whom we supported with

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00:03:51,660 --> 00:03:49,090

sampar Nia whom you mentioned and I'm a

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00:03:55,050 --> 00:03:51,670

very good friend of Stan's were in

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00:03:57,690 --> 00:03:55,060

constant correspondence in contact I

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00:04:01,590 --> 00:03:57,700

respect his work very much we also

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00:04:03,810 --> 00:04:01,600

supported Shahar RC in Israel who does

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00:04:07,830 --> 00:04:03,820

not take a super naturalist approach but

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00:04:11,280 --> 00:04:07,840

he's a very thoughtful scientist we also

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00:04:14,190 --> 00:04:11,290

supported Mel Slater and his wife Maria

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00:04:17,520 --> 00:04:14,200

Sanchez Viva who are part of an ongoing

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00:04:19,199 --> 00:04:17,530

research project in Spain using a

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00:04:22,010 --> 00:04:19,209

merciless virtual reality

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00:04:24,360 --> 00:04:22,020

and they've done some interesting

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00:04:27,180 --> 00:04:24,370

simulations of near-death experiences

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00:04:30,270 --> 00:04:27,190

using immersive virtual reality and

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00:04:32,719 --> 00:04:30,280

they've studied it none of those as far

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00:04:36,180 --> 00:04:32,729

as I know has come to a supernatural

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00:04:38,490 --> 00:04:36,190

conclusion there's of course the work of

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00:04:42,450 --> 00:04:38,500

Oliver Sacks there's a work of Kevin

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00:04:44,719 --> 00:04:42,460

Nelson an MD and a neural scientists at

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00:04:47,939 --> 00:04:44,729

University of Kentucky who offers

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00:04:51,029 --> 00:04:47,949

interesting physical explanations in

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00:04:53,760 --> 00:04:51,039

terms of the brain so there are a lot of

100

00:04:55,980 --> 00:04:53,770

people who don't really on when you

101  
00:04:57,570 --> 00:04:55,990  
break down even your list there you can

102  
00:04:59,460 --> 00:04:57,580  
start with Nelson we've covered his

103  
00:05:03,719 --> 00:04:59,470  
research extensively on that's right

104  
00:05:05,610 --> 00:05:03,729  
because a dr. Jeffrey Long who we're

105  
00:05:10,140 --> 00:05:05,620  
going to talk about in and in it yeah

106  
00:05:13,439 --> 00:05:10,150  
actually gave his data to Nelson to do

107  
00:05:16,890 --> 00:05:13,449  
the work and Jeffrey lung kind of does a

108  
00:05:18,900 --> 00:05:16,900  
complete breakdown of how REM intrusion

109  
00:05:21,740 --> 00:05:18,910  
which is Nelson's conclusion is

110  
00:05:23,969 --> 00:05:21,750  
completely kind of ridiculous

111  
00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:23,979  
pelant's and party who you mentioned

112  
00:05:29,610 --> 00:05:27,280  
comes to a conclusion that I'd like to

113  
00:05:31,379 --> 00:05:29,620

say the supernatural kind of explanation

114

00:05:33,629 --> 00:05:31,389

which we can get into a minute I don't I

115

00:05:36,180 --> 00:05:33,639

don't know that these people are saying

116

00:05:39,379 --> 00:05:36,190

supernatural but I hear them saying is

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00:05:42,020 --> 00:05:39,389

that by our normal understanding of

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00:05:44,189 --> 00:05:42,030

neurology the current neurological model

119

00:05:46,110 --> 00:05:44,199

consciousness seems to be surviving

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00:05:48,779 --> 00:05:46,120

death in a way that we don't understand

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00:05:50,969 --> 00:05:48,789

and they say that repeatedly and as far

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00:05:53,430 --> 00:05:50,979

as people stacking up on different sides

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00:05:55,219 --> 00:05:53,440

of a debate that's not what's going on

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00:05:58,850 --> 00:05:55,229

here what's going on here are

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00:06:01,740 --> 00:05:58,860

researchers who are open-mindedly

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00:06:04,620 --> 00:06:01,750

analyzing trying to understand doing

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00:06:08,430 --> 00:06:04,630

research into a phenomenon and then

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00:06:11,159 --> 00:06:08,440

coming to a conclusion at the end that

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00:06:14,249 --> 00:06:11,169

is supported by their data so this isn't

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00:06:16,589 --> 00:06:14,259

a you know Republican Democrat Pro

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00:06:19,560 --> 00:06:16,599

against it's just researchers doing

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00:06:22,560 --> 00:06:19,570

research and all the researchers come to

133

00:06:24,870 --> 00:06:22,570

one conclusion and then you write a it

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00:06:26,820 --> 00:06:24,880

suggests not true at all Susan Blackmore

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00:06:28,080 --> 00:06:26,830

did not come to that conclusion Kevin

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00:06:30,040 --> 00:06:28,090

Nelson doesn't come to that conclusion

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00:06:33,460 --> 00:06:30,050

what you said was too

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00:06:35,860 --> 00:06:33,470

long has analyzed Kevin Nelson and

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00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:35,870

allegedly refuted and that's not to say

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00:06:43,180 --> 00:06:37,759

that Kevin Nelson came to a supernatural

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00:06:46,059 --> 00:06:43,190

conclusion secondly um how many research

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00:06:49,570 --> 00:06:46,069

it's interesting it's a very small

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00:06:52,600 --> 00:06:49,580

number of scientists who do study and

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00:06:55,210 --> 00:06:52,610

E's and that's partly because until

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00:06:57,760 --> 00:06:55,220

recently it's been totally dismissed by

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00:07:01,839 --> 00:06:57,770

the scientific community part of my work

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00:07:05,350 --> 00:07:01,849

as you know is to try and say people who

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00:07:07,300 --> 00:07:05,360

have reported end E's are serious honest

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00:07:09,700 --> 00:07:07,310

sincere people by and large

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00:07:12,460 --> 00:07:09,710

not everyone we know the stories of Alex

151  
00:07:14,770 --> 00:07:12,470  
malarkey and others but almost all of

152  
00:07:17,320 --> 00:07:14,780  
them are serious sincere people I

153  
00:07:20,920 --> 00:07:17,330  
believe them and we need to study them

154  
00:07:24,999 --> 00:07:20,930  
and study them carefully so I believe

155  
00:07:27,820 --> 00:07:25,009  
more study should be done but as it is

156  
00:07:30,850 --> 00:07:27,830  
now you can pretty much count the

157  
00:07:33,309 --> 00:07:30,860  
serious academic studies on one or two

158  
00:07:36,129 --> 00:07:33,319  
hands simply not true

159  
00:07:37,930 --> 00:07:36,139  
you know I mean it's I had on Janice

160  
00:07:41,020 --> 00:07:37,940  
Holden who along with Bruce Grayson

161  
00:07:44,350 --> 00:07:41,030  
published the write the handbook now let

162  
00:07:46,510 --> 00:07:44,360  
me let me which reference is 200 and a

163  
00:07:48,610 --> 00:07:46,520

growing number of peer-reviewed

164

00:07:50,230 --> 00:07:48,620

near-death experience research papers

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00:07:51,969 --> 00:07:50,240

one of the things I thought we would do

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00:07:53,709 --> 00:07:51,979

today is kind of talk about this

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00:07:56,290 --> 00:07:53,719

research because your your book is

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00:07:58,689 --> 00:07:56,300

incredibly researched light it doesn't

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00:08:00,879 --> 00:07:58,699

reference the research in today when you

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00:08:03,159 --> 00:08:00,889

talk about Oliver Sacks he never did any

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00:08:07,290 --> 00:08:03,169

research in the near-death experiences

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00:08:10,120 --> 00:08:07,300

in his book hallucinations he discusses

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00:08:12,339 --> 00:08:10,130

what do you mean I don't know so in

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00:08:15,640 --> 00:08:12,349

other words I couldn't do research on

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00:08:18,189 --> 00:08:15,650

the on slavery in the US unless I talked

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00:08:22,420 --> 00:08:18,199

to slaves is that it I can't do any

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00:08:24,399 --> 00:08:22,430

research on on any phenomena in history

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00:08:26,290 --> 00:08:24,409

unless I've actually talked to them I

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00:08:29,200 --> 00:08:26,300

have of course talked to people who've

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00:08:32,380 --> 00:08:29,210

had near-death experiences and I've read

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00:08:32,949 --> 00:08:32,390

the thousands as you know they're a dime

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00:08:35,199 --> 00:08:32,959

a dozen

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00:08:36,969 --> 00:08:35,209

there are thousands online that you can

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00:08:39,699 --> 00:08:36,979

read and they've all gone to heaven and

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00:08:42,070 --> 00:08:39,709

talked to Jesus and they've come back

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00:08:44,949 --> 00:08:42,080

old are they for they

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00:08:46,769 --> 00:08:44,959

riddlin butterfly wings or they've blah

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00:08:49,090 --> 00:08:46,779

blah blah fill in the blank I've read

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00:08:53,050 --> 00:08:49,100

hundreds probably thousands of those

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00:08:56,560 --> 00:08:53,060

reports now I don't again I don't think

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00:08:59,530 --> 00:08:56,570

we want to go into accounting Matt I

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00:09:01,810 --> 00:08:59,540

will say that Janice Walden who's the

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00:09:05,019 --> 00:09:01,820

editor of the Journal of near-death

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00:09:06,850 --> 00:09:05,029

studies sponsored by ions with him

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00:09:09,069 --> 00:09:06,860

they're very familiar the International

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00:09:10,720 --> 00:09:09,079

