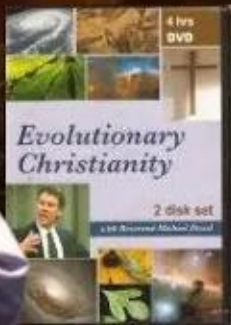


# Rev. Michael Dowd

## skeptiko #435



### Death-Cult Environmentalist?

#### Skeptiko Topics:

Consciousness Science

Parapsychology

Near-Death Experience

Spirituality

Skeptics/Skepticism

Psi

Psychics & Mediums

Atheism

UFO

Neuroscience

Conspiracy Theories

Contactee Experience

OBE

1  
00:00:06,140 --> 00:00:02,810  
on this episode of skeptical if you're

2  
00:00:08,509 --> 00:00:06,150  
talking about climate change and you're

3  
00:00:12,169 --> 00:00:08,519  
talking about doing something about it

4  
00:00:14,180 --> 00:00:12,179  
no no no no I don't talk about doing

5  
00:00:15,919 --> 00:00:14,190  
something about it Alex well I'm not

6  
00:00:18,769 --> 00:00:15,929  
doing something in your own heart

7  
00:00:21,230 --> 00:00:18,779  
to prepare for what's inevitable I'm

8  
00:00:23,570 --> 00:00:21,240  
just saying if we buy into what you're

9  
00:00:26,599 --> 00:00:23,580  
saying isn't that the inevitable future

10  
00:00:28,460 --> 00:00:26,609  
it's not twenty people getting together

11  
00:00:30,650 --> 00:00:28,470  
and deciding they're gonna live a

12  
00:00:31,370 --> 00:00:30,660  
different way that isn't gonna be the

13  
00:00:33,530 --> 00:00:31,380

future

14

00:00:35,620 --> 00:00:33,540

you're wasting time by talking about

15

00:00:39,229 --> 00:00:35,630

something I don't give a about I

16

00:00:41,479 --> 00:00:39,239

don't care about the climate Sciences

17

00:00:43,790 --> 00:00:41,489

hoax I don't care about where some

18

00:00:45,380 --> 00:00:43,800

scientists were I don't care about that

19

00:00:47,240 --> 00:00:45,390

that's the vibe I got from you from the

20

00:00:49,000 --> 00:00:47,250

beginning Michael and I get from so many

21

00:00:50,959 --> 00:00:49,010

people for some of the death cult

22

00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:50,969

environmentalists they don't want to

23

00:00:55,910 --> 00:00:53,160

waste their time listening to the other

24

00:00:58,790 --> 00:00:55,920

side of it in my world there's not

25

00:01:00,950 --> 00:00:58,800

another side you're still calling

26  
00:01:02,810 --> 00:01:00,960  
yourself a Christian I'm an evolutionary

27  
00:01:04,789 --> 00:01:02,820  
Christian I'm a Christian now you're

28  
00:01:07,539 --> 00:01:04,799  
Christian do you have a passion you

29  
00:01:09,740 --> 00:01:07,549  
haven't broken free from it Alex Alex

30  
00:01:12,920 --> 00:01:09,750  
that's just who you are I don't know I

31  
00:01:15,679 --> 00:01:12,930  
am a big my am a Christian naturalist I

32  
00:01:18,080 --> 00:01:15,689  
have no supernatural beliefs or

33  
00:01:20,539 --> 00:01:18,090  
otherworldly beliefs at all zip nada

34  
00:01:21,950 --> 00:01:20,549  
not a one I'm a Christian naturalist so

35  
00:01:23,810 --> 00:01:21,960  
if you are interpret have no

36  
00:01:25,370 --> 00:01:23,820  
supernatural beliefs would have talked

37  
00:01:27,370 --> 00:01:25,380  
about your relationship with Jesus

38  
00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:27,380

wasn't that a supernatural relationship

39

00:01:38,389 --> 00:01:31,680

stay with us for skeptic Oh

40

00:01:42,660 --> 00:01:40,710

welcome to skeptical where we explore

41

00:01:45,570 --> 00:01:42,670

controversial science and spirituality

42

00:01:46,800 --> 00:01:45,580

with leading researchers thinkers and

43

00:01:50,249 --> 00:01:46,810

their critics

44

00:01:53,700 --> 00:01:50,259

I'm your host Alex Icarus and as a lot

45

00:01:56,550 --> 00:01:53,710

of you know I'm a big fan of the

46

00:01:58,710 --> 00:01:56,560

skeptical forum I love it because you

47

00:02:01,350 --> 00:01:58,720

all are so damn smart I'm always

48

00:02:04,889 --> 00:02:01,360

learning stuff from you guys take for

49

00:02:07,289 --> 00:02:04,899

example today's topic global warming or

50

00:02:10,169 --> 00:02:07,299

as a lot of people like to say climate

51  
00:02:13,170 --> 00:02:10,179  
change this is a topic that's been

52  
00:02:17,850 --> 00:02:13,180  
thoroughly hashed out on The Skeptical

53  
00:02:20,400 --> 00:02:17,860  
forum really from all sides and in a lot

54  
00:02:23,430 --> 00:02:20,410  
of ways I'm super grateful for that

55  
00:02:26,360 --> 00:02:23,440  
because it's such a great skeptical

56  
00:02:29,580 --> 00:02:26,370  
topic I mean it checks all the boxes

57  
00:02:31,289 --> 00:02:29,590  
there is the science angle I mean what

58  
00:02:33,690 --> 00:02:31,299  
do we really know about climate what do

59  
00:02:36,690 --> 00:02:33,700  
we know about these climate models are

60  
00:02:40,800 --> 00:02:36,700  
they reliable scientifically can we

61  
00:02:43,770 --> 00:02:40,810  
trust the scientist and who is qualified

62  
00:02:45,960 --> 00:02:43,780  
to speak on climate science these are

63  
00:02:48,660 --> 00:02:45,970

all great questions that the kind of

64

00:02:51,780 --> 00:02:48,670

stuff that we love to dig into on

65

00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:51,790

skeptic oh but there's other angles to

66

00:02:56,280 --> 00:02:54,000

this topic that I think are just so

67

00:02:58,920 --> 00:02:56,290

fascinating again if we kind of broaden

68

00:03:03,330 --> 00:02:58,930

the lens there's the political there I

69

00:03:05,309 --> 00:03:03,340

say conspiratorial aspect of climate and

70

00:03:07,500 --> 00:03:05,319

we certainly get into a lot of that

71

00:03:10,080 --> 00:03:07,510

stuff on this show and I think we can

72

00:03:13,229 --> 00:03:10,090

handle it on this topic as well I mean

73

00:03:15,720 --> 00:03:13,239

what would it mean in terms of policy

74

00:03:17,729 --> 00:03:15,730

change if we were to look at the science

75

00:03:18,809 --> 00:03:17,739

one way versus if we're to look at it

76

00:03:21,840 --> 00:03:18,819

another way

77

00:03:24,150 --> 00:03:21,850

and then ultimately who are the

78

00:03:26,099 --> 00:03:24,160

stakeholders behind this and what kind

79

00:03:29,430 --> 00:03:26,109

of power are they wielding that's

80

00:03:31,920 --> 00:03:29,440

another conspiratorial kind of part of

81

00:03:35,370 --> 00:03:31,930

this question and then finally I guess

82

00:03:38,940 --> 00:03:35,380

the third box that I love to check on

83

00:03:41,849 --> 00:03:38,950

this is the issue of spirituality and it

84

00:03:44,250 --> 00:03:41,859

rarely gets discussed when it comes to

85

00:03:45,010 --> 00:03:44,260

climate change but to me it seems

86

00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:45,020

central

87

00:03:52,210 --> 00:03:48,560

to the debate does God need our help to

88

00:03:54,760 --> 00:03:52,220

save her planet or is there an evil hand

89

00:03:57,970 --> 00:03:54,770

of manipulation behind this is it either

90

00:04:00,640 --> 00:03:57,980

a quote unquote on the Big Oil shills

91

00:04:03,490 --> 00:04:00,650

who are pumping the brakes on climate

92

00:04:06,400 --> 00:04:03,500

change or is it quote unquote the death

93

00:04:08,140 --> 00:04:06,410

cult environmentalists who are pushing

94

00:04:12,070 --> 00:04:08,150

for action at all cost

95

00:04:14,830 --> 00:04:12,080

so there's a lot lot lot I feel like to

96

00:04:16,449 --> 00:04:14,840

talk about on this issue even though it

97

00:04:18,940 --> 00:04:16,459

seems like it's covered so many times I

98

00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:18,950

think there's so many fresh perspectives

99

00:04:25,770 --> 00:04:23,600

to bring to it and wouldn't you know we

100

00:04:28,810 --> 00:04:25,780

have a guest who can do that for us

101  
00:04:30,490 --> 00:04:28,820  
Michael Dowd is here let me give you a

102  
00:04:33,460 --> 00:04:30,500  
little bit of his background from the

103  
00:04:35,800 --> 00:04:33,470  
bio that Michael sent me wherever and

104  
00:04:39,900 --> 00:04:35,810  
Michael Dowd is a best-selling eco

105  
00:04:42,130 --> 00:04:39,910  
theologian TEDx speaker and pro future

106  
00:04:43,780 --> 00:04:42,140  
evangelist whose work has been featured

107  
00:04:46,000 --> 00:04:43,790  
in the New York Times LA Times The Wall

108  
00:04:47,860 --> 00:04:46,010  
Street Journal Washington Post Discovery

109  
00:04:50,590 --> 00:04:47,870  
television and other television shows

110  
00:04:52,690 --> 00:04:50,600  
his book thank God for evolution I have

111  
00:04:55,150 --> 00:04:52,700  
it up there on the screen was endorsed

112  
00:04:57,850 --> 00:04:55,160  
by six Nobel Prize winning scientists

113  
00:05:00,310 --> 00:04:57,860

and I also am showing up there a video

114

00:05:04,420 --> 00:05:00,320

series that he's done which will be

115

00:05:07,510 --> 00:05:04,430

playing some clips from so Michael it is

116

00:05:11,170 --> 00:05:07,520

super awesome and interesting to have

117

00:05:13,750 --> 00:05:11,180

you on skeptic oh thank you so much for

118

00:05:18,010 --> 00:05:13,760

joining me thank you Alex it's a joy to

119

00:05:19,810 --> 00:05:18,020

be here well great you know and as I was

120

00:05:23,380 --> 00:05:19,820

as we were just chatting about a minute

121

00:05:27,310 --> 00:05:23,390

ago there's quite a little story behind

122

00:05:29,140 --> 00:05:27,320

us getting together here and the

123

00:05:31,840 --> 00:05:29,150

discussion we've had maybe you want to

124

00:05:34,210 --> 00:05:31,850

fill folks in a little bit on how we

125

00:05:36,580 --> 00:05:34,220

came together and what we're hoping to

126

00:05:38,770 --> 00:05:36,590

do I kind of laid out my agenda but I

127

00:05:40,090 --> 00:05:38,780

want to make sure that's kind of in sync

128

00:05:43,900 --> 00:05:40,100

with where you'd like to take things

129

00:05:46,690 --> 00:05:43,910

cool well happy to so Rick Archer our

130

00:05:48,760 --> 00:05:46,700

mutual friend and colleague was the one

131

00:05:50,620 --> 00:05:48,770

that I think recommended me to you or

132

00:05:53,500 --> 00:05:50,630

you to me I forget but in any case he

133

00:05:55,210 --> 00:05:53,510

got us in touch with each other and and

134

00:05:56,810 --> 00:05:55,220

then I of course I went on and looked at

135

00:06:00,050 --> 00:05:56,820

a lot of your past episodes and

136

00:06:01,370 --> 00:06:00,060

and and saw what you do and at first I

137

00:06:02,900 --> 00:06:01,380

thought well it doesn't look like a good

138

00:06:04,700 --> 00:06:02,910

fit because I'm really not that

139

00:06:06,920 --> 00:06:04,710

interested in some of the topics that

140

00:06:11,300 --> 00:06:06,930

you and your guests are quite passionate

141

00:06:14,060 --> 00:06:11,310

about and understandably so my focus has

142

00:06:15,410 --> 00:06:14,070

been for the last eight well the last

143

00:06:17,750 --> 00:06:15,420

thirty years

144

00:06:19,640 --> 00:06:17,760

really the universe story the epic of

145

00:06:21,800 --> 00:06:19,650

evolution the history of everyone and

146

00:06:23,600 --> 00:06:21,810

everything that comes to us through

147

00:06:26,090 --> 00:06:23,610

global collective intelligence that is

148

00:06:27,530 --> 00:06:26,100

the entire worldwide community of not

149

00:06:30,920 --> 00:06:27,540

just scientists but scientists

150

00:06:33,170 --> 00:06:30,930

philosophers theologians and others but

151

00:06:35,510 --> 00:06:33,180

basically it's evidence grounded our

152

00:06:38,030 --> 00:06:35,520

history of human evolution or actually

153

00:06:39,350 --> 00:06:38,040

cosmic evolution life evolution

154

00:06:41,990 --> 00:06:39,360

biological life evolution and human

155

00:06:43,490 --> 00:06:42,000

evolution as one modern day creation

156

00:06:47,060 --> 00:06:43,500

story so I've been doing that for 30

157

00:06:49,160 --> 00:06:47,070

years actually 35 years I guess and and

158

00:06:51,350 --> 00:06:49,170

then in the last seven years I've really

159

00:06:55,580 --> 00:06:51,360

taken on understanding the rise and fall

160

00:06:59,360 --> 00:06:55,590

of civilizations ecology especially the

161

00:07:00,860 --> 00:06:59,370

ecological worldview and and and climate

162

00:07:02,570 --> 00:07:00,870

change but not just climate change

163

00:07:04,630 --> 00:07:02,580

really in the last few years abrupt

164

00:07:08,150 --> 00:07:04,640

climate change which is quite different

165

00:07:09,800 --> 00:07:08,160

and so yeah that's my pad basically

166

00:07:12,380 --> 00:07:09,810

where science inspiration and

167

00:07:15,560 --> 00:07:12,390

sustainability intersect and the reason

168

00:07:17,750 --> 00:07:15,570

that I'm an eco theologian is for me God

169

00:07:19,820 --> 00:07:17,760

is a sacred name a proper name and I

170

00:07:22,220 --> 00:07:19,830

thou name you could say a mythic name

171

00:07:24,350 --> 00:07:22,230

for reality and reality is telling us

172

00:07:26,330 --> 00:07:24,360

some pretty amazing and sobering things

173

00:07:29,690 --> 00:07:26,340

and so yeah look forward to having our

174

00:07:32,480 --> 00:07:29,700

conversation okay great no semi and

175

00:07:35,540 --> 00:07:32,490

there was some there's some good as

176  
00:07:38,150 --> 00:07:35,550  
