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skeptiko #444



Social Scientists Don't Get Cults

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00:00:09,860 --> 00:00:07,789
welcome to skeptic Oh where we explore

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controversial science and spirituality

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with leading researchers thinkers and

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their critics

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I'm your host Alex Karras and as you may

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recall a couple of episodes back I had

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00:00:26,529 --> 00:00:22,920
an interview with Ohio State comparative

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00:00:29,390 --> 00:00:26,539
religions professor dr. Hugh Urban and

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what I found particularly interesting in

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00:00:36,920 --> 00:00:33,660
that interview is the rather strange way

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00:00:40,970 --> 00:00:36,930
in my opinion that many academics deal

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00:00:43,790 --> 00:00:40,980
with cults like Scientology or as they

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00:00:48,770 --> 00:00:43,800

sometimes like to refer to them new

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00:00:50,630 --> 00:00:48,780

religions like Scientology and as I

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00:00:53,240 --> 00:00:50,640

explained in that episode and as we'll

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talk about today I found that

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particularly strange in the case of

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Scientology because as we explored in

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that interview we have direct provable

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links between Scientology and occult

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practices number one but also with CIA

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dabbling with extended consciousness

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with programs like MK ULTRA and Kate

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often and even Stargate which we've

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talked about a lot on this show so after

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the interview one of the things I wanted

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to do was unpack both parts of that with

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someone who's actually experienced the

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00:01:36,590 --> 00:01:33,960

reality of Scientology and that led me

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00:01:39,770 --> 00:01:36,600

to today's guest Chris Shelton someone

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00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:39,780

who at a very young age was

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00:01:45,469 --> 00:01:43,530

indoctrinated into Scientology through

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00:01:47,569 --> 00:01:45,479

his parents you know sometimes I think

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00:01:49,039 --> 00:01:47,579

we forget how long Scientology's been

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around you know it's kind of

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multi-generational so imagine as a very

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young kid you know instead of going to

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Sunday's Cleaver God to Scientology it's

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not like somebody you know corralled you

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00:02:05,209 --> 00:02:03,360

in off the streets of LA and took you

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00:02:07,700 --> 00:02:05,219

into some hokey experiment like we

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00:02:09,199 --> 00:02:07,710

always see this is your parents going

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00:02:12,800 --> 00:02:09,209

there and saying hey maybe this is the

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way to go so Chris is going on to

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creative

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successful YouTube channel and a podcast

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called sensibly speaking where he

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regularly interviews experts on cults

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mind-control and other related topics

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that are important to people who found

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00:02:35,839 --> 00:02:32,359
themselves in this rather unfortunate

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00:02:37,309 --> 00:02:35,849
situation so Chris welcome thank you

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00:02:39,530 --> 00:02:37,319
very much for joining me welcome to

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00:02:43,580 --> 00:02:39,540
skeptic oh thank you thanks for having

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00:02:45,379 --> 00:02:43,590
me on so as I was pulling together that

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00:02:47,809 --> 00:02:45,389
intro I had in the back of my mind that

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00:02:50,000 --> 00:02:47,819
you know there might be some places

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00:02:52,520 --> 00:02:50,010
where you don't exactly agree with me

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00:02:55,220 --> 00:02:52,530
and that's totally fine you do kind of

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00:02:57,740 --> 00:02:55,230
come from this critical thinker

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00:03:07,460 --> 00:02:57,750
the code word for atheist skeptic kind

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00:03:10,099 --> 00:03:07,470
of thing I just say that because I've

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00:03:12,740 --> 00:03:10,109

dealt with so many blockheaded

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closed-minded atheists who kind of wave

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this flag of critical thinking oh gee

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like everyone else is uncritical if

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00:03:24,619 --> 00:03:22,049

you're critical I mean does it everyone

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claim to be a critical thinker I think

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they do I think there's people in

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Scientology you know they'll give you a

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real scientific explanation for what

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they did but I don't want to get too

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kind of far afield here because I do

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want to serve that first purpose of you

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were nice enough to look at the Hugh

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Urban interview and you're sure like I

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00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:47,459

said I could only get through about half

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00:03:52,520 --> 00:03:49,440

of it Alex because it got pretty hard

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and I understand that but I want to get

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to the big-picture stuff of your bio and

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just back to you know what do you think

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when you hear an academic like that

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00:04:07,309 --> 00:04:03,659

talking about these new religions like

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Scientology yeah exactly they they

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specifically refer to them there was

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this coined term new religious movement

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or nrm's and this is something that has

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been circulating in academic circles or

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the academic world for at least a decade

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now and this I can't remember the name

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of the person whose brainchild that was

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but

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the the problem with describing high

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00:04:34,670 --> 00:04:32,970

control authoritarian groups what people

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call cults or destructive cults

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specifically and I've gone into great

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detail about that in my channel is that

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it ignores the abusive aspect of these

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groups and the academics tend to shy

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away from in all the literature that I

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can find and I've read pretty

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extensively of it in fact I even did an

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entire video series breaking down a book

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called Scientology which was written

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entirely by academics who all come at it

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from the viewpoint of Scientology being

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a new religious movement that deserves

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religious freedom and recognition and

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analysis from at a professional level

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but who then proceeded to merely

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regurgitate Scientology's promotional

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00:05:28,339 --> 00:05:25,590

materials in their academic studies and

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00:05:30,249 --> 00:05:28,349

papers and this is what I take them to

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00:05:33,740 --> 00:05:30,259

task for because if you're gonna

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objectively look at a new religious

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movement call it a new religious

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movement then you better be able to back

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that up with some evidence because we're

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talking studies now we're talking actual

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papers that are written by academics for

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00:05:50,240 --> 00:05:48,599

academics in the world of academia these

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are not popular works these are not

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00:05:57,189 --> 00:05:52,979

printed for the public at large so these

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00:06:00,980 --> 00:05:57,199

are people who live in the world of

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having to publish or perish well it

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00:06:05,570 --> 00:06:04,050
appears hold on because you kind of took

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00:06:07,339 --> 00:06:05,580
touch on a couple of different things

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00:06:11,839 --> 00:06:07,349
that when you gotta pull apart you know

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00:06:13,629 --> 00:06:11,849
one is that the the abuse you know and

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00:06:17,510 --> 00:06:13,639
you're gonna we need to talk about that

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00:06:21,020 --> 00:06:17,520
can I back you up just a minute and have

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00:06:24,740 --> 00:06:21,030
you talked about your bio just a brief

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00:06:26,600 --> 00:06:24,750
so that people understand you know like

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00:06:29,089 --> 00:06:26,610
I said I mean you're kind of raised into

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00:06:30,649 --> 00:06:29,099
this Scientology thing of course I'm

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00:06:33,439 --> 00:06:30,659
sorry I just launched right into that

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00:06:36,260 --> 00:06:33,449
but yes I am a former Scientologists

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00:06:38,480 --> 00:06:36,270

Atossa nears professionally like I

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00:06:39,860 --> 00:06:38,490

worked for the organization for 25 of

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those years

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I was raised in Scientology before that

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00:06:47,720 --> 00:06:45,300

that was I count my Scientology time

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00:06:49,310 --> 00:06:47,730

from the point that I was fifteen but I

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00:06:50,930 --> 00:06:49,320

was actually raised with it my parents

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00:06:53,840 --> 00:06:50,940

got involved when I was four years old

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00:06:56,510 --> 00:06:53,850

so I don't cattle didn't memory outside

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00:06:58,310 --> 00:06:56,520

of Scientology you see I mean you know I

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00:06:59,870 --> 00:06:58,320

mean I remember a couple things from

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before I was 40 years old but for the

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most part Scientology has always been

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there the concepts have always been

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there the terminology of which there is

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a great deal has always been there

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I was raised with these ideas so and it

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00:07:18,620 --> 00:07:15,780

was really not a whole lot different my

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00:07:22,060 --> 00:07:18,630

experience from I think being raised in

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00:07:25,850 --> 00:07:22,070

any kind of what I would say is a

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00:07:27,980 --> 00:07:25,860

strongly religious family right it's not

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Scientology is not a casual thing my

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00:07:32,300 --> 00:07:29,850

parents worked for the organization they

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00:07:35,090 --> 00:07:32,310

were deeply involved with it up until

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00:07:37,940 --> 00:07:35,100

the late 80s they got out in the 90s I

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00:07:39,590 --> 00:07:37,950

was then all-in so then I was the

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00:07:41,810 --> 00:07:39,600

Scientologist in the family and they

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00:07:44,510 --> 00:07:41,820

were kinda they had kind of both gotten

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00:07:46,700 --> 00:07:44,520

out but they drifted away and I stayed

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00:07:48,890 --> 00:07:46,710

it and by this point I was in my 20s I

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00:07:51,290 --> 00:07:48,900

worked for the organization in Santa

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00:07:53,450 --> 00:07:51,300

Barbara and then I moved down the Los

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00:07:56,420 --> 00:07:53,460

Angeles and I joined what's called the

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00:08:00,920 --> 00:07:56,430

Sea Org and a sea organization when I

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was 25 years old in 1995 and I moved

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00:08:05,600 --> 00:08:02,550

down to Los Angeles and I worked for the

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00:08:08,900 --> 00:08:05,610

sea organization for 17 years finally

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00:08:11,270 --> 00:08:08,910

got out in 2000 the end of 2012 and it

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00:08:13,310 --> 00:08:11,280

was a year later after getting full

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exposure to the Internet uncensored

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00:08:17,630 --> 00:08:15,390

which in the world of Scientology and

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00:08:19,310 --> 00:08:17,640

Sea Org the Internet is censored in the

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00:08:22,610 --> 00:08:19,320

same way it's censored in China it's

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00:08:25,880 --> 00:08:22,620

it's filtered you simply cannot access

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00:08:27,440 --> 00:08:25,890

certain information and so I there was a

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00:08:30,680 --> 00:08:27,450

ton of information about Scientology

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00:08:33,410 --> 00:08:30,690

that I never had access to so when I

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00:08:35,630 --> 00:08:33,420

left in 2012 when I left the sea

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00:08:39,110 --> 00:08:35,640

organization I was still a believer in

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Scientology within a year of being

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exposed to all of the truth about

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Scientology and I ron Hubbard I was out

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00:08:48,680 --> 00:08:46,140

and I was so out but I started speaking

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out publicly against it because I was so

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00:08:53,510 --> 00:08:51,140

outraged about what I had learned that

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00:08:55,520 --> 00:08:53,520

the church labeled me an enemy

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00:08:57,620 --> 00:08:55,530

I am now declared a suppressive person

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00:08:59,750 --> 00:08:57,630

by the Church of Scientology which means

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00:09:03,460 --> 00:08:59,760

I'm not to be talked to or connected to

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00:09:05,780 --> 00:09:03,470

or or in any way correspondent with by

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00:09:08,300 --> 00:09:05,790

Scientologists they completely shut me

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out of their life I lost friends I've

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00:09:13,520 --> 00:09:10,710

lost people I've known for over 20 years

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00:09:15,770 --> 00:09:13,530
overnight because the church said I'm an

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00:09:20,660 --> 00:09:15,780
enemy you can't talk to him anymore and

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00:09:22,790 --> 00:09:20,670
they all comply let me just interject

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00:09:25,910 --> 00:09:22,800
there because yeah you know one of the

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00:09:28,880 --> 00:09:25,920
things that you said I that's a cult you

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00:09:31,700 --> 00:09:28,890
don't know so at the beginning right so

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00:09:34,610 --> 00:09:31,710
it's just like kind of crazy like we're

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00:09:36,590 --> 00:09:34,620
talking about dr. urban who seems like a

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00:09:40,580 --> 00:09:36,600
super nice guy and is an interesting guy

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00:09:42,680 --> 00:09:40,590
and has a lot of interesting pursuits in

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00:09:44,840 --> 00:09:42,690
terms of comparative religions that are

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00:09:47,750 --> 00:09:44,850
important in our scholarly but for him

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00:09:49,940 --> 00:09:47,760

to kind of miss it's a [\h__\h] cult and

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unless we can talk about it as a cult

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00:09:54,830 --> 00:09:52,140

then we can't get to the basics to get

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00:09:56,900 --> 00:09:54,840

to some of the kind of fundamental

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00:09:58,340 --> 00:09:56,910

understandings of what that means how it

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00:10:00,350 --> 00:09:58,350

fits in but the other thing I think that

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00:10:04,040 --> 00:10:00,360

we that we miss out on is the

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opportunity to just slow down and have a

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00:10:08,540 --> 00:10:07,320

little bit of respect for the victims

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and I want to talk about that a little