Association of near-death studies I also

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00:09:13,300 --> 00:09:10,730

consider her a friend

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00:09:15,819 --> 00:09:13,310

we've course bonded regularly and she

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00:09:19,240 --> 00:09:15,829

was kind enough and gracious enough to

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00:09:22,509 --> 00:09:19,250

do a book symposium on our book and then

201  
00:09:24,850 --> 00:09:22,519  
wrote a reply essay and she was very

202  
00:09:27,430 --> 00:09:24,860  
professional she's indicated informally

203  
00:09:31,660 --> 00:09:27,440  
that she plans to do something on my new

204  
00:09:34,420 --> 00:09:31,670  
book as well so also the reason I first

205  
00:09:36,819 --> 00:09:34,430  
got interested in near-death experiences

206  
00:09:41,440 --> 00:09:36,829  
was I was on a panel with Bruce Grayson

207  
00:09:44,400 --> 00:09:41,450  
a panel in which we discussed ongoing

208  
00:09:46,900 --> 00:09:44,410  
research on immortality with the

209  
00:09:48,970 --> 00:09:46,910  
Templeton Foundation on the basis of

210  
00:09:52,980 --> 00:09:48,980  
that panel discussion I've kept in touch

211  
00:09:56,500 --> 00:09:52,990  
with Bruce I I respect his work greatly

212  
00:10:02,160 --> 00:09:56,510  
so I don't just dismiss these people I

213  
00:10:06,130 --> 00:10:02,170

know then they refer to a lot of stuff

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00:10:08,920 --> 00:10:06,140

200 even if there were 200 papers on

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00:10:11,829 --> 00:10:08,930

near-death experiences I would say

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00:10:15,220 --> 00:10:11,839

that's a tiny it's like a grain of sand

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00:10:16,420 --> 00:10:15,230

at the beautiful beach there at Delmar

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00:10:18,639 --> 00:10:16,430

where you live

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00:10:20,800 --> 00:10:18,649

compared to the number of scientific

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00:10:24,130 --> 00:10:20,810

studies we'd expect on any serious

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00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:24,140

phenomenal yeah okay we play a couple of

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00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:27,680

clips okay kind of okay I before I'm

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00:10:31,600 --> 00:10:29,120

sorry to interrupt but you played

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00:10:35,650 --> 00:10:31,610

something about our discussion of the

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00:10:38,530 --> 00:10:35,660

blind we introduced that chapter simply

226  
00:10:41,230 --> 00:10:38,540  
by saying we have to be skeptical about

227  
00:10:44,439 --> 00:10:41,240  
what people say you're a skeptic and

228  
00:10:47,939 --> 00:10:44,449  
that's important I'm not a skeptic well

229  
00:10:51,430 --> 00:10:47,949  
you are a skeptic about science and your

230  
00:10:53,800 --> 00:10:51,440  
ladies clip your book is but if I may

231  
00:10:55,290 --> 00:10:53,810  
talk extensively I'll get blind okay

232  
00:10:57,930 --> 00:10:55,300  
trust me

233  
00:11:00,890 --> 00:10:57,940  
so dr. long let me probe a little bit

234  
00:11:03,390 --> 00:11:00,900  
further about the types of near-death

235  
00:11:05,550 --> 00:11:03,400  
experience research that's out there

236  
00:11:07,800 --> 00:11:05,560  
because for the years I've had a lot of

237  
00:11:09,540 --> 00:11:07,810  
near-death experience researchers and

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00:11:13,610 --> 00:11:09,550

for example you know just the other day

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00:11:16,620 --> 00:11:13,620

I interviewed this guy nice enough guy

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00:11:18,900 --> 00:11:16,630

University of California he's doing his

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00:11:21,450 --> 00:11:18,910

post doctoral fellowship he's part of a

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00:11:23,220 --> 00:11:21,460

team they received four million dollars

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00:11:26,790 --> 00:11:23,230

and Foundation to study near-death

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00:11:29,880 --> 00:11:26,800

experiences so I speak to him about his

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00:11:32,340 --> 00:11:29,890

research turns out he didn't really do

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00:11:34,860 --> 00:11:32,350

any original research he didn't go into

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00:11:37,410 --> 00:11:34,870

a hospital into a cardiac arrest ward

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00:11:41,040 --> 00:11:37,420

and talk to patients there he didn't as

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00:11:42,450 --> 00:11:41,050

you did develop a 150 medical survey and

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00:11:45,600 --> 00:11:42,460

give it to hundreds of near-death

251  
00:11:48,510 --> 00:11:45,610  
experience researchers yet he published

252  
00:11:50,490 --> 00:11:48,520  
his results we talked about his book he

253  
00:11:52,170 --> 00:11:50,500  
concluded that near-death experiences

254  
00:11:52,860 --> 00:11:52,180  
aren't real in the way that we're

255  
00:11:54,930 --> 00:11:52,870  
talking about

256  
00:11:58,290 --> 00:11:54,940  
they don't suggest that consciousness

257  
00:12:01,710 --> 00:11:58,300  
seems to survive bodily death so I guess

258  
00:12:04,080 --> 00:12:01,720  
the question is for the average person

259  
00:12:05,820 --> 00:12:04,090  
who's trying to sort through this idea

260  
00:12:09,090 --> 00:12:05,830  
of near-death experience science

261  
00:12:12,270 --> 00:12:09,100  
research how do they sort through it how

262  
00:12:15,420 --> 00:12:12,280  
do they know what research really holds

263  
00:12:18,540 --> 00:12:15,430

up out there the key thing is to know a

264

00:12:20,760 --> 00:12:18,550

few of the consistently seen elements of

265

00:12:23,160 --> 00:12:20,770

near-death experience that are the

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00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:23,170

strongest evidence for their reality for

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00:12:27,720 --> 00:12:25,360

example when you're under general

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00:12:30,450 --> 00:12:27,730

anesthesia it should be impossible to

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00:12:32,850 --> 00:12:30,460

have a lucid organized remembrance at

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00:12:34,980 --> 00:12:32,860

that time in fact under anesthesia

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00:12:36,840 --> 00:12:34,990

you're typically so far under with

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00:12:38,160 --> 00:12:36,850

general anesthesia they often have to

273

00:12:40,140 --> 00:12:38,170

breathe for you I mean you're literally

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00:12:43,470 --> 00:12:40,150

brain shut down to the level of the

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00:12:45,420 --> 00:12:43,480

brainstem and at that point in time some

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00:12:46,980 --> 00:12:45,430

people have a cardiac arrest their heart

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00:12:47,820 --> 00:12:46,990

stops and of course that's very well

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00:12:50,010 --> 00:12:47,830

documented

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00:12:52,650 --> 00:12:50,020

they monitor people very carefully that

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00:12:54,330 --> 00:12:52,660