we're joking about some good tension you

177  
00:07:40,670 --> 00:07:38,160  
know have familiar for anyone is listen

178  
00:07:42,140 --> 00:07:40,680  
to this you I have to get to the edge of

179  
00:07:44,660 --> 00:07:42,150  
things and people don't always agree

180  
00:07:47,930 --> 00:07:44,670  
with each other and that's okay as long

181  
00:07:50,090 --> 00:07:47,940  
as it's played out in a way that kind of

182  
00:07:52,660 --> 00:07:50,100  
informs the discussion I think that's

183  
00:07:55,970 --> 00:07:52,670  
terrific and that's been the case so far

184  
00:07:58,580 --> 00:07:55,980  
you just mentioned this echo theologian

185  
00:08:01,940 --> 00:07:58,590  
thing and I'm showing an image of you

186  
00:08:04,670 --> 00:08:01,950  
and ecology is the new theology and what

187  
00:08:07,070 --> 00:08:04,680  
I thought I'd do is an additional way to

188  
00:08:10,220 --> 00:08:07,080

introduce where you're coming from is to

189

00:08:13,790 --> 00:08:10,230

play a clip from this video series

190

00:08:18,260 --> 00:08:13,800

and here is the trailer to that video

191

00:08:20,870 --> 00:08:18,270

series let me play that for folks so

192

00:08:24,260 --> 00:08:20,880

this notion of ecology as the heart of

193

00:08:28,880 --> 00:08:24,270

theology I call it e Kofi ISM it's not

194

00:08:31,850 --> 00:08:28,890

about believing in anything half of

195

00:08:35,270 --> 00:08:31,860

religion is gagged and tied in the trunk

196

00:08:37,070 --> 00:08:35,280

and the other half of religion are in

197

00:08:38,540 --> 00:08:37,080

the backseat cheering on the

198

00:08:41,650 --> 00:08:38,550

psychopathic politicians that are

199

00:08:46,190 --> 00:08:44,570

you've got thousands maybe millions of

200

00:08:48,380 --> 00:08:46,200

people that are debating whether or not

201  
00:08:51,140 --> 00:08:48,390  
God exists or whether or not God is real

202  
00:08:52,520 --> 00:08:51,150  
one the one real God namely reality

203  
00:08:53,810 --> 00:08:52,530  
force on a fight or not

204  
00:08:55,520 --> 00:08:53,820  
we've been living out of right

205  
00:08:57,620 --> 00:08:55,530  
relationship - and we are now about

206  
00:09:03,620 --> 00:08:57,630  
experienced consequences a biblical

207  
00:09:05,630 --> 00:09:03,630  
proportion so it's very very nicely done

208  
00:09:08,270 --> 00:09:05,640  
I got to give you a ton of credit it

209  
00:09:10,880 --> 00:09:08,280  
looks beautiful well shot and there's

210  
00:09:14,270 --> 00:09:10,890  
many parts to it kind of a lecture

211  
00:09:17,000 --> 00:09:14,280  
series but again nicely done what would

212  
00:09:20,120 --> 00:09:17,010  
you anything to add to that trailer that

213  
00:09:23,000 --> 00:09:20,130

I showed there um just the fact that

214

00:09:25,700 --> 00:09:23,010

it's a eight session it's two parts part

215

00:09:28,010 --> 00:09:25,710

one is coming home to reality which is

216

00:09:30,080 --> 00:09:28,020

four 20-minute sessions and then part

217

00:09:32,840 --> 00:09:30,090

two is also four 20-minute sessions

218

00:09:35,000 --> 00:09:32,850

that's titled a practical wisdom and

219

00:09:40,220 --> 00:09:35,010

it's designed for secular and religious

220

00:09:41,930 --> 00:09:40,230

study groups basically again it focuses

221

00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:41,940

on what I call the sacred side of

222

00:09:46,430 --> 00:09:44,640

science but how to stay inspired in

223

00:09:51,110 --> 00:09:46,440

challenging times is sort of the heart

224

00:09:54,410 --> 00:09:51,120

of it as well okay great so here's what

225

00:09:56,780 --> 00:09:54,420

I thought we do and this time we have

226

00:09:58,070 --> 00:09:56,790

together and I kind of laid it out at

227

00:10:00,020 --> 00:09:58,080

the beginning but let's go over this

228

00:10:02,870 --> 00:10:00,030

because I thought we'd kind of break

229

00:10:05,600 --> 00:10:02,880

this down along the three lines that I

230

00:10:08,390 --> 00:10:05,610

just mentioned the science of it the

231

00:10:10,880 --> 00:10:08,400

politics of it and then the spirituality

232

00:10:12,980 --> 00:10:10,890

of it and I have again some clips from

233

00:10:14,570 --> 00:10:12,990

your video and then I have you know

234

00:10:16,940 --> 00:10:14,580

basically just a couple of things that

235

00:10:18,950 --> 00:10:16,950

I've done not clips but just full hearts

236

00:10:21,440 --> 00:10:18,960

that I do so that sounds okay sounds

237

00:10:22,970 --> 00:10:21,450

great so where I thought I'd start

238

00:10:23,610 --> 00:10:22,980

rather than start with the science

239

00:10:26,850 --> 00:10:23,620

because that's

240

00:10:30,900 --> 00:10:26,860

but he starts with is to start with the

241

00:10:32,940 --> 00:10:30,910

politics of global warming and as a way

242

00:10:35,970 --> 00:10:32,950

to kind of segue into that why don't I

243

00:10:38,430 --> 00:10:35,980

play another clip from your video series

244

00:10:41,340 --> 00:10:38,440

and then I'll see if you think this kind

245

00:10:44,310 --> 00:10:41,350

of captures where you're coming from so

246

00:10:46,470 --> 00:10:44,320

here goes so let's take a look at what

247

00:10:48,210 --> 00:10:46,480

we what is reality telling us and this

248

00:10:51,000 --> 00:10:48,220

again is the IPCC the Intergovernmental

249

00:10:52,920 --> 00:10:51,010

Panel on Climate Change best-case and

250

00:10:54,270 --> 00:10:52,930

medium case scenarios worst case

251

00:10:56,610 --> 00:10:54,280

scenario is we go extinct

252

00:10:59,160 --> 00:10:56,620

there'll be bigger storms bigger

253

00:11:01,680 --> 00:10:59,170

droughts bigger you know growing deserts

254

00:11:04,560 --> 00:11:01,690

more intense wildfires and more

255

00:11:08,120 --> 00:11:04,570

wildfires and shifts in where we can

256

00:11:10,530 --> 00:11:08,130

live and grow food habitability and

257

00:11:13,230 --> 00:11:10,540

agriculture this is now inevitable we

258

00:11:16,140 --> 00:11:13,240

can't avoid some level of this sea level

259

00:11:18,450 --> 00:11:16,150

will continue to rise 25 to 40 feet and

260

00:11:21,030 --> 00:11:18,460

this is true if every human being went

261

00:11:23,940 --> 00:11:21,040

extinct tonight we're going to go back

262

00:11:26,280 --> 00:11:23,950

to firewood and muscle power and that's

263

00:11:28,710 --> 00:11:26,290

what will be in the future even if we

264

00:11:31,730 --> 00:11:28,720

have significant technologies they will

265

00:11:33,840 --> 00:11:31,740

be much lower scale as the Seas rise

266

00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:33,850

population will shrink to a half a

267

00:11:40,670 --> 00:11:37,120

million or less due to drought famine

268

00:11:44,460 --> 00:11:40,680

war and living in a post-antibiotic age

269

00:11:46,500 --> 00:11:44,470

okay so obviously I clipped some of the

270

00:11:49,080 --> 00:11:46,510

parts out there that segment of the

271

00:11:50,580 --> 00:11:49,090

video is a 20-minute segment but do you

272

00:11:54,750 --> 00:11:50,590

think we kind of captured accurately

273

00:11:56,940 --> 00:11:54,760

there your your read of that yeah what I

274

00:11:59,070 --> 00:11:56,950

what I do prior to that just so Fiat

275

00:12:02,280 --> 00:11:59,080

folks know the context is I paint out a

276

00:12:04,980 --> 00:12:02,290

hundred year timeline the history of the

277

00:12:07,980 --> 00:12:04,990

universe 13.8 to billion years in a

278

00:12:09,480 --> 00:12:07,990

hundred years at that scale Homo sapiens

279

00:12:12,060 --> 00:12:09,490

have been around for the last day the

280

00:12:15,750 --> 00:12:12,070

last 24 hours roughly the last 400,000

281

00:12:18,510 --> 00:12:15,760

years and of that we lived more or less

282

00:12:20,310 --> 00:12:18,520

sustainably to speak mythically we lived

283

00:12:23,070 --> 00:12:20,320

in the garden that is we lived as other

284

00:12:25,380 --> 00:12:23,080

animals do and our instincts guided us

285

00:12:26,460 --> 00:12:25,390

to do the right thing that is the things

286

00:12:29,610 --> 00:12:26,470

that led to our survival and

287

00:12:31,050 --> 00:12:29,620

reproduction and and in the last half

288

00:12:32,910 --> 00:12:31,060

hours when we started seeing

289

00:12:34,740 --> 00:12:32,920

anthropocentrism human centeredness

290

00:12:36,340 --> 00:12:34,750

where it's all about us we don't care

291

00:12:38,410 --> 00:12:36,350

about any other species it's all about

292

00:12:40,150 --> 00:12:38,420

and turns out anthropocentrism a

293

00:12:42,639 --> 00:12:40,160

self-destructive and so then I talked

294

00:12:44,230 --> 00:12:42,649

about okay here's what's been happening

295

00:12:46,060 --> 00:12:44,240

and then I say now what can we project

296

00:12:48,699 --> 00:12:46,070

out what can we say confidently is the

297

00:12:50,290 --> 00:12:48,709

next minute the next 250 years because

298

00:12:52,389 --> 00:12:50,300

I'm a cosmic century timeline every

299

00:12:53,800 --> 00:12:52,399

minutes 250 years what can we what can

300

00:12:57,009 --> 00:12:53,810

we count on that's either highly likely

301  
00:12:58,090 --> 00:12:57,019  
or inevitable in the next 250 years and

302  
00:13:01,240 --> 00:12:58,100  
so that was the beginning of that

303  
00:13:02,949 --> 00:13:01,250  
section and yeah okay so great and

304  
00:13:04,420 --> 00:13:02,959  
you're kind of getting into some of the

305  
00:13:06,129 --> 00:13:04,430  
science there which is awesome you know

306  
00:13:08,920 --> 00:13:06,139  
your understanding of the science and

307  
00:13:10,870 --> 00:13:08,930  
the IPCC's understanding the science

308  
00:13:12,610 --> 00:13:10,880  
which is great and I want to dive into

309  
00:13:14,199 --> 00:13:12,620  
that and we'll talk about that more but

310  
00:13:16,569 --> 00:13:14,209  
I do want to kind of shift gears to the

311  
00:13:19,120 --> 00:13:16,579  
political part for a second and I guess

312  
00:13:20,920 --> 00:13:19,130  
the question I have for you is if

313  
00:13:22,840 --> 00:13:20,930

someone looked at the science and came

314

00:13:26,139 --> 00:13:22,850

to the same conclusions that you have

315

00:13:29,590 --> 00:13:26,149

there in that video what laws what

316

00:13:33,490 --> 00:13:29,600

policies would you see being necessary

317

00:13:36,129 --> 00:13:33,500

to be enacted in order to support the

318

00:13:39,100 --> 00:13:36,139

natural conclusions of that science and

319

00:13:40,960 --> 00:13:39,110

I guess the follow that sky lead-in to

320

00:13:44,379 --> 00:13:40,970

the question would you see this as being

321

00:13:46,900 --> 00:13:44,389

some kind of normal political process

322

00:13:49,660 --> 00:13:46,910

inside of our existing democracy inside

323

00:13:50,980 --> 00:13:49,670

of the United States Constitution or do

324

00:13:52,990 --> 00:13:50,990

you think because this is a global issue

325

00:13:54,340 --> 00:13:53,000

we'd have to transcend that or do you

326

00:13:55,150 --> 00:13:54,350

think because everyone might not go

327

00:13:57,160 --> 00:13:55,160

along with it

328

00:13:59,829 --> 00:13:57,170

we'd have to transcend that well how do

329

00:14:01,930 --> 00:13:59,839

you feel about that well it's certainly

330

00:14:06,009 --> 00:14:01,940

a legitimate and good question it's not

331

00:14:08,439 --> 00:14:06,019

one that I have a lot to offer because

332

00:14:09,460 --> 00:14:08,449

what I tend to do is step back like I

333

00:14:12,519 --> 00:14:09,470

said the last seven and a half years

334

00:14:14,680 --> 00:14:12,529

I've been looking at the history of

335

00:14:17,980 --> 00:14:14,690

politics like how has polity

336

00:14:20,710 --> 00:14:17,990

how has governmental structures how have

337

00:14:23,259 --> 00:14:20,720

humans in groups large enough to need

338

00:14:25,870 --> 00:14:23,269

government or to need some form of

339

00:14:27,490 --> 00:14:25,880

governance over the last seven thousand

340

00:14:29,800 --> 00:14:27,500

years how has that worked and it turns

341

00:14:34,150 --> 00:14:29,810

out that in human centered cultures that

342

00:14:35,740 --> 00:14:34,160

is anthropocentric cultures or the

343

00:14:38,410 --> 00:14:35,750

politics almost always becomes

344

00:14:39,940 --> 00:14:38,420

dysfunctional because power groups

345

00:14:41,770 --> 00:14:39,950

it's happened to become corrupt and the

346

00:14:44,740 --> 00:14:41,780

more power they have the easier and more

347

00:14:47,650 --> 00:14:44,750

corrupt they can become and so I don't

348

00:14:50,740 --> 00:14:47,660

have I don't hold out any hope zero like

349

00:14:52,420 --> 00:14:50,750

zero on a scale of zero to ten I hold

350

00:14:57,900 --> 00:14:52,430

out no hope whatsoever that our

351

00:15:01,690 --> 00:14:57,910

political systems can solve or even

352

00:15:04,090 --> 00:15:01,700

helpfully respond to abrupt climate

353

00:15:05,590 --> 00:15:04,100

change right so I guess that's what I'm

354

00:15:06,580 --> 00:15:05,600

getting it and I'm glad you're being

355

00:15:10,030 --> 00:15:06,590

Frank about it