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00:10:13,100 --> 00:10:10,020

bit I don't know if that's even a word

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00:10:14,390 --> 00:10:13,110

that maybe you don't like or don't

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00:10:16,730 --> 00:10:14,400

associate with which I would totally

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00:10:21,470 --> 00:10:16,740

respect but the thing that I get it kind

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00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:21,480

of annoys me is that I feel like man you

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00:10:25,700 --> 00:10:24,240

don't have to frickin apologize those

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00:10:27,770 --> 00:10:25,710

which is sometimes what I hear like

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00:10:32,390 --> 00:10:27,780

people go oh and you know I stayed in

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it's like Frank you work you were four

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years old that's all you knew your

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parents indict you know it's like and

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then people because I know people will

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00:10:44,090 --> 00:10:41,520

say well you're kind of partially

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responsible Chris because you stayed in

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00:10:50,150 --> 00:10:47,340

I'm sure you feel enough responsible as

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it is what about if we don't understand

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00:10:56,080 --> 00:10:53,280

it as a cult if we can't identify it as

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a cult then I don't think we can really

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respect fully what that was for you what

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your experience was and I'm kind of on a

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soapbox there but to tell me what your

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thoughts are

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well I agree with you um victim is not a

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00:11:16,690 --> 00:11:13,670

word that I eschew I I'm definitely was

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00:11:18,640 --> 00:11:16,700

victimized by Scientology anybody who

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00:11:20,710 --> 00:11:18,650

gets involved in Scientology eventually

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will be that's the nature of what it

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does that's why we call it a destructive

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cult there's very specific

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characteristics connected with that I

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use that term theory advisedly but I

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00:11:34,030 --> 00:11:31,970

understand that it's a loaded word there

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00:11:36,370 --> 00:11:34,040

was a lot of you know contention about

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00:11:37,660 --> 00:11:36,380

the use of that word I'm not I don't shy

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away from it I think you're right I

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00:11:41,890 --> 00:11:39,290

think we have to talk about these groups

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in proper terminology and destructive

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cult is a perfectly acceptable term to

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use when you have a very exact

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definition for it which we do this is

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not work I invented I I'm built my work

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on the work of people who came before me

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like Yaya la loge Steve Hasson Robert J

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lift and of course going all the way

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00:12:03,550 --> 00:12:01,760

back to the the 50s and 60s there you

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know Margaret singer there are a lot of

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00:12:08,950 --> 00:12:06,920

people in this line right I stand on the

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00:12:10,450 --> 00:12:08,960

shoulder of giants in many ways with

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00:12:12,280 --> 00:12:10,460

things that I've talked about including

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00:12:14,380 --> 00:12:12,290

even former Scientologists who've come

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00:12:16,390 --> 00:12:14,390

out and spent years studying this and

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00:12:19,449 --> 00:12:16,400

figuring out what happened to them in

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00:12:22,000 --> 00:12:19,459

like John ATAC who's written books of

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00:12:25,890 --> 00:12:22,010

you know quality about this work and who

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00:12:28,030 --> 00:12:25,900

is in who are routinely ignored by the

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00:12:30,670 --> 00:12:28,040

academics that we're talking about that

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00:12:32,410 --> 00:12:30,680

they will not give any credibility or

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00:12:35,350 --> 00:12:32,420

credence to our stories because they

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00:12:37,360 --> 00:12:35,360

just assume that all of us have an axe

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00:12:39,220 --> 00:12:37,370

to grind we are in we cannot be

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00:12:42,250 --> 00:12:39,230

impartial or objective and therefore

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00:12:44,590 --> 00:12:42,260

nothing we say matters and if that's not

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00:12:47,710 --> 00:12:44,600

the very definition of prejudicial

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00:12:51,640 --> 00:12:47,720

academia I don't know what is now Chris

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00:12:53,560 --> 00:12:51,650

let me give you dr. Urban's spin on that

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00:12:55,060 --> 00:12:53,570

and then I want you to because I really

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00:12:57,070 --> 00:12:55,070

want you to respond this is like one of

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00:13:01,180 --> 00:12:57,080

the primary things I think we can

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00:13:02,980 --> 00:13:01,190

accomplish in doing this is that so you

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00:13:05,079 --> 00:13:02,990

talk to those folks and I threw up a

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00:13:07,810 --> 00:13:05,089

slide on the screen yeah I think of this

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00:13:09,370 --> 00:13:07,820

another guy I love jeff kraebel he's

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00:13:11,949 --> 00:13:09,380

great he's been this year multiple times

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00:13:15,250 --> 00:13:11,959

he's going out got a lot of interesting

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00:13:18,850 --> 00:13:15,260

things to say about a lot of these

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00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:18,860

topics but there is a certain kind of my

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00:13:23,950 --> 00:13:21,200

optic mindset

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00:13:25,720 --> 00:13:23,960

when we get into these cults and they

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00:13:29,620 --> 00:13:25,730

don't seem to be able to break out of it

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00:13:30,790 --> 00:13:29,630

and so what dr. urban says in I don't

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00:13:33,190 --> 00:13:30,800

know if you got to this part of the

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00:13:36,250 --> 00:13:33,200

interview but he said look you know

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00:13:38,110 --> 00:13:36,260

there's was too much in the public

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00:13:41,800 --> 00:13:38,120

discourse there was too much just

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00:13:44,590 --> 00:13:41,810

dialogue from people who were survivors

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00:13:46,720 --> 00:13:44,600

kind of victims kind of thing and we had

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00:13:51,730 --> 00:13:46,730

to balance that out you know so we had

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00:13:54,190 --> 00:13:51,740

to seek balance and to me I get that on

311

00:13:56,200 --> 00:13:54,200

one hand but I always think of the kind

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00:13:58,570 --> 00:13:56,210

of false equivalency thing which I've

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00:14:01,090 --> 00:13:58,580

dealt with on so many topics on this

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00:14:03,850 --> 00:14:01,100

show you know where all the evidence

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00:14:06,760 --> 00:14:03,860

really is on one side so let's go out

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00:14:09,280 --> 00:14:06,770

and find somebody on the other side who

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00:14:11,380 --> 00:14:09,290

can prop it up and make it look like

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00:14:16,060 --> 00:14:11,390

there's some kind of genuine discussion

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00:14:19,870 --> 00:14:16,070

here that must feel frustrating to you

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00:14:22,120 --> 00:14:19,880

when academia does that in this case

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00:14:25,330 --> 00:14:22,130

because there really isn't any balance

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00:14:26,920 --> 00:14:25,340

here is there no there isn't and that is

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00:14:30,070 --> 00:14:26,930

why it's frustrating for me that's a

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00:14:33,520 --> 00:14:30,080

that's what compelled me to make a whole

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00:14:35,380 --> 00:14:33,530

series of videos taking on every single

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00:14:37,870 --> 00:14:35,390

one of these essays and one at a time

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00:14:40,830 --> 00:14:37,880

showing where they get it wrong talking

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00:14:43,720 --> 00:14:40,840

exactly about what they missed and

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00:14:45,130 --> 00:14:43,730

taking them to task for it you know if

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00:14:47,290 --> 00:14:45,140

you're going to publish an academic

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00:14:50,290 --> 00:14:47,300

paper about Scientology you better have

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00:14:52,540 --> 00:14:50,300

something to say and if what you have to

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00:14:54,370 --> 00:14:52,550

say is simply regurgitated Scientology

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00:14:56,290 --> 00:14:54,380

promotional materials and I am

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00:15:00,490 --> 00:14:56,300

intimately familiar with Scientology's

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00:15:03,520 --> 00:15:00,500

promotional materials I wrote them so I

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00:15:06,100 --> 00:15:03,530

I understand how Scientology presents

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00:15:09,190 --> 00:15:06,110

itself to the world and I understand the

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00:15:11,710 --> 00:15:09,200

curtain or veil behind which Scientology

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00:15:15,220 --> 00:15:11,720

operates and what they do when people

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00:15:17,170 --> 00:15:15,230

are around you know what when when it's

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00:15:18,820 --> 00:15:17,180

just Scientologists when it's Jesse or

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00:15:21,460 --> 00:15:18,830

cuz how did they talk what do they say

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00:15:24,160 --> 00:15:21,470

what did they think I understand all of

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00:15:25,060 --> 00:15:24,170

that at a very intimate level I was all

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00:15:27,730 --> 00:15:25,070

in

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00:15:30,460 --> 00:15:27,740

and I was at its highest levels for over

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00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:30,470

a decade so if there's somebody that

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00:15:34,079 --> 00:15:32,240

they want to talk to who's actually

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00:15:37,199 --> 00:15:34,089

gonna be able to give them and

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00:15:41,009 --> 00:15:37,209

Meishan about what Scientology really is

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00:15:44,129 --> 00:15:41,019

about it's people like me it's not just

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00:15:45,299 --> 00:15:44,139

me there's so many former members who

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00:15:48,720 --> 00:15:45,309

have come out and shared their

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00:15:51,030 --> 00:15:48,730

experiences and have talked about how

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00:15:53,549 --> 00:15:51,040

what Scientology presents to the world

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00:15:58,470 --> 00:15:53,559

is very different from what actually

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00:16:01,439 --> 00:15:58,480

goes on in Scientology academics stop at

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00:16:04,769 --> 00:16:01,449

the propaganda level they don't go any

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00:16:07,199 --> 00:16:04,779

further and that's where they lose and

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00:16:09,119 --> 00:16:07,209

that's why their objectivity is called

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00:16:10,829 --> 00:16:09,129

into question that's why their motives

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00:16:13,650 --> 00:16:10,839

are called into question because they

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00:16:17,069 --> 00:16:13,660

don't academically rigorously pursue

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00:16:20,699 --> 00:16:17,079

this topic if they did their work would

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00:16:23,850 --> 00:16:20,709

look a lot different that's that's kind

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00:16:25,949 --> 00:16:23,860

of my point there I want to pull that

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00:16:29,129 --> 00:16:25,959

back though right on that point and say

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00:16:32,819 --> 00:16:29,139

that I wonder if the problem isn't

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00:16:33,299 --> 00:16:32,829

deeper in a way so I think what you're

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00:16:37,920 --> 00:16:33,309

doing

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00:16:40,110 --> 00:16:37,930

religion it's it's not that it's they

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00:16:42,720 --> 00:16:40,120

don't seem to be able to deal with this

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00:16:44,790 --> 00:16:42,730

cult issue and I guess I'd even poke you

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00:16:47,790 --> 00:16:44,800

a little bit because like when you said

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00:16:49,889 --> 00:16:47,800

you know I vary it advisedly use the

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00:16:53,249 --> 00:16:49,899

term cult to hell with that

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00:16:56,660 --> 00:16:53,259

I think we're way too careful about

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00:16:59,970 --> 00:16:56,670

really trying to understand the cultish

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00:17:01,350 --> 00:16:59,980

influences that are there's another way

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00:17:03,360 --> 00:17:01,360

to look at like some of the interviews

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00:17:04,980 --> 00:17:03,370

you've done with some of the cult

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00:17:06,779 --> 00:17:04,990

experts and I would actually pick some

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00:17:08,010 --> 00:17:06,789

different cult experts even though I

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00:17:11,279 --> 00:17:08,020

we've interviewed some of the same

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00:17:15,059 --> 00:17:11,289

people because I think what cults are

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00:17:19,829 --> 00:17:15,069

tapping into are some very basic human

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00:17:21,210 --> 00:17:19,839

needs and human psychological weaknesses

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00:17:23,370 --> 00:17:21,220

strengths you know this need for

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00:17:27,870 --> 00:17:23,380

community this need for authority this

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00:17:30,510 --> 00:17:27,880

need for a core set of beliefs that

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00:17:33,720 --> 00:17:30,520

provide a certainty to structuring life

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00:17:36,360 --> 00:17:33,730

I think those things pop up all over the

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00:17:40,200 --> 00:17:36,370

place and I think to pretend that we

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00:17:43,710 --> 00:17:40,210

have some clear dividing line that we

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00:17:45,940 --> 00:17:43,720

can very advisedly call this a cult and

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00:17:48,670 --> 00:17:45,950

that not a cult I

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00:17:51,850 --> 00:17:48,680

think obscures it and that's what I hear

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00:17:54,310 --> 00:17:51,860

so many times is the subtext of Hugh

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00:17:57,190 --> 00:17:54,320