are having general anesthesia so I have

281

00:12:56,580 --> 00:12:54,340

dozens and dozens of near-death

282

00:12:59,070 --> 00:12:56,590

experiences that occurred under general

283

00:13:01,920 --> 00:12:59,080

anesthesia and at this time it should be

284

00:13:04,170 --> 00:13:01,930

if you will doubly impossible to have a

285

00:13:06,330 --> 00:13:04,180

conscious remembrance and yet they do

286

00:13:08,440 --> 00:13:06,340

have near-death experiences at this time

287

00:13:10,270 --> 00:13:08,450

and their typical near-death

288

00:13:12,040 --> 00:13:10,280

experiences they have the same elements

289

00:13:13,720 --> 00:13:12,050

and appear to have them in the same

290

00:13:16,000 --> 00:13:13,730

order as near-death experiences

291

00:13:18,370 --> 00:13:16,010

occurring under all other circumstances

292

00:13:20,260 --> 00:13:18,380

and in fact a critical survey question I

293

00:13:21,880 --> 00:13:20,270

asked was what their level of

294

00:13:24,400 --> 00:13:21,890

consciousness and alertness during the

295

00:13:26,380 --> 00:13:24,410

experience was well even under general

296

00:13:29,020 --> 00:13:26,390

anesthetics under those powerful

297

00:13:30,490 --> 00:13:29,030

chemicals to produce sedation if they

298

00:13:32,590 --> 00:13:30,500

had a near-death experience under

299

00:13:34,150 --> 00:13:32,600

general anesthesia their level of

300

00:13:36,370 --> 00:13:34,160

consciousness and alertness was

301  
00:13:38,320 --> 00:13:36,380  
identical to near-death experience is

302  
00:13:40,840 --> 00:13:38,330  
occurring under all other circumstances

303  
00:13:43,330 --> 00:13:40,850  
there's absolutely no way the skeptics

304  
00:13:45,430 --> 00:13:43,340  
can explain that away it's impossible

305  
00:13:47,170 --> 00:13:45,440  
that unit of itself is some of the

306  
00:13:49,180 --> 00:13:47,180  
strongest single line of evidence that

307  
00:13:51,520 --> 00:13:49,190  
your death experiences have to be

308  
00:13:53,020 --> 00:13:51,530  
independent of brain functioning there's

309  
00:13:55,330 --> 00:13:53,030  
simply no way you can be under general

310  
00:13:58,120 --> 00:13:55,340  
anesthesia and have a highly lucid

311  
00:14:00,070 --> 00:13:58,130  
organized experience like that and

312  
00:14:02,080 --> 00:14:00,080  
especially one that's consistently seen

313  
00:14:04,600 --> 00:14:02,090

throughout near-death experience

314

00:14:06,700 --> 00:14:04,610

research so that's probably the

315

00:14:08,830 --> 00:14:06,710

strongest line of evidence we have that

316

00:14:10,860 --> 00:14:08,840

the physical brain as we know it simply

317

00:14:12,010 --> 00:14:10,870

cannot produce the near-death experience

318

00:14:15,280 --> 00:14:12,020

okay

319

00:14:17,620 --> 00:14:15,290

there's a radiation oncologist full-time

320

00:14:20,890 --> 00:14:17,630

medical doctor talking about medicine I

321

00:14:23,860 --> 00:14:20,900

mean what's the response the response is

322

00:14:26,950 --> 00:14:23,870

that we don't know exactly when the

323

00:14:30,850 --> 00:14:26,960

near-death experience the phenomenology

324

00:14:33,730 --> 00:14:30,860

or the experiential content occurs two

325

00:14:36,850 --> 00:14:33,740

problems one I think I probably

326

00:14:39,220 --> 00:14:36,860

emphasize less our mechanisms for

327

00:14:41,080 --> 00:14:39,230

detecting brain activity are still

328

00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:41,090

fairly crude they're not very

329

00:14:46,360 --> 00:14:43,760

sophisticated neuroscience is in its

330

00:14:48,850 --> 00:14:46,370

infancy or maybe it's toddler stage but

331

00:14:52,210 --> 00:14:48,860

we don't really have the tools to be

332

00:14:55,710 --> 00:14:52,220

sure when the brain function is suitable

333

00:14:59,740 --> 00:14:55,720

and when it's not more importantly

334

00:15:03,010 --> 00:14:59,750

consider a dream people report dreams

335

00:15:06,040 --> 00:15:03,020

with content that spans a long period of

336

00:15:08,200 --> 00:15:06,050

time but when did they actually have the

337

00:15:09,970 --> 00:15:08,210

brain activity that underwrites the

338

00:15:12,730 --> 00:15:09,980

dream typically when they're ramping up

339

00:15:15,940 --> 00:15:12,740

when the brain is ramping up after being

340

00:15:18,010 --> 00:15:15,950

asleep after being not wake fully

341

00:15:21,190 --> 00:15:18,020

conscious the brain ramps up and the

342

00:15:22,450 --> 00:15:21,200

individual wakes up and we can do the

343

00:15:26,579 --> 00:15:22,460

studies that show

344

00:15:29,320 --> 00:15:26,589

that the brain activity is plausibly

345

00:15:31,170 --> 00:15:29,330

underwriting the dream in the last 20

346

00:15:33,310 --> 00:15:31,180

seconds before the individual wakes up

347

00:15:38,410 --> 00:15:33,320

but let me just say this

348

00:15:40,750 --> 00:15:38,420

I respect dr. long as you know my book

349

00:15:43,570 --> 00:15:40,760

with Ben and I've done the two books but

350

00:15:46,900 --> 00:15:43,580

my book with Ben Mitchell Yellen very

351

00:15:50,769 --> 00:15:46,910

carefully and thoroughly analyzes the

352

00:15:52,300 --> 00:15:50,779

book that Geoffrey long road evidence of

353

00:15:54,490 --> 00:15:52,310

the afterlife so if people are

354

00:15:57,490 --> 00:15:54,500

interested in a careful reflective

355

00:16:00,519 --> 00:15:57,500

analysis of dr. Long's results that's a

356

00:16:03,040 --> 00:16:00,529

good place to look he is an oncologist

357

00:16:05,829 --> 00:16:03,050

but he's not an oncologist he is not a

358

00:16:07,900 --> 00:16:05,839

philosopher and these are not purely

359

00:16:11,320 --> 00:16:07,910

medical questions these are questions

360

00:16:15,070 --> 00:16:11,330

about what we can infer from medical

361

00:16:17,769 --> 00:16:15,080

questions what do they mean and as such

362

00:16:20,010 --> 00:16:17,779

a doctor although as you know most

363

00:16:24,070 --> 00:16:20,020

doctors think of themselves as gods a

364

00:16:26,769 --> 00:16:24,080

doctor is not the best person to consult

365

00:16:29,740 --> 00:16:26,779

about the philosophical meaning of what

366

00:16:32,860 --> 00:16:29,750

the patient's say so that's the bet the

367

00:16:35,949 --> 00:16:32,870

bet that the bottom line is dr. long and

368

00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:35,959

no one knows exactly when the individual

369

00:16:41,800 --> 00:16:38,480

was having this experience it might seem

370

00:16:43,630 --> 00:16:41,810

like it was over a long period yeah John

371

00:16:45,790 --> 00:16:43,640

John you just you just and I went over

372

00:16:47,290 --> 00:16:45,800

this with Ben I I sent you that I said

373

00:16:49,420 --> 00:16:47,300

please go back and listen to the

374

00:16:52,570 --> 00:16:49,430

interview with Ben because you you guys

375

00:16:54,190 --> 00:16:52,580

just aren't up to speed on the research

376

00:16:56,140 --> 00:16:54,200

or I'll play another clip here's the

377

00:16:58,000 --> 00:16:56,150

best research that directly addresses

378

00:17:00,040 --> 00:16:58,010

that this is from chapter 3 your book

379

00:17:03,130 --> 00:17:00,050

when exactly did near-death experiences

380

00:17:05,319 --> 00:17:03,140

take place here's dr. penny Sartori had

381

00:17:07,870 --> 00:17:05,329

to run the show important research I'll

382

00:17:12,069 --> 00:17:07,880

play you the clip and my view it's not

383

00:17:14,020 --> 00:17:12,079

important research you know there's so

384

00:17:15,730 --> 00:17:14,030

many ways to break down this topic of

385

00:17:17,020 --> 00:17:15,740

near-death experience and as we were

386

00:17:18,669 --> 00:17:17,030

just talking about in this book that

387

00:17:22,809 --> 00:17:18,679

you've written it's it's very

388

00:17:25,120 --> 00:17:22,819

inspirational and that's terrific I mean

389

00:17:27,299 --> 00:17:25,130

there's a lot - there's a lot to be

390

00:17:29,710 --> 00:17:27,309

inspired about and there's a lot of

391

00:17:32,020 --> 00:17:29,720

cultural change that needs to go around

392

00:17:33,310 --> 00:17:32,030

this but the scientific angle and that's

393

00:17:35,049 --> 00:17:33,320

what I always thought was terrific about

394

00:17:36,399 --> 00:17:35,059

this research is

395

00:17:39,580 --> 00:17:36,409

as you know there's been this ongoing

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00:17:41,200 --> 00:17:39,590

debate well you it's it's not scientific

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00:17:43,980 --> 00:17:41,210

they're just these anecdotal accounts

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00:17:45,669 --> 00:17:43,990