356

00:15:12,330 --> 00:15:10,040

so Constitution out the window democracy

357

00:15:15,820 --> 00:15:12,340

more no it's not so much out the window

358

00:15:18,520 --> 00:15:15,830

constitutions become irrelevant then

359

00:15:20,350 --> 00:15:18,530

once more institutions our Constitution

360

00:15:23,260 --> 00:15:20,360

our United States Constitution our

361

00:15:27,010 --> 00:15:23,270

current system of governance democracy

362

00:15:28,870 --> 00:15:27,020

you know last time around I didn't vote

363

00:15:30,730 --> 00:15:28,880

for Trump but 50% of people voted for

364

00:15:32,200 --> 00:15:30,740

Trump and Trump became president and

365

00:15:34,120 --> 00:15:32,210

there was screaming and crying in

366

00:15:37,090 --> 00:15:34,130

discretes gnashing of teeth a major

367

00:15:39,580 --> 00:15:37,100

uprising but we went ahead and stuck it

368

00:15:40,840 --> 00:15:39,590

out with with the guy who was elected

369

00:15:42,460 --> 00:15:40,850

president well that's what I had another

370

00:15:43,780 --> 00:15:42,470

liberal that's what happened on the

371

00:15:46,750 --> 00:15:43,790

liberal end of the spectrum that was a

372

00:15:49,990 --> 00:15:46,760

lot of people we're celebrating right on

373

00:15:52,060 --> 00:15:50,000

and so my point is let's say this comes

374

00:15:56,080 --> 00:15:52,070

down to another kind of election and

375

00:15:57,370 --> 00:15:56,090

people aren't swayed by what we're gonna

376

00:15:58,720 --> 00:15:57,380

get into the science but let's say

377

00:16:00,880 --> 00:15:58,730

people aren't swayed by the science like

378

00:16:03,340 --> 00:16:00,890

I am I don't really think so then what

379

00:16:06,010 --> 00:16:03,350

do we do I bid do we abide by the

380

00:16:08,590 --> 00:16:06,020

democratic system in our country what

381

00:16:10,720 --> 00:16:08,600

are we doing an international basis let

382

00:16:16,540 --> 00:16:10,730

me yeah so this is going to be a

383

00:16:19,780 --> 00:16:16,550

curveball I suspect there's nothing we

384

00:16:22,030 --> 00:16:19,790

can do abrupt climate change means that

385

00:16:24,910 --> 00:16:22,040

climate change that throughout Earth's

386

00:16:27,370 --> 00:16:24,920

history usually took between a thousand

387

00:16:30,880 --> 00:16:27,380

and ten thousand years is happening on a

388

00:16:32,410 --> 00:16:30,890

scale of one human lifetime there is

389

00:16:35,080 --> 00:16:32,420

nothing we can do

390

00:16:37,720 --> 00:16:35,090

if seven billion people woke up tonight

391

00:16:40,120 --> 00:16:37,730

all convinced to do the same good thing

392

00:16:41,860 --> 00:16:40,130

it wouldn't be enough because the Arctic

393

00:16:43,870 --> 00:16:41,870

is already wiggling out in others we've

394

00:16:46,280 --> 00:16:43,880

already tipped certain tipping points

395

00:16:48,319 --> 00:16:46,290

that there's nothing politically

396

00:16:49,999 --> 00:16:48,329

we can do there's nothing economic I

397

00:16:54,170 --> 00:16:50,009

mean there has never been in the history

398

00:16:56,030 --> 00:16:54,180

of humanity a market-based system that

399

00:16:57,470 --> 00:16:56,040

didn't self implode that didn't

400

00:16:59,840 --> 00:16:57,480

self-destruct that didn't become

401  
00:17:02,269 --> 00:16:59,850  
ecocidal because market-based systems

402  
00:17:04,159 --> 00:17:02,279  
should be primary reality that is the

403  
00:17:07,429 --> 00:17:04,169  
air water soil life upon which we depend

404  
00:17:09,590 --> 00:17:07,439  
not as primary as it needs to be every

405  
00:17:11,569 --> 00:17:09,600  
sustainable culture did that they treat

406  
00:17:13,220 --> 00:17:11,579  
it as merely resources for our benefit

407  
00:17:16,760 --> 00:17:13,230  
and a place for our waste that is

408  
00:17:20,000 --> 00:17:16,770  
unsustainable by definition so so but

409  
00:17:23,240 --> 00:17:20,010  
yeah we're oh go ahead I just don't see

410  
00:17:25,250 --> 00:17:23,250  
I mean you're you're first of all I have

411  
00:17:27,949 --> 00:17:25,260  
no opinion I've not looked for example I

412  
00:17:28,610 --> 00:17:27,959  
haven't watched anything on the right or

413  
00:17:30,740 --> 00:17:28,620

on the left

414

00:17:33,950 --> 00:17:30,750

I've watched nothing about the so called

415

00:17:35,480 --> 00:17:33,960

impeachment process it's going on nearby

416

00:17:37,820 --> 00:17:35,490

but I'm not talking about that what I'm

417

00:17:39,799 --> 00:17:37,830

talking about is is a reality here that

418

00:17:42,350 --> 00:17:39,809

I think is so often left out of this

419

00:17:45,680 --> 00:17:42,360

discussion and that is that if you're

420

00:17:48,350 --> 00:17:45,690

talking about climate change and you're

421

00:17:51,710 --> 00:17:48,360

talking about doing something about it

422

00:17:53,720 --> 00:17:51,720

no no no no no I don't talk about doing

423

00:17:55,490 --> 00:17:53,730

something about it Alex well I'm not

424

00:17:58,460 --> 00:17:55,500

doing something in your own heart to

425

00:18:00,950 --> 00:17:58,470

prepare for what's inevitable except

426

00:18:02,870 --> 00:18:00,960

what's inevitable and then fire your

427

00:18:05,210 --> 00:18:02,880

grief if you have grief some people

428

00:18:07,610 --> 00:18:05,220

don't have that and then invest in what

429

00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:07,620

is Pro future and soul nourishing I do

430

00:18:12,049 --> 00:18:09,600

not think there's anything we can do to

431

00:18:13,850 --> 00:18:12,059

stop climate change not just K okay but

432

00:18:16,370 --> 00:18:13,860

but there's a mix there's a certain

433

00:18:19,700 --> 00:18:16,380

crossover in what you said okay so one

434

00:18:21,530 --> 00:18:19,710

two this is extremely apocalyptic four

435

00:18:24,649 --> 00:18:21,540

and that's okay if that's what it is

436

00:18:28,970 --> 00:18:24,659

that's what it is but then I don't

437

00:18:31,580 --> 00:18:28,980

necessarily get the shift to prepare for

438

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:31,590

a future you're saying there is no

439

00:18:36,890 --> 00:18:34,080

future and I'm saying the reality the

440

00:18:39,620 --> 00:18:36,900

political reality the policy reality the

441

00:18:41,659 --> 00:18:39,630

stakeholder analysis reality of what

442

00:18:44,600 --> 00:18:41,669

you're saying we've seen it before it

443

00:18:46,700 --> 00:18:44,610

leads to you know people taking to the

444

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:46,710

streets and revolting and grab your m16

445

00:18:50,990 --> 00:18:48,960

and every person for themselves because

446

00:18:53,180 --> 00:18:51,000

you're talking about a 90% reduction in

447

00:18:54,890 --> 00:18:53,190

population we have to be realistic I

448

00:18:56,450 --> 00:18:54,900

mean that's where I I see a disconnect

449

00:18:58,820 --> 00:18:56,460

with sometimes what you say you know

450

00:19:00,010 --> 00:18:58,830

person of the heart and faith let's

451  
00:19:02,200 --> 00:19:00,020  
prepare for your

452  
00:19:04,030 --> 00:19:02,210  
plant your seeds in your garden no it's

453  
00:19:05,470 --> 00:19:04,040  
gonna be whoever has the guns and drives

454  
00:19:07,840 --> 00:19:05,480  
around in trucks and comes and takes

455  
00:19:10,150 --> 00:19:07,850  
your I mean we know what what chaos

456  
00:19:11,500 --> 00:19:10,160  
at that level looks like isn't that

457  
00:19:14,320 --> 00:19:11,510  
where we're heading if we're heading

458  
00:19:16,260 --> 00:19:14,330  
towards the apocalypse I first of all

459  
00:19:18,760 --> 00:19:16,270  
there have been over a hundred

460  
00:19:21,040 --> 00:19:18,770  
apocalypses in the last seven thousand

461  
00:19:22,660 --> 00:19:21,050  
years we know of about a hundred and

462  
00:19:24,750 --> 00:19:22,670  
twenty civilizations that have become

463  
00:19:26,830 --> 00:19:24,760

great and on their way up when the

464

00:19:29,250 --> 00:19:26,840

economy's expanding when they're more

465

00:19:32,200 --> 00:19:29,260

than enough resources life is good

466

00:19:33,700 --> 00:19:32,210

liberal quote unquote values tend to

467

00:19:36,250 --> 00:19:33,710

predominate then there's a tipping point

468

00:19:38,740 --> 00:19:36,260

meaning that it basically you go into

469

00:19:42,190 --> 00:19:38,750

overshoot you have overshoot the carrying

470

00:19:43,630 --> 00:19:42,200

capacity of the your base and then on

471

00:19:45,580 --> 00:19:43,640

the way down which it usually takes

472

00:19:48,400 --> 00:19:45,590

about half the time typically a century

473

00:19:50,140 --> 00:19:48,410

or two to decline before you get back to

474

00:19:52,210 --> 00:19:50,150

another Dark Age and so on you're on the

475

00:19:53,590 --> 00:19:52,220

downslope it feels like apocalypse every

476

00:19:58,450 --> 00:19:53,600

single time or virtually every single

477

00:20:00,940 --> 00:19:58,460

time so I I don't know how exactly our

478

00:20:04,090 --> 00:20:00,950

society will unravel but what I do know

479

00:20:05,980 --> 00:20:04,100

is it'll be a if if survival is your

480

00:20:07,570 --> 00:20:05,990

issue like if being alive

481

00:20:09,670 --> 00:20:07,580

no matter what is like what it's all

482

00:20:11,380 --> 00:20:09,680

about for you I invite you to consider

483

00:20:13,810 --> 00:20:11,390

the possibility that having twenty

484

00:20:16,060 --> 00:20:13,820

people who know and love you and care

485

00:20:17,700 --> 00:20:16,070

about you is gonna be a hell of a lot

486

00:20:20,560 --> 00:20:17,710

more important than having twenty guns

487

00:20:24,250 --> 00:20:20,570

okay brother but you got to understand

488

00:20:28,120 --> 00:20:24,260

how that message sounds I mean it it

489

00:20:31,900 --> 00:20:28,130

just doesn't play well it plays way over

490

00:20:33,310 --> 00:20:31,910

on the kind of extremist side and I

491

00:20:35,050 --> 00:20:33,320

would pull it back to just some

492

00:20:39,160 --> 00:20:35,060

realities like you're talking about okay

493

00:20:41,710 --> 00:20:39,170

I laid out one reality whereas it's not

494

00:20:43,480 --> 00:20:41,720

20 people all loving each other in a car

495

00:20:45,340 --> 00:20:43,490

I mean love I don't mean this kind of

496

00:20:47,260 --> 00:20:45,350

hold on well just let me because it's a

497

00:20:49,330 --> 00:20:47,270

crazy scenario that we're playing out

498

00:20:51,250 --> 00:20:49,340

anyway but it's not people getting

499

00:20:53,770 --> 00:20:51,260

together to form community and make

500

00:20:55,450 --> 00:20:53,780

things because at that level it's about

501  
00:20:57,400 --> 00:20:55,460  
we've seen it in the movies you know a

502  
00:20:59,350 --> 00:20:57,410  
bunch of guys get together with guns

503  
00:21:01,480 --> 00:20:59,360  
driving around see you as water see you

504  
00:21:04,090 --> 00:21:01,490  
as food put the gun to their head and

505  
00:21:06,640 --> 00:21:04,100  
say give it to me and give me the women

506  
00:21:08,710 --> 00:21:06,650  
and give me whatever it's chaos and at a

507  
00:21:10,150 --> 00:21:08,720  
national level we know what that looks

508  
00:21:12,100 --> 00:21:10,160  
like because we live through and it's

509  
00:21:13,720 --> 00:21:12,110  
like North Korea you don't want to go

510  
00:21:15,820 --> 00:21:13,730  
along with our plan boom here's

511  
00:21:18,370 --> 00:21:15,830  
bomb on you China you don't want to go

512  
00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:18,380  
along with our plan here's a bomb on you

513  
00:21:22,150 --> 00:21:20,240

isn't that that from a political

514

00:21:25,960 --> 00:21:22,160

standpoint I'm not trying to be tricky

515

00:21:28,360 --> 00:21:25,970

or trying to be super complex futuristic

516

00:21:30,340 --> 00:21:28,370

I'm just saying if we buy into what

517

00:21:33,790 --> 00:21:30,350

you're saying isn't that the inevitable

518

00:21:35,830 --> 00:21:33,800

future it's not twenty people getting

519

00:21:38,020 --> 00:21:35,840

together and deciding they're gonna live

520

00:21:41,950 --> 00:21:38,030

a different way that isn't gonna be the

521

00:21:44,260 --> 00:21:41,960

future so I'm going to say this is my

522

00:21:45,910 --> 00:21:44,270

last political comment and I warned you

523

00:21:47,410 --> 00:21:45,920

I was not interested in talking about

524

00:21:49,990 --> 00:21:47,420

politics because I am neither liberal

525

00:21:52,150 --> 00:21:50,000

nor conservative on both in different

526  
00:21:55,270 --> 00:21:52,160  
ways any evolutionary anybody who gets

527  
00:21:57,970 --> 00:21:55,280  
evolution has the font has to embrace

528  
00:22:00,160 --> 00:21:57,980  
both a conserving element DNA is

529  
00:22:02,170 --> 00:22:00,170  
conservative if it's anything and a more

530  
00:22:03,460 --> 00:22:02,180  
expansive element so I'm neither of

531  
00:22:06,010 --> 00:22:03,470  
those so this is the last thing I'll say

532  
00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:06,020  
on this you've watched too many movies