Urban Jeff [h__h] the rest of those

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00:17:59,680 --> 00:17:57,200

guys is to say well I mean then we'd

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00:18:02,980 --> 00:17:59,690

have to look at all religions as cults

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00:18:06,730 --> 00:18:02,990

and I'm like yes that's what we should

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00:18:10,270 --> 00:18:06,740

do we should examine whether or not each

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00:18:13,840 --> 00:18:10,280

and every religion is a cult or to what

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00:18:15,490 --> 00:18:13,850

extent it's a cult you know a little

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00:18:17,620 --> 00:18:15,500

aside you know there's a lot of those

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00:18:22,330 --> 00:18:17,630

stuff that I've done especially early on

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00:18:24,610 --> 00:18:22,340

was in near-death experience many people

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00:18:27,310 --> 00:18:24,620

know and are aware of and it the

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00:18:30,270 --> 00:18:27,320

near-death experience stuff is very

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00:18:31,960 --> 00:18:30,280

powerful for people from a

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00:18:34,540 --> 00:18:31,970

transformational spiritual

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00:18:36,370 --> 00:18:34,550

transformational kind of standpoint you

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00:18:36,940 --> 00:18:36,380

can maybe kind of see where this is

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00:18:39,910 --> 00:18:36,950

going

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00:18:42,760 --> 00:18:39,920

so it starts playing some of those cult

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00:18:44,500 --> 00:18:42,770

buttons and some of these groups that

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00:18:48,190 --> 00:18:44,510

get together and talk about near-death

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00:18:50,890 --> 00:18:48,200

experiences can start looking like or

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00:18:52,900 --> 00:18:50,900

being infiltrated by cults and I

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00:18:54,850 --> 00:18:52,910

actually had a group that did that and

423

00:18:56,980 --> 00:18:54,860

this is a group that had invited me to

424

00:18:59,440 --> 00:18:56,990

speak of a keynote speak which a speech

425

00:19:02,680 --> 00:18:59,450

which I never did and I got an email

426

00:19:04,930 --> 00:19:02,690

from a listener to skeptic oh he said

427

00:19:07,210 --> 00:19:04,940

hey I was at a meeting recently and

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00:19:09,580 --> 00:19:07,220

there's this woman up there and she's

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00:19:11,470 --> 00:19:09,590

she's in a cult and she's kind of

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00:19:13,630 --> 00:19:11,480

co-opting the whole near-death

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00:19:16,870 --> 00:19:13,640

experience thing and I'm worried about

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00:19:19,630 --> 00:19:16,880

it so I went and interviewed one of the

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00:19:22,540 --> 00:19:19,640

leaders of the very legitimate

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00:19:24,670 --> 00:19:22,550

near-death experience organization and I

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00:19:27,970 --> 00:19:24,680

said what's up with this cult thing and

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00:19:30,250 --> 00:19:27,980

that was his claim you know number one

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00:19:31,710 --> 00:19:30,260

he defended as well it's a mildly

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00:19:38,080 --> 00:19:31,720

dangerous cult

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00:19:39,820 --> 00:19:38,090

number two he was like and this is I

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00:19:41,440 --> 00:19:39,830

think links back I know this is a long

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00:19:45,700 --> 00:19:41,450

story but I think it links back to the

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00:19:48,100 --> 00:19:45,710

human think he does look if we cut if we

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00:19:51,160 --> 00:19:48,110

cut these people off from full

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00:19:53,340 --> 00:19:51,170

participation in our group then what do

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00:19:55,240 --> 00:19:53,350

we do about people who have a Christian

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00:19:56,690 --> 00:19:55,250

experience as part of their near-death

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00:19:58,790 --> 00:19:56,700

experience or what do they do

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00:20:01,690 --> 00:19:58,800

we do with other religious people so I

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00:20:05,090 --> 00:20:01,700

think that a lot of times we feel

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00:20:08,660 --> 00:20:05,100

hamstrung by this narrow to use your

451
00:20:10,910 --> 00:20:08,670
word again very advisedly controlled

452
00:20:14,600 --> 00:20:10,920
definition of cults rather than more

453
00:20:18,320 --> 00:20:14,610
broadly looking at how these are very

454
00:20:20,720 --> 00:20:18,330
common psychological factors that we're

455
00:20:22,820 --> 00:20:20,730
all susceptible to and in a way I feel

456
00:20:25,160 --> 00:20:22,830
this is like right in your swing zone

457
00:20:26,630 --> 00:20:25,170
isn't it Chris well I get very much so

458
00:20:29,210 --> 00:20:26,640
this is all I've been looking at for the

459
00:20:30,920 --> 00:20:29,220
last seven years the the problem there

460
00:20:32,690 --> 00:20:30,930
of course is that these religious

461
00:20:34,100 --> 00:20:32,700
studies academics never go over to the

462
00:20:34,910 --> 00:20:34,110
psychology department have a talk with

463
00:20:36,890 --> 00:20:34,920

them about it

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00:20:39,560 --> 00:20:36,900

that's not where they're that's not how

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00:20:41,210 --> 00:20:39,570

they're coming at this and I have been

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00:20:45,050 --> 00:20:41,220

breaking down and deconstructing my

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00:20:46,820 --> 00:20:45,060

experience of the 27 plus years over the

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00:20:48,050 --> 00:20:46,830

last six or seven years by talking to

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00:20:49,820 --> 00:20:48,060

all these people and breaking it down

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00:20:51,920 --> 00:20:49,830

and looking at it from lots of different

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00:20:55,340 --> 00:20:51,930

angles you can look at all of these

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00:20:56,810 --> 00:20:55,350

things from lots of levels there's lots

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00:20:58,640 --> 00:20:56,820

of levels you can look at these from

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00:21:01,790 --> 00:20:58,650

from a psychological level there's a

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00:21:04,430 --> 00:21:01,800

whole world to explore of mechanisms and

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00:21:07,250 --> 00:21:04,440
beliefs and systems and things that go

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00:21:09,080 --> 00:21:07,260
on just here then there is a

478
00:21:11,000 --> 00:21:09,090
neurological level where you really

479
00:21:14,810 --> 00:21:11,010
drill down and do just what's going on

480
00:21:16,190 --> 00:21:14,820
in here there's a sociological level so

481
00:21:17,960 --> 00:21:16,200
yeah I'll just kind of filled it with

482
00:21:20,540 --> 00:21:17,970
this stuff right as well they should

483
00:21:22,940 --> 00:21:20,550
it's fascinating study comparative

484
00:21:25,430 --> 00:21:22,950
religions is a fascinating from a

485
00:21:27,920 --> 00:21:25,440
sociological point of view why did this

486
00:21:29,330 --> 00:21:27,930
group do this when this group didn't you

487
00:21:31,340 --> 00:21:29,340
know this kind of thing right looking

488
00:21:37,160 --> 00:21:31,350

looking at that I don't think it's

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00:21:39,890 --> 00:21:37,170

really possible and having the

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00:21:41,390 --> 00:21:39,900

psychology talk to I think these two

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00:21:43,700 --> 00:21:41,400

things are very very important to

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00:21:45,260 --> 00:21:43,710

understanding the total experience of

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00:21:46,780 --> 00:21:45,270

what goes on in these cults I think you

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00:21:50,630 --> 00:21:46,790

have to look at them from both levels

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00:21:54,020 --> 00:21:50,640

what religious scholars are doing is a

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00:21:55,310 --> 00:21:54,030

much shallower look and I'm I know that

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00:21:57,380 --> 00:21:55,320

they're gonna have take exception to

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00:21:59,810 --> 00:21:57,390

this but this is how I see it right

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00:22:01,820 --> 00:21:59,820

they're looking at group characteristics

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00:22:04,730 --> 00:22:01,830

they're looking at group beliefs that

501
00:22:08,899 --> 00:22:04,740
Dogma they're looking at ritual and

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00:22:11,989 --> 00:22:08,909
practices they're fitting this thing

503
00:22:13,969 --> 00:22:11,999
Scientology or any other group and there

504
00:22:16,669 --> 00:22:13,979
they're checking boxes does it have

505
00:22:18,440 --> 00:22:16,679
rituals does it have religious dogma

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00:22:21,049 --> 00:22:18,450
doesn't have beliefs how do those

507
00:22:23,570 --> 00:22:21,059
beliefs manifest these are the things

508
00:22:26,690 --> 00:22:23,580
they're looking at they don't that

509
00:22:28,580 --> 00:22:26,700
what's not on that list of checkboxes

510
00:22:30,349 --> 00:22:28,590
that they should be adding to and I

511
00:22:34,339 --> 00:22:30,359
think this is where they fall down is

512
00:22:36,320 --> 00:22:34,349
the abusive factor you really shouldn't

513
00:22:39,229 --> 00:22:36,330

be ignoring that in looking at these

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00:22:42,169 --> 00:22:39,239

groups but one for one for one I have

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00:22:46,159 --> 00:22:42,179

not found any religious scholar who will

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00:22:48,409 --> 00:22:46,169

actually use the word abuse and yet it

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00:22:51,229 --> 00:22:48,419

is clearly what goes on in these high

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00:22:53,479 --> 00:22:51,239

control groups way more than just you

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00:22:54,739 --> 00:22:53,489

know Scientology sure but lots and lots

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00:22:57,649 --> 00:22:54,749

of groups there are thousands of these

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00:23:00,830 --> 00:22:57,659

groups out there they're not even all

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00:23:02,659 --> 00:23:00,840

religious and I think that's one of the

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00:23:05,269 --> 00:23:02,669

reasons also that these religious

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00:23:06,830 --> 00:23:05,279

academic scholars kind of maybe don't

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00:23:09,769 --> 00:23:06,840

want to go there because then they have

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00:23:11,599 --> 00:23:09,779

to dive into it's not about the

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00:23:13,399 --> 00:23:11,609

religious aspect of this group it's

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00:23:15,109 --> 00:23:13,409

about there's other characteristics

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00:23:17,149 --> 00:23:15,119

other ways of looking at these groups

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00:23:20,330 --> 00:23:17,159

and framing them that that the religion

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00:23:22,460 --> 00:23:20,340

angle has nothing to do with it but they

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00:23:24,469 --> 00:23:22,470

have decided in their collective wisdom

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00:23:26,029 --> 00:23:24,479

this group of scholars and I don't know

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00:23:28,519 --> 00:23:26,039

how big they are I don't know how much

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00:23:30,469 --> 00:23:28,529

of academia this is I only know that

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00:23:32,839 --> 00:23:30,479

when you go to academia to talk about

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00:23:35,599 --> 00:23:32,849

Scientology these are the this is what's

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00:23:37,430 --> 00:23:35,609

presented to you and Hugh Urban is one

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00:23:40,249 --> 00:23:37,440

of the few people who will even be a

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00:23:41,950 --> 00:23:40,259

little critical about Scientology right

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00:23:44,839 --> 00:23:41,960

most of these guys give it a pass over

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00:23:47,659 --> 00:23:44,849

and over and over again and when you

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00:23:49,580 --> 00:23:47,669

talk about underlying problems to this I

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00:23:51,769 --> 00:23:49,590

think the the biggest underlying problem

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00:23:53,479 --> 00:23:51,779

is that many of these folks have come

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00:23:56,799 --> 00:23:53,489

into this from an from a point of view

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00:24:00,289 --> 00:23:56,809

of feeling that they are on a mission to

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00:24:03,830 --> 00:24:00,299

defend religious freedom and that

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00:24:07,339 --> 00:24:03,840

somehow by presenting a you know sort of

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00:24:09,139 --> 00:24:07,349

defense for these groups and calling

551
00:24:10,999 --> 00:24:09,149
them new religious movements when one

552
00:24:12,950 --> 00:24:11,009
there's nothing new about them there's

553
00:24:15,080 --> 00:24:12,960
very little religious about them and

554
00:24:17,119 --> 00:24:15,090
they are not really movements so all

555
00:24:21,440 --> 00:24:17,129
three of those words are basically lots

556
00:24:22,240 --> 00:24:21,450
there is a Mis assignation to call them

557
00:24:25,420 --> 00:24:22,250
new really

558
00:24:26,110 --> 00:24:25,430
movements but that's where they decided

559
00:24:29,770 --> 00:24:26,120
to go

560
00:24:31,990 --> 00:24:29,780
and so in apology in in what I now would

561
00:24:36,130 --> 00:24:32,000
I refer to as apologetics is that's what

562
00:24:38,560 --> 00:24:36,140
it amount if academics don't dig into

563
00:24:41,200 --> 00:24:38,570

the abusive side of things because they

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00:24:43,450 --> 00:24:41,210

have an agenda of some time whatever

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00:24:45,970 --> 00:24:43,460

that agenda is for each individual

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00:24:49,450 --> 00:24:45,980

person I can't say I don't know them

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00:24:52,750 --> 00:24:49,460

well enough but I can sleep that event

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00:24:54,550 --> 00:24:52,760

it seems we let's all get together and

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00:24:57,100 --> 00:24:54,560

figure out how to give these groups of

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00:25:00,790 --> 00:24:57,110

pass so that they don't suffer from

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00:25:05,140 --> 00:25:00,800

persecution due to people's prejudices

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00:25:10,420 --> 00:25:05,150

against new religious movements and Wow

573

00:25:13,330 --> 00:25:10,430

laudable it is a miss it's just a missed

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00:25:16,120 --> 00:25:13,340

you know they they they decided to take

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00:25:17,470 --> 00:25:16,130

this position and it's and that's the

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00:25:20,200 --> 00:25:17,480

hell they're gonna die on and

577

00:25:21,730 --> 00:25:20,210

unfortunately I think in the long run

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00:25:23,980 --> 00:25:21,740

that is the hill they're gonna die in

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00:25:26,230 --> 00:25:23,990

because their work will be wholly

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00:25:28,630 --> 00:25:26,240

invalidated because it's just

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00:25:30,250 --> 00:25:28,640

regurgitating the promotional materials

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00:25:31,750 --> 00:25:30,260

of these groups and it's not just

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00:25:33,640 --> 00:25:31,760