and besides you could never study this

399

00:17:47,830 --> 00:17:45,679

scientifically and I always like to

400

00:17:52,499 --> 00:17:47,840

point people to your research and I say

401  
00:17:56,289 --> 00:17:52,509  
no here's really a wonderfully simple

402  
00:18:01,180 --> 00:17:56,299  
experiment that was done that one

403  
00:18:03,129 --> 00:18:01,190  
both adds incredible scientific evidence

404  
00:18:05,769 --> 00:18:03,139  
suggesting the reality of near-death

405  
00:18:07,749 --> 00:18:05,779  
experiences but also shows us a path how

406  
00:18:10,739 --> 00:18:07,759  
you can you can apply science to this

407  
00:18:14,999 --> 00:18:10,749  
can you just go over in in broad strokes

408  
00:18:18,009 --> 00:18:15,009  
the study that you did about people's

409  
00:18:20,289 --> 00:18:18,019  
recollection of their resuscitation and

410  
00:18:22,389 --> 00:18:20,299  
how one control how the control group

411  
00:18:25,539 --> 00:18:22,399  
was set up and how that was basically

412  
00:18:28,419 --> 00:18:25,549  
done okay so what I did was over the

413  
00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:28,429

period of five years I interviewed for

414

00:18:32,980 --> 00:18:30,559

the first year I interviewed every

415

00:18:35,249 --> 00:18:32,990

single patient who survived their

416

00:18:37,749 --> 00:18:35,259

admission to the intensive care unit and

417

00:18:40,029 --> 00:18:37,759

I wanted to make sure that I didn't miss

418

00:18:42,039 --> 00:18:40,039

any patients and what I found at the end

419

00:18:44,080 --> 00:18:42,049

of the first year was that I was

420

00:18:45,909 --> 00:18:44,090

actually spending longer in the hospital

421

00:18:48,419 --> 00:18:45,919

than I was at home so I couldn't sustain

422

00:18:51,489 --> 00:18:48,429

that for the following five four years

423

00:18:54,249 --> 00:18:51,499

though what I thought what I did then is

424

00:18:56,499 --> 00:18:54,259

I narrowed down the kind of the group I

425

00:18:59,019 --> 00:18:56,509

was interviewing so I only approached

426  
00:19:00,340 --> 00:18:59,029  
patients who had undergone cardiac

427  
00:19:03,340 --> 00:19:00,350  
arrest and survived

428  
00:19:06,249 --> 00:19:03,350  
and although the sample was a little

429  
00:19:09,340 --> 00:19:06,259  
smaller than the first year what I found

430  
00:19:12,549 --> 00:19:09,350  
is that in 30 out of 39 patients who had

431  
00:19:14,590 --> 00:19:12,559  
been successfully resuscitated seven of

432  
00:19:17,710 --> 00:19:14,600  
them recalled a near-death experience

433  
00:19:20,200 --> 00:19:17,720  
and that's you know as nearly 18 percent

434  
00:19:22,779 --> 00:19:20,210  
of patients who survived cardiac arrest

435  
00:19:25,149 --> 00:19:22,789  
had this kind of experience and what I

436  
00:19:27,249 --> 00:19:25,159  
also did is I documented their blood

437  
00:19:29,169 --> 00:19:27,259  
results at the time I looked at the

438  
00:19:32,080 --> 00:19:29,179

drugs that were given and I also

439

00:19:33,820 --> 00:19:32,090

interviewed that the staff members who

440

00:19:36,340 --> 00:19:33,830

were looking after the patient so the

441

00:19:39,220 --> 00:19:36,350

nurses and the doctors I asked them if

442

00:19:41,619 --> 00:19:39,230

one of the page if the patients reported

443

00:19:43,509 --> 00:19:41,629

the out-of-body component I would then

444

00:19:47,009 --> 00:19:43,519

try and verify what it was that they

445

00:19:48,730 --> 00:19:47,019

wrote what they described I would I

446

00:19:50,019 --> 00:19:48,740

verified that with an

447

00:19:52,210 --> 00:19:50,029

the nurses and the doctors who were

448

00:19:54,310 --> 00:19:52,220

looking after them with the control

449

00:19:57,039 --> 00:19:54,320

group I had then patients who'd been

450

00:19:59,590 --> 00:19:57,049

successfully resuscitated but they

451  
00:20:01,330 --> 00:19:59,600  
didn't have a near-death experience so

452  
00:20:03,700 --> 00:20:01,340  
they didn't have the antibody component

453  
00:20:05,919 --> 00:20:03,710  
and I asked them if they could describe

454  
00:20:09,039 --> 00:20:05,929  
what they thought that we had done to

455  
00:20:11,440 --> 00:20:09,049  
them and they were like what do you mean

456  
00:20:15,250 --> 00:20:11,450  
I don't I was dead I don't remember

457  
00:20:18,010 --> 00:20:15,260  
anything right why are you asking me

458  
00:20:21,250 --> 00:20:18,020  
this I have no idea what you did to me

459  
00:20:23,740 --> 00:20:21,260  
at all like and the majority of them

460  
00:20:25,480 --> 00:20:23,750  
couldn't even guess they couldn't make a

461  
00:20:28,120 --> 00:20:25,490  
guess as to what we'd done

462  
00:20:30,760 --> 00:20:28,130  
and then a few of them then did make a

463  
00:20:33,310 --> 00:20:30,770

guess and it was based on T V Hospital

464

00:20:34,779 --> 00:20:33,320

dramas that they've been watching and

465

00:20:37,000 --> 00:20:34,789

what I found is that there were errors

466

00:20:39,610 --> 00:20:37,010

and misconceptions in what they thought

467

00:20:42,159 --> 00:20:39,620

we had done to them and so some of them

468

00:20:44,620 --> 00:20:42,169

thought that they had been DC shocked

469

00:20:46,090 --> 00:20:44,630

with the paddles and they hadn't those

470

00:20:50,409 --> 00:20:46,100

people had just had the resuscitation

471

00:20:53,470 --> 00:20:50,419

the CPR and drugs administered such as

472

00:20:56,260 --> 00:20:53,480

adrenaline or noradrenaline and then

473

00:20:58,389 --> 00:20:56,270

some of them made educated guesses but

474

00:21:01,240 --> 00:20:58,399

the police where they thought that we

475

00:21:03,730 --> 00:21:01,250

put the paddles on to their body was

476  
00:21:05,649 --> 00:21:03,740  
completely erroneous it was wrong it was

477  
00:21:08,409 --> 00:21:05,659  
incorrect it just goes to show that the

478  
00:21:11,019 --> 00:21:08,419  
people who did report the near-death

479  
00:21:13,210 --> 00:21:11,029  
experience described their experience

480  
00:21:15,789 --> 00:21:13,220  
with accuracy or as the control group

481  
00:21:18,190 --> 00:21:15,799  
weren't Winsett accurate and they most

482  
00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:18,200  
of them couldn't even hazard a guess so

483  
00:21:22,480 --> 00:21:20,240  
John to me this is near-death experience

484  
00:21:24,159 --> 00:21:22,490  
research what dr. long is doing is

485  
00:21:26,139 --> 00:21:24,169  
near-death experience research

486  
00:21:27,970 --> 00:21:26,149  
you mentioned the timing thing doesn't

487  
00:21:30,279 --> 00:21:27,980  
this address the timing thing with real

488  
00:21:31,570 --> 00:21:30,289

research somebody in a hospital someone

489

00:21:34,389 --> 00:21:31,580

working with people who've had a

490

00:21:36,789 --> 00:21:34,399

near-death experience well Alex first I

491

00:21:38,950 --> 00:21:36,799

apologize but I really couldn't here

492

00:21:42,399 --> 00:21:38,960

couldn't understand what she was saying

493

00:21:44,320 --> 00:21:42,409

in terms of the quality of the audio can

494

00:21:46,330 --> 00:21:44,330

you just in a couple sense it's as

495

00:21:50,230 --> 00:21:46,340

summarized what she was saying good

496

00:21:52,750 --> 00:21:50,240

thank you for the summary I admire dr.

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00:21:55,450 --> 00:21:52,760

Sartori I Penny Sartori

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00:21:57,310 --> 00:21:55,460

I've read her recent book one thing I

499

00:22:00,010 --> 00:21:57,320

want to commend about her as she points

500

00:22:02,049 --> 00:22:00,020

out that one of the important features

501  
00:22:02,590 --> 00:22:02,059  
of near-death experiences is that they

502  
00:22:04,419 --> 00:22:02,600  
show

503  
00:22:07,480 --> 00:22:04,429  
something important about end-of-life

504  
00:22:10,200 --> 00:22:07,490  
care about a more humane way of treating

505  
00:22:14,169 --> 00:22:10,210  
people at the end-of-life her own

506  
00:22:15,610 --> 00:22:14,179  
perhaps a basis on which she makes that

507  
00:22:17,620 --> 00:22:15,620  
argument might be a little different

508  
00:22:20,080 --> 00:22:17,630  
from mine but I do find it a very

509  
00:22:23,350 --> 00:22:20,090  
insightful point a point that I myself

510  
00:22:27,220 --> 00:22:23,360  
want to develop further I know she's

511  
00:22:32,080 --> 00:22:27,230  
very sincere I don't know that it's a

512  
00:22:34,990 --> 00:22:32,090  
double-blind a project that was overseen

513  
00:22:38,260 --> 00:22:35,000

by anyone else I know that she has very

514

00:22:41,620 --> 00:22:38,270

strong antecedent views about these

515

00:22:43,659 --> 00:22:41,630

matters and I think confirmation bias

516

00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:43,669

plays an important role when you have

517

00:22:48,279 --> 00:22:46,159

antecedent news well you would have to

518

00:22:50,140 --> 00:22:48,289

establish that you would have to one how

519

00:22:53,799 --> 00:22:50,150

can you not even know of this research I

520

00:22:57,370 --> 00:22:53,809

know this I've studied this look there

521

00:22:59,770 --> 00:22:57,380

is is it there is did it have oversight

522

00:23:02,590 --> 00:22:59,780

or did it not have over so not that I've

523

00:23:05,200 --> 00:23:02,600

seen and let me say this it would be

524

00:23:07,690 --> 00:23:05,210

impossible of course to have read every

525

00:23:10,779 --> 00:23:07,700

study that's referred to as you say

526

00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:10,789

there there are a lot of things out

527

00:23:16,330 --> 00:23:13,010

there in the internet and popular books

528

00:23:19,450 --> 00:23:16,340

I've read I've read quite a number of

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00:23:22,120 --> 00:23:19,460

books by I believe her research did have

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00:23:24,669 --> 00:23:22,130

oversight by dr. Peter fennec it was a

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00:23:26,529 --> 00:23:24,679

colleague of hers and as you know dr. C

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00:23:28,539 --> 00:23:26,539

and parney was also a colleague of hers

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00:23:31,299 --> 00:23:28,549

there were a lasagna

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00:23:33,700 --> 00:23:31,309

dr. Ponyo has an ongoing study called

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00:23:36,430 --> 00:23:33,710

aware of which I'm sure you are aware

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00:23:40,000 --> 00:23:36,440

and we supported it the immortality

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00:23:44,169 --> 00:23:40,010

project gave him \$250,000 he is a good

538

00:23:45,970 --> 00:23:44,179

friend as of now in my view and I think

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00:23:50,590 --> 00:23:45,980

you would share this he does not have a

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00:23:52,570 --> 00:23:50,600

single case where someone saw one of the

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00:23:57,010 --> 00:23:52,580

monitors that he places in hospital

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00:23:58,930 --> 00:23:57,020

rooms and identified the number and he

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00:24:01,659 --> 00:23:58,940

has pointed out that he had to make his

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00:24:03,370 --> 00:24:01,669

study very very carefully double blinded

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00:24:06,310 --> 00:24:03,380

because when he was first doing the

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00:24:10,299 --> 00:24:06,320

study in Southampton the nurses actually

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00:24:13,480 --> 00:24:10,309

prompted the patient's terror management

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00:24:16,480 --> 00:24:13,490

and confirmation bias is so powerful

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00:24:19,540 --> 00:24:16,490

that the nurses wanted the patients

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00:24:21,310 --> 00:24:19,550

to tell dr. partyi the right answer so

551  
00:24:25,740 --> 00:24:21,320  
they gave you don't you don't you're

552  
00:24:28,600 --> 00:24:25,750  
just kind of not take the conclusions of

553  
00:24:30,250 --> 00:24:28,610  
I've had him on the show that's okay I'm

554  
00:24:31,840 --> 00:24:30,260  
glad you've talked to him I've talked to

555  
00:24:33,880 --> 00:24:31,850  
him too I'd have my I've had him on the

556  
00:24:35,740 --> 00:24:33,890  
show multiple times and the first time

557  
00:24:38,260 --> 00:24:35,750  
he was kind of very much in this

558  
00:24:40,450 --> 00:24:38,270  
in-between zone of whether or not he

559  
00:24:42,550 --> 00:24:40,460  
thought that his dead it was suggestive

560  
00:24:44,680 --> 00:24:42,560  
of consciousness surviving death since

561  
00:24:47,140 --> 00:24:44,690  
then maybe you know he has come out and

562  
00:24:49,120 --> 00:24:47,150  
his conclusion is that based on all the

563  
00:24:51,280 --> 00:24:49,130

research that he's done he is of the

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00:24:53,200 --> 00:24:51,290

opinion that his research is highly

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00:24:56,020 --> 00:24:53,210

suggestive that consciousness survives

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00:24:57,550 --> 00:24:56,030

death so don't spin Barnea as saying

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00:24:59,770 --> 00:24:57,560

something different and as far as I'm

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00:25:03,010 --> 00:24:59,780

just reporting but he does not have a

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00:25:06,850 --> 00:25:03,020

single case it's very detailed method a

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00:25:10,660 --> 00:25:06,860

lot about to me where can I look at one

571

00:25:13,900 --> 00:25:10,670

single example or Sam whom I respect is

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00:25:16,540 --> 00:25:13,910

a great scientist has found someone who

573

00:25:18,910 --> 00:25:16,550

cannot see a computer monitor in their

574

00:25:21,010 --> 00:25:18,920

room and they are unconscious and they

575

00:25:23,680 --> 00:25:21,020

identify the number that's randomly put

576

00:25:25,930 --> 00:25:23,690

tell me where I can find it he's been

577

00:25:27,910 --> 00:25:25,940

working on this if you think he's such a

578

00:25:30,160 --> 00:25:27,920

great researcher in your respect him

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00:25:33,010 --> 00:25:30,170

that wanted to respect his conclusion I

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00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:33,020

don't want a year of a multi-year study

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00:25:38,470 --> 00:25:35,600

in which he concludes what I just said

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00:25:41,080 --> 00:25:38,480

so the methodological issues in terms of

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00:25:43,120 --> 00:25:41,090

seeing a particular thing placed in a

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00:25:46,090 --> 00:25:43,130

particular area when someone's outside

585

00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:46,100

of their body has all sorts of details

586

00:25:50,080 --> 00:25:47,840

to it that we've explored on this show

587

00:25:52,540 --> 00:25:50,090

but it's not up to you to decide that

588

00:25:55,240 --> 00:25:52,550

that is the sole criteria again that

589

00:25:56,800 --> 00:25:55,250

researchers conclusion is based on all

590

00:25:59,680 --> 00:25:56,810

his research because he does research

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00:26:01,870 --> 00:25:59,690