533  
00:22:08,860 --> 00:22:07,520  
and you haven't read enough history

534  
00:22:11,350 --> 00:22:08,870  
because when you look at how

535  
00:22:12,700 --> 00:22:11,360  
civilizations have collapsed we have

536  
00:22:14,290 --> 00:22:12,710  
actually have there people have spent

537  
00:22:17,020 --> 00:22:14,300  
their entire lifetime Arnold Toynbee

538  
00:22:19,120 --> 00:22:17,030

Oswald Spengler gum Batista Vico these

539

00:22:20,740 --> 00:22:19,130

are people who have studied side by side

540

00:22:23,140 --> 00:22:20,750

by side by side by side all these

541

00:22:25,750 --> 00:22:23,150

different civilizations and empires Sir

542

00:22:27,310 --> 00:22:25,760

John glove and how these contract and

543

00:22:30,670 --> 00:22:27,320

collapse and we know a lot about that

544

00:22:34,690 --> 00:22:30,680

this how that happens and Mad Max is

545

00:22:38,280 --> 00:22:34,700

never the scenario you've watched too

546

00:22:44,800 --> 00:22:42,010

what we know is that things will

547

00:22:46,390 --> 00:22:44,810

collapse differently in thousands of

548

00:22:48,100 --> 00:22:46,400

different places in thousands of

549

00:22:50,790 --> 00:22:48,110

different ways it won't happen in any

550

00:22:53,080 --> 00:22:50,800

one way and you and I can't even fathom

551  
00:22:54,850 --> 00:22:53,090  
some of the things that we just couldn't

552  
00:22:56,680 --> 00:22:54,860  
imagine because it'll be new to this

553  
00:22:59,230 --> 00:22:56,690  
generation because previous generation

554  
00:23:01,810 --> 00:22:59,240  
didn't have atom bombs and machine guns

555  
00:23:03,400 --> 00:23:01,820  
and all the that we've got so is

556  
00:23:06,490 --> 00:23:03,410  
some of what you're describing gonna

557  
00:23:08,200 --> 00:23:06,500  
happen you bet absolutely but there will

558  
00:23:10,180 --> 00:23:08,210  
be communities that spawn differently I

559  
00:23:12,610 --> 00:23:10,190  
don't know about that I don't it's not

560  
00:23:14,560 --> 00:23:12,620  
they don't care about it cuz I've got it

561  
00:23:16,060 --> 00:23:14,570  
I've got a daughter who's due to give

562  
00:23:18,100 --> 00:23:16,070  
birth in May I've also got a

563  
00:23:20,230 --> 00:23:18,110

nine-year-old granddaughter I've got

564

00:23:21,730 --> 00:23:20,240

flesh in the game in terms of the future

565

00:23:23,830 --> 00:23:21,740

but I don't believe that my children

566

00:23:25,900 --> 00:23:23,840

will die much younger than they normally

567

00:23:27,230 --> 00:23:25,910

would have because I believe that within

568

00:23:30,140 --> 00:23:27,240

the next twenty years

569

00:23:32,990 --> 00:23:30,150

we're going to see major major famine

570

00:23:38,930 --> 00:23:33,000

probably wiping out 70 to 90% of the

571

00:23:41,240 --> 00:23:38,940

human population so anything you want to

572

00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:41,250

talk about in term is know I'm ready I

573

00:23:44,870 --> 00:23:42,720

was just given it pause alright cuz cuz

574

00:23:47,600 --> 00:23:44,880

religion and the science and the

575

00:23:49,960 --> 00:23:47,610

spirituality I'm game for not interested

576

00:23:52,370 --> 00:23:49,970

in talking about the politics anymore

577

00:23:54,950 --> 00:23:52,380

there you go as you see on the screen

578

00:23:57,230 --> 00:23:54,960

let's move on the science of global

579

00:24:00,710 --> 00:23:57,240

warming some people call it climate

580

00:24:04,820 --> 00:24:00,720

change so you've laid out your position

581

00:24:08,390 --> 00:24:04,830

let me try as succinctly as possible to

582

00:24:12,040 --> 00:24:08,400

lay out my position in three parts if

583

00:24:15,020 --> 00:24:12,050

you will so the first part would be that

584

00:24:17,600 --> 00:24:15,030

the stakes as we were just talking about

585

00:24:20,480 --> 00:24:17,610

and that's why I started with politics

586

00:24:23,180 --> 00:24:20,490

I am extremely apolitical like you are I

587

00:24:26,990 --> 00:24:23,190

never talk about left-right I think it's

588

00:24:29,570 --> 00:24:27,000

a completely ridiculous way to suggest

589

00:24:32,180 --> 00:24:29,580

that that paradigm has any reality at

590

00:24:34,790 --> 00:24:32,190

all on so many different levels but

591

00:24:38,210 --> 00:24:34,800

there is a reality to to that and we

592

00:24:43,190 --> 00:24:38,220

just talked about it the reality is that

593

00:24:45,440 --> 00:24:43,200

the stakes are very very high so we got

594

00:24:49,600 --> 00:24:45,450

to make damn sure we get it right I mean

595

00:24:52,700 --> 00:24:49,610

we are facing species threatening

596

00:24:54,500 --> 00:24:52,710

environmental issues on a number of

597

00:25:00,110 --> 00:24:54,510

fronts we're in total agreement on that

598

00:25:01,640 --> 00:25:00,120

and I understand that action along the

599

00:25:02,810 --> 00:25:01,650

lines is what you're talking about is

600

00:25:07,010 --> 00:25:02,820

one possibility

601  
00:25:08,840 --> 00:25:07,020  
non action is an option but it's really

602  
00:25:10,669 --> 00:25:08,850  
not an option we are going to do

603  
00:25:12,680 --> 00:25:10,679  
something we're going to do something in

604  
00:25:14,870 --> 00:25:12,690  
the next five years ten years twenty

605  
00:25:17,870 --> 00:25:14,880  
years and the point is are we going to

606  
00:25:19,580 --> 00:25:17,880  
do the right thing or the wrong thing so

607  
00:25:20,810 --> 00:25:19,590  
when I get to the science thing the

608  
00:25:22,540 --> 00:25:20,820  
first thing I want to do is I want to

609  
00:25:25,610 --> 00:25:22,550  
say we've got a double check everything

610  
00:25:26,210 --> 00:25:25,620  
verify that it's true and along those

611  
00:25:30,440 --> 00:25:26,220  
same lines

612  
00:25:33,080 --> 00:25:30,450  
I'm extremely leery of science that

613  
00:25:37,340 --> 00:25:33,090

comes from folks who've lied to me in

614

00:25:39,110 --> 00:25:37,350

the past so I look at the 97% consensus

615

00:25:40,760 --> 00:25:39,120

thing that was it's actually closer to

616

00:25:43,310 --> 00:25:40,770

99% now that was

617

00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:43,320

actually seven years ago when the 97%

618

00:25:47,420 --> 00:25:45,360

thing if you look at how many papers

619

00:25:49,850 --> 00:25:47,430

actually written by climate scientists

620

00:25:53,570 --> 00:25:49,860

in the last six years it's about 99

621

00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:53,580

percent okay well we could get into that

622

00:25:57,260 --> 00:25:55,440

I don't think it's gonna be fruitful to

623

00:25:59,660 --> 00:25:57,270

dig into that too far but we can't

624

00:26:02,390 --> 00:25:59,670

because I did a whole show with Rick on

625

00:26:04,700 --> 00:26:02,400

that and Rick was so insistent on the

626  
00:26:06,290 --> 00:26:04,710  
consensus thing and I said Rick you're

627  
00:26:07,850 --> 00:26:06,300  
gonna look foolish here cuz we're you're

628  
00:26:10,130 --> 00:26:07,860  
gonna dig into it and you're gonna see

629  
00:26:12,140 --> 00:26:10,140  
that it's fake science and at the end of

630  
00:26:14,060 --> 00:26:12,150  
the day looked at Rick looked into it

631  
00:26:16,220 --> 00:26:14,070  
and he had to admit on this show I can

632  
00:26:20,510 --> 00:26:16,230  
play you the clip that it's fake science

633  
00:26:23,660 --> 00:26:20,520  
the 97% consensus the get the college

634  
00:26:26,360 --> 00:26:23,670  
students get my own interns to go and do

635  
00:26:28,400 --> 00:26:26,370  
the summations on this research was fake

636  
00:26:30,080 --> 00:26:28,410  
science not to say that there aren't

637  
00:26:32,810 --> 00:26:30,090  
other stats out there that give

638  
00:26:35,390 --> 00:26:32,820

different consensus marks but my point

639

00:26:38,480 --> 00:26:35,400

again remember is that we got to be

640

00:26:41,150 --> 00:26:38,490

really careful because there's fake data

641

00:26:44,510 --> 00:26:41,160

out there fake science out there we have

642

00:26:47,960 --> 00:26:44,520

Climategate where the whole the whole

643

00:26:50,570 --> 00:26:47,970

thing was how do we cook the books how

644

00:26:52,400 --> 00:26:50,580

do we change the data Alex Alex we have

645

00:26:54,140 --> 00:26:52,410

a limited amount of time you're wasting

646

00:26:57,620 --> 00:26:54,150

time by talking about something I don't

647

00:27:00,590 --> 00:26:57,630

give a about I don't care about the

648

00:27:03,560 --> 00:27:00,600

climate sciences hoax I don't care about

649

00:27:04,910 --> 00:27:03,570

where some scientists were I don't care

650

00:27:07,660 --> 00:27:04,920

about that I'm looking at a Paul

651

00:27:09,680 --> 00:27:07,670

Beckwith and nicholas humphrey

652

00:27:12,080 --> 00:27:09,690

meteorologist nick humphrey and paul

653

00:27:13,610 --> 00:27:12,090

back with those are the kind of people i

654

00:27:15,830 --> 00:27:13,620

go to at peter Wadhams

655

00:27:19,510 --> 00:27:15,840

in terms the arctic i pay attention to a

656

00:27:21,590 --> 00:27:19,520

select understanding of the data that's

657

00:27:23,900 --> 00:27:21,600

incontrovertible that nobody is arguing

658

00:27:26,720 --> 00:27:23,910

but nobody anywhere is arguing with and

659

00:27:29,750 --> 00:27:26,730

it's about abrupt climate change get

660

00:27:31,340 --> 00:27:29,760

that word abrupt climate change I can go

661

00:27:33,380 --> 00:27:31,350

into the details if you want me to but

662

00:27:35,720 --> 00:27:33,390

I'm not interested in debating and

663

00:27:37,430 --> 00:27:35,730

trying to defend the liberal consensus

664

00:27:40,610 --> 00:27:37,440

it ain't gonna happen so you're wasting

665

00:27:43,070 --> 00:27:40,620

my time well you know that's there's the

666

00:27:44,690 --> 00:27:43,080

Alex seriously but that's the vibe I got

667

00:27:46,460 --> 00:27:44,700

from you from the beginning Michael and

668

00:27:48,800 --> 00:27:46,470

I get from so many people for some of

669

00:27:51,110 --> 00:27:48,810

the difficult environmentalists they

670

00:27:52,940 --> 00:27:51,120

don't want to waste their time listening

671

00:27:54,139 --> 00:27:52,950

to the other side of it I love the way

672

00:27:57,139 --> 00:27:54,149

you say Israel

673

00:27:58,189 --> 00:27:57,149

in my in my world in what I pay

674

00:28:02,089 --> 00:27:58,199

attention to

675

00:28:05,119 --> 00:28:02,099

there's not another side in terms always

676

00:28:07,759 --> 00:28:05,129

another side Michael okay Alex now in

677

00:28:09,919 --> 00:28:07,769

stocks okay you promised me that you

678

00:28:13,339 --> 00:28:09,929

would be late to me in things that I was

679

00:28:15,919 --> 00:28:13,349

interested in we're not doing that I am

680

00:28:18,229 --> 00:28:15,929

NOT going I know I'm not listen to me

681

00:28:20,389 --> 00:28:18,239

said I'm not going to debate would

682

00:28:24,219 --> 00:28:20,399

relate to you in things that you're

683

00:28:26,899 --> 00:28:24,229

interested in I I never said that I've

684

00:28:30,079 --> 00:28:26,909

represent Alex like television I would

685

00:28:31,939 --> 00:28:30,089

not discuss and was not interested and

686

00:28:34,759 --> 00:28:31,949

I'm not prepared to defend because I

687

00:28:36,139 --> 00:28:34,769

don't give a poop about it the kind of

688

00:28:38,239 --> 00:28:36,149

things that you have done with other

689

00:28:41,569 --> 00:28:38,249

guests such as what you just put on the

690

00:28:44,119 --> 00:28:41,579

screen I'm not interested so if you want

691

00:28:45,709 --> 00:28:44,129

me to continue in this conversation you

692

00:28:47,989 --> 00:28:45,719

yourself said that if you're not pleased

693

00:28:50,389 --> 00:28:47,999

you can get off anytime if you want to

694

00:28:52,639 --> 00:28:50,399

do that I invite you to ask me about the

695

00:28:57,019 --> 00:28:52,649

religion I rap the spirituality about

696

00:28:59,749 --> 00:28:57,029

responding I will not try to defend the

697

00:29:05,109 --> 00:28:59,759

stuff you very capably can attack ain't

698

00:29:09,559 --> 00:29:05,119

interested in it ok I will move on but

699

00:29:13,719 --> 00:29:09,569

why do you think if I can capably attack

700

00:29:16,819 --> 00:29:13,729

or bring up the data points in your

701  
00:29:19,939 --> 00:29:16,829  
presentation on climate change your data

702  
00:29:23,059 --> 00:29:19,949  
point on sea level rise if I can bring

703  
00:29:25,459 --> 00:29:23,069  
up a noted climatologist who doesn't

704  
00:29:27,439 --> 00:29:25,469  
agree with you why is that not relevant

705  
00:29:30,799 --> 00:29:27,449  
to this discussion because I could bring

706  
00:29:33,439 --> 00:29:30,809  
up ninety nine who do agree with me for

707  
00:29:35,809 --> 00:29:33,449  
example John Englander is a friend of

708  
00:29:38,359 --> 00:29:35,819  
mine he's a colleague but hold on it on

709  
00:29:41,959 --> 00:29:38,369  
Englander wrote is the former president

710  
00:29:44,269 --> 00:29:41,969  
of the Jacques Cousteau Society he will

711  
00:29:46,789 --> 00:29:44,279  
also tell you as virtually anybody who

712  
00:29:48,589 --> 00:29:46,799  
deals with the oceans will that even if

713  
00:29:50,989 --> 00:29:48,599

all human beings went extinct tonight

714

00:29:56,259 --> 00:29:50,999

the oceans would still rise considerably

715

00:30:01,069 --> 00:29:58,579

regardless of what we do even if we took

716

00:30:02,689 --> 00:30:01,079

all the political action but this is not

717

00:30:04,309 --> 00:30:02,699

I'm not going to debate the science with

718

00:30:06,790 --> 00:30:04,319

you because the evidence to my mind is

719

00:30:09,300 --> 00:30:06,800

clear can you show one or two or

720

00:30:11,380 --> 00:30:09,310

three or four five respected

721

00:30:13,930 --> 00:30:11,390

climatologists who have a different

722

00:30:16,120 --> 00:30:13,940

opinion of course that doesn't make any

723

00:30:18,010 --> 00:30:16,130

difference to me I go with where the

724

00:30:19,570 --> 00:30:18,020

majority and where the evidence what I

725

00:30:21,190 --> 00:30:19,580

when I look at the others my wife is a

726

00:30:24,070 --> 00:30:21,200

science writer she's written five

727

00:30:25,600 --> 00:30:24,080

science books I go with where what we

728

00:30:27,370 --> 00:30:25,610

what global collective intelligence

729

00:30:28,900 --> 00:30:27,380

seems to be saying it never has to be a

730

00:30:31,060 --> 00:30:28,910

hundred percent so the fact that you got

731

00:30:33,070 --> 00:30:31,070

some dissenters and some convincing ones

732

00:30:34,930 --> 00:30:33,080

at least to you and to your followers

733

00:30:38,230 --> 00:30:34,940

that's cruel okay whatever I'm

734

00:30:43,780 --> 00:30:38,240

interested in how we adapt to what is

735

00:30:45,940 --> 00:30:43,790

now in my estimation unavoidable but do

736

00:30:47,440 --> 00:30:45,950

you realize how that plays Michael wins

737

00:30:49,450 --> 00:30:47,450

oh no because one of the things that's

738

00:30:53,350 --> 00:30:49,460

unavoidable and says he and I are

739

00:30:56,830 --> 00:30:53,360

interested in the data that you have I'm

740

00:31:01,000 --> 00:30:56,840

not interested in discussing it I'm only

741

00:31:03,250 --> 00:31:01,010

interested in spewing my apocalyptic

742

00:31:06,520 --> 00:31:03,260

future but that's okay you know what we

743

00:31:08,800 --> 00:31:06,530

will move on I am happy to expedite the

744

00:31:10,600 --> 00:31:08,810

conversation and move on to the

745

00:31:12,760 --> 00:31:10,610

spiritual part so let's yeah but yeah

746

00:31:14,800 --> 00:31:12,770