Scientology that they have done this

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00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:33,650

with they've done this with TM they have

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00:25:37,660 --> 00:25:35,600

done this with the Brethren twelve

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00:25:39,910 --> 00:25:37,670

tribes I mean others they would have

587

00:25:42,250 --> 00:25:39,920

done it with nexium if nexium had been a

588

00:25:45,190 --> 00:25:42,260

religious group you know I mean they're

589

00:25:48,310 --> 00:25:45,200

just they just ignore all the bad stuff

590

00:25:50,740 --> 00:25:48,320

I spent three years on the RPF the

591

00:25:53,260 --> 00:25:50,750

rehabilitation project force probably

592

00:25:56,560 --> 00:25:53,270

the single most abusive aspect of

593

00:25:59,710 --> 00:25:56,570

Scientology explain to people it's a

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00:26:02,050 --> 00:25:59,720

yeah it's a physical endurance program

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00:26:04,240 --> 00:26:02,060

you'd go there if you screw up in the

596

00:26:07,660 --> 00:26:04,250

Sea Org it's only for the Sea Org it's a

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00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:07,670

disciplinary prison like system and the

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00:26:14,500 --> 00:26:11,120

the purpose of it is re-education and I

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00:26:18,130 --> 00:26:14,510

used in reeducation in the same way that

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00:26:20,830 --> 00:26:18,140

Mao was reeducate in people in

601
00:26:24,010 --> 00:26:20,840
concentration camps in China following

602
00:26:25,800 --> 00:26:24,020
the Chinese uprising and revolution that

603
00:26:28,210 --> 00:26:25,810
kind of reaction right in other words

604
00:26:30,070 --> 00:26:28,220
indoctrination and when you stray from

605
00:26:32,050 --> 00:26:30,080
the path in the Sea Org and you start

606
00:26:35,210 --> 00:26:32,060
creating trouble or you get disaffected

607
00:26:37,520 --> 00:26:35,220
or you've really screwed up on something

608
00:26:39,260 --> 00:26:37,530
according to Scientology's assessment of

609
00:26:41,150 --> 00:26:39,270
how you screw up on something which is a

610
00:26:43,700 --> 00:26:41,160
little different from how normal people

611
00:26:46,340 --> 00:26:43,710
would think you end up in this program

612
00:26:47,870 --> 00:26:46,350
it is a full-time sequestered activity

613
00:26:49,850 --> 00:26:47,880

you're separated from the rest of the

614

00:26:51,620 --> 00:26:49,860

see work members if you're married sorry

615

00:26:53,390 --> 00:26:51,630

you know you don't get to see your wife

616

00:26:54,770 --> 00:26:53,400

or your husband or whatever for the

617

00:26:56,690 --> 00:26:54,780

entire period of time that you're on

618

00:26:58,340 --> 00:26:56,700

this program you cannot be spoke you

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00:27:00,860 --> 00:26:58,350

cannot speak to anybody outside the

620

00:27:03,740 --> 00:27:00,870

program unless you're spoken to first

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00:27:05,750 --> 00:27:03,750

right there that the RPF tends to be

622

00:27:07,340 --> 00:27:05,760

kind of relegated to the basement and

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00:27:09,320 --> 00:27:07,350

nobody really wants to see them or talk

624

00:27:11,150 --> 00:27:09,330

to them they're bad you know they're

625

00:27:12,980 --> 00:27:11,160

there they're bad guys they screwed up

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00:27:15,740 --> 00:27:12,990

right but they're they're taking this

627

00:27:18,080 --> 00:27:15,750

one chance to redeem themselves and in

628

00:27:20,150 --> 00:27:18,090

the course of the RPF not only is there

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00:27:22,940 --> 00:27:20,160

all this psychological reaction and

630

00:27:24,830 --> 00:27:22,950

group pressure to get you to conform and

631

00:27:28,880 --> 00:27:24,840

comply with Scientology's directives

632

00:27:30,410 --> 00:27:28,890

that there is intense intense physical

633

00:27:32,780 --> 00:27:30,420

demands made on you because you're

634

00:27:34,430 --> 00:27:32,790

working most of the day you spend five

635

00:27:36,170 --> 00:27:34,440

hours a day doing this rehabilitation

636

00:27:39,110 --> 00:27:36,180

stuff and the rest of the day you are

637

00:27:42,290 --> 00:27:39,120

running everywhere you go if you're

638

00:27:44,570 --> 00:27:42,300

caught slacking walking not working as

639

00:27:46,760 --> 00:27:44,580

hard as you possibly can you're made to

640

00:27:49,370 --> 00:27:46,770

drop and do 20 push-ups or run around

641

00:27:51,530 --> 00:27:49,380

the block and do a lap this is right out

642

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:51,540

of cults right out of the cold

643

00:27:57,500 --> 00:27:54,000

makers handbook you know that's right oh

644

00:27:59,420 --> 00:27:57,510

yeah most sleep-deprived on proper

645

00:28:01,670 --> 00:27:59,430

nutrition and then we run the heck out

646

00:28:04,400 --> 00:28:01,680

of exactly you're right I mean why this

647

00:28:07,520 --> 00:28:04,410

is if you and I know this and it's

648

00:28:09,500 --> 00:28:07,530

widely known why are we skate it

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00:28:11,960 --> 00:28:09,510

skirting this issue when we get to

650

00:28:14,330 --> 00:28:11,970

academia well exactly they want to

651
00:28:17,600 --> 00:28:14,340
compare it to a monastic existence for

652
00:28:20,000 --> 00:28:17,610
you know they make false comparatives

653
00:28:22,970 --> 00:28:20,010
this is there's one of the fallacies

654
00:28:26,210 --> 00:28:22,980
that these academics commit is they they

655
00:28:28,760 --> 00:28:26,220
they try to find something that this

656
00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:28,770
compares to that is legitimate rather

657
00:28:32,420 --> 00:28:30,720
than just looking at the RPF because

658
00:28:36,590 --> 00:28:32,430
whole papers have been written about the

659
00:28:38,330 --> 00:28:36,600
RPF by academics and they miss I want to

660
00:28:40,610 --> 00:28:38,340
pick up on that word I want to pick up

661
00:28:43,730 --> 00:28:40,620
on that word legitimate because I think

662
00:28:45,290 --> 00:28:43,740
I I'm really open to what you said and I

663
00:28:49,139 --> 00:28:45,300

hadn't thought about it quite that way

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00:28:53,070 --> 00:28:49,149

in terms of kind of a lefty politics

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00:28:55,529 --> 00:28:53,080

inclusiveness you know kind of died on

666

00:28:57,810 --> 00:28:55,539

that hill you know that and I get that

667

00:28:59,669 --> 00:28:57,820

without judging whether or not that's

668

00:29:02,729 --> 00:28:59,679

there there's certainly a place for that

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00:29:06,149 --> 00:29:02,739

in terms of excluding people it's not we

670

00:29:08,149 --> 00:29:06,159

have a pretty sorry history of excluding

671

00:29:10,979 --> 00:29:08,159

groups so we all understand the

672

00:29:12,959 --> 00:29:10,989

inclusiveness being in a lot of ways a

673

00:29:15,119 --> 00:29:12,969

good thing but here you're talking about

674

00:29:16,349 --> 00:29:15,129

kind of the the evil side of it you know

675

00:29:18,119 --> 00:29:16,359

which is there but the other thing I

676

00:29:21,089 --> 00:29:18,129

think that the hill they're going on is

677

00:29:22,829 --> 00:29:21,099

these atheism humanists and I know

678

00:29:25,979 --> 00:29:22,839

that's kind of in your camp but it's

679

00:29:29,789 --> 00:29:25,989

like this what always blows me away is

680

00:29:31,950 --> 00:29:29,799

this way that they process the

681

00:29:34,169 --> 00:29:31,960

consciousness aspect of it because

682

00:29:36,539 --> 00:29:34,179

that's been a big part of of my thing

683

00:29:42,359 --> 00:29:36,549

and in the interview that I did you know

684

00:29:44,969 --> 00:29:42,369

I shared with the audience this little

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00:29:47,579 --> 00:29:44,979

quote which I think really revealing

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00:29:50,759 --> 00:29:47,589

about I ron hubbard and it's about

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00:29:53,700 --> 00:29:50,769

Hubbard and Jack Parsons who became very

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00:29:57,419 --> 00:29:53,710

very close close friends and are engaged

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00:29:59,969 --> 00:29:57,429

in a series of occult rituals through

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00:30:02,310 --> 00:29:59,979

the direction of Aleister Crowley who's

691

00:30:04,469 --> 00:30:02,320

in England but has kind of chosen Jack

692

00:30:07,649 --> 00:30:04,479

Parsons to be the guy and Jack Parsons

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00:30:10,619 --> 00:30:07,659

says oh I met this tremendous guy I ron

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00:30:13,680 --> 00:30:10,629

Hubbard and they're out in the desert of

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00:30:17,700 --> 00:30:13,690

California and they're doing this [h__h]

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00:30:20,759 --> 00:30:17,710

of Babylon ritual in order to conceive

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00:30:24,989 --> 00:30:20,769

and bring into this world the Antichrist

698

00:30:29,099 --> 00:30:24,999

so I don't care how someone processes

699

00:30:32,190 --> 00:30:29,109

that you have to throw that into the mix

700

00:30:36,169 --> 00:30:32,200

you have to understand that to some

701
00:30:39,329 --> 00:30:36,179
level and in the only response because

702
00:30:41,249 --> 00:30:39,339
academia has locked itself into this

703
00:30:43,950 --> 00:30:41,259
very narrow understanding of

704
00:30:46,769 --> 00:30:43,960
consciousness extended consciousness the

705
00:30:49,440 --> 00:30:46,779
existence of any other forces outside of

706
00:30:52,049 --> 00:30:49,450
our materialistic world because they've

707
00:30:54,989 --> 00:30:52,059
written all that off they just turn the

708
00:30:57,060 --> 00:30:54,999
page on this and it's like but that's

709
00:31:01,680 --> 00:30:57,070
one thing I kind of pushed cuber ban on

710
00:31:02,360 --> 00:31:01,690
it's like doesn't this deserve some at

711
00:31:04,580 --> 00:31:02,370
least

712
00:31:06,590 --> 00:31:04,590
exploration in terms of what this would

713
00:31:08,590 --> 00:31:06,600

mean and in particular and that's

714

00:31:12,500 --> 00:31:08,600

another kind of thing that's in my

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00:31:15,049 --> 00:31:12,510

bailiwick and that's the fact that you

716

00:31:18,650 --> 00:31:15,059

know we have some kind of provable links

717

00:31:20,900 --> 00:31:18,660

to the cult conspiracy if you will

718

00:31:23,540 --> 00:31:20,910

inside the United States government the

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00:31:27,799 --> 00:31:23,550

MKULTRA program the lot of people have

720

00:31:31,400 --> 00:31:27,809

heard about is directly connected to the

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00:31:34,010 --> 00:31:31,410

Jack Parsons thing it's also directly

722

00:31:36,650 --> 00:31:34,020

connected to something called Project

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00:31:38,480 --> 00:31:36,660