similar to what dr. Sartori is doing in

592

00:26:04,240 --> 00:26:01,880

terms of asking people to recover very

593

00:26:08,140 --> 00:26:04,250

very important this conclusion at the

594

00:26:12,070 --> 00:26:08,150

end of the day is that well he is a

595

00:26:14,020 --> 00:26:12,080

thoughtful scientist but as you know you

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00:26:16,290 --> 00:26:14,030

emphasize in your work that science

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00:26:17,770 --> 00:26:16,300

doesn't even address the most important

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00:26:20,650 --> 00:26:17,780

things in life

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00:26:22,420 --> 00:26:20,660

matter of fact you have a book that's

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00:26:25,680 --> 00:26:22,430

called science is wrong about everything

601  
00:26:28,920 --> 00:26:25,690  
and or something like that and

602  
00:26:32,220 --> 00:26:28,930  
I think the point is that scientists and

603  
00:26:36,150 --> 00:26:32,230  
doctors only go so far then we're all

604  
00:26:39,210 --> 00:26:36,160  
all human beings have the right to

605  
00:26:41,640 --> 00:26:39,220  
analyze and reflect on those studies

606  
00:26:45,180 --> 00:26:41,650  
that they do and on their conclusions

607  
00:26:48,990 --> 00:26:45,190  
now if Sam were my respect says some of

608  
00:26:51,690 --> 00:26:49,000  
his data suggests or even strongly

609  
00:26:54,750 --> 00:26:51,700  
suggests that consciousness survives for

610  
00:26:56,910 --> 00:26:54,760  
failure to function of the brain the

611  
00:26:58,500 --> 00:26:56,920  
death of the brain I respect that

612  
00:27:00,450 --> 00:26:58,510  
what he's saying is that's the

613  
00:27:03,210 --> 00:27:00,460

suggestion there's no proof there

614

00:27:07,140 --> 00:27:03,220

there's no and so we can agree to

615

00:27:11,010 --> 00:27:07,150

disagree I'm sure that that I disagree

616

00:27:13,650 --> 00:27:11,020

that the data strongly suggest that let

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00:27:15,750 --> 00:27:13,660

me say one of the people that said and

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00:27:18,990 --> 00:27:15,760

various of the other supernaturalists

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00:27:20,940 --> 00:27:19,000

invoke apparently wanting the authority

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00:27:24,630 --> 00:27:20,950

of the contemporary philosopher of mind

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00:27:27,390 --> 00:27:24,640

is David Chalmers David Chalmers is

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00:27:30,540 --> 00:27:27,400

invoked by pin dhamaal and a whole host

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00:27:32,640 --> 00:27:30,550

of others and yet David Chalmers does

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00:27:35,910 --> 00:27:32,650

not believe that consciousness survives

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00:27:38,520 --> 00:27:35,920

death he's a dualist but not a substance

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00:27:40,770 --> 00:27:38,530

duelist he's a property dualist he does

627

00:27:43,440 --> 00:27:40,780

not believe that consciousness survives

628

00:27:46,560 --> 00:27:43,450

this so there are a lot of philosophical

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00:27:49,800 --> 00:27:46,570

conclusions that are made by MDS and

630

00:27:53,970 --> 00:27:49,810

those philosophical conclusions people

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00:27:56,610 --> 00:27:53,980

can reasonably disagree with I don't

632

00:27:58,950 --> 00:27:56,620

think so but hey that's why we have this

633

00:28:00,630 --> 00:27:58,960

show here's another clip from Doc you

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00:28:02,850 --> 00:28:00,640

know what you don't think that we can

635

00:28:06,090 --> 00:28:02,860

disagree with scientists conclusions

636

00:28:08,730 --> 00:28:06,100

about metaphysical matters I thought you

637

00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:08,740

thought that science doesn't even deal

638

00:28:12,060 --> 00:28:10,480

with the most important questions and

639

00:28:16,530 --> 00:28:12,070

that that they're wrong about everything

640

00:28:18,240 --> 00:28:16,540

just about oh yeah we can get into that

641

00:28:20,460 --> 00:28:18,250

balaam I need to talk about my own book

642

00:28:24,540 --> 00:28:20,470

I will just mention you are you're

643

00:28:26,160 --> 00:28:24,550

making claims about my research to talk

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00:28:28,290 --> 00:28:26,170

about it I just didn't want to waste our

645

00:28:31,950 --> 00:28:28,300

time my point so you think we should

646

00:28:35,610 --> 00:28:31,960

agree with every I mean the scientists

647

00:28:37,980 --> 00:28:35,620

disagree obviously so the premise of why

648

00:28:39,750 --> 00:28:37,990

science is wrong about almost everything

649

00:28:42,120 --> 00:28:39,760

and it does get to the heart of the

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00:28:44,970 --> 00:28:42,130

problem I have with your work is that if

651  
00:28:47,400 --> 00:28:44,980  
science doesn't understand consciousness

652  
00:28:50,070 --> 00:28:47,410  
if science can't get consciousness right

653  
00:28:52,380 --> 00:28:50,080  
then science can't get anything right

654  
00:28:54,660 --> 00:28:52,390  
because we will always come back to the

655  
00:28:56,850 --> 00:28:54,670  
how many angels fit on the head of oh if

656  
00:29:02,130 --> 00:28:56,860  
you have a cancer who you're gonna turn

657  
00:29:04,080 --> 00:29:02,140  
to no way doesn't science have something

658  
00:29:07,140 --> 00:29:04,090  
to say about illness and how to treat it

659  
00:29:10,530 --> 00:29:07,150  
and I isn't that the best bet I think

660  
00:29:12,720 --> 00:29:10,540  
that that we're mixing the philosophical

661  
00:29:16,200 --> 00:29:12,730  
and the private so much your family had

662  
00:29:19,380 --> 00:29:16,210  
a serious disease would you go to a

663  
00:29:21,810 --> 00:29:19,390

faith healer or someone who will read

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00:29:24,360 --> 00:29:21,820

your palm or will you but I thought you

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00:29:28,050 --> 00:29:24,370

said science gets everything wrong if

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00:29:30,420 --> 00:29:28,060

they can't get consciousness right I

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00:29:32,760 --> 00:29:30,430

think I said almost but I think we're

668

00:29:34,230 --> 00:29:32,770

getting off track I'd go back that's the

669

00:29:36,000 --> 00:29:34,240

title of the book why science is wrong

670

00:29:37,920 --> 00:29:36,010

about almost everything so you can

671

00:29:39,900 --> 00:29:37,930

snicker but that's what it said back to

672

00:29:41,420 --> 00:29:39,910

Jeff long so see if you can turn up the

673

00:29:43,710 --> 00:29:41,430

volume so you can hear this one it's

674

00:29:47,550 --> 00:29:43,720

because it directly addresses your

675

00:29:49,290 --> 00:29:47,560

research okay and I'm gonna push that a

676

00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:49,300

little bit further because here's what I

677

00:29:52,890 --> 00:29:51,130

was trying to lead you really because

678

00:29:55,200 --> 00:29:52,900

this has come up over and over again

679

00:29:57,270 --> 00:29:55,210

with me Jeff I'm not making this up

680

00:29:59,520 --> 00:29:57,280

you know it because you see it out there

681

00:30:02,370 --> 00:29:59,530

I mean here's a book with all these

682

00:30:05,610 --> 00:30:02,380

academic credentials and you dig into it

683

00:30:07,170 --> 00:30:05,620

and they never spoke with someone who

684

00:30:08,820 --> 00:30:07,180

actually had a near-death experience i

685

00:30:10,950 --> 00:30:08,830

I've had this happen

686

00:30:12,870 --> 00:30:10,960

over and over again I can think of three

687

00:30:14,340 --> 00:30:12,880

or four in the last year right if you

688

00:30:16,350 --> 00:30:14,350

interviewed him and I just want to I

689

00:30:18,060 --> 00:30:16,360

just want to scream it go how is this

690

00:30:20,130 --> 00:30:18,070

near-death experience research there's

691

00:30:23,700 --> 00:30:20,140

no people who had a near-death

692

00:30:26,070 --> 00:30:23,710

experience that you know that is an

693

00:30:28,260 --> 00:30:26,080

amazingly good point it is astounding to

694

00:30:31,530 --> 00:30:28,270

me to that we have people that publish

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00:30:33,120 --> 00:30:31,540

write books write scholarly papers about

696

00:30:34,950 --> 00:30:33,130

near-death experience that have

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00:30:37,770 --> 00:30:34,960

literally never talked to someone who

698

00:30:40,170 --> 00:30:37,780

had a near-death experience that is some

699

00:30:43,170 --> 00:30:40,180

of the most bizarre research I can

700

00:30:45,600 --> 00:30:43,180

possibly imagine it makes no sense to me

701  
00:30:48,180 --> 00:30:45,610  
and I'm sure everybody that sees this

702  
00:30:50,190 --> 00:30:48,190  
video is going to think gosh how is that

703  
00:30:50,930 --> 00:30:50,200  
even possible how can somebody claim

704  
00:30:53,360 --> 00:30:50,940  
that they're doing

705  
00:30:54,650 --> 00:30:53,370  
experience research and never ever even

706  
00:30:57,170 --> 00:30:54,660  
talked to someone who had a near-death

707  
00:30:58,700 --> 00:30:57,180  
experience well the answer is you can't

708  
00:31:00,800 --> 00:30:58,710  
if you're going to investigate

709  
00:31:02,750 --> 00:31:00,810  
near-death experiences you have to talk

710  
00:31:04,550 --> 00:31:02,760  
to the near-death experiencers and you

711  
00:31:07,460 --> 00:31:04,560  
have to understand what happened during

712  
00:31:09,950 --> 00:31:07,470  
the near-death experience okay I did

713  
00:31:12,440 --> 00:31:09,960

hear that thank you I better turn my

714

00:31:15,650 --> 00:31:12,450

volume down though now because you'll

715

00:31:18,710 --> 00:31:15,660

come come in very lovely I respect

716

00:31:20,540 --> 00:31:18,720

doctor and long as I mentioned much of

717

00:31:23,200 --> 00:31:20,550

the book that Ben and I wrote looks

718

00:31:26,260 --> 00:31:23,210

carefully at the logic behind his

719

00:31:29,630 --> 00:31:26,270

conclusions like I say these are not

720

00:31:32,930 --> 00:31:29,640

medical matters purely these are about

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00:31:36,590 --> 00:31:32,940