but your sarcasm that the the biting

747

00:31:17,560 --> 00:31:14,810

no so your tone is uncalled for

748

00:31:19,660 --> 00:31:17,570

I warned you in three emails that this

749

00:31:21,490 --> 00:31:19,670

is that I gave you the range of things

750

00:31:24,490 --> 00:31:21,500

that I would love to discuss with you

751  
00:31:26,980 --> 00:31:24,500  
and the things I was good and I gave you

752  
00:31:29,830 --> 00:31:26,990  
a clear understanding that you know

753  
00:31:31,930 --> 00:31:29,840  
we're having a discussion a debate from

754  
00:31:33,190 --> 00:31:31,940  
but we're not having a debate I'm not

755  
00:31:36,490 --> 00:31:33,200  
interested I don't debate

756  
00:31:37,090 --> 00:31:36,500  
I don't debate anybody a period end of

757  
00:31:40,930 --> 00:31:37,100  
story

758  
00:31:42,610 --> 00:31:40,940  
I discussed your let me finish yeah I

759  
00:31:45,100 --> 00:31:42,620  
discuss what I'm knowledgeable about

760  
00:31:47,440 --> 00:31:45,110  
what I have passion and energy and

761  
00:31:49,690 --> 00:31:47,450  
commitment to and it doesn't happen to

762  
00:31:51,640 --> 00:31:49,700  
be the politics and it doesn't happen to

763  
00:31:53,980 --> 00:31:51,650

be defending the science so find other

764

00:31:56,470 --> 00:31:53,990

guests to debate that it's great that

765

00:31:58,390 --> 00:31:56,480

you do that it's not where I go it's not

766

00:31:59,980 --> 00:31:58,400

what I'm interested in if you're

767

00:32:01,420 --> 00:31:59,990

interested in to learn how to stay

768

00:32:04,060 --> 00:32:01,430

inspired in my place

769

00:32:05,680 --> 00:32:04,070

you get all over the place I mean I

770

00:32:07,390 --> 00:32:05,690

don't understand I don't understand

771

00:32:10,900 --> 00:32:07,400

people like you who come on and debate

772

00:32:12,730 --> 00:32:10,910

and then say not debate not debating so

773

00:32:15,220 --> 00:32:12,740

you can call it whatever you want

774

00:32:16,780 --> 00:32:15,230

dialoguing having a conversation I don't

775

00:32:19,030 --> 00:32:16,790

care what you have it what you call it

776

00:32:20,230 --> 00:32:19,040

you're presenting your position I'm

777

00:32:22,690 --> 00:32:20,240

presenting my

778

00:32:24,100 --> 00:32:22,700

position I am no no that's not what

779

00:32:25,870 --> 00:32:24,110

that's not what I okay

780

00:32:27,430 --> 00:32:25,880

I've interviewed over a hundred and

781

00:32:30,160 --> 00:32:27,440

twenty people where I've been the

782

00:32:32,620 --> 00:32:30,170

podcast host and I interview people and

783

00:32:34,810 --> 00:32:32,630

in every single one of them my 2014

784

00:32:36,850 --> 00:32:34,820

series the future is calling us to

785

00:32:38,680 --> 00:32:36,860

greatness when I interviewed 56 of the

786

00:32:40,240 --> 00:32:38,690

world's top experts on climate and

787

00:32:42,610 --> 00:32:40,250

sustainability and a spattering of

788

00:32:44,710 --> 00:32:42,620

spiritual leaders and then the one I'm

789

00:32:46,330 --> 00:32:44,720

doing now post doomed conversations so

790

00:32:49,990 --> 00:32:46,340

people can learn about that on post doom

791

00:32:52,960 --> 00:32:50,000

comm every single one of those I listen

792

00:32:55,210 --> 00:32:52,970

I'm trying to get the my guest the

793

00:32:56,770 --> 00:32:55,220

person I'm talking to to share how they

794

00:32:57,549 --> 00:32:56,780

think how they feel well how they see

795

00:33:01,240 --> 00:32:57,559

the world

796

00:33:03,280 --> 00:33:01,250

no you just not the ladies like to talk

797

00:33:06,400 --> 00:33:03,290

to people who agree with you I get it I

798

00:33:09,040 --> 00:33:06,410

get those kind of people all the time do

799

00:33:10,930 --> 00:33:09,050

you have any idea over 120 people all

800

00:33:12,760 --> 00:33:10,940

these people don't agree with me they

801  
00:33:16,450 --> 00:33:12,770  
don't need to because it's not a debate

802  
00:33:18,730 --> 00:33:16,460  
I want them to share their thing and I

803  
00:33:21,820 --> 00:33:18,740  
engage with them but not from a debating

804  
00:33:23,380 --> 00:33:21,830  
stance what if you want to Judith curry

805  
00:33:24,970 --> 00:33:23,390  
why don't you get dr. Judith curry from

806  
00:33:26,530 --> 00:33:24,980  
Georgia Tech on yuusha one said that

807  
00:33:28,240 --> 00:33:26,540  
would be an interesting conversation I'd

808  
00:33:31,990 --> 00:33:28,250  
like to hear your dialogue was not a

809  
00:33:34,720 --> 00:33:32,000  
post doom worldview I'm not interested I

810  
00:33:36,280 --> 00:33:34,730  
interview people on post do Alex if you

811  
00:33:37,540 --> 00:33:36,290  
want to have a conversation with me

812  
00:33:40,210 --> 00:33:37,550  
let's have a conversation if you

813  
00:33:43,240 --> 00:33:40,220

continue in this debate format I'm gonna

814

00:33:45,840 --> 00:33:43,250

hang up Michael you are free to click

815

00:33:48,070 --> 00:33:45,850

the end button at any time no one is

816

00:33:49,990 --> 00:33:48,080

chaining you to this discussion I know

817

00:33:51,460 --> 00:33:50,000

and then you'll trash me which is fine

818

00:33:53,980 --> 00:33:51,470

because I've seen you do that but I'm

819

00:33:55,540 --> 00:33:53,990

not interested well I wanted my position

820

00:33:58,390 --> 00:33:55,550

okay good I'm glad you said something

821

00:34:00,640 --> 00:33:58,400

back that up well let's talk about you

822

00:34:03,460 --> 00:34:00,650

when I trashed someone one of I trashed

823

00:34:05,260 --> 00:34:03,470

someone off the mic one of I hung up on

824

00:34:07,180 --> 00:34:05,270

a conversation with me and I have never

825

00:34:09,460 --> 00:34:07,190

seen that I have never heard that but

826

00:34:11,500 --> 00:34:09,470

didn't you just say I apologize for

827

00:34:13,720 --> 00:34:11,510

giving that impression I've never seen

828

00:34:15,280 --> 00:34:13,730

that I came I got that only because of

829

00:34:16,750 --> 00:34:15,290

the way that we've related in the emails

830

00:34:18,849 --> 00:34:16,760

but I've never seen or experienced you

831

00:34:20,619 --> 00:34:18,859

doing okay I've never I've never done

832

00:34:23,500 --> 00:34:20,629

that but that's okay so we'll talk about

833

00:34:25,990 --> 00:34:23,510

spirituality of global and I'd love to

834

00:34:28,450 --> 00:34:26,000

do well we'll see and anything related

835

00:34:30,550 --> 00:34:28,460

to post doom like how to stay inspired

836

00:34:31,820 --> 00:34:30,560

in contracting times because there are

837

00:34:32,960 --> 00:34:31,830

certain things that are

838

00:34:34,730 --> 00:34:32,970

see this is the thing if you want to

839

00:34:36,440 --> 00:34:34,740

talk about the science what I'm gonna

840

00:34:38,960 --> 00:34:36,450

talk about is the science of overshoot

841

00:34:40,370 --> 00:34:38,970

the science of every society for which

842

00:34:42,650 --> 00:34:40,380

we have evidence that has gone into

843

00:34:45,169 --> 00:34:42,660

ecological overshoot contracts and

844

00:34:46,700 --> 00:34:45,179

collapses and it's inevitable so that

845

00:34:48,110 --> 00:34:46,710

I'm real knowledgeable about and I'm

846

00:34:50,150 --> 00:34:48,120

happy to talk about it but global

847

00:34:52,310 --> 00:34:50,160

warming is one symptom of overshoot

848

00:34:53,810 --> 00:34:52,320

there's about 20 other symptoms of

849

00:34:55,070 --> 00:34:53,820

overshoot that we could talk about

850

00:34:57,110 --> 00:34:55,080

that's why I'm not interested in talking

851  
00:34:59,090 --> 00:34:57,120  
about two specified an area because

852  
00:35:01,280 --> 00:34:59,100  
let's talk about all the other aspects

853  
00:35:02,570 --> 00:35:01,290  
of overshoot William Catherine's book

854  
00:35:04,280 --> 00:35:02,580  
overshoot is the most important book

855  
00:35:06,230 --> 00:35:04,290  
I've ever read my life overshoot the

856  
00:35:09,410 --> 00:35:06,240  
ecological basis revolutionary change I

857  
00:35:12,280 --> 00:35:09,420  
can't recommend it to Island so Michael

858  
00:35:15,740 --> 00:35:12,290  
you describe yourself as an eco

859  
00:35:16,910 --> 00:35:15,750  
theologian yep now reading your bio I

860  
00:35:20,420 --> 00:35:16,920  
know you have an extensive background

861  
00:35:25,520 --> 00:35:20,430  
with Christianity born-again you went to

862  
00:35:26,390 --> 00:35:25,530  
seminary ordained minister but maybe you

863  
00:35:28,610 --> 00:35:26,400

want to tell us more about your

864

00:35:30,530 --> 00:35:28,620

spiritual background as a Christian you

865

00:35:32,930 --> 00:35:30,540

talk less about Jesus I've never heard

866

00:35:34,670 --> 00:35:32,940

you mentioned Jesus ever I mean where

867

00:35:37,160 --> 00:35:34,680

does the Jesus think factor into your

868

00:35:40,990 --> 00:35:37,170

thing and what is your your how would

869

00:35:44,720 --> 00:35:41,000

Christians understand your spirituality

870

00:35:46,280 --> 00:35:44,730

well it's kind of hard to it's kind of

871

00:35:48,980 --> 00:35:46,290

hard to say what would Christians say

872

00:35:50,600 --> 00:35:48,990

because there are you know thousands and

873

00:35:52,010 --> 00:35:50,610

thousands and thousands of Christian

874

00:35:54,740 --> 00:35:52,020

churches and they're all over the map

875

00:35:56,420 --> 00:35:54,750

some of them treat science and evidence

876

00:35:59,000 --> 00:35:56,430

a whole lot more authoritative than the

877

00:36:00,680 --> 00:35:59,010

Bible some treat mythic language the way

878

00:36:03,530 --> 00:36:00,690

I treat mythic language that is saying

879

00:36:05,660 --> 00:36:03,540

something symbolically true poetically

880

00:36:07,370 --> 00:36:05,670

metaphorically true about the nature of

881

00:36:08,930 --> 00:36:07,380

reality but they do it in poetry and

882

00:36:10,730 --> 00:36:08,940

they do it and they're not poetry they

883

00:36:12,980 --> 00:36:10,740

do it in symbol which is that symbolic

884

00:36:14,750 --> 00:36:12,990

language so I am from brain where do you

885

00:36:16,190 --> 00:36:14,760

come down on the historical Jesus is

886

00:36:17,930 --> 00:36:16,200

there historical Jesus Christ

887

00:36:19,130 --> 00:36:17,940

consciousness what is your relationship

888

00:36:21,740 --> 00:36:19,140

I don't I don't tend to use

889

00:36:24,170 --> 00:36:21,750

consciousness a whole lot because for me

890

00:36:28,580 --> 00:36:24,180

every life form has some form of

891

00:36:32,480 --> 00:36:28,590

consciousness so I'm you know what I

892

00:36:36,200 --> 00:36:32,490

will say is that the all of the world's

893

00:36:37,880 --> 00:36:36,210

religions have been evolving the last

894

00:36:40,640 --> 00:36:37,890

several thousand years including

895

00:36:43,010 --> 00:36:40,650

Christianity in a context where the

896

00:36:44,630 --> 00:36:43,020

culture already is out of right

897

00:36:45,050 --> 00:36:44,640

relationship to God out of right

898

00:36:46,790 --> 00:36:45,060

relation

899

00:36:48,950 --> 00:36:46,800

to reality and that is it's been

900

00:36:50,540 --> 00:36:48,960

human-centered and so these cultures

901  
00:36:53,090 --> 00:36:50,550  
these religions have helped people to

902  
00:36:55,660 --> 00:36:53,100  
sort of cope with that their coping

903  
00:36:58,700 --> 00:36:55,670  
mechanisms but in healthy for the first

904  
00:37:02,170 --> 00:36:58,710  
97% of human history religions were the

905  
00:37:04,730 --> 00:37:02,180  
control mechanism not the control coping

906  
00:37:07,220 --> 00:37:04,740  
method that the future was not

907  
00:37:09,890 --> 00:37:07,230  
compromised by the present and so I'm

908  
00:37:12,740 --> 00:37:09,900  
trying to because I am a Christian I I

909  
00:37:15,470 --> 00:37:12,750  
try to interpret the Christian story in

910  
00:37:17,060 --> 00:37:15,480  
terms of how this can be understood in

911  
00:37:19,550 --> 00:37:17,070  
ways that are ecologically and

912  
00:37:22,850 --> 00:37:19,560  
scientifically factual not merely

913  
00:37:24,260 --> 00:37:22,860

spiritually inspiring okay but I've

914

00:37:25,220 --> 00:37:24,270

asked you a couple times do you know for

915

00:37:29,000 --> 00:37:25,230

example the Trinity

916

00:37:31,160 --> 00:37:29,010

I don't experience historical Jesus do

917

00:37:33,020 --> 00:37:31,170

you believe who was Jesus as as

918

00:37:36,440 --> 00:37:33,030

historical figure was he the Son of God

919

00:37:39,290 --> 00:37:36,450

was he the Redeemer it does does

920

00:37:41,690 --> 00:37:39,300

everyone who seek salvation have to go

921

00:37:44,300 --> 00:37:41,700

through Jesus the these are fair

922

00:37:46,940 --> 00:37:44,310

questions I mean if you interpret for

923

00:37:48,890 --> 00:37:46,950

you where the the trappings you go by

924

00:37:52,490 --> 00:37:48,900

Reverend Michael doubt these are fair

925

00:37:53,780 --> 00:37:52,500

question to ask a Christian the totally

926  
00:37:57,410 --> 00:37:53,790  
fair questions to ask Christian I

927  
00:38:00,590 --> 00:37:57,420  
interpret all of those only in light of

928  
00:38:02,690 --> 00:38:00,600  
Christ not just the person Jesus but the

929  
00:38:05,840 --> 00:38:02,700  
mythic Christ the stories built around

930  
00:38:08,240 --> 00:38:05,850  
him as a personification a deification

931  
00:38:10,670 --> 00:38:08,250  
of the future the first person in the

932  
00:38:12,260 --> 00:38:10,680  
Trinity is a deification of the past the

933  
00:38:13,700 --> 00:38:12,270  
second person of the Trinity the Savior

934  
00:38:15,950 --> 00:38:13,710  
the Messiah all that it's all about the

935  
00:38:17,840 --> 00:38:15,960  
future and the third person has the Holy

936  
00:38:19,310 --> 00:38:17,850  
Spirit that spirit of the Spirit of God

937  
00:38:21,650 --> 00:38:19,320  
the hebrews you didn't need to believe

938  
00:38:23,750 --> 00:38:21,660

in the spirit it the wind and the breath

939

00:38:25,040 --> 00:38:23,760

personified deified the only place you

940

00:38:27,680 --> 00:38:25,050

can experience wind and breath is in the

941

00:38:29,900 --> 00:38:27,690

present so yes the only way that humans

942

00:38:32,060 --> 00:38:29,910

can save ourselves once we exited out of

943

00:38:34,160 --> 00:38:32,070

the garden as once we left the way we

944

00:38:36,560 --> 00:38:34,170

were living for the first 97% of human

945

00:38:38,300 --> 00:38:36,570

history went on a human centered path we

946

00:38:40,100 --> 00:38:38,310

can't save ourselves we were on that

947

00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:40,110

path seven thousand six thousand

948

00:38:45,470 --> 00:38:42,480

whatever years ago that led right to

949

00:38:47,540 --> 00:38:45,480

here which is hell this this world held

950

00:38:49,970 --> 00:38:47,550

and only the future can save us by

951  
00:38:51,830 --> 00:38:49,980  
making the future our Lord is the only

952  
00:38:53,870 --> 00:38:51,840  
hope of redemption and that's true even

953  
00:38:55,160 --> 00:38:53,880  
if we go extinct that is the only hope

954  
00:38:57,740 --> 00:38:55,170  
of us would be

955  
00:39:00,950 --> 00:38:57,750  
in the body of life so yes for me Christ

956  
00:39:03,079 --> 00:39:00,960  
is the future personify the voice in the

957  
00:39:06,170 --> 00:39:03,089  
heart of the future the future is my

958  
00:39:09,140 --> 00:39:06,180  
lord okay so six or seven thousand years

959  
00:39:14,109 --> 00:39:09,150  
ago there was a garden and no no no no

960  
00:39:17,900 --> 00:39:14,119  
no no no Alex Alex metaphor the garden

961  
00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:17,910  
symbolizes humanity living in a mutually