Star Gate and the men who stare at goats

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00:31:40,310 --> 00:31:38,490

thing that a lot of people have heard

725

00:31:42,770 --> 00:31:40,320

about and what a lot of people don't

726

00:31:45,169 --> 00:31:42,780

know is this whole stargate thing which

727

00:31:48,380 --> 00:31:45,179

was a CI program and there's tens of

728

00:31:50,390 --> 00:31:48,390

thousands of documents reliefs that kind

729

00:31:53,390 --> 00:31:50,400

of show that these guys are way past

730

00:31:55,580 --> 00:31:53,400

this oh there can't be any extended

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00:31:57,220 --> 00:31:55,590

consciousness they're playing with

732

00:31:59,570 --> 00:31:57,230

extended consciousness they're

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00:32:01,790 --> 00:31:59,580

experimenting with it they're reporting

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00:32:03,980 --> 00:32:01,800

back to Jimmy Carter and he's announcing

735

00:32:06,410 --> 00:32:03,990

and on the news that wow these guys are

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00:32:08,240 --> 00:32:06,420

psychic and they can spy all over the

737

00:32:13,210 --> 00:32:08,250

world kind of thing they found this down

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00:32:16,580 --> 00:32:13,220

flame well the guys who are the original

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00:32:19,450 --> 00:32:16,590

founders researchers the go-to guys in

740

00:32:23,360 --> 00:32:19,460

under the MKULTRA program that is

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00:32:28,010 --> 00:32:23,370

Project Star Gate two of them are very

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00:32:32,270 --> 00:32:28,020

early I guess members of Scientology so

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00:32:36,290 --> 00:32:32,280

how put off is no Swann is and that too

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00:32:38,930 --> 00:32:36,300

to not explore that I mean again so

745

00:32:42,290 --> 00:32:38,940

that's the other hill that I think

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00:32:46,510 --> 00:32:42,300

academia is dying on that just this kind

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00:32:49,160 --> 00:32:46,520

of complete blindness to even consider

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00:32:52,280 --> 00:32:49,170

what's going on in this extended realm

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00:32:54,110 --> 00:32:52,290

and how that might be a reality number

750

00:32:56,540 --> 00:32:54,120

one for all these religions because

751

00:32:59,330 --> 00:32:56,550

that's the the way that the head-fake

752

00:33:00,710 --> 00:32:59,340

week thing is that well we don't really

753

00:33:03,200 --> 00:33:00,720

have to deal with that because it

754

00:33:04,760 --> 00:33:03,210

couldn't possibly be true so you will

755

00:33:06,470 --> 00:33:04,770

talk about Christianity all day long

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00:33:08,780 --> 00:33:06,480

because we don't believe that any of it

757

00:33:10,430 --> 00:33:08,790

could possibly be real same with

758

00:33:12,350 --> 00:33:10,440

Satanism we'll talk about it all day

759

00:33:14,450 --> 00:33:12,360

long because there's no way any of it

760

00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:14,460

could be true I'm not a religious guy

761

00:33:17,720 --> 00:33:15,840

Chris

762

00:33:19,909 --> 00:33:17,730

but I look at the evidence I just follow

763

00:33:22,039 --> 00:33:19,919

the evidence and clearly there's

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00:33:24,769 --> 00:33:22,049

something going on in this extended

765

00:33:27,230 --> 00:33:24,779

consciousness realm that we need to

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00:33:29,840 --> 00:33:27,240

consider as part of this discussion or

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00:33:32,090 --> 00:33:29,850

it all just becomes gobbly [h__h] well

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00:33:34,850 --> 00:33:32,100

I'll tell you how I think about that as

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00:33:38,169 --> 00:33:34,860

the skeptic and and I think about that

770

00:33:40,519 --> 00:33:38,179

in terms of if you want to talk about

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00:33:42,740 --> 00:33:40,529

the legitimacy of extending

772

00:33:44,480 --> 00:33:42,750

consciousness psychic powers yes PSO

773

00:33:46,700 --> 00:33:44,490

apathy a supernatural paranormal

774

00:33:48,409 --> 00:33:46,710

activities this sort of thing you're

775

00:33:50,529 --> 00:33:48,419

gonna have to show me evidence and and

776

00:33:53,779 --> 00:33:50,539

so far I've been coming up pretty short

777

00:33:56,960 --> 00:33:53,789

across the boards however I agree with

778

00:33:58,519 --> 00:33:56,970

what you're saying because the point is

779

00:33:59,960 --> 00:33:58,529

that if you're gonna be a religious

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00:34:02,029 --> 00:33:59,970

scholar and you're gonna dive into this

781

00:34:04,310 --> 00:34:02,039

you're talking to people you're talking

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00:34:06,080 --> 00:34:04,320

about people who do believe this stuff

783

00:34:07,970 --> 00:34:06,090

and they believe it with all their heart

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00:34:09,950 --> 00:34:07,980

I did I used to write when I was a

785

00:34:12,680 --> 00:34:09,960

Scientologist I believe in ot phenomena

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00:34:15,320 --> 00:34:12,690

ot powers with operating thetan

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00:34:17,540 --> 00:34:15,330

upper-level stuff right that you could

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00:34:19,790 --> 00:34:17,550

rehabilitate yourself spiritually to a

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00:34:21,829 --> 00:34:19,800

state where telekinesis was possible

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00:34:24,139 --> 00:34:21,839

you know clairvoyance this kind of

791

00:34:27,619 --> 00:34:24,149

things I believed all that and never

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00:34:29,780 --> 00:34:27,629

experienced it once but supposedly

793

00:34:31,460 --> 00:34:29,790

Hubbard had and other people had and

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00:34:32,899 --> 00:34:31,470

Hubbard talked about it at length so it

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00:34:36,079 --> 00:34:32,909

must be true there must be some validity

796

00:34:38,000 --> 00:34:36,089

to it and even my own parents were OTS

797

00:34:39,530 --> 00:34:38,010

and sometimes they would like to play a

798

00:34:41,540 --> 00:34:39,540

little mind games with me when I was

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00:34:44,270 --> 00:34:41,550

kids so I thought there was some

800

00:34:46,970 --> 00:34:44,280

legitimacy to all of this and that's the

801
00:34:49,129 --> 00:34:46,980
important thing is that you have to you

802
00:34:50,839 --> 00:34:49,139
have to know that's not that's not we're

803
00:34:52,849 --> 00:34:50,849
talking that's one of the important

804
00:34:55,940 --> 00:34:52,859
things but the first important thing is

805
00:34:57,650 --> 00:34:55,950
is there a reality to it or not so I

806
00:35:00,650 --> 00:34:57,660
don't want to push this and make this

807
00:35:02,750 --> 00:35:00,660
dominate the the conversation but again

808
00:35:06,770 --> 00:35:02,760
I'm talking about when I'm talking about

809
00:35:08,960 --> 00:35:06,780
Stargate and MK ULTRA I mean there's

810
00:35:10,099 --> 00:35:08,970
tens of thousands I just interviewed

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00:35:11,870 --> 00:35:10,109
this guy you can see him up on the

812
00:35:14,420 --> 00:35:11,880
screen lance munguia who just did this

813
00:35:16,670 --> 00:35:14,430

movie third eye spies and as part of the

814

00:35:19,670 --> 00:35:16,680

movie he went with Russell Targ

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00:35:22,910 --> 00:35:19,680

and they got tens of thousands of

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00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:22,920

previously classified CIA documents

817

00:35:26,420 --> 00:35:25,380

released that it's closed its case

818

00:35:28,670 --> 00:35:26,430

closed

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00:35:32,450 --> 00:35:28,680

in terms of Stargate being

820

00:35:35,240 --> 00:35:32,460

being effective so if you don't want to

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00:35:39,980 --> 00:35:35,250

go there hold on a second now hang on

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00:35:41,089 --> 00:35:39,990

did it happen yes was it effective okay

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00:35:44,089 --> 00:35:41,099

that's a whole different question

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00:35:46,130 --> 00:35:44,099

absolutely I was absolutely agree with

825

00:35:48,530 --> 00:35:46,140

you that it happened

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00:35:51,589 --> 00:35:48,540

no no they actually proved

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00:35:53,089 --> 00:35:51,599

remote-viewing oh yeah they've not only

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00:35:54,400 --> 00:35:53,099

proved it as part of the Stargate

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00:35:57,170 --> 00:35:54,410

program but there's been peer reviewed

830

00:36:01,339 --> 00:35:57,180

many peer-reviewed studies that have

831

00:36:02,390 --> 00:36:01,349

been done it shows its efficacy and so

832

00:36:04,370 --> 00:36:02,400

what I don't want to get into the whole

833

00:36:07,940 --> 00:36:04,380

skeptical debate I mean we can do that

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00:36:10,940 --> 00:36:07,950

but there's just no basis for this kind

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00:36:14,059 --> 00:36:10,950

of did it ever happened James Randi kind

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00:36:16,339 --> 00:36:14,069

of maybe there was a camera a fake kind

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00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:16,349

of thing all that stuff has been just

838

00:36:21,230 --> 00:36:18,480

thoroughly debunked but put though to

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00:36:24,109 --> 00:36:21,240

the point of Stargate tens of thousands

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00:36:26,809 --> 00:36:24,119

of release documents that show its

841

00:36:28,849 --> 00:36:26,819

efficacy over and over again and

842

00:36:30,620 --> 00:36:28,859

peer-reviewed studies that show its

843

00:36:32,540 --> 00:36:30,630

efficacy there really shouldn't be any

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00:36:35,089 --> 00:36:32,550

doubt at this point but we can't cover

845

00:36:36,650 --> 00:36:35,099

all that that evidence here and I don't

846

00:36:39,410 --> 00:36:36,660

know maybe it's not relevant then

847

00:36:41,299 --> 00:36:39,420

because we can't really go there no I'd

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00:36:44,049 --> 00:36:41,309

have to see that I have yet to see a

849

00:36:46,339 --> 00:36:44,059

single piece of compelling evidence

850

00:36:49,370 --> 00:36:46,349

you just haven't looked for it but

851
00:36:50,930 --> 00:36:49,380
that's a dude do not say that's me you

852
00:36:54,799 --> 00:36:50,940
don't know a thing about what I haven't

853
00:36:56,270 --> 00:36:54,809
haven't looked at not make assumptions

854
00:36:58,460 --> 00:36:56,280
about what I haven't haven't looked at I

855
00:37:00,200 --> 00:36:58,470
spent my entire childhood studying ism

856
00:37:03,200 --> 00:37:00,210
don't tell me what I know and don't know

857
00:37:04,940 --> 00:37:03,210
I'm saying category I'm saying

858
00:37:07,670 --> 00:37:04,950
categorically if you don't understand

859
00:37:10,130 --> 00:37:07,680
that Stargate has been proven and that

860
00:37:12,200 --> 00:37:10,140
remote viewing has been proven again I

861
00:37:13,670 --> 00:37:12,210
just added rec to show me just show me

862
00:37:15,140 --> 00:37:13,680
evidence that's all I'm saying

863
00:37:17,030 --> 00:37:15,150

send me some papers show me this

864

00:37:18,829 --> 00:37:17,040

peer-reviewed stuff because so I'll show

865

00:37:20,569 --> 00:37:18,839

you an appearance I'll show you the

866

00:37:22,910 --> 00:37:20,579

peer-reviewed stuff and then it'll be

867

00:37:24,289 --> 00:37:22,920

then it'll send it to me and then it

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00:37:27,020 --> 00:37:24,299

will okay and then you'll and then

869

00:37:29,210 --> 00:37:27,030

you'll come look at what you send me and

870

00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:29,220

I will look at it and then I will make

871

00:37:33,980 --> 00:37:32,400

my decisions based on what I read but I

872

00:37:35,900 --> 00:37:33,990

have not yet seen any compelling

873

00:37:37,880 --> 00:37:35,910

evidence for remote viewing being a

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00:37:41,420 --> 00:37:37,890

thing I have seen many many many failed

875

00:37:42,410 --> 00:37:41,430

experiments and attempts at it so I'm

876

00:37:43,910 --> 00:37:42,420

open to look

877

00:37:45,740 --> 00:37:43,920

whatever you want to send me I'm just

878

00:37:48,109 --> 00:37:45,750

saying don't assume that you know what I

879

00:37:51,049 --> 00:37:48,119

know because I have studied this at

880

00:37:53,059 --> 00:37:51,059

length I've done the deep dives and you

881

00:37:59,180 --> 00:37:53,069

know really like I can't know what you

882

00:38:00,069 --> 00:37:59,190

know no of course not you get what I'm

883

00:38:03,410 --> 00:38:00,079

saying and that

884

00:38:05,120 --> 00:38:03,420

you know it's like well I mean just for

885

00:38:06,410 --> 00:38:05,130

just for fun since we're in the middle

886

00:38:08,510 --> 00:38:06,420

of this conversation we've kind of

887

00:38:11,329 --> 00:38:08,520

really handled the first part of it you

888

00:38:12,530 --> 00:38:11,339

know I'd go like near-death experience I

889

00:38:14,569 --> 00:38:12,540

suppose you don't think that

890

00:38:19,970 --> 00:38:14,579

consciousness survives bodily death I

891

00:38:21,140 --> 00:38:19,980

don't know if it does or not go read go

892

00:38:23,660 --> 00:38:21,150

read the handbook of near-death

893

00:38:24,950 --> 00:38:23,670

experiences by dr. Janice Holden and

894

00:38:27,109 --> 00:38:24,960

Bruce Grayson from the University of

895

00:38:30,260 --> 00:38:27,119

Virginia and Jan Holden's from North

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00:38:31,940 --> 00:38:30,270