the metaphysical conclusions that you

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00:31:40,010 --> 00:31:36,600

reach and what we argued respectively

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00:31:43,340 --> 00:31:40,020

respectfully was that his logic is bad

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00:31:45,430 --> 00:31:43,350

and I would absolutely love to come on

725

00:31:49,490 --> 00:31:45,440

this program or any other program and

726  
00:31:52,070 --> 00:31:49,500  
have a friendly serious discussion with

727  
00:31:54,950 --> 00:31:52,080  
dr. Locke I mean if you could facilitate

728  
00:31:58,100 --> 00:31:54,960  
a debate that'd be great or in any

729  
00:32:00,530 --> 00:31:58,110  
context I would like to discuss but the

730  
00:32:03,860 --> 00:32:00,540  
point is he's coming to philosophical

731  
00:32:06,950 --> 00:32:03,870  
conclusions and he is not as an

732  
00:32:09,860 --> 00:32:06,960  
oncologist uniquely suited to do that

733  
00:32:12,830 --> 00:32:09,870  
secondly now I would not know how to

734  
00:32:15,890 --> 00:32:12,840  
treat someone with prostate cancer I I

735  
00:32:17,510 --> 00:32:15,900  
assume he does and I respect him but

736  
00:32:19,640 --> 00:32:17,520  
when he comes to philosophical

737  
00:32:23,090 --> 00:32:19,650  
conclusions he doesn't have any special

738  
00:32:25,490 --> 00:32:23,100

Authority all of us as human beings can

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00:32:28,400 --> 00:32:25,500

think and can use logic and shouldn't we

740

00:32:33,290 --> 00:32:28,410

use critical thinking and logic secondly

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00:32:36,710 --> 00:32:33,300

I one thing that I have always done and

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00:32:38,900 --> 00:32:36,720

been has always done and I thought Ben

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00:32:42,980 --> 00:32:38,910

did a very good job in his interview

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00:32:45,950 --> 00:32:42,990

with you we respect these reports unlike

745

00:32:48,650 --> 00:32:45,960

some people we we argued they really are

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00:32:50,990 --> 00:32:48,660

being honest and these events really

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00:32:54,140 --> 00:32:51,000

occurred they experienced that the only

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00:32:58,790 --> 00:32:54,150

question is what their meaning is so we

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00:33:00,950 --> 00:32:58,800

stipulate every all these reports I mean

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00:33:04,630 --> 00:33:00,960

what would we learn if we I mean if I

751  
00:33:08,009 --> 00:33:04,640  
did a thousand interviews with people

752  
00:33:10,389 --> 00:33:08,019  
I'm stipulating I'm saying okay

753  
00:33:12,370 --> 00:33:10,399  
everything they say is true they had

754  
00:33:14,799 --> 00:33:12,380  
these experiences it seemed as though

755  
00:33:16,389 --> 00:33:14,809  
they were riding on the wing of a black

756  
00:33:20,019 --> 00:33:16,399  
butterfly it seemed as though they

757  
00:33:22,990 --> 00:33:20,029  
talked to Jesus Colton Burpo thought

758  
00:33:26,620 --> 00:33:23,000  
that he sat at the table with Jesus and

759  
00:33:28,690 --> 00:33:26,630  
so forth stipulate all that's true now

760  
00:33:30,639 --> 00:33:28,700  
what are the philosophical conclusions

761  
00:33:31,419 --> 00:33:30,649  
that you're going to draw that's a

762  
00:33:34,289 --> 00:33:31,429  
different point

763  
00:33:36,789 --> 00:33:34,299

as you know Alex you could talk to

764

00:33:40,810 --> 00:33:36,799

thousands of people who've gone to faith

765

00:33:43,750 --> 00:33:40,820

healers and they absolutely they're sure

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00:33:45,149 --> 00:33:43,760

that the faith healer cured them they're

767

00:33:47,560 --> 00:33:45,159

sure of it

768

00:33:50,289 --> 00:33:47,570

what would it help I mean I could go

769

00:33:52,779 --> 00:33:50,299

talk and let me also just reiterate a

770

00:33:55,600 --> 00:33:52,789

point I suppose you don't think you

771

00:33:58,620 --> 00:33:55,610

could study slavery or its impact on

772

00:34:01,480 --> 00:33:58,630

people without actually talking to slave

773

00:34:04,149 --> 00:34:01,490

or you can't talk about the economy of

774

00:34:06,610 --> 00:34:04,159

China without going and talking to

775

00:34:09,550 --> 00:34:06,620

Chinese people you can study phenomena

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00:34:12,550 --> 00:34:09,560

and study them very carefully and then

777

00:34:14,889 --> 00:34:12,560

pinpoint the issues that are important

778

00:34:19,180 --> 00:34:14,899

to you without going out in the field

779

00:34:22,180 --> 00:34:19,190

and and doing field research I could

780

00:34:24,280 --> 00:34:22,190

John it's just this is what you and Ben

781

00:34:25,720 --> 00:34:24,290

it's kind of a silly discussion at some

782

00:34:27,849 --> 00:34:25,730

point and we're just kind of rehashing

783

00:34:30,730 --> 00:34:27,859

the same thing over and over again if

784

00:34:32,649 --> 00:34:30,740

you go back to dr. Long's first comment

785

00:34:33,970 --> 00:34:32,659

that I played and I think people will

786

00:34:36,609 --> 00:34:33,980

get this so I don't want to just kind of

787

00:34:39,040 --> 00:34:36,619

beat a dead horse he says look when

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00:34:41,260 --> 00:34:39,050

you're under general anesthesia you

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00:34:43,480 --> 00:34:41,270

don't have a conscious experience as we

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00:34:44,919 --> 00:34:43,490

understand it that's the whole point but

791

00:34:49,510 --> 00:34:44,929

there's no evidence that anyone does

792

00:34:52,240 --> 00:34:49,520

they are out of general anesthesia just

793

00:34:54,399 --> 00:34:52,250

like you wake up after a dream you wake

794

00:35:01,800 --> 00:34:54,409

up to the brain is wrapping up there's

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00:35:07,420 --> 00:35:05,410

seemed to be healed by failure well

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00:35:10,900 --> 00:35:07,430

again you you were you were

797

00:35:13,000 --> 00:35:10,910

non-responsive after it are

798

00:35:15,640 --> 00:35:13,010

non-responsive to the research because

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00:35:18,010 --> 00:35:15,650

this is what dr. long says dr. Locke

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00:35:18,590 --> 00:35:18,020

okay here's my response here's my

801  
00:35:23,360 --> 00:35:18,600  
response

802  
00:35:25,580 --> 00:35:23,370  
dr. long hears people say I had this

803  
00:35:28,910 --> 00:35:25,590  
experience while I was under general

804  
00:35:31,640 --> 00:35:28,920  
anesthesia now my point is you can have

805  
00:35:33,310 --> 00:35:31,650  
a million people say that just like you

806  
00:35:37,400 --> 00:35:33,320  
could have a million people tell you

807  
00:35:40,070 --> 00:35:37,410  
that they were healed by a faith healer

808  
00:35:44,840 --> 00:35:40,080  
or the answer went away because they

809  
00:35:46,790 --> 00:35:44,850  
took a penny Sartori clip and I show you

810  
00:35:52,310 --> 00:35:46,800  
there's someone how many people do you

811  
00:35:55,370 --> 00:35:52,320  
want and try to address the timing issue

812  
00:35:57,650 --> 00:35:55,380  
Jeff long addresses a timing issue also

813  
00:35:59,600 --> 00:35:57,660

advance to Penner Sartorius research

814

00:36:03,320 --> 00:35:59,610

then you started saying does she have a

815

00:36:05,180 --> 00:36:03,330

bias is she somehow not being supervised

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00:36:08,060 --> 00:36:05,190

even though it's peer-reviewed research

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00:36:10,540 --> 00:36:08,070