962  
00:39:21,920 --> 00:39:19,920  
enhancing relationship with the rest of

963  
00:39:23,329 --> 00:39:21,930

the body of life with with reality what

964

00:39:26,660 --> 00:39:23,339

was the six or seven thousand years

965

00:39:29,450 --> 00:39:26,670

reference humans centeredness epicenter

966

00:39:31,970 --> 00:39:29,460

what Daniel Quinn calls totalitarian

967

00:39:34,250 --> 00:39:31,980

agriculture once we start creating forms

968

00:39:36,440 --> 00:39:34,260

of Agriculture that it's all about us

969

00:39:38,930 --> 00:39:36,450

then we get really really good at having

970

00:39:40,910 --> 00:39:38,940

things work out best for us over time

971

00:39:42,470 --> 00:39:40,920

because our brains and our hands are

972

00:39:44,960 --> 00:39:42,480

tool making ability in our symbolic

973

00:39:47,780 --> 00:39:44,970

brains and then once you start mining

974

00:39:50,329 --> 00:39:47,790

metals you get into this arms race so it

975

00:39:52,250 --> 00:39:50,339

seems to me pretty inevitable from about

976

00:39:54,980 --> 00:39:52,260

six seven maybe eight thousand years ago

977

00:39:57,859 --> 00:39:54,990

once we see city-based human centered

978

00:39:59,720 --> 00:39:57,869

cultures that always overshoot the

979

00:40:01,670 --> 00:39:59,730

carrying capacity that is they they use

980

00:40:04,130 --> 00:40:01,680

more resources and create more waste so

981

00:40:06,559 --> 00:40:04,140

they end up dying over time and so that

982

00:40:08,960 --> 00:40:06,569

pattern the rise and fall booms and

983

00:40:12,500 --> 00:40:08,970

busts of civilization is inevitable

984

00:40:14,630 --> 00:40:12,510

until or unless we make the future our

985

00:40:16,160 --> 00:40:14,640

primary guiding principle that is the

986

00:40:19,309 --> 00:40:16,170

seventh generation that whole idea of

987

00:40:21,980 --> 00:40:19,319

acting with the with the future as the

988

00:40:23,660 --> 00:40:21,990

judge in the present that's not just a

989

00:40:25,549 --> 00:40:23,670

good idea to do otherwise as evil so I

990

00:40:27,140 --> 00:40:25,559

interpret the Christian story and all

991

00:40:29,599 --> 00:40:27,150

the Christic Christian doctrinal

992

00:40:31,730 --> 00:40:29,609

language other traditions too from this

993

00:40:34,400 --> 00:40:31,740

grounded ecological evolutionary

994

00:40:37,089 --> 00:40:34,410

worldview so the six or seven thousand

995

00:40:40,099 --> 00:40:37,099

years a lot of people tied that to

996

00:40:43,220 --> 00:40:40,109

biblical people people who are tied to

997

00:40:45,589 --> 00:40:43,230

the Bible as Holy Scripture tie that

998

00:40:47,450 --> 00:40:45,599

back to the garden kind of thing but you

999

00:40:49,520 --> 00:40:47,460

are making any connection you're just

1000

00:40:52,730 --> 00:40:49,530

saying it just so happens that the six

1001  
00:40:55,099 --> 00:40:52,740  
or seven thousand years that Christians

1002  
00:40:57,260 --> 00:40:55,109  
like to tie back to the origin story it

1003  
00:40:59,599 --> 00:40:57,270  
just it's just coincidence that that

1004  
00:41:02,950 --> 00:40:59,609  
ties to this Eric well really yeah I

1005  
00:41:05,030 --> 00:41:02,960  
mean when you start seeing city-based

1006  
00:41:07,160 --> 00:41:05,040  
civilizations as like six or seven

1007  
00:41:09,010 --> 00:41:07,170  
thousand years ago but your inaction to

1008  
00:41:11,990 --> 00:41:09,020  
the Bible that's my question there's no

1009  
00:41:14,810 --> 00:41:12,000  
no I did the the Bible is mythic

1010  
00:41:17,090 --> 00:41:14,820  
literature deeply inspiring did Jesus

1011  
00:41:21,560 --> 00:41:17,100  
walk on the earth and was he the son of

1012  
00:41:23,750 --> 00:41:21,570  
God I'm the idea you have no

1013  
00:41:25,790 --> 00:41:23,760

faces walked on the earth probably yes

1014

00:41:28,460 --> 00:41:25,800

could it be I mean there's some people

1015

00:41:30,230 --> 00:41:28,470

some scholars actually that have said

1016

00:41:32,240 --> 00:41:30,240

that Jesus and Buddha are Athlete

1017

00:41:34,520 --> 00:41:32,250

actually mythic figures and rather than

1018

00:41:36,320 --> 00:41:34,530

actual flesh-and-blood I suspect they

1019

00:41:38,360 --> 00:41:36,330

were living beings I suspect Jesus of

1020

00:41:41,180 --> 00:41:38,370

Nazareth well as a human being who lived

1021

00:41:42,530 --> 00:41:41,190

who lived an exemplary like relationship

1022

00:41:43,700 --> 00:41:42,540

and right relationship reality and

1023

00:41:46,370 --> 00:41:43,710

everybody around him was like do you

1024

00:41:49,220 --> 00:41:46,380

know I got you know so he the only Son

1025

00:41:50,600 --> 00:41:49,230

of God depends on if you mean that

1026  
00:41:52,400 --> 00:41:50,610  
literally or whether you mean that

1027  
00:41:54,310 --> 00:41:52,410  
metaphorically if you mean that

1028  
00:41:56,810 --> 00:41:54,320  
literally no of course not

1029  
00:41:59,510 --> 00:41:56,820  
why of course not because a lot of

1030  
00:42:02,390 --> 00:41:59,520  
Christians because all species are

1031  
00:42:04,970 --> 00:42:02,400  
children of God all species are sons and

1032  
00:42:06,560 --> 00:42:04,980  
daughters of God all humans are sons and

1033  
00:42:09,440 --> 00:42:06,570  
daughters of God so any special

1034  
00:42:11,990 --> 00:42:09,450  
relationship between Jesus and God any

1035  
00:42:13,760 --> 00:42:12,000  
special different relationship as I say

1036  
00:42:16,520 --> 00:42:13,770  
is there any special relationship

1037  
00:42:19,730 --> 00:42:16,530  
between the future and the past yes

1038  
00:42:22,370 --> 00:42:19,740

there's a relationship there one in the

1039

00:42:24,710 --> 00:42:22,380

same you can't honor the future and be a

1040

00:42:27,980 --> 00:42:24,720

blessing to the future by dishonouring

1041

00:42:31,460 --> 00:42:27,990

the past so of course I I'm not I'm not

1042

00:42:32,810 --> 00:42:31,470

going to try to discuss a fundamentalist

1043

00:42:34,520 --> 00:42:32,820

theology with you because I'm not

1044

00:42:37,540 --> 00:42:34,530

interested it's not where I'm at I speak

1045

00:42:41,600 --> 00:42:37,550

in moderate to liberal Christian

1046

00:42:43,790 --> 00:42:41,610

Buddhist Unitarian a unity church

1047

00:42:46,190 --> 00:42:43,800

religious science I speak in every place

1048

00:42:47,720 --> 00:42:46,200

except biblical fundamentalist search

1049

00:42:50,200 --> 00:42:47,730

settings because it takes a courageous

1050

00:42:52,880 --> 00:42:50,210

evangelical to invite me in it takes a

1051  
00:42:54,470 --> 00:42:52,890  
evangelical pastor who wants to move

1052  
00:42:57,020 --> 00:42:54,480  
their congregation in accepting

1053  
00:42:59,090 --> 00:42:57,030  
evolution and ecology as divinely

1054  
00:43:00,590 --> 00:42:59,100  
revelatory and that's few and far

1055  
00:43:03,050 --> 00:43:00,600  
between it only happens every few years

1056  
00:43:05,600 --> 00:43:03,060  
so of the 3,000 or close to 3,000

1057  
00:43:09,230 --> 00:43:05,610  
churches are organizations where I've

1058  
00:43:10,880 --> 00:43:09,240  
spoken in the last 18 years I think six

1059  
00:43:13,310 --> 00:43:10,890  
of them have been fundamentalist or

1060  
00:43:15,200 --> 00:43:13,320  
evangelical it's pretty where yeah I

1061  
00:43:16,970 --> 00:43:15,210  
don't identify with those labels cuz I'm

1062  
00:43:18,890 --> 00:43:16,980  
not a Christian I'm not religious but

1063  
00:43:21,140 --> 00:43:18,900

what about your transformation do you

1064

00:43:21,750 --> 00:43:21,150

were born again right at some point you

1065

00:43:25,890 --> 00:43:21,760

were

1066

00:43:28,620 --> 00:43:25,900

of what you would tag I was raised

1067

00:43:31,560 --> 00:43:28,630

Catholic I went through Catholic school

1068

00:43:34,140 --> 00:43:31,570

for most Catholics evolution isn't a big

1069

00:43:35,910 --> 00:43:34,150

deal they just sort of accept it as the

1070

00:43:38,070 --> 00:43:35,920

current Pope does I had a born-again

1071

00:43:40,170 --> 00:43:38,080

experience and by born-again what I mean

1072

00:43:42,660 --> 00:43:40,180

is I had a methanoic conversion

1073

00:43:45,630 --> 00:43:42,670

experience in my late teenage years in

1074

00:43:47,010 --> 00:43:45,640

Berlin Germany and that was that was

1075

00:43:51,840 --> 00:43:47,020

because I was struggling with drug

1076  
00:43:54,840 --> 00:43:51,850  
alcohol and sex addiction and I realized

1077  
00:43:57,510 --> 00:43:54,850  
that I was taking myself to hell

1078  
00:44:00,180 --> 00:43:57,520  
basically and so I had this profound

1079  
00:44:02,730 --> 00:44:00,190  
mountaintop experience in outside Berlin

1080  
00:44:04,020 --> 00:44:02,740  
outside of Frankfurt Germany came off

1081  
00:44:05,220 --> 00:44:04,030  
the mountain literally in the next

1082  
00:44:07,260 --> 00:44:05,230  
Sunday I went to church and they were

1083  
00:44:09,300 --> 00:44:07,270  
showing this Billy Graham film at this

1084  
00:44:10,950 --> 00:44:09,310  
Pentecostal Assemblies of God Church and

1085  
00:44:13,290 --> 00:44:10,960  
at the end of the film which was one of

1086  
00:44:14,640 --> 00:44:13,300  
these grab your heart films the minister

1087  
00:44:16,650 --> 00:44:14,650  
asked is there anybody want to come down

1088  
00:44:18,210 --> 00:44:16,660

to the altar and you know accept Jesus

1089

00:44:20,849 --> 00:44:18,220

as your personal Lord and Savior man I'm

1090

00:44:22,770 --> 00:44:20,859

practically running down the altar and I

1091

00:44:26,690 --> 00:44:22,780

had a conversion experience meaning I

1092

00:44:30,210 --> 00:44:26,700

turned my life over to the care of

1093

00:44:33,020 --> 00:44:30,220

reality God the universe and for me

1094

00:44:36,840 --> 00:44:33,030

Christ was always the heart and soul of

1095

00:44:38,280 --> 00:44:36,850

reality and so I then read the Bible

1096

00:44:40,230 --> 00:44:38,290

straight through twice I went to an

1097

00:44:42,660 --> 00:44:40,240

Assemblies of God college and in a

1098

00:44:44,040 --> 00:44:42,670

pastoring three United Church of Christ

1099

00:44:45,930 --> 00:44:44,050

churches although one of them the first

1100

00:44:48,420 --> 00:44:45,940

one was also a Baptist Church I went to

1101

00:44:49,950 --> 00:44:48,430

a Baptist Seminary and then pastor three

1102

00:44:51,450 --> 00:44:49,960

churches and then I'm done environmental

1103

00:44:52,920 --> 00:44:51,460

sustainability and community organizing

1104

00:44:54,450 --> 00:44:52,930

work since then and then the last

1105

00:44:58,530 --> 00:44:54,460

eighteen years traveling around with my

1106

00:45:01,490 --> 00:44:58,540

wife the reason I want to go through

1107

00:45:04,170 --> 00:45:01,500

your personal kind of Christian

1108

00:45:05,340 --> 00:45:04,180

orientation spiritual orientation is

1109

00:45:06,960 --> 00:45:05,350

because I think it's interesting I think

1110

00:45:09,690 --> 00:45:06,970

it's interesting to people who identify

1111

00:45:11,520 --> 00:45:09,700

as Christian again because I'm not I

1112

00:45:13,859 --> 00:45:11,530

don't think it makes a lot of sense I

1113

00:45:16,080 --> 00:45:13,869

think there's a lot of cultish aspects

1114

00:45:17,730 --> 00:45:16,090

to the Christian religion I was brought

1115

00:45:19,560 --> 00:45:17,740

up Greek Orthodox

1116

00:45:22,380 --> 00:45:19,570

in the Greek Orthodox tradition and

1117

00:45:25,410 --> 00:45:22,390

thinking back and the process of really

1118

00:45:28,680 --> 00:45:25,420

kind of unraveling how that works and

1119

00:45:32,190 --> 00:45:28,690

the symbolism and the icon worshipping

1120

00:45:34,030 --> 00:45:32,200

and you know go up and kiss the priests

1121

00:45:35,860 --> 00:45:34,040

hand while he puts a piece of

1122

00:45:39,850 --> 00:45:35,870

right in your in your thing I think is

1123

00:45:41,770 --> 00:45:39,860

incredibly just destructive or

1124

00:45:43,840 --> 00:45:41,780

potentially destructive on so many

1125

00:45:45,760 --> 00:45:43,850

levels and I just wanted people

1126

00:45:46,960 --> 00:45:45,770

understand because you do kind of front

1127

00:45:48,880 --> 00:45:46,970

it out there pretty much you know you

1128

00:45:50,650 --> 00:45:48,890

got the green shirt on and the collar

1129

00:45:52,210 --> 00:45:50,660

and you know that there's there's a

1130

00:45:53,740 --> 00:45:52,220

history to that I mean I'm committed to

1131

00:45:55,900 --> 00:45:53,750

the greening of religion that is

1132

00:45:57,270 --> 00:45:55,910

religion coming home to reality and

1133

00:46:00,010 --> 00:45:57,280

again I use the word God in reality

1134

00:46:03,430 --> 00:46:00,020

interchangeably God is a mythic name of

1135

00:46:05,530 --> 00:46:03,440

reality and and and reality could say is

1136

00:46:07,570 --> 00:46:05,540

a secular name for God the any God that

1137

00:46:09,820 --> 00:46:07,580

isn't that doesn't include the voice of

1138

00:46:10,390 --> 00:46:09,830

what reality is telling us is it is

1139

00:46:14,200 --> 00:46:10,400

impotent

1140

00:46:17,620 --> 00:46:14,210

the problem is every religion that has

1141

00:46:21,040 --> 00:46:17,630

book based that is grounded in written

1142

00:46:23,140 --> 00:46:21,050

human language becomes that language

1143

00:46:25,660 --> 00:46:23,150

often becomes idolatrous that is I call

1144

00:46:27,670 --> 00:46:25,670

it idolatry of the written word idolatry

1145

00:46:30,160 --> 00:46:27,680

of the otherworldly an idolatry of

1146

00:46:32,230 --> 00:46:30,170

beliefs and those are almost inevitable

1147

00:46:34,480 --> 00:46:32,240

in written cultures once you have

1148

00:46:36,460 --> 00:46:34,490

literacy that escapes the priesthood

1149

00:46:39,490 --> 00:46:36,470

so it then becomes part of the common

1150

00:46:41,800 --> 00:46:39,500

common people and literacy becomes sort

1151

00:46:44,260 --> 00:46:41,810

of the norm and culture religions that

1152

00:46:46,230 --> 00:46:44,270

emerge and and flower in those kinds of

1153

00:46:48,490 --> 00:46:46,240

cultures almost always fall victim to

1154

00:46:50,440 --> 00:46:48,500

idolatry the written word because then

1155

00:46:52,480 --> 00:46:50,450

what happens is see in oral cultures

1156

00:46:53,770 --> 00:46:52,490

when you just got oral stories about the

1157

00:46:56,020 --> 00:46:53,780

nature of what's real and what's

1158

00:46:59,080 --> 00:46:56,030

important those stories can evolve and

1159

00:47:01,930 --> 00:46:59,090

shift and change over time but once you

1160

00:47:04,660 --> 00:47:01,940

write them down then it becomes the

1161

00:47:05,770 --> 00:47:04,670

authoritative Word of God and you can't

1162

00:47:08,290 --> 00:47:05,780

the only thing can change is the

1163

00:47:10,420 --> 00:47:08,300

interpretations and so then as reality

1164

00:47:12,340 --> 00:47:10,430

shifts as the environment and climate

1165

00:47:14,500 --> 00:47:12,350

and culture and civilizations and all

1166

00:47:15,820 --> 00:47:14,510

that sub ship you've got these cultures

1167

00:47:18,190 --> 00:47:15,830

that are going back to these ancient

1168

00:47:20,350 --> 00:47:18,200

texts as if reality cares more about

1169

00:47:21,880 --> 00:47:20,360

picking up sticks on the Sabbath then

1170

00:47:25,140 --> 00:47:21,890

reality cares about things that are

1171

00:47:28,330 --> 00:47:25,150

current today like global warming so I

1172

00:47:31,630 --> 00:47:28,340

don't see any hope of any religions of

1173

00:47:33,820 --> 00:47:31,640

the book surviving this this what you

1174

00:47:36,250 --> 00:47:33,830

call apocalypse I don't this bottleneck

1175

00:47:38,800 --> 00:47:36,260

this overshoot correction where we come

1176

00:47:40,240 --> 00:47:38,810

back into the carrying capacity of the

1177

00:47:42,070 --> 00:47:40,250

living world I don't see any of the

1178

00:47:44,920 --> 00:47:42,080

religions of the book surviving that in

1179

00:47:47,110 --> 00:47:44,930

their current form they can survive once

1180

00:47:47,579 --> 00:47:47,120

ecology once again becomes the heart of

1181

00:47:49,709 --> 00:47:47,589

their

1182

00:47:52,829 --> 00:47:49,719

that's why I'm espousing that and that's

1183

00:47:54,089 --> 00:47:52,839

why I've got that green color yeah say

1184

00:47:55,349 --> 00:47:54,099

Mikey you're still right in the middle

1185

00:47:57,150 --> 00:47:55,359

of it you're still calling yourself a

1186

00:47:58,739 --> 00:47:57,160

Christian you're still tapping and I'm

1187

00:48:01,130 --> 00:47:58,749

an evolutionary Christian I'm a

1188

00:48:09,719 --> 00:48:01,140

Christian now you're a Christian you

1189

00:48:12,689 --> 00:48:09,729

haven't broken free from Alex Naturalist

1190

00:48:15,479 --> 00:48:12,699

I have no supernatural beliefs or

1191

00:48:15,989 --> 00:48:15,489

otherworldly beliefs at all zip nada not

1192

00:48:18,029 --> 00:48:15,999