Texas 200 peer-reviewed papers I've

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00:38:34,069 --> 00:38:31,950

interviewed all the leading experts in

898

00:38:36,109 --> 00:38:34,079

the world every expert tells you

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00:38:38,329 --> 00:38:36,119

consciousness revives death but that

900

00:38:40,280 --> 00:38:38,339

just doesn't penetrate to a certain

901
00:38:41,630 --> 00:38:40,290
group of people it's really just like

902
00:38:44,000 --> 00:38:41,640
talking to a fundamentalist Christian

903
00:38:46,010 --> 00:38:44,010
it's the same thing it's we'll talk till

904
00:38:48,890 --> 00:38:46,020
it's blue in the face and it's like nope

905
00:38:51,020 --> 00:38:48,900
nope nope show me the evidence that's

906
00:38:53,480 --> 00:38:51,030
not enough you haven't convinced me like

907
00:38:56,569 --> 00:38:53,490
that's the standard is like convincing

908
00:38:58,789 --> 00:38:56,579
an individual is the standard not that

909
00:39:01,190 --> 00:38:58,799
all the experts in the field have come

910
00:39:03,200 --> 00:39:01,200
to this conclusion based on data that

911
00:39:06,170 --> 00:39:03,210
they can publish in peer review papers

912
00:39:09,859 --> 00:39:06,180
that's not enough kind of thing right

913
00:39:11,960 --> 00:39:09,869

well peer reviewed science is the best

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00:39:15,380 --> 00:39:11,970

system that we have but it is not an

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00:39:19,069 --> 00:39:15,390

infallible system correct so we need to

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00:39:21,079 --> 00:39:19,079

always always be skeptical and critical

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00:39:24,470 --> 00:39:21,089

of what we read and that's really my

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00:39:28,039 --> 00:39:24,480

only approach I'm not a dedicated non

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00:39:30,760 --> 00:39:28,049

believer or unbeliever however let's be

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00:39:33,319 --> 00:39:30,770

clear I spent 27 years in a movement

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00:39:36,440 --> 00:39:33,329

quote-unquote that was a destructive

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00:39:39,319 --> 00:39:36,450

cult thinking I was saving the world so

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00:39:42,650 --> 00:39:39,329

you can understand why I might be more

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00:39:45,380 --> 00:39:42,660

than a little skeptical of claims of a

925

00:39:47,750 --> 00:39:45,390

similar nature being made when in the

926
00:39:50,180 --> 00:39:47,760
big wide world I see no evidence that

927
00:39:52,940 --> 00:39:50,190
any of this stuff is real so that's why

928
00:39:54,829 --> 00:39:52,950
I say well I look at anything you want

929
00:39:56,270 --> 00:39:54,839
to send me and on more than happy to

930
00:39:58,880 --> 00:39:56,280
contemplate it and then

931
00:40:01,670 --> 00:39:58,890
my position is simply I don't know which

932
00:40:03,500 --> 00:40:01,680
I believe is a better position then no

933
00:40:04,910 --> 00:40:03,510
that's not true when it can't be true

934
00:40:09,890 --> 00:40:04,920
when there's no way I will ever believe

935
00:40:10,880 --> 00:40:09,900
that that are not fair fair enough in

936
00:40:15,950 --> 00:40:10,890
two respects

937
00:40:17,570 --> 00:40:15,960
one is that I do honor your experience

938
00:40:20,270 --> 00:40:17,580

because I think it's important and

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00:40:21,980 --> 00:40:20,280

that's why I called you up and yeah and

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00:40:24,230 --> 00:40:21,990

finagle this interview it's important

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00:40:27,650 --> 00:40:24,240

and you make a strong case for your

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00:40:30,500 --> 00:40:27,660

experience and I also totally get that

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00:40:33,650 --> 00:40:30,510

where you're coming from seems

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00:40:38,390 --> 00:40:33,660

completely reasonable to me I hear you

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00:40:42,440 --> 00:40:38,400

saying hey I understand how easy it is

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00:40:44,660 --> 00:40:42,450

to get roped into a set of narrow

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00:40:47,270 --> 00:40:44,670

beliefs that take somebody down a path

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00:40:48,650 --> 00:40:47,280

Alex I've seen it with other people you

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00:40:50,870 --> 00:40:48,660

seem like a very intelligent guy

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00:40:52,760 --> 00:40:50,880

well-spoken guy and I think that's the

951
00:40:54,770 --> 00:40:52,770
thing that gets people like a wait how

952
00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:54,780
could that guy have you know that's the

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00:40:58,010 --> 00:40:56,400
question on everyone's mind and I think

954
00:41:01,010 --> 00:40:58,020
you're kind of answering that by saying

955
00:41:03,470 --> 00:41:01,020
look I know how easy it is so let me

956
00:41:06,110 --> 00:41:03,480
tell you I got the defense shields up

957
00:41:09,220 --> 00:41:06,120
they're not impenetrable but I have them

958
00:41:12,010 --> 00:41:09,230
up at full force and I do respect that

959
00:41:14,990 --> 00:41:12,020
thank you I appreciate you saying that

960
00:41:18,200 --> 00:41:15,000
it is important to be skeptical in a

961
00:41:19,580 --> 00:41:18,210
world where Gwyneth Paltrow is making

962
00:41:21,590 --> 00:41:19,590
more money than you and I are ever going

963
00:41:24,140 --> 00:41:21,600

to see in our entire lives selling

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00:41:27,140 --> 00:41:24,150

people complete and utter [h__h]

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00:41:29,810 --> 00:41:27,150

that's the world we live in so it is

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00:41:32,510 --> 00:41:29,820

with you know good

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00:41:36,380 --> 00:41:32,520

it's a good thing to be skeptical in

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00:41:40,100 --> 00:41:36,390

this world I hear your point well taken

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00:41:42,140 --> 00:41:40,110

out let's talk about this topic from a

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00:41:44,690 --> 00:41:42,150

practical standpoint yeah

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00:41:48,080 --> 00:41:44,700

critical for people to know that there

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00:41:51,230 --> 00:41:48,090

is a way out maybe you can start by

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00:41:52,760 --> 00:41:51,240

sharing your journey out I mean you

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00:41:56,690 --> 00:41:52,770

already have a little bit but what else

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00:41:58,040 --> 00:41:56,700

can can people most profit from and in

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00:42:00,800 --> 00:41:58,050

particular you know you're talking to an

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00:42:02,900 --> 00:42:00,810

audience that they're not Scientologists

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00:42:06,770 --> 00:42:02,910

for the most part but maybe they know

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00:42:08,690 --> 00:42:06,780

someone who could recognize some of

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00:42:10,730 --> 00:42:08,700

these that they recognize some of the

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00:42:12,620 --> 00:42:10,740

same features symptoms

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00:42:15,680 --> 00:42:12,630

you get the idea how do you get totally

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00:42:17,870 --> 00:42:15,690

its you know I just did a two hour

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00:42:21,950 --> 00:42:17,880

podcast with a man who has been doing

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00:42:24,170 --> 00:42:21,960

this for almost 50 years now and it's an

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00:42:25,940 --> 00:42:24,180

extensive topic getting people out of

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00:42:29,870 --> 00:42:25,950

these groups but I will summarize that

988

00:42:35,870 --> 00:42:29,880

by saying care compassion tolerance and

989

00:42:38,960 --> 00:42:35,880

understanding you will never ever swear

990

00:42:42,410 --> 00:42:38,970

at somebody and tagging eyes them out of

991

00:42:44,810 --> 00:42:42,420

a belief system or a destructive cult or

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00:42:46,010 --> 00:42:44,820

any kind of situation really if you want

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00:42:48,380 --> 00:42:46,020

to change hearts and minds you're gonna

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00:42:50,720 --> 00:42:48,390

have to do it by talking to people and

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00:42:52,280 --> 00:42:50,730

their Bible not yours and that involves

996

00:42:55,640 --> 00:42:52,290

usually a lot more listening than it

997

00:42:57,830 --> 00:42:55,650

does talking and getting to why it is

998

00:42:59,420 --> 00:42:57,840

that this person has gotten involved in

999

00:43:00,680 --> 00:42:59,430

this group in the first place what

1000

00:43:02,630 --> 00:43:00,690

they're getting out of it what it does

1001
00:43:05,090 --> 00:43:02,640
for them what they think it does for

1002
00:43:07,550 --> 00:43:05,100
them maybe versus what it's really doing

1003
00:43:10,100 --> 00:43:07,560
to them they don't see what you see they

1004
00:43:12,020 --> 00:43:10,110
see what they see and they can't see

1005
00:43:14,000 --> 00:43:12,030
what you see they can only see what they

1006
00:43:17,510 --> 00:43:14,010
see and when you've bought into a group

1007
00:43:20,060 --> 00:43:17,520
like this where you've you've slowly

1008
00:43:22,730 --> 00:43:20,070
it's a slow series of agreements it's

1009
00:43:24,970 --> 00:43:22,740
not nobody's getting Xenu on day one

1010
00:43:28,160 --> 00:43:24,980
nobody's getting Xenu on day two

1011
00:43:31,790 --> 00:43:28,170
nobody's getting Xenu on day 50 it's a

1012
00:43:34,099 --> 00:43:31,800
very slow progress before you're getting

1013
00:43:37,130 --> 00:43:34,109

into this really weird deep space opera

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00:43:38,510 --> 00:43:37,140

stuff and the and the space aliens and

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00:43:40,190 --> 00:43:38,520

all that stuff that's that's really

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00:43:42,830 --> 00:43:40,200

upper-level stuff the but the

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00:43:45,380 --> 00:43:42,840

street-level Scientologist isn't going

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00:43:48,170 --> 00:43:45,390

to hear anything about that unless they

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00:43:50,359 --> 00:43:48,180

go specifically for certain books in the

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00:43:51,920 --> 00:43:50,369

library of how Scientology that they can

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00:43:54,470 --> 00:43:51,930

find that are there that are public

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00:43:56,930 --> 00:43:54,480

publicly accessible books like history

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00:44:01,520 --> 00:43:56,940

of man you know where Hubbard goes all

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00:44:04,940 --> 00:44:01,530

out on ADA traps and spiritual stuff and

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00:44:07,430 --> 00:44:04,950

all this other nonsense so you can get

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00:44:09,500 --> 00:44:07,440
into that if you want to but your normal

1027
00:44:12,290 --> 00:44:09,510
Scientology experience isn't going to

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00:44:14,540 --> 00:44:12,300
include any of that so if you go talking

1029
00:44:18,140 --> 00:44:14,550
to a Scientologist and say Xenu and

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00:44:19,609 --> 00:44:18,150
space aliens and exorcisms and all this

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00:44:21,200 --> 00:44:19,619
they're gonna look at you like you have

1032
00:44:22,970 --> 00:44:21,210
no idea what you're talking about

1033
00:44:23,940 --> 00:44:22,980
because as far as they're concerned you

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00:44:26,970 --> 00:44:23,950
don't

1035
00:44:29,910 --> 00:44:26,980
and trying to argue dogma yes look

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00:44:32,100 --> 00:44:29,920
usually a losing battle I can understand

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00:44:34,580 --> 00:44:32,110
that take the other side of that if you

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00:44:37,380 --> 00:44:34,590

are talking to someone who maybe is

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00:44:40,040 --> 00:44:37,390

recently within the last few years been

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00:44:42,990 --> 00:44:40,050

indoctrinated into specifically

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00:44:46,470 --> 00:44:43,000

Scientology kind of elaborate on that

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00:44:49,020 --> 00:44:46,480

what is the approach what has probably

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00:44:51,810 --> 00:44:49,030

sucked them in what is the kind of

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00:44:55,350 --> 00:44:51,820

listening that you can effectively do

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00:44:57,690 --> 00:44:55,360

yeah of course the the things that the

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00:45:00,270 --> 00:44:57,700

way Scientology reals people Lin and I

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00:45:03,510 --> 00:45:00,280

sort of compare it to a you know [h__h]