it's just it's just sloppy on your point

818

00:36:12,620 --> 00:36:10,550

this isn't a philosophical question so

819

00:36:15,050 --> 00:36:12,630

philosophical questions related to it

820

00:36:19,850 --> 00:36:15,060

but these are medical researchers now

821

00:36:22,640 --> 00:36:19,860

who are really looking at the data I'm

822

00:36:24,500 --> 00:36:22,650

still a conclusion that consciousness is

823

00:36:28,480 --> 00:36:24,510

not in the brain is out there it's

824

00:36:32,120 --> 00:36:28,490

somehow out there and our brain somehow

825

00:36:35,140 --> 00:36:32,130

receive it and PIM van Lommel of course

826

00:36:39,880 --> 00:36:35,150

folks the same view and he highly touts

827

00:36:45,080 --> 00:36:39,890

mister Sartorius book I would say this

828

00:36:47,150 --> 00:36:45,090

she deserves serious attention her

829

00:36:50,540 --> 00:36:47,160

insights about the relationship between

830

00:36:53,630 --> 00:36:50,550

Andy's and end of life those are

831

00:36:56,420 --> 00:36:53,640

important and I can't just dismiss it

832

00:36:58,790 --> 00:36:56,430

out of hand I don't have enough

833

00:37:02,300 --> 00:36:58,800

information to actually decide I mean it

834

00:37:04,670 --> 00:37:02,310

sounds like Western saying I know I I'm

835

00:37:09,170 --> 00:37:04,680

not the one who starts by saying that

836

00:37:11,570 --> 00:37:09,180

our that we are wrangling money from the

837

00:37:13,790 --> 00:37:11,580

Templeton Foundation and our nerdy

838

00:37:16,040 --> 00:37:13,800

little book doesn't engage with the

839

00:37:18,620 --> 00:37:16,050

science and you're the one who starts by

840

00:37:20,390 --> 00:37:18,630

accusing me of not responding to the

841

00:37:22,640 --> 00:37:20,400

research I have responded to the

842

00:37:26,480 --> 00:37:22,650

research no the research that's the

843

00:37:29,300 --> 00:37:26,490

point 2 points 1 our devices are not now

844

00:37:31,490 --> 00:37:29,310

capable of saying whether the brain is

845

00:37:32,210 --> 00:37:31,500

actually functioning in the right way

846

00:37:36,230 --> 00:37:32,220

but

847

00:37:39,290 --> 00:37:36,240

importantly if someone wakes up from a

848

00:37:41,510 --> 00:37:39,300

dream and said I dreamt that I was home

849

00:37:43,910 --> 00:37:41,520

with my father and mother when I was

850

00:37:46,099 --> 00:37:43,920

young and they abused me or whatever or

851  
00:37:49,339 --> 00:37:46,109  
we had this wonderful trip to Disneyland

852  
00:37:52,190 --> 00:37:49,349  
it does not follow that they were

853  
00:37:55,400 --> 00:37:52,200  
actually conscious back then from having

854  
00:37:58,220 --> 00:37:55,410  
conscious experiences of that time their

855  
00:38:01,520 --> 00:37:58,230  
brain was ramping up as they were

856  
00:38:03,680 --> 00:38:01,530  
getting to ready to wake up so the brain

857  
00:38:05,990 --> 00:38:03,690  
was functioning when they had these

858  
00:38:09,260 --> 00:38:06,000  
experiences it seemed as though the

859  
00:38:11,270 --> 00:38:09,270  
experiences were a long time ago but

860  
00:38:13,760 --> 00:38:11,280  
they were actually under written by

861  
00:38:16,040 --> 00:38:13,770  
brain activity and the same thing may

862  
00:38:19,400 --> 00:38:16,050  
will be true of near-death experiences

863  
00:38:22,670 --> 00:38:19,410

and nothing that doctor long or doctor

864

00:38:27,349 --> 00:38:22,680

Sartori or doctor and Lama or any of

865

00:38:29,720 --> 00:38:27,359

them say goes to that issue I am the Sun

866

00:38:33,230 --> 00:38:29,730

that's exactly what doctors are Tory's

867

00:38:35,990 --> 00:38:33,240

research goes to know is that issue is

868

00:38:39,320 --> 00:38:36,000

that if people have recollections that

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00:38:43,010 --> 00:38:39,330

are verifiable of their resuscitation

870

00:38:45,020 --> 00:38:43,020

that addresses the timing issue in a way

871

00:38:50,180 --> 00:38:45,030

that hasn't been done before and I would

872

00:38:51,140 --> 00:38:50,190

mention search has been replicated by

873

00:38:52,849 --> 00:38:51,150

seeing par Nia

874

00:38:54,320 --> 00:38:52,859

Indiana's Holden I don't know if you

875

00:38:56,390 --> 00:38:54,330

just don't understand this or if you're

876

00:38:57,829 --> 00:38:56,400

just kind of in denial but that the

877

00:39:00,109 --> 00:38:57,839

reason they did that research was

878

00:39:02,510 --> 00:39:00,119

specifically to address this kind of

879

00:39:04,430 --> 00:39:02,520

goofy ramp up kind of thing or this

880

00:39:06,560 --> 00:39:04,440

these other things that people throw at

881

00:39:10,310 --> 00:39:06,570

it just because they don't understand

882

00:39:13,099 --> 00:39:10,320

what - well let me say this that these

883

00:39:15,980 --> 00:39:13,109

researchers are coming - I respect those

884

00:39:18,200 --> 00:39:15,990

people and I will at some point I'm sure

885

00:39:24,710 --> 00:39:18,210

I'll look more carefully at what you're

886

00:39:28,240 --> 00:39:24,720

saying I would say that I have just as

887

00:39:30,410 --> 00:39:28,250

you are skeptical of science and of the

888

00:39:33,290 --> 00:39:30,420

conclusions that scientists sometimes

889

00:39:36,770 --> 00:39:33,300

come to and just like you point out that

890

00:39:39,890 --> 00:39:36,780

the most important things about Meany

891

00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:39,900

and metaphysics and religion and ethics

892

00:39:45,880 --> 00:39:43,680

are not decided by science I would want

893

00:39:48,490 --> 00:39:45,890

to look very carefully at their and

894

00:39:51,310 --> 00:39:48,500

results and look at what their

895

00:39:53,350 --> 00:39:51,320

conclusions are and I don't claim to

896

00:39:57,550 --> 00:39:53,360

have the answers I never been and I

897

00:40:00,370 --> 00:39:57,560

never claimed to have the answers I I

898

00:40:03,910 --> 00:40:00,380

just think that what one wants to do is

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00:40:06,700 --> 00:40:03,920

be very very careful about was logic let

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00:40:10,690 --> 00:40:06,710

me reiterate if you could facilitate a

901  
00:40:14,440 --> 00:40:10,700  
discussion between me and dr. law or

902  
00:40:16,360 --> 00:40:14,450  
doctor Sartorius I would welcome it and

903  
00:40:16,750 --> 00:40:16,370  
I'm sure I would benefit and learn from

904  
00:40:19,300 --> 00:40:16,760  
it

905  
00:40:20,830 --> 00:40:19,310  
I would like to participate just as well

906  
00:40:24,580 --> 00:40:20,840  
just as I have discussed these issues

907  
00:40:27,250 --> 00:40:24,590  
with dr. Parr Nia and our researchers in

908  
00:40:30,940 --> 00:40:27,260  
Europe and in Israel I would love to

909  
00:40:34,630 --> 00:40:30,950  
learn from that well you know I bet you

910  
00:40:37,420 --> 00:40:34,640  
if you want to do that I mean I guess I

911  
00:40:40,840 --> 00:40:37,430  
could maybe help facilitate that but as

912  
00:40:43,240 --> 00:40:40,850  
I as I played in that clip I don't think

913  
00:40:46,420 --> 00:40:43,250

anyone takes this philosophical research

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00:40:48,340 --> 00:40:46,430

approach that you've taken it just it

915

00:40:50,350 --> 00:40:48,350

just doesn't wash so maybe these guys

916

00:40:52,780 --> 00:40:50,360

would talk to you maybe they won't but

917

00:40:54,820 --> 00:40:52,790

they're out doing real research in the

918

00:40:56,350 --> 00:40:54,830

field collecting data that is kind of

919

00:40:58,510 --> 00:40:56,360

meaningful from a neuroscience

920

00:41:02,350 --> 00:40:58,520

standpoint I don't think anyone sees

921

00:41:04,600 --> 00:41:02,360

this as a philosophy first question

922

00:41:06,700 --> 00:41:04,610

there's a philosophy second question

923

00:41:08,800 --> 00:41:06,710

about meaning and some of this other

924

00:41:10,090 --> 00:41:08,810

stuff but in terms of sorting through

925

00:41:12,580 --> 00:41:10,100

the medical data

926  
00:41:15,070 --> 00:41:12,590  
the philosophy can't I don't understand

927  
00:41:17,800 --> 00:41:15,080  
why you think philosophy will help us

928  
00:41:19,660 --> 00:41:17,810  
understand ways what you said is these

929  
00:41:21,700 --> 00:41:19,670  
people are out doing serious work but

930  
00:41:24,490 --> 00:41:21,710  
dr. long had the time to talk to you

931  
00:41:25,900 --> 00:41:24,500  
multiple times dr. Parr Nia had the time

932  
00:41:28,600 --> 00:41:25,910  
to talk to you so maybe they would have

933  
00:41:30,550 --> 00:41:28,610  
the open-mindedness and willingness to

934  
00:41:32,500 --> 00:41:30,560  
have a friendly conversation with me

935  
00:41:35,100 --> 00:41:32,510  
reach out to him John if they want to do

936  
00:41:37,150 --> 00:41:35,110  
it all happy to facilitate it I'm just

937  
00:41:38,770 --> 00:41:37,160  
you know I guess the wrap-up question

938  
00:41:39,250 --> 00:41:38,780

would be and you've spent an hour with

939

00:41:41,440 --> 00:41:39,260

me

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00:41:42,940 --> 00:41:41,450

and hey you know what this is kind of

941

00:41:45,360 --> 00:41:42,950

what the show is all about in terms of

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00:41:48,730 --> 00:41:45,370

people who are willing to engage in

943

00:41:50,710 --> 00:41:48,740

discussion and we don't have to agree on

944

00:41:52,660 --> 00:41:50,720

everything for me to respect the fact

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00:41:55,030 --> 00:41:52,670

that you're willing to come on and

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00:41:58,930 --> 00:41:55,040

defend your ideas and defend your book

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00:41:59,920 --> 00:41:58,940

and defend your research I guess the the

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00:42:01,660 --> 00:41:59,930

wrap-up question

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00:42:03,010 --> 00:42:01,670

you know what forget about the wrap-up

950

00:42:05,109 --> 00:42:03,020

question because I've kind of hammered

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00:42:07,450 --> 00:42:05,119

enough of that don't you tell folks a

952

00:42:10,839 --> 00:42:07,460

little bit more about because we didn't

953

00:42:13,599 --> 00:42:10,849

really talk about the broader work that

954

00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:13,609

you do at UC Riverside all the things

955

00:42:18,250 --> 00:42:15,200

that you're interested in because it's

956

00:42:21,539 --> 00:42:18,260

not just near-death experience it's a

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00:42:24,010 --> 00:42:21,549

lot of questions surrounding death

958

00:42:26,200 --> 00:42:24,020

immortality and the philosophy of debt

959

00:42:28,420 --> 00:42:26,210

so tell people a little bit more about

960

00:42:30,339 --> 00:42:28,430

the other work that you've done okay and

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00:42:32,370 --> 00:42:30,349

I also want to thank you for having me

962

00:42:35,349 --> 00:42:32,380

on I really appreciate it and

963

00:42:37,240 --> 00:42:35,359

disagreement as a philosopher that's our

964

00:42:40,079 --> 00:42:37,250

lifeblood were used to it we're used to

965

00:42:43,349 --> 00:42:40,089

not being able to resolve questions so I

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00:42:46,390 --> 00:42:43,359

really really appreciate it and I

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00:42:49,930 --> 00:42:46,400

believe in being strong in my my fears

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00:42:53,829 --> 00:42:49,940

let me say that as we approach any

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00:42:56,769 --> 00:42:53,839

interesting existential topic we're

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00:42:59,170 --> 00:42:56,779

going to want different inputs not just

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00:43:02,680 --> 00:42:59,180

philosophy we're going to want medicine

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00:43:05,609 --> 00:43:02,690

we're gonna want to read and if possible

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00:43:08,440 --> 00:43:05,619

engage in as many interviews as we can

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00:43:10,480 --> 00:43:08,450

but I don't think we just want

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00:43:13,839 --> 00:43:10,490

philosophy and I just I don't think we

976  
00:43:17,500 --> 00:43:13,849  
just want interviews by Andy's we want

977  
00:43:20,769 --> 00:43:17,510  
the total picture and we want a package

978  
00:43:24,039 --> 00:43:20,779  
that makes sense and all I have pointed

979  
00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:24,049  
out is doctors they think they know a