a one

1193

00:48:20,549 --> 00:48:18,039

I'm a Christian naturalist so if you are

1194

00:48:21,809 --> 00:48:20,559

in terms of no supernatural beliefs what

1195

00:48:23,339 --> 00:48:21,819

did talk about your relationship with

1196

00:48:26,370 --> 00:48:23,349

Jesus wasn't that a supernatural

1197

00:48:28,319 --> 00:48:26,380

relationship is the future supernatural

1198

00:48:30,449 --> 00:48:28,329

I said I have a personal relationship

1199

00:48:32,549 --> 00:48:30,459

through your whole thing with Jesus

1200

00:48:33,689 --> 00:48:32,559

isn't that supernatural oh I had

1201

00:48:35,579 --> 00:48:33,699

supernatural beliefs back then

1202

00:48:41,069 --> 00:48:35,589

absolutely but you don't have that so

1203

00:48:43,920 --> 00:48:41,079

then how do you 1988 1988 I read Thomas

1204

00:48:46,319 --> 00:48:43,930

berry a Catholic priest not a priest but

1205

00:48:48,719 --> 00:48:46,329

Catholic monk and a called himself a

1206

00:48:50,039 --> 00:48:48,729

geol Oh Jean he was one of the most

1207

00:48:52,410 --> 00:48:50,049

significant ecological and evolutionary

1208

00:48:54,870 --> 00:48:52,420

thinkers in the 20th century and he and

1209

00:48:56,519 --> 00:48:54,880

Brian swim wrote a number of books that

1210

00:48:58,679 --> 00:48:56,529

the universe story was the one that

1211

00:49:01,949 --> 00:48:58,689

co-authored but I when I encountered

1212

00:49:03,900 --> 00:49:01,959

Thomas Berry's work in 1988 I as well as

1213

00:49:06,539 --> 00:49:03,910

Jean Marshall and a few others I my

1214

00:49:09,870 --> 00:49:06,549

supernaturalism just fell away because a

1215

00:49:11,880 --> 00:49:09,880

naturalistic and reinterpretation of all

1216

00:49:13,709 --> 00:49:11,890

the Christian not just Christian all the

1217

00:49:15,569 --> 00:49:13,719

myths and religions just makes so much

1218

00:49:17,429 --> 00:49:15,579

more sense so here's my Creed in a

1219

00:49:19,559 --> 00:49:17,439

nutshell I think I you may not watch

1220

00:49:21,929 --> 00:49:19,569

another thing but my my faith statement

1221

00:49:24,410 --> 00:49:21,939

is it were in a nutshell the shortest

1222

00:49:27,989 --> 00:49:24,420

possible form that I can put it is this

1223

00:49:29,969 --> 00:49:27,999

reality is my god that is reality is my

1224

00:49:32,039 --> 00:49:29,979

ultimate commitment reality's my god

1225

00:49:34,169 --> 00:49:32,049

evidence is my scripture that is

1226  
00:49:36,449 --> 00:49:34,179  
evidences authoritative in terms of what

1227  
00:49:39,449 --> 00:49:36,459  
realities sorry so reality is my god

1228  
00:49:40,859 --> 00:49:39,459  
evidence is my scripture big history are

1229  
00:49:42,059 --> 00:49:40,869  
the epic of evolution that is the

1230  
00:49:44,150 --> 00:49:42,069  
history of everyone and everything that

1231  
00:49:47,910 --> 00:49:44,160  
science gives us is my creation story

1232  
00:49:48,959 --> 00:49:47,920  
ecology is my theology integrity and

1233  
00:49:50,549 --> 00:49:48,969  
what I mean by integrity are the

1234  
00:49:52,199 --> 00:49:50,559  
practices and exercises that help me

1235  
00:49:54,179 --> 00:49:52,209  
live in right relationship to reality so

1236  
00:49:57,179 --> 00:49:54,189  
integrity is my spirituality so reality

1237  
00:49:59,059 --> 00:49:57,189  
is my god evidence is my scripture the

1238  
00:50:01,320 --> 00:49:59,069

epic of evolution is my creation story

1239

00:50:03,620 --> 00:50:01,330

ecology is my theology

1240

00:50:06,090 --> 00:50:03,630

integrity is my spiritual path and

1241

00:50:09,210 --> 00:50:06,100

fostering accountability to the future

1242

00:50:10,860 --> 00:50:09,220

is my mission and that's my faith

1243

00:50:12,330 --> 00:50:10,870

statement that's the kind of Christian I

1244

00:50:15,330 --> 00:50:12,340

am not the kind of Christian you're

1245

00:50:16,800 --> 00:50:15,340

imagining well it doesn't sound like

1246

00:50:18,540 --> 00:50:16,810

you're Christian at all if you don't

1247

00:50:20,850 --> 00:50:18,550

believe in Christ I don't need to

1248

00:50:23,400 --> 00:50:20,860

believe we can know now that's the thing

1249

00:50:24,990 --> 00:50:23,410

it's not about beliefs were beyond so

1250

00:50:26,580 --> 00:50:25,000

remember the three idolatries written

1251

00:50:29,040 --> 00:50:26,590

word adultery the otherworldly and

1252

00:50:31,170 --> 00:50:29,050

idolatry beliefs idolatry of beliefs is

1253

00:50:34,050 --> 00:50:31,180

where we think what religion is about is

1254

00:50:36,030 --> 00:50:34,060

beliefs religion was never about beliefs

1255

00:50:38,850 --> 00:50:36,040

in sustainable cultures and religion was

1256

00:50:41,760 --> 00:50:38,860

always about beliefs in unsustainable

1257

00:50:44,160 --> 00:50:41,770

cultures we now don't need to believe we

1258

00:50:47,160 --> 00:50:44,170

can experience and know that if we don't

1259

00:50:49,800 --> 00:50:47,170

honor the future first as lord we will

1260

00:50:52,410 --> 00:50:49,810

go extinct if we don't honor the wisdom

1261

00:50:53,940 --> 00:50:52,420

of the past history and evolution then

1262

00:50:55,500 --> 00:50:53,950

we're gonna not have the guidance in the

1263

00:50:56,010 --> 00:50:55,510

present for how to be a blessing to the

1264

00:50:58,410 --> 00:50:56,020

future

1265

00:51:00,180 --> 00:50:58,420

so I'm not gonna debate whether I'm a

1266

00:51:02,010 --> 00:51:00,190

Christian or not I'm this kind of

1267

00:51:04,020 --> 00:51:02,020

Christian that Christians all over the

1268

00:51:05,790 --> 00:51:04,030

board buddy you're all over the board

1269

00:51:08,730 --> 00:51:05,800

you're talking about a spiritual

1270

00:51:10,650 --> 00:51:08,740

awakening a born-again experience I held

1271

00:51:13,050 --> 00:51:10,660

your feet to the fire on whether Jesus

1272

00:51:14,250 --> 00:51:13,060

existed you said yes and then you wind

1273

00:51:16,020 --> 00:51:14,260

up saying whether I don't believe in

1274

00:51:18,240 --> 00:51:16,030

anything supernatural you don't know

1275

00:51:20,580 --> 00:51:18,250

okay so here's let me try to let me try

1276

00:51:25,350 --> 00:51:20,590

to paint this out I had a born-again

1277

00:51:27,600 --> 00:51:25,360

experience in 1981 I was disciple

1278

00:51:30,330 --> 00:51:27,610

supernatural I was that very

1279

00:51:31,980 --> 00:51:30,340

supernatural accept it as supernatural

1280

00:51:33,810 --> 00:51:31,990

today Michel what difference does it

1281

00:51:35,940 --> 00:51:33,820

make if you had some experience in the

1282

00:51:38,760 --> 00:51:35,950

past that you know love simply trying to

1283

00:51:39,360 --> 00:51:38,770

Alex can you allow me to just share my

1284

00:51:43,290 --> 00:51:39,370

story

1285

00:51:45,030 --> 00:51:43,300

you've given given you pleasure but

1286

00:51:48,600 --> 00:51:45,040

you're tripping it as if there's

1287

00:51:52,170 --> 00:51:48,610

something wrong I had a change of how I

1288

00:51:53,820 --> 00:51:52,180

interpret going from you front yourself

1289

00:51:55,680 --> 00:51:53,830

as a Christian and wearing the collar

1290

00:51:57,480 --> 00:51:55,690

and doing all that stuff you're not a

1291

00:51:59,490 --> 00:51:57,490

Christian you don't believe in Jesus you

1292

00:52:01,770 --> 00:51:59,500

don't believe then and so do you realize

1293

00:52:03,960 --> 00:52:01,780

that there are thousands and probably

1294

00:52:06,570 --> 00:52:03,970

tens of thousands of liberal Christian

1295

00:52:08,310 --> 00:52:06,580

churches that don't believe anything

1296

00:52:10,080 --> 00:52:08,320

like you are characterizing there's

1297

00:52:12,600 --> 00:52:10,090

nothing sillier than someone who's not a

1298

00:52:13,490 --> 00:52:12,610

Christian attacking someone else for not

1299

00:52:14,990 --> 00:52:13,500

being a true

1300

00:52:16,250 --> 00:52:15,000

Christian because they think what

1301  
00:52:18,560 --> 00:52:16,260  
Christians are our biblical

1302  
00:52:22,460 --> 00:52:18,570  
fundamentalists if you got the wrong guy

1303  
00:52:24,260 --> 00:52:22,470  
dude trust me I speak I spoken is close

1304  
00:52:26,030 --> 00:52:24,270  
to three thousand churches maybe six of

1305  
00:52:29,120 --> 00:52:26,040  
them are fundamentalist evangelical all

1306  
00:52:32,330 --> 00:52:29,130  
the rest of them don't believe it's not

1307  
00:52:35,330 --> 00:52:32,340  
about belief ISM liberal Christians are

1308  
00:52:38,950 --> 00:52:35,340  
not the same as fundamentalist

1309  
00:52:41,270 --> 00:52:38,960  
Christians and I am a Protestant

1310  
00:52:42,740 --> 00:52:41,280  
ecological Christian I'm an eco Chris

1311  
00:52:45,170 --> 00:52:42,750  
I'm a Christian naturals that's how I

1312  
00:52:47,690 --> 00:52:45,180  
sell myself that's on my websites you've

1313  
00:52:51,350 --> 00:52:47,700

got dozens of sermons on YouTube I'm

1314

00:52:53,120 --> 00:52:51,360

consistent everywhere okay I'll accept

1315

00:52:54,680 --> 00:52:53,130

that that's how you sell yourself that's

1316

00:52:56,990 --> 00:52:54,690

how you present yourself to use your

1317

00:52:58,850 --> 00:52:57,000

words so the two things that get me

1318

00:53:02,210 --> 00:52:58,860

about the death cult environmentalist

1319

00:53:03,650 --> 00:53:02,220

position my words not yours is one and I

1320

00:53:05,540 --> 00:53:03,660

hear it from a bunch of different people

1321

00:53:09,320 --> 00:53:05,550

who kind of get this kind of cultish

1322

00:53:13,130 --> 00:53:09,330

vibe is that we are in a special time

1323

00:53:15,580 --> 00:53:13,140

and God needs our help right now to save

1324

00:53:18,290 --> 00:53:15,590

mother earth or to do whatever this

1325

00:53:20,540 --> 00:53:18,300

reasoning God needs our help not all the

1326

00:53:22,760 --> 00:53:20,550

time but right now has been you it's at

1327

00:53:27,320 --> 00:53:22,770

the heart of every war we've ever had

1328

00:53:30,140 --> 00:53:27,330

every every genocide that we've ever had

1329

00:53:32,780 --> 00:53:30,150

why would we listen to it now haven't we

1330

00:53:35,480 --> 00:53:32,790

learned that if there's any reality to

1331

00:53:38,540 --> 00:53:35,490

spirituality to a large yourself to a

1332

00:53:41,660 --> 00:53:38,550

larger connection then we're probably

1333

00:53:44,690 --> 00:53:41,670

not in a special time it God probably

1334

00:53:47,090 --> 00:53:44,700

doesn't need our help right now well I

1335

00:53:50,750 --> 00:53:47,100

certainly agree with everything you just

1336

00:53:54,530 --> 00:53:50,760

said so I don't have any what you are

1337

00:53:56,630 --> 00:53:54,540

identifying as the sounds like Christian

1338

00:53:59,240 --> 00:53:56,640

but death cults what you call that God's

1339

00:54:02,150 --> 00:53:59,250

needs our help to save her mother earth

1340

00:54:04,310 --> 00:54:02,160

or his mother or whatever no I don't

1341

00:54:06,620 --> 00:54:04,320

even see God as human centered we're not

1342

00:54:08,570 --> 00:54:06,630

gods favored species we're not realities

1343

00:54:10,280 --> 00:54:08,580

favorite species in fact we're gonna go

1344

00:54:12,410 --> 00:54:10,290

extinct on a hundred year timeline we've

1345

00:54:17,120 --> 00:54:12,420

got at most another week that is another

1346

00:54:18,980 --> 00:54:17,130

twelve I mean four million years before

1347

00:54:20,690 --> 00:54:18,990

a supervolcano or an asteroid takes us

1348

00:54:22,340 --> 00:54:20,700

out and then earth will continue to spin

1349

00:54:23,960 --> 00:54:22,350

the mean will continue to do its thing

1350

00:54:25,250 --> 00:54:23,970

the Galaxy will Kennedy this thing

1351

00:54:26,990 --> 00:54:25,260

species will come species will go

1352

00:54:29,540 --> 00:54:27,000

glaciers will contemplations will go

1353

00:54:31,880 --> 00:54:29,550

long after humans have gone so we're not

1354

00:54:35,630 --> 00:54:31,890

God's favorite species so let's just

1355

00:54:39,260 --> 00:54:35,640

start there well the other thing that I

1356

00:54:42,740 --> 00:54:39,270

guess always strikes me peeves me about

1357

00:54:46,460 --> 00:54:42,750

this certain brand of cultish

1358

00:54:50,360 --> 00:54:46,470

environmentalism is the kind of play

1359

00:54:53,630 --> 00:54:50,370

between the acceptance that spirituality

1360

00:54:57,050 --> 00:54:53,640

is the acceptance oneness of all of us

1361

00:54:59,270 --> 00:54:57,060

being together under one God which is

1362

00:55:02,150 --> 00:54:59,280

actually my personal belief I believe

1363

00:55:04,820 --> 00:55:02,160

you know it's the ocean wave drop thing

1364

00:55:07,340 --> 00:55:04,830

you know there's belgin that we're all

1365

00:55:10,310 --> 00:55:07,350

we're all just the ocean and then we

1366

00:55:12,410 --> 00:55:10,320

have this individualization that arises

1367

00:55:14,540 --> 00:55:12,420

in our head that we are somehow separate

1368

00:55:16,250 --> 00:55:14,550

and different I'm all about that but

1369

00:55:18,910 --> 00:55:16,260

what seems to be in conflict with that

1370

00:55:20,630 --> 00:55:18,920

is this kind of get er done

1371

00:55:22,280 --> 00:55:20,640

environmentalism and I know you're

1372

00:55:24,380 --> 00:55:22,290

backpedaling from that all over the

1373

00:55:26,770 --> 00:55:24,390

place but everyone else I've ever talked

1374

00:55:29,480 --> 00:55:26,780

to that has this environmental vibe

1375

00:55:32,570 --> 00:55:29,490

including our buddy buddy Rick Archer it

1376

00:55:35,090 --> 00:55:32,580

always is accompanied by 10 things that

1377

00:55:37,790 --> 00:55:35,100

we need to do right now and we need to

1378

00:55:39,530 --> 00:55:37,800

do the Paris Accords and damn those

1379

00:55:41,840 --> 00:55:39,540

politicians who won't do it and if we

1380

00:55:43,700 --> 00:55:41,850

could only cut down on this and do that

1381

00:55:46,160 --> 00:55:43,710

and it's a kind of a get er done

1382

00:55:48,860 --> 00:55:46,170

attitude that seems to be out of sync a

1383

00:55:50,810 --> 00:55:48,870

little bit with this deeper spirituality

1384

00:55:52,790 --> 00:55:50,820

now maybe that's not you I don't really

1385

00:55:55,160 --> 00:55:52,800

hear you you're kind of backing off the

1386

00:55:58,100 --> 00:55:55,170

get her done saying hey no no no no okay

1387

00:56:00,170 --> 00:55:58,110

so backing off would probably be

1388

00:56:04,100 --> 00:56:00,180

characteristically true because when I

1389

00:56:05,960 --> 00:56:04,110

woke to the urgency of climate and the

1390

00:56:07,730 --> 00:56:05,970

fact and I started studying the rise and

1391

00:56:10,370 --> 00:56:07,740

fall of civilizations when that became

1392

00:56:12,050 --> 00:56:10,380

my Center study spending 20 30 40 hours

1393

00:56:16,700 --> 00:56:12,060

up ends 50 hours a week studying that

1394

00:56:19,400 --> 00:56:16,710

from December of 2012 till now I did

1395

00:56:20,810 --> 00:56:19,410

start out being a very serious at it was

1396

00:56:22,010 --> 00:56:20,820

all about activism it was all about

1397

00:56:23,420 --> 00:56:22,020

getting to the streets it was all about

1398

00:56:25,250 --> 00:56:23,430

doing everything we can to get political

1399

00:56:28,700 --> 00:56:25,260

change and body buy so I would probably

1400

00:56:32,270 --> 00:56:28,710

have been lumped in the group that you

1401  
00:56:34,130 --> 00:56:32,280  
are you know critiquing there and then

1402  
00:56:36,890 --> 00:56:34,140  
the more I got into it and then when I

1403  
00:56:38,520 --> 00:56:36,900  
started studying the abrupt climate

1404  
00:56:42,310 --> 00:56:38,530  
change

1405  
00:56:44,670 --> 00:56:42,320  
it is already in my estimation and the

1406  
00:56:48,520 --> 00:56:44,680  
people I respect the most it is already

1407  
00:56:50,800 --> 00:56:48,530  
beyond our control so there's no the

1408  
00:56:52,329 --> 00:56:50,810  
time is now not to be urgent it's not to

1409  
00:56:54,910 --> 00:56:52,339  
be panicked it's too late for that

1410  
00:56:57,490 --> 00:56:54,920  
the time is to notice what's happening

1411  
00:57:00,070 --> 00:56:57,500  
and build the strongest sense of

1412  
00:57:02,109 --> 00:57:00,080  
relationships of care and commitment and

1413  
00:57:03,609 --> 00:57:02,119

community that you can with your family

1414

00:57:07,540 --> 00:57:03,619

your extended family your neighbors

1415

00:57:09,760 --> 00:57:07,550

let's just start there and and find good

1416

00:57:11,620 --> 00:57:09,770

local work that you can be involved in

1417

00:57:14,370 --> 00:57:11,630

that can be a blessing to your community

1418

00:57:16,750 --> 00:57:14,380

or city or village your town whatever

1419

00:57:19,450 --> 00:57:16,760

but ultimately to be at peace with your

1420

00:57:20,560 --> 00:57:19,460

mortality personally I'm speaking to you

1421

00:57:22,120 --> 00:57:20,570

from where I went through cancer