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00:45:06,570 --> 00:45:03,520

line right is they hook you on a very

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00:45:08,010 --> 00:45:06,580

very personal level when you first go

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00:45:09,780 --> 00:45:08,020

into a Scientology organization you're

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00:45:11,490 --> 00:45:09,790

usually brought in by a friend or family

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00:45:14,280 --> 00:45:11,500

member that's that's the number one way

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00:45:16,200 --> 00:45:14,290

that Scientologists are made we talked

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00:45:19,350 --> 00:45:16,210

at you mentioned at the beginning second

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00:45:21,210 --> 00:45:19,360

Jen's like me second-generation cult

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00:45:23,460 --> 00:45:21,220

member I was raised in it there our

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00:45:25,230 --> 00:45:23,470

third fourth even fifth generation

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00:45:28,620 --> 00:45:25,240

members at this point the Scientologists

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00:45:32,130 --> 00:45:28,630

been around since 1953 so it's been

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00:45:33,930 --> 00:45:32,140

around for a while and so family and so

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00:45:37,640 --> 00:45:33,940

family of course are just raised with it

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00:45:40,200 --> 00:45:37,650

like me but even I had to have my

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00:45:42,150 --> 00:45:40,210

epiphany moment and that was when I was

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00:45:43,920 --> 00:45:42,160

15 and I went into a Scientology

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00:45:46,380 --> 00:45:43,930

organization on my own and my dad's

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00:45:48,390 --> 00:45:46,390

suggestion and I did their personality

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00:45:49,680 --> 00:45:48,400

test and that's generally how they want

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00:45:52,530 --> 00:45:49,690

to get us they want to do that

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00:45:55,110 --> 00:45:52,540

personality test it's 200 questions it

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00:45:57,680 --> 00:45:55,120

ends up with a graph of personality

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00:46:00,720 --> 00:45:57,690

characteristics and it and the the whole

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00:46:03,150 --> 00:46:00,730

thrust of that is to get you to sit down

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00:46:05,550 --> 00:46:03,160

with the test evaluator and start

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00:46:07,980 --> 00:46:05,560

talking and tell them about yourself and

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00:46:10,830 --> 00:46:07,990

what they're looking for is the thing

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00:46:13,770 --> 00:46:10,840

that they think is what they call their

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00:46:16,440 --> 00:46:13,780

your ruin they're looking for the thing

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00:46:18,150 --> 00:46:16,450

that you think is the number one problem

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00:46:19,910 --> 00:46:18,160

in your life that you have to resolve

1080

00:46:22,230 --> 00:46:19,920

right now because it's ruining your life

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00:46:25,170 --> 00:46:22,240

whether it's that you can't talk to your

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00:46:26,580 --> 00:46:25,180

kids you have problems at work use of

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00:46:30,540 --> 00:46:26,590

marriage problems family problems

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00:46:33,000 --> 00:46:30,550

whatever it is there's about 20 21

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00:46:35,370 --> 00:46:33,010

different buttons that they push that

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00:46:37,560 --> 00:46:35,380

they that they can get at you at and

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00:46:40,200 --> 00:46:37,570

those were surveyed for what are the

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00:46:41,280 --> 00:46:40,210

biggest problems people are aware of in

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00:46:42,990 --> 00:46:41,290

their lives that they want to do

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00:46:46,350 --> 00:46:43,000

something about right and they have

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00:46:48,120 --> 00:46:46,360

courses that they've designed to deal

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00:46:49,230 --> 00:46:48,130

with each of those problems so if you

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00:46:50,610 --> 00:46:49,240

walk in there and you take this

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00:46:52,620 --> 00:46:50,620

personality test and you start talking

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00:46:55,170 --> 00:46:52,630

about how you know you and your kid are

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00:46:56,790 --> 00:46:55,180

so estranged you can't talk anymore and

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00:46:58,560 --> 00:46:56,800

it seems like he's just rebelling every

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00:47:00,060 --> 00:46:58,570

time you talk to him and and it's just a

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00:47:02,010 --> 00:47:00,070

mess and you don't know what to do and

1100

00:47:03,690 --> 00:47:02,020

you feel like you're losing them and and

1101

00:47:06,600 --> 00:47:03,700

you want this relationship and it's just

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00:47:07,710 --> 00:47:06,610

dishes tearing you apart great we got a

1103

00:47:09,540 --> 00:47:07,720

course for that it's called the

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00:47:10,890 --> 00:47:09,550

communications course and then we've got

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00:47:12,720 --> 00:47:10,900

this other course about dealing with

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00:47:14,340 --> 00:47:12,730

kids and and if you take these two

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00:47:17,490 --> 00:47:14,350

classes and they're only fifty bucks

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00:47:19,110 --> 00:47:17,500

each we will handle that ruin utterly

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00:47:22,170 --> 00:47:19,120

and you will never have that problem

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00:47:23,430 --> 00:47:22,180

again and that's the hook that's how

1111

00:47:25,740 --> 00:47:23,440

they get you in is it's something very

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00:47:26,940 --> 00:47:25,750

personal that you go really that can you

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00:47:30,330 --> 00:47:26,950

have something that can help me with

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00:47:34,740 --> 00:47:30,340

that it's very practical it's extremely

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00:47:38,730 --> 00:47:34,750

practical and they market Scientology as

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00:47:40,890 --> 00:47:38,740

a toolbox for you for life Scientology

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00:47:42,780 --> 00:47:40,900

has these tools that you can use it's

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00:47:44,280 --> 00:47:42,790

not about beliefs it's not about space

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00:47:46,410 --> 00:47:44,290

aliens it's not about any of that stuff

1120

00:47:48,630 --> 00:47:46,420

that crap you read on the Internet it's

1121

00:47:50,940 --> 00:47:48,640

about tools for making your life a

1122

00:47:52,890 --> 00:47:50,950

better thing and who could possibly

1123

00:47:55,500 --> 00:47:52,900

object to that

1124

00:47:57,570 --> 00:47:55,510

it's basically positive psychology

1125

00:47:59,400 --> 00:47:57,580

cognitive psychology for folks who can't

1126

00:48:01,650 --> 00:47:59,410

afford it it kind of makes sense I

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00:48:03,120 --> 00:48:01,660

really did I kind of knew it but when

1128

00:48:06,000 --> 00:48:03,130

you break it down it makes a lot of

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00:48:09,900 --> 00:48:06,010

sense if I can go to a class and learn

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00:48:12,660 --> 00:48:09,910

you know a bunch of positive psychology

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00:48:14,910 --> 00:48:12,670

things cognitive psychology things that

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00:48:18,330 --> 00:48:14,920

are liable to help improve my situation

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00:48:19,950 --> 00:48:18,340

it's very tempting yeah exactly and and

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00:48:22,020 --> 00:48:19,960

what's that what's so objectionable

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00:48:24,750 --> 00:48:22,030

about any of that I mean this is very

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00:48:27,330 --> 00:48:24,760

worked out yes they've been they've been

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00:48:30,120 --> 00:48:27,340

doing this for like what 70 almost you

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00:48:32,250 --> 00:48:30,130

know 70 years now they've really worked

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00:48:34,170 --> 00:48:32,260

out all the kinks in this slide right

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00:48:36,660 --> 00:48:34,180

the thing Scientology can't deal with

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00:48:38,700 --> 00:48:36,670

right now is all of us all of us ex

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00:48:40,500 --> 00:48:38,710

members who are going hey man that looks

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00:48:41,940 --> 00:48:40,510

and sounds great but guess what that has

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00:48:43,800 --> 00:48:41,950

nothing to do with what Scientology is

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00:48:45,270 --> 00:48:43,810

really all about and that's what we're

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00:48:47,610 --> 00:48:45,280

trying to warn you about right is it's

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00:48:49,830 --> 00:48:47,620

like yeah that sounds real good and at

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00:48:50,920 --> 00:48:49,840

the public level some of the tools they

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00:48:53,749 --> 00:48:50,930

give you actually

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00:48:55,819 --> 00:48:53,759

because they'd have to because why would

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00:48:59,359 --> 00:48:55,829

you sign up for more if it didn't you

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00:49:01,640 --> 00:48:59,369

know so it's all common-sense stuff but

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00:49:04,160 --> 00:49:01,650

it's but it's but it's all presented to

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00:49:06,319 --> 00:49:04,170

you and framed in a way that you know

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00:49:08,210 --> 00:49:06,329

who could possibly objected that's what

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00:49:10,279 --> 00:49:08,220

what you know anybody who's telling you

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00:49:12,140 --> 00:49:10,289

bad things about Scientology clearly

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00:49:14,450 --> 00:49:12,150

doesn't want you to get better

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00:49:15,950 --> 00:49:14,460

well you know and we didn't get into

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00:49:18,160 --> 00:49:15,960

this we're going to going to wrap it up

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00:49:21,410 --> 00:49:18,170

but I would maintain that that

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00:49:24,650 --> 00:49:21,420

Christianity does exactly the same thing

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00:49:26,690 --> 00:49:24,660

anyone who's sat right you get it I do

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00:49:28,999 --> 00:49:26,700

you sit in church and they're saying

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00:49:30,920 --> 00:49:29,009

they'll say three things that you're

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00:49:33,529 --> 00:49:30,930

like totally on board with which is that

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00:49:36,140 --> 00:49:33,539

you know shouldn't you show compassion

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00:49:37,880 --> 00:49:36,150

we're doing this drive to help our

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00:49:39,890 --> 00:49:37,890

neighbors and [h__\h] you know you're like

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00:49:41,180 --> 00:49:39,900

yeah and you know shouldn't we forgive

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00:49:43,609 --> 00:49:41,190

and you know you're like yeah that

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00:49:51,140 --> 00:49:43,619

really is more effective in life didn't

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00:49:54,349 --> 00:49:51,150

Jesus died for your sin thing like it's

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00:49:57,319 --> 00:49:54,359

the same that's right that's one of the

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00:50:00,829 --> 00:49:57,329

things I just think sometimes are a

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00:50:02,150 --> 00:50:00,839

little bit soft on on Christianity and

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00:50:06,140 --> 00:50:02,160

in particularly right now it should be

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00:50:10,489 --> 00:50:06,150

so starkly obvious with the whole petal

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00:50:13,130 --> 00:50:10,499

Pope thing and still people don't get it

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00:50:16,069 --> 00:50:13,140

and you know they still go there and

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00:50:18,799 --> 00:50:16,079

give their money morally ethically how

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00:50:22,789 --> 00:50:18,809

can you give your money to an

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00:50:26,299 --> 00:50:22,799

organization that that is provably that

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00:50:29,749 --> 00:50:26,309

linked to this kind of systematic

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00:50:31,819 --> 00:50:29,759

exploitation of children and all these

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00:50:36,410 --> 00:50:31,829

sex crimes how come there's I don't know

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00:50:38,690 --> 00:50:36,420

how one justifies that really I mean

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00:50:41,680 --> 00:50:38,700

it's pretty easy because they just look

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00:50:44,960 --> 00:50:41,690

at that horrible behavior is something

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00:50:48,940 --> 00:50:44,970

different or an aberration I should say

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00:50:51,920 --> 00:50:48,950

maybe it's a it's a it's a it's a fringe

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00:50:54,229 --> 00:50:51,930

extremist criminal element but that's

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00:50:55,789 --> 00:50:54,239

only a little tiny part and the cope is

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00:50:56,989 --> 00:50:55,799

dealing with that and the Catholic you

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00:50:58,549 --> 00:50:56,999

know they're dealing with that where I

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00:51:00,609 --> 00:50:58,559

just just listen to what they say

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00:51:04,260 --> 00:51:00,619

they've called councils and they've done

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00:51:06,660 --> 00:51:04,270

meetings and they yeah

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00:51:09,000 --> 00:51:06,670

did a committee and we we you know and

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00:51:11,550 --> 00:51:09,010

this guy here and and you know and if

1201
00:51:13,350 --> 00:51:11,560
you don't go to deep which here's the

1202
00:51:15,540 --> 00:51:13,360
thing about people this is the thing

1203
00:51:21,060 --> 00:51:15,550
that I've learned that has been the most

1204
00:51:22,530 --> 00:51:21,070
difficult thing is it's no mystery we

1205
00:51:25,230 --> 00:51:22,540
all know that this happens it's just

1206
00:51:27,030 --> 00:51:25,240
difficult to accept is that when

1207
00:51:28,170 --> 00:51:27,040
somebody wants to believe something when

1208
00:51:29,880 --> 00:51:28,180
they have him when they're when they're

1209
00:51:32,790 --> 00:51:29,890
engaging and what's called motivated

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00:51:36,270 --> 00:51:32,800
reasoning where they they have a an

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00:51:40,890 --> 00:51:36,280
emotional investment of some kind in the

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00:51:44,490 --> 00:51:40,900
topic at hand they only need one semi