980  
00:43:29,200 --> 00:43:26,480  
lot of stuff and they think their

981  
00:43:32,109 --> 00:43:29,210  
authorities on just about everything but

982  
00:43:33,880 --> 00:43:32,119  
even in medicine you have to ask the

983  
00:43:36,099 --> 00:43:33,890  
tough questions of the doctors often

984  
00:43:38,769 --> 00:43:36,109  
they don't know the right answers but

985  
00:43:41,170 --> 00:43:38,779  
when they are venturing into questions

986  
00:43:44,470 --> 00:43:41,180  
about meaning and metaphysics and the

987  
00:43:46,750 --> 00:43:44,480  
mind they are not uniquely suited to

988  
00:43:49,960 --> 00:43:46,760

make the analysis we have to add in

989

00:43:51,819 --> 00:43:49,970

philosophy but I I really want to thank

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00:43:52,990 --> 00:43:51,829

you again I respect the fact that you're

991

00:43:56,339 --> 00:43:53,000

willing to consider different

992

00:43:58,900 --> 00:43:56,349

perspectives and I have an on an

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00:44:01,930 --> 00:43:58,910

invitation to discuss these matters with

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00:44:04,329 --> 00:44:01,940

anyone but let me say I'm interested in

995

00:44:06,730 --> 00:44:04,339

life and death I'm interested in what

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00:44:10,150 --> 00:44:06,740

happens after we die

997

00:44:12,340 --> 00:44:10,160

I'm interested in whether we could be

998

00:44:15,510 --> 00:44:12,350

immortal or whether we would want to be

999

00:44:18,790 --> 00:44:15,520

a model either in an afterlife or a

1000

00:44:20,620 --> 00:44:18,800

secular kind of living forever I'm

1001

00:44:22,570 --> 00:44:20,630

interested in what near-death

1002

00:44:25,690 --> 00:44:22,580

experiences can teach us about the

1003

00:44:29,580 --> 00:44:25,700

meaning of life and about end-of-life

1004

00:44:31,510 --> 00:44:29,590

care and if you read my new book death

1005

00:44:34,990 --> 00:44:31,520

immortality and meaning in life I

1006

00:44:37,600 --> 00:44:35,000

emphasize the beauty and the inspiring

1007

00:44:39,610 --> 00:44:37,610

nature of near-death experiences and how

1008

00:44:42,670 --> 00:44:39,620

they point us to the importance of

1009

00:44:46,660 --> 00:44:42,680

guidance in the last part of our journey

1010

00:44:49,120 --> 00:44:46,670

at least our living journey guidance by

1011

00:44:51,580 --> 00:44:49,130

loft trusted mentors from the known to

1012

00:44:55,450 --> 00:44:51,590

the unknown and how important loving

1013

00:44:59,040 --> 00:44:55,460

companionship is I think that this is

1014

00:45:02,400 --> 00:44:59,050

the lessons of near-death experiences so

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00:45:04,900 --> 00:45:02,410

maybe what I could also say is my main

1016

00:45:07,420 --> 00:45:04,910

area of research throughout my career

1017

00:45:09,670 --> 00:45:07,430

has been on free will and moral

1018

00:45:12,280 --> 00:45:09,680

responsibility and ethics so I'm

1019

00:45:16,420 --> 00:45:12,290

interested in a whole package of views

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00:45:18,130 --> 00:45:16,430

and when I got the grant from the

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00:45:19,840 --> 00:45:18,140

Templeton Foundation and by the way I

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00:45:22,330 --> 00:45:19,850

didn't wrangle it from them and they

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00:45:24,610 --> 00:45:22,340

reached out to me and I believe you'll

1024

00:45:27,640 --> 00:45:24,620

find that they're very very happy with

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00:45:30,550 --> 00:45:27,650

the results and we have a legacy page

1026  
00:45:33,250 --> 00:45:30,560  
which your listeners and viewers might

1027  
00:45:38,290 --> 00:45:33,260  
be interested in they could just Google

1028  
00:45:40,060 --> 00:45:38,300  
immortality project legacy page or spt

1029  
00:45:43,450 --> 00:45:40,070  
that's not stands for science philosophy

1030  
00:45:46,090 --> 00:45:43,460  
and theology and more spt immortality

1031  
00:45:49,150 --> 00:45:46,100  
project.org you'll see there are over a

1032  
00:45:50,610 --> 00:45:49,160  
hundred books and articles that came out

1033  
00:45:54,180 --> 00:45:50,620  
of it

1034  
00:45:59,740 --> 00:45:54,190  
scientists philosophers theologians

1035  
00:46:02,740 --> 00:45:59,750  
religious believers atheists what what I

1036  
00:46:04,810 --> 00:46:02,750  
wanted to say is I never even knew about

1037  
00:46:08,140 --> 00:46:04,820  
near-death experiences until I got the

1038  
00:46:11,590 --> 00:46:08,150

grant that was seven years ago

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00:46:15,400 --> 00:46:11,600

I want to emphasize I have not spent my

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00:46:17,500 --> 00:46:15,410

life on this one of the big emphasis of

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00:46:20,990 --> 00:46:17,510

the Templeton Foundation is humility

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00:46:23,570 --> 00:46:21,000

intellectual humility I owe

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00:46:26,930 --> 00:46:23,580

when we admit I am NOT a world-class

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00:46:30,740 --> 00:46:26,940

expert on these I'm a human being I'm

1045

00:46:32,660 --> 00:46:30,750

trained as a philosopher and I bring my

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00:46:37,390 --> 00:46:32,670

perspective to what I hope will be a

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00:46:41,420 --> 00:46:37,400

holistic investigation of these matters

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00:46:44,210 --> 00:46:41,430

okay well great John and again we can be

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00:46:47,210 --> 00:46:44,220

the mutual admiration society in terms

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00:46:50,360 --> 00:46:47,220

of engaging in these discussions these

1051  
00:46:54,320 --> 00:46:50,370  
conversations so thanks again and I will

1052  
00:46:58,220 --> 00:46:54,330  
love I will bounce the idea off of Jeff

1053  
00:47:00,770 --> 00:46:58,230  
long I'm not good I can put another I've

1054  
00:47:02,960 --> 00:47:00,780  
done so many of these yeah you've got

1055  
00:47:04,840 --> 00:47:02,970  
the experience but hey it's awesome for

1056  
00:47:08,390 --> 00:47:04,850  
you to want to reach out in that way so

1057  
00:47:12,050 --> 00:47:08,400  
thanks again so much and take care thank

1058  
00:47:14,090 --> 00:47:12,060  
you thank you very much thanks again to

1059  
00:47:16,370 --> 00:47:14,100  
dr. John Fisher for joining me today on

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00:47:20,090 --> 00:47:16,380  
skeptical the one question I'd had to

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tee up from this interview we try and

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spit this out are in the ease of

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philosophy first question when we really

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boil it down that seems to be the the

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main thrust of John's argument and if

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you go back and listen to the interview

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00:47:41,120 --> 00:47:38,760

that I did with Ben his co-author

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which I have to say Allen tree listen to

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it it's it's a really good episode if I

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must say so myself so I'll have a link

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to it and I hope you come back and visit

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to it there's a lot of grateful episodes

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back in the vault there but in that

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previous interview Ben expands on this

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theory of how philosophy can't really

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explain near-death experience and he

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uses an analogy of a fire he says you

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know if you have a fire in your house

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and somebody looks at just one cause of

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the fire then they may be missing the

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interrelationship between multiple

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causes now this seems to me like an

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incredibly incredibly naive view of what

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near-death experience researchers do on

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a day-to-day basis I mean I think

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doctors are all

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00:48:43,239 --> 00:48:38,660

looking at multiple causes and how all

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00:48:45,729 --> 00:48:43,249

variables need to be controlled but

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00:48:48,880 --> 00:48:45,739

maybe I'm missing something maybe

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00:48:52,839 --> 00:48:48,890

there's some deep deep velocity there

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that I didn't understand so let me know

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your thoughts on this question as always

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the best place to reach me and to talk

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about other people who are really into

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this show is through the skeptical forum

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which you confirm through the website or

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you can find just by going to skeptic oh

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- forum calm and be sure to check out

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skeptical website where you'll find this

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show and many many other previous shows

1101  
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all available for free download mp3 take

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and go to it you will and while you're

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00:49:28,989 --> 00:49:27,229  
there you can check out other things you

1104  
00:49:30,489 --> 00:49:28,999  
can subscribe to the newsletter which is

1105  
00:49:33,130 --> 00:49:30,499  
really just kind of a reminder that a

1106  
00:49:34,900 --> 00:49:33,140  
new show is up and you can also find

1107  
00:49:37,839 --> 00:49:34,910  
contact information and other stuff like

1108  
00:49:42,430 --> 00:49:37,849  
that if you need it well that's going to

1109  
00:49:45,249 --> 00:49:42,440  
do it for today's show sometimes people

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00:49:47,979 --> 00:49:45,259  
get frustrated that I keep hammering on

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00:49:49,410 --> 00:49:47,989  
skeptics but I feel like I've laid down

1112  
00:49:52,479 --> 00:49:49,420  
the gauntlet with

1113  
00:49:55,870 --> 00:49:52,489

Anytime Anywhere debate so when people

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raise their arm and say hey I got know

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00:50:00,609 --> 00:49:59,869

what a debate I'm 90% of the time I'm up

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00:50:07,029 --> 00:50:00,619

for it

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00:50:10,839 --> 00:50:07,039

a brave man for coming on and defending

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00:50:13,749 --> 00:50:10,849

his book so that's going to do it for

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this episode until next time take care