1422

00:57:23,650 --> 00:57:22,130

treatment ten years ago what we thought

1423

00:57:26,200 --> 00:57:23,660

I could die in the next eight months and

1424

00:57:28,390 --> 00:57:26,210

so I have had that peak that peaceless

1425

00:57:31,570 --> 00:57:28,400

with my mortality for the last ten years

1426  
00:57:33,609 --> 00:57:31,580  
thankfully and but also be at peace with

1427  
00:57:35,950 --> 00:57:33,619  
our mortality species mortality because

1428  
00:57:38,170 --> 00:57:35,960  
whether we go extinct in ten years or

1429  
00:57:40,720 --> 00:57:38,180  
five million years it's probably gonna

1430  
00:57:41,980 --> 00:57:40,730  
be in that window and even if it's five

1431  
00:57:44,440 --> 00:57:41,990  
million years from now that's pretty

1432  
00:57:46,839 --> 00:57:44,450  
short that's like a week on the cosmic

1433  
00:57:48,579 --> 00:57:46,849  
century timeline so says Reverend

1434  
00:57:51,160 --> 00:57:48,589  
Michael Dowd and he really isn't

1435  
00:57:54,160 --> 00:57:51,170  
interested in debating whether or not

1436  
00:57:56,620 --> 00:57:54,170  
anyone holds another position I think

1437  
00:57:58,000 --> 00:57:56,630  
that's but I am most surprised about

1438  
00:57:59,410 --> 00:57:58,010

there actually the way you just

1439

00:58:01,839 --> 00:57:59,420

characterized that is not accurate I'm

1440

00:58:03,990 --> 00:58:01,849

not one of the things that I see is

1441

00:58:07,270 --> 00:58:04,000

inevitable when I understand history is

1442

00:58:09,730 --> 00:58:07,280

as things contract as societies and

1443

00:58:11,320 --> 00:58:09,740

Empires and civilizations contract and

1444

00:58:12,550 --> 00:58:11,330

contract is a better word to collapse

1445

00:58:14,680 --> 00:58:12,560

because sometimes people think off a

1446

00:58:16,930 --> 00:58:14,690

cliff and it doesn't roll to three

1447

00:58:19,990 --> 00:58:16,940

hundred twenty years to collapse so as

1448

00:58:22,740 --> 00:58:20,000

societies contract there are all kinds

1449

00:58:25,450 --> 00:58:22,750

of ways of coping and understanding and

1450

00:58:28,720 --> 00:58:25,460

denial is one of them but various kinds

1451

00:58:32,140 --> 00:58:28,730

of rejuvenation visions of possibility

1452

00:58:34,150 --> 00:58:32,150

and so I respect the diversity including

1453

00:58:35,920 --> 00:58:34,160

your diversity because you convincing me

1454

00:58:37,720 --> 00:58:35,930

or me convincing you is not going to

1455

00:58:40,180 --> 00:58:37,730

make a difference so whatever your

1456

00:58:42,880 --> 00:58:40,190

beliefs are whatever your axes to grind

1457

00:58:45,339 --> 00:58:42,890

whatever debates you love having that is

1458

00:58:47,349 --> 00:58:45,349

cool I don't debate people simply

1459

00:58:48,940 --> 00:58:47,359

because I honor where they're coming

1460

00:58:50,200 --> 00:58:48,950

from as probably a coping mechanism

1461

00:58:52,900 --> 00:58:50,210

given what

1462

00:58:55,780 --> 00:58:52,910

we're actually dealing with or because

1463

00:58:58,000 --> 00:58:55,790

you have a fascination for death cult

1464

00:59:01,620 --> 00:58:58,010

environmentalism and it feeds I just

1465

00:59:07,660 --> 00:59:01,630

said that I just said that right I just

1466

00:59:10,030 --> 00:59:07,670

I wish function on this show just to

1467

00:59:12,280 --> 00:59:10,040

shout down everybody who doesn't agree

1468

00:59:15,040 --> 00:59:12,290

with me on near-death experience science

1469

00:59:17,430 --> 00:59:15,050

or parapsychology or any of the other

1470

00:59:20,560 --> 00:59:17,440

topics we cover I wish I just had the

1471

00:59:22,420 --> 00:59:20,570

balls just to say you know what I don't

1472

00:59:24,400 --> 00:59:22,430

care what you think I don't care what

1473

00:59:27,370 --> 00:59:24,410

your position is because I already know

1474

00:59:29,170 --> 00:59:27,380

the truth I'd first of all everything

1475

00:59:31,570 --> 00:59:29,180

you just characterized is not accurate

1476

00:59:34,210 --> 00:59:31,580

for me I care what people think I don't

1477

00:59:36,579 --> 00:59:34,220

try to convince them of anything no but

1478

00:59:38,829 --> 00:59:36,589

you don't care you yeah I don't I am NOT

1479

00:59:40,900 --> 00:59:38,839

you threatened to end the conversation

1480

00:59:43,530 --> 00:59:40,910

if we can't if like if I brought up

1481

00:59:46,180 --> 00:59:43,540

Judith Curry and her you know

1482

00:59:50,260 --> 00:59:46,190

peer-reviewed study that that is

1483

00:59:53,770 --> 00:59:50,270

carefully analyzed over years by a very

1484

00:59:56,890 --> 00:59:53,780

competent climatologist that sea level

1485

00:59:58,480 --> 00:59:56,900

rise isn't occurring right now and

1486

01:00:01,329 --> 00:59:58,490

that's just one you don't want to hear

1487

01:00:03,370 --> 01:00:01,339

it you shut that down and threatened

1488

01:00:04,720 --> 01:00:03,380

that you'd end the meeting not that I

1489

01:00:06,640 --> 01:00:04,730

don't care you can end the meeting at

1490

01:00:09,490 --> 01:00:06,650

any time you can edit right now before

1491

01:00:12,370 --> 01:00:09,500

you respond but you understand that your

1492

01:00:14,740 --> 01:00:12,380

your actions don't really back up your

1493

01:00:18,430 --> 01:00:14,750

words in terms of really want to engage

1494

01:00:23,950 --> 01:00:18,440

with the data Alex I made a promise to

1495

01:00:27,130 --> 01:00:23,960

myself seven years ago that I would not

1496

01:00:30,210 --> 01:00:27,140

debate anybody and it's not because I

1497

01:00:33,910 --> 01:00:30,220

think I'm right and they're screwed up a

1498

01:00:35,800 --> 01:00:33,920

finish please this wasn't a debate but

1499

01:00:37,839 --> 01:00:35,810

but you have a debating style that's

1500

01:00:40,000 --> 01:00:37,849

just your nature that's cool it's just

1501  
01:00:42,160 --> 01:00:40,010  
not what I engage in and so I warned you

1502  
01:00:43,780 --> 01:00:42,170  
several times in the email page minute

1503  
01:00:45,849 --> 01:00:43,790  
for the last hour my friend you've

1504  
01:00:49,329 --> 01:00:45,859  
engaged in it for the last because it

1505  
01:00:51,339 --> 01:00:49,339  
would be rude for me to hang up and I am

1506  
01:00:54,070 --> 01:00:51,349  
interested in having a conversation and

1507  
01:00:55,930 --> 01:00:54,080  
I'm and I have no problem with you know

1508  
01:00:57,940 --> 01:00:55,940  
after this in the forum and stuff

1509  
01:00:59,829 --> 01:00:57,950  
whatever you say about me you're gonna

1510  
01:01:02,109 --> 01:00:59,839  
say about me but I'm interested in

1511  
01:01:04,720 --> 01:01:02,119  
simply sharing to the best that I can

1512  
01:01:06,999 --> 01:01:04,730  
what I find inspiring about a post doom

1513  
01:01:08,680 --> 01:01:07,009

world again post doom com

1514

01:01:10,779 --> 01:01:08,690

you can people can learn all about it am

1515

01:01:12,309 --> 01:01:10,789

i pro fit your faith course right there

1516

01:01:15,009 --> 01:01:12,319

Pro fit your faith that's that's what

1517

01:01:16,630 --> 01:01:15,019

I'm into and and it's and I I respect

1518

01:01:18,339 --> 01:01:16,640

the fact that others have a differing

1519

01:01:20,440 --> 01:01:18,349

opinion and differing interpretation the

1520

01:01:22,089 --> 01:01:20,450

science different political views and

1521

01:01:25,599 --> 01:01:22,099

all that's just totally cool I don't

1522

01:01:27,970 --> 01:01:25,609

that's what happens I'm focused on what

1523

01:01:29,859 --> 01:01:27,980

I can focus on and I'm and I really love

1524

01:01:32,529 --> 01:01:29,869

focus on that because it gives me joy I

1525

01:01:34,539 --> 01:01:32,539

live a very joyous life I'm not a part

1526

01:01:37,779 --> 01:01:34,549

of the death cult as you say I'm at

1527

01:01:39,309 --> 01:01:37,789

peace with my mortality and our species

1528

01:01:41,980 --> 01:01:39,319

mortality because I think that there's a

1529

01:01:44,650 --> 01:01:41,990

probably better than 50% chance that we

1530

01:01:46,660 --> 01:01:44,660

will not last more than 50 60 years if

1531

01:01:48,849 --> 01:01:46,670

that our species but I think there's

1532

01:01:50,980 --> 01:01:48,859

also a 40 50 percent chance that some

1533

01:01:54,130 --> 01:01:50,990

pockets of us will survive for the next

1534

01:01:56,170 --> 01:01:54,140

2 3 4 million years I'll tell you what

1535

01:01:58,529 --> 01:01:56,180

that might be a great way to end it and

1536

01:02:02,200 --> 01:01:58,539

I really do and I mean this very

1537

01:02:03,910 --> 01:02:02,210

sincerely I greatly respect your ability

1538

01:02:07,660 --> 01:02:03,920

to come in and stick it out for an hour

1539

01:02:09,609 --> 01:02:07,670

and our mutual you know willingness to

1540

01:02:11,859 --> 01:02:09,619

exchange and have a difficult

1541

01:02:13,660 --> 01:02:11,869

conversation and I thought only respect

1542

01:02:15,789 --> 01:02:13,670

come from I don't even mind your debate

1543

01:02:18,910 --> 01:02:15,799

non debate come stuff I think we hashed

1544

01:02:20,620 --> 01:02:18,920

all that out it's been I hope it's been

1545

01:02:22,479 --> 01:02:20,630

for me a great conversation I hope

1546

01:02:24,789 --> 01:02:22,489

people find it interesting find it

1547

01:02:26,710 --> 01:02:24,799

engaging and is there anything else we

1548

01:02:29,829 --> 01:02:26,720

should mention about your work we've

1549

01:02:32,559 --> 01:02:29,839

mentioned the book thank God well thank

1550

01:02:34,660 --> 01:02:32,569

God for evolution I no longer I was

1551

01:02:36,549 --> 01:02:34,670

still a techno optimist I still was a

1552

01:02:38,769 --> 01:02:36,559

technical peon I believe that evolution

1553

01:02:41,710 --> 01:02:38,779

was all about humans and that we were

1554

01:02:43,509 --> 01:02:41,720

part of a a process that was ongoing in

1555

01:02:45,670 --> 01:02:43,519

complexity I now no longer think so the

1556

01:02:47,890 --> 01:02:45,680

10% of that book I no longer agree with

1557

01:02:50,640 --> 01:02:47,900

I really no longer agree with so I don't

1558

01:02:53,049 --> 01:02:50,650

even sell my own book anymore but the

1559

01:02:54,880 --> 01:02:53,059

the the pro future faith course

1560

01:02:58,059 --> 01:02:54,890

absolutely a hundred percent I'm right

1561

01:02:59,440 --> 01:02:58,069

there and the and the post doing

1562

01:03:01,539 --> 01:02:59,450

conversations that are all freely

1563

01:03:04,479 --> 01:03:01,549

available and my main website is the

1564

01:03:06,339 --> 01:03:04,489

great story org the great story dot

1565

01:03:09,249 --> 01:03:06,349

o-r-g and and if you just click on

1566

01:03:10,779 --> 01:03:09,259

what's new all of my past sermons and

1567

01:03:12,700 --> 01:03:10,789

everything else and you know I'm all

1568

01:03:15,400 --> 01:03:12,710

over YouTube although there is there's a

1569

01:03:16,180 --> 01:03:15,410

Michael Dowd that's the most notorious

1570

01:03:19,480 --> 01:03:16,190

police officer

1571

01:03:21,130 --> 01:03:19,490

New York City history and so there was a

1572

01:03:23,079 --> 01:03:21,140

movie done about him a few years ago so

1573

01:03:24,640 --> 01:03:23,089

if you google michael doubt there's a

1574

01:03:26,740 --> 01:03:24,650

lot of stuff on him and a lot of stuff

1575

01:03:29,140 --> 01:03:26,750

on me but yeah the great story Oregon

1576

01:03:30,819 --> 01:03:29,150

especially post doom calm is where

1577

01:03:32,859 --> 01:03:30,829

people can find out all kinds of stuff

1578

01:03:35,470 --> 01:03:32,869

about what I'm up to now these days but

1579

01:03:36,880 --> 01:03:35,480

I do LA I really enjoyed it didn't seem

1580

01:03:38,800 --> 01:03:36,890

like it cuz I got defensive a few times

1581

01:03:40,510 --> 01:03:38,810

I apologize for that but I knew that

1582

01:03:43,839 --> 01:03:40,520

this was gonna be a mud wrestling match

1583

01:03:46,510 --> 01:03:43,849

and I appreciate you having me on and

1584

01:03:49,930 --> 01:03:46,520

and doing what you do and doing it well

1585

01:03:51,190 --> 01:03:49,940

so thank you and I and and I'm sorry I

1586

01:03:53,170 --> 01:03:51,200

didn't allow you to play the Judith

1587

01:03:55,569 --> 01:03:53,180

Carrie thing I'm just I'm just not

1588

01:03:57,700 --> 01:03:55,579

interested in debating what one or two

1589

01:04:00,309 --> 01:03:57,710

or three or four scientists say because

1590

01:04:02,290 --> 01:04:00,319

I'm listening also to the hundreds or

1591

01:04:04,359 --> 01:04:02,300

more who are saying things about

1592

01:04:08,050 --> 01:04:04,369

sea-level rise for example that are

1593

01:04:11,770 --> 01:04:08,060

quite convincing to me well Michael

1594

01:04:16,359 --> 01:04:11,780

thanks again for being on and enjoyed it

1595

01:04:17,920 --> 01:04:16,369

thanks Alex thanks again to Reverend

1596

01:04:20,589 --> 01:04:17,930

Michael Dodd for joining me today on

1597

01:04:23,380 --> 01:04:20,599

skeptic oh I do have a few questions I

1598

01:04:25,839 --> 01:04:23,390

would tee up from this interview and the

1599

01:04:29,740 --> 01:04:25,849

first has to do with what I call the

1600

01:04:31,750 --> 01:04:29,750

junk application of science you know

1601

01:04:34,150 --> 01:04:31,760

there's a lot of debate that is

1602

01:04:36,220 --> 01:04:34,160

reasonable and important to have about

1603

01:04:39,550 --> 01:04:36,230

climate but the one thing I think is

1604

01:04:44,710 --> 01:04:39,560

beyond debate is that we're witnessing

1605

01:04:48,790 --> 01:04:44,720

an unprecedented level of manipulation

1606

01:04:51,990 --> 01:04:48,800

of science junk science and we have to

1607

01:04:56,410 --> 01:04:52,000

begin to ask ourselves what is really

1608

01:04:58,720 --> 01:04:56,420

behind that and the second question I

1609

01:05:01,030 --> 01:04:58,730

guess that I tee up and I asked it in

1610

01:05:03,900 --> 01:05:01,040

the show and it's always interesting to

1611

01:05:07,180 --> 01:05:03,910

me for people who come at this from a

1612

01:05:09,910 --> 01:05:07,190

spiritual perspective or people who we

1613

01:05:12,550 --> 01:05:09,920

would expect to come at this from a

1614

01:05:16,660 --> 01:05:12,560

spiritual perspective the question I

1615

01:05:19,750 --> 01:05:16,670

always throw out is does God really need

1616

01:05:22,120 --> 01:05:19,760

our help on this one is this like some

1617

01:05:25,210 --> 01:05:22,130

special case where the all-powerful

1618

01:05:27,130 --> 01:05:25,220

almighty all-seeing God has said gee

1619

01:05:29,360 --> 01:05:27,140

guys you really have to get behind me on

1620

01:05:32,600 --> 01:05:29,370

this because I can't do it

1621

01:05:37,730 --> 01:05:32,610

you know does that send off any red

1622

01:05:40,730 --> 01:05:37,740

flags for you and I guess my third and

1623

01:05:44,810 --> 01:05:40,740

final question would be what's your

1624

01:05:49,040 --> 01:05:44,820

biggest worry global warming or death

1625

01:05:52,190 --> 01:05:49,050

cult environmentalists and I think after

1626

01:05:53,170 --> 01:05:52,200

listening to this interview you know

1627

01:05:56,570 --> 01:05:53,180

what I mean

1628

01:05:58,790 --> 01:05:56,580

so that'll do it I guess for this

1629

01:06:00,890 --> 01:05:58,800

episode I do look forward to seeing what

1630

01:06:03,920 --> 01:06:00,900

you have to say join me on The Skeptical

1631

01:06:06,080 --> 01:06:03,930

forum if you want to chat and discuss

1632

01:06:08,240 --> 01:06:06,090

these topics with other folks who listen

1633

01:06:10,010 --> 01:06:08,250

to the show be sure to check out the

1634

01:06:11,960 --> 01:06:10,020

skeptical web site where you'll find all

1635

01:06:14,840 --> 01:06:11,970

these shows available for free for

1636

01:06:17,660 --> 01:06:14,850

download mp3 no commercials no firewall

1637

01:06:20,600 --> 01:06:17,670

anything like that and we cover a lot of

1638

01:06:23,960 --> 01:06:20,610

topics that you might be interested in

1639

01:06:26,090 --> 01:06:23,970

this was really kind of an unusual topic

1640

01:06:28,370 --> 01:06:26,100

to cover but I guess it did hit a lot of

1641

01:06:30,290 --> 01:06:28,380

the things that were interested in as

1642

01:06:35,090 --> 01:06:30,300

well as I said in the beginning of the

1643

01:06:37,700 --> 01:06:35,100

show so if you like this stuff come join

1644

01:06:39,140 --> 01:06:37,710

us and if you're already a listener and

1645

01:06:41,680 --> 01:06:39,150

you feel like there's other people who

1646

01:06:43,670 --> 01:06:41,690

need to hear it let them know about it

1647

01:06:46,040 --> 01:06:43,680

so that's going to do it for this

1648

01:06:49,670 --> 01:06:46,050

episode I have some interesting stuff

1649

01:06:53,930 --> 01:06:49,680

coming up please stay with me for all of

1650

01:06:56,140 --> 01:06:53,940

that until next time take care and bye