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00:51:46,620 --> 00:51:44,500

legitimate reason and they can they can

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00:51:48,450 --> 00:51:46,630

write off all kinds of abuses they can

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00:51:51,060 --> 00:51:48,460

they can just go now it's all you know

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00:51:53,250 --> 00:51:51,070

just one little in clean of something

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00:51:56,250 --> 00:51:53,260

it's called confirmation bias and we all

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00:51:58,320 --> 00:51:56,260

do it and that's that's the answer to

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00:52:00,840 --> 00:51:58,330

why people do that because because they

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00:52:02,940 --> 00:52:00,850

want to because they want to believe and

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00:52:06,030 --> 00:52:02,950

if you want to get to the motivations of

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00:52:08,700 --> 00:52:06,040

that then we talked about mortality and

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00:52:12,450 --> 00:52:08,710

social pressures and all the other stuff

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00:52:13,440 --> 00:52:12,460

that comes in so Chris tell folks about

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00:52:16,110 --> 00:52:13,450

some of the other work you're doing

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00:52:22,050 --> 00:52:16,120

critical you are the critical thinker at

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00:52:25,380 --> 00:52:22,060

large I try tell folks what's coming up

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00:52:27,750 --> 00:52:25,390

on your channel and in your podcast yeah

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00:52:30,990 --> 00:52:27,760

we're doing where I'm actually putting

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00:52:34,320 --> 00:52:31,000

together a series on MLM multi-level

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00:52:37,250 --> 00:52:34,330

marketing cons because those are totally

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00:52:39,780 --> 00:52:37,260

related to destructive cults and

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00:52:41,580 --> 00:52:39,790

actually speaking of via cult stuff I'm

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00:52:44,670 --> 00:52:41,590

in I'm in touch with somebody right now

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00:52:47,700 --> 00:52:44,680

who was or is a member was a member of

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00:52:50,490 --> 00:52:47,710

the OTO the Ordo Templi Orientis which

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00:52:52,890 --> 00:52:50,500

was Hubbard's which was the church or

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00:52:54,390 --> 00:52:52,900

sort of formal organization connected

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00:52:56,520 --> 00:52:54,400

with Aleister Crowley and Hubbard and

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00:52:57,840 --> 00:52:56,530

Parsons and all of that so I'm looking

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00:53:00,780 --> 00:52:57,850

forward to exploring some of that in the

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00:53:03,390 --> 00:53:00,790

near future on my channel as well nice

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00:53:06,390 --> 00:53:03,400

whoa but it's great important work I

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00:53:09,360 --> 00:53:06,400

like that you definitely are open to the

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00:53:11,910 --> 00:53:09,370

science and have a lot of good experts

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00:53:13,350 --> 00:53:11,920

on your chin so it's been a good

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00:53:16,260 --> 00:53:13,360

discussion anything else we need to

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00:53:18,000 --> 00:53:16,270

cover well I guess not but thank you

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00:53:20,010 --> 00:53:18,010

very much for having me on

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00:53:21,420 --> 00:53:20,020

and you know I'm sorry if I got a little

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00:53:24,060 --> 00:53:21,430

rough pushing back on you a little bit

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00:53:25,710 --> 00:53:24,070

there I I just don't like assumptions

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00:53:28,470 --> 00:53:25,720

and I'm trying really really hard this

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00:53:30,660 --> 00:53:28,480

year to not assume things and I know you

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00:53:33,300 --> 00:53:30,670

know a little problem no problem on the

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00:53:37,080 --> 00:53:33,310

pushback at all I mean I think you've

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00:53:38,760 --> 00:53:37,090

handled it extremely politely I can push

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00:53:41,580 --> 00:53:38,770

buttons even when I don't know I'm

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00:53:44,940 --> 00:53:41,590

pushing buttons but I will follow up

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00:53:47,130 --> 00:53:44,950

with you and make notes in the in the

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00:53:51,090 --> 00:53:47,140

the after notes of the show because

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00:53:52,740 --> 00:53:51,100

again it's pretty you know I don't know

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00:53:54,960 --> 00:53:52,750

how you're gonna step over the

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00:53:58,260 --> 00:53:54,970

peer-reviewed research and the release

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00:54:01,470 --> 00:53:58,270

documents maybe you will just have a

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00:54:08,040 --> 00:54:01,480

little slight shift in your worldview

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00:54:11,010 --> 00:54:08,050

but my most people well let me tell you

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00:54:13,620 --> 00:54:11,020

that let me say this I would like

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00:54:17,790 --> 00:54:13,630

nothing more than to believe that life

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00:54:20,340 --> 00:54:17,800

doesn't stop when our bodies say that

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00:54:22,710 --> 00:54:20,350

who cares I don't care what what you

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00:54:25,290 --> 00:54:22,720

would like that has nothing to do with

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00:54:28,650 --> 00:54:25,300

the issue it really doesn't it comes

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00:54:31,590 --> 00:54:28,660

down to a science issue it's like what

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00:54:33,660 --> 00:54:31,600

is the nature of consciousness when does

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00:54:35,370 --> 00:54:33,670

it begin when does it end what's

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00:54:37,530 --> 00:54:35,380

necessary and sufficient to cause

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00:54:38,910 --> 00:54:37,540

consciousness one of the things that

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00:54:40,920 --> 00:54:38,920

like we can't really have this

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00:54:43,560 --> 00:54:40,930

discussion but it's like that's the

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00:54:45,930 --> 00:54:43,570

problem with underlying what Huw urban

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00:54:48,320 --> 00:54:45,940

is talking about is they bought into

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00:54:51,150 --> 00:54:48,330

this kind of ridiculous notion of

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00:54:53,580 --> 00:54:51,160

materialism of consciousness isn't

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00:54:55,290 --> 00:54:53,590

epiphenomena of the brain which has been

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00:54:56,850 --> 00:54:55,300

disproven I mean I have some of them

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00:54:58,560 --> 00:54:56,860

work some of the world's leading

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00:55:00,360 --> 00:54:58,570

physicists who will tell you

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00:55:02,010 --> 00:55:00,370

consciousness is fundamental we've

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00:55:04,320 --> 00:55:02,020

proven it all over and over again the

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CERN lab over there where they're

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00:55:08,160 --> 00:55:06,460

crashing together atoms and producing a

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00:55:10,350 --> 00:55:08,170

terabyte of data all come to the same

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00:55:13,890 --> 00:55:10,360

conclusion consciousness is fundamental

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00:55:15,540 --> 00:55:13,900

all the the best quantum physicists from

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00:55:20,250 --> 00:55:15,550

100 years ago came to the same

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00:55:22,830 --> 00:55:20,260

conclusion yet everyone is operating

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00:55:25,560 --> 00:55:22,840

under this let's just do this thing

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00:55:27,990 --> 00:55:25,570

where you know consciousness is it real

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we're just biological robots in a

1301
00:55:31,920 --> 00:55:30,310
meaningless universe and let's go down

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00:55:34,710 --> 00:55:31,930
that path because it's comfort

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00:55:36,900 --> 00:55:34,720
that has been completely falsified but

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00:55:38,760 --> 00:55:36,910
the reason I have to tiptoe around that

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00:55:41,130 --> 00:55:38,770
that is the world that you're living in

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00:55:43,680 --> 00:55:41,140
because that is the the skeptical the

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00:55:46,920 --> 00:55:43,690
skeptics quote-unquote pseudo skeptics

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00:55:49,170 --> 00:55:46,930
have kind of completely bought into that

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00:55:50,670 --> 00:55:49,180
without a careful examination of it so

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00:55:54,120 --> 00:55:50,680
we can talk about remote viewing as

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00:55:56,160 --> 00:55:54,130
being one tiny way to show that that's

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00:55:58,200 --> 00:55:56,170
falsified but it's falsified in all

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00:56:02,430 --> 00:55:58,210

these other ways and the consequences of

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00:56:06,360 --> 00:56:02,440

it are I think this kind of very narrow

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00:56:07,740 --> 00:56:06,370

in the some ways atheistic materialistic

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00:56:09,270 --> 00:56:07,750

kind of mindset and again I'm not a

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00:56:12,210 --> 00:56:09,280

religious person so I'm not coming at it

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00:56:14,400 --> 00:56:12,220

from that angle right I totally get it

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00:56:17,520 --> 00:56:14,410

man and like I said I look at anything

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00:56:19,350 --> 00:56:17,530

you want to send me you know I have a

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00:56:23,790 --> 00:56:19,360

pretty high standard my bar is pretty

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00:56:26,310 --> 00:56:23,800

high on my threshold of acceptable

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00:56:28,190 --> 00:56:26,320

evidence so I'm very very curious what

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00:56:31,530 --> 00:56:28,200

you will send me and I will look at it

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00:56:33,630 --> 00:56:31,540

can't do any more can't ask any more

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00:56:35,400 --> 00:56:33,640

than that or guest again has been Chris

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00:56:37,770 --> 00:56:35,410

Shelton make sure you check him out on

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00:56:40,100 --> 00:56:37,780

YouTube and check out his podcasts great

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stuff Chris I think it added a lot to

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00:56:44,430 --> 00:56:43,180

rounding out this discussion with Hugh

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00:56:46,140 --> 00:56:44,440

Urban so I appreciate it

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00:56:47,040 --> 00:56:46,150

absolutely thank you very much for

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00:56:49,140 --> 00:56:47,050

having me on and give him any

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00:56:50,370 --> 00:56:49,150

opportunity to talk thanks again to

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00:56:52,770 --> 00:56:50,380

Chris Shelton for joining me today on

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00:56:55,440 --> 00:56:52,780

skeptic Oh since I really did invite him

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00:56:57,750 --> 00:56:55,450

primarily to talk about Scientology I'm

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00:56:59,850 --> 00:56:57,760

not going to bash him too hard on the

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pseudo skeptic critical thinking thing

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00:57:05,700 --> 00:57:03,550

which in my opinion is just I don't know

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00:57:08,520 --> 00:57:05,710

you know jumping from one narrow belief

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00:57:10,200 --> 00:57:08,530

system to another maybe but I did want

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00:57:13,770 --> 00:57:10,210

to let you know that I did follow up

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00:57:16,700 --> 00:57:13,780

with Chris sent him or some really

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00:57:19,440 --> 00:57:16,710

radical studies like jessica cuts --is

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00:57:24,000 --> 00:57:19,450

statistical analysis of psy research

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00:57:27,500 --> 00:57:24,010

dean radin six sigma result what else

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00:57:29,520 --> 00:57:27,510

just standard stuff and he was very

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00:57:34,290 --> 00:57:29,530

unconvinced in my forgot what his other

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00:57:38,490 --> 00:57:34,300

word was but just anyways that's how it

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00:57:42,560 --> 00:57:38,500

goes but interesting about the

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00:57:45,620 --> 00:57:42,570

scientology stuff and if it occurred

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00:57:47,660 --> 00:57:45,630

Demick angle on it which is just really

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00:57:52,040 --> 00:57:47,670

looks more and more bizarre I mean how

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00:57:54,410 --> 00:57:52,050

can you not deal with people like Chris

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00:57:57,290 --> 00:57:54,420

who've been in it for 20 years how can

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00:58:01,040 --> 00:57:57,300

you not approach that offer some kind of

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00:58:02,960 --> 00:58:01,050

explanation for the abuse like he says

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00:58:05,660 --> 00:58:02,970

the abuse that they've been through and

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00:58:08,330 --> 00:58:05,670

then yeah I don't want to come down too

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00:58:10,280 --> 00:58:08,340

hard on dr. urban because he's in an

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00:58:14,480 --> 00:58:10,290

environment obviously that kind of pulls

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00:58:16,580 --> 00:58:14,490

for that but hey so it goes so I'd love

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00:58:18,830 --> 00:58:16,590

to talk more with you about this show if

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00:58:21,980 --> 00:58:18,840

you'd like to join me hop on over to the

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00:58:24,020 --> 00:58:21,990

skeptic Co forum where me and other

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00:58:26,270 --> 00:58:24,030

people will be talking about this show

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00:58:29,030 --> 00:58:26,280

be sure to check out the skeptic co.com

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00:58:31,820 --> 00:58:29,040

a website where you can download this

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00:58:34,790 --> 00:58:31,830

and all these other previous shows just

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00:58:37,250 --> 00:58:34,800

get the mp3 files and do what you will

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00:58:39,560 --> 00:58:37,260

got a bunch of them up there I have some

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00:58:42,460 --> 00:58:39,570

interesting shows coming up a couple of

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00:58:46,430 --> 00:58:42,470

interesting projects as well I

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00:58:48,260 --> 00:58:46,440

appreciate everyone out there who stays

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00:58:51,620 --> 00:58:48,270

with me through some of these tough

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00:58:55,190 --> 00:58:51,630

discussions until next time take care