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CONVO
BEYOND
LEVEL ZERO

FEATURING

JAMES ELLIS



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00:00:19,510 --> 00:00:13,509
sometimes a little

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00:00:19,520 --> 00:00:23,509
18 years ago today

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00:00:28,390 --> 00:00:26,950
you people who have suckled the generous

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titty of wilfred

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00:00:35,830 --> 00:00:32,640
ever since baboon shelter

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00:00:39,190 --> 00:00:35,840
and now in front

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00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:39,200
of our hallowed water supply section no

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00:00:50,549 --> 00:00:43,600
less you repair his kindness

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00:00:55,350 --> 00:00:53,430
today philosophy with a very excellent

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00:01:03,189 --> 00:00:55,360
james ellis from hermetics

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00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:05,109
not the zero i talk of a lot but level

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00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:06,240
zero for like

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00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:07,600

for you know what the what the people

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00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:09,040

online call normies because i don't

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think most people are operating on the

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00:01:13,990 --> 00:01:12,799

the level of level one i'm not saying

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00:01:15,270 --> 00:01:14,000

i'm above them there's nothing wrong

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00:01:15,910 --> 00:01:15,280

with just living in life and going on

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00:01:17,749 --> 00:01:15,920

with it but

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but in terms of like every i think you

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00:01:20,950 --> 00:01:19,439

know like everyday conversation where

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00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:20,960

people are saying things like

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how are you you know how was your

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:24,080

weekend those dead statements

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that that needs to be like level zero

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wait there's just there's just no

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content

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welcome to skeptica where we explore

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00:01:34,710 --> 00:01:32,079

controversial science and spirituality

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00:01:36,950 --> 00:01:34,720

with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:01:40,069 --> 00:01:36,960

their critics i'm your host alex karis

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and today we welcome james ellis's and

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that was it okay to out you

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james because man you've been flying

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under the radar for a while

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00:01:52,389 --> 00:01:50,880

yeah so i went for i went and i've been

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00:01:55,830 --> 00:01:52,399

under the name meta nomad

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00:01:58,149 --> 00:01:55,840

for like since 2017 i've been blogging

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00:01:59,270 --> 00:01:58,159

and writing under that name uh just

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00:02:00,789 --> 00:01:59,280

because i believe

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you know i remember the just about

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remember the old days of the internet

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where forums were full of

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anonymous people with like cool sounding

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names and

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i really miss that and you know

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anonymity

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so that was one reason and also it's

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like just just so you don't

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00:02:17,589 --> 00:02:15,599

get the two things crossed and then i

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00:02:18,470 --> 00:02:17,599
started doing things like courses where

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00:02:21,110 --> 00:02:18,480
i thought

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00:02:21,750 --> 00:02:21,120
uh i think just for like legitimization

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00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:21,760
i need to

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00:02:25,430 --> 00:02:24,400
do the whole real life thing uh real

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00:02:28,229 --> 00:02:25,440
life name

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00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:28,239
so yeah james ellis is fine is the the

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00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:30,319
short answer to that

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00:02:34,309 --> 00:02:32,400
well great i mean you know like we're

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00:02:37,430 --> 00:02:34,319
just chatting about just a second ago

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00:02:40,550 --> 00:02:37,440
there's so many jumping off points for

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00:02:44,229 --> 00:02:40,560
folks like you and i have kind of really

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00:02:46,550 --> 00:02:44,239

are open to thinking kind of in these uh

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00:02:47,430 --> 00:02:46,560

parallel and non-parallel kind of ways

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:47,440

you know what is

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00:02:52,949 --> 00:02:51,200

reality what is your what is anonymity

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00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:52,959

anymore and what is identity and all

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00:02:56,229 --> 00:02:54,000

that kind of stuff but

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you know we should just jump right into

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this and

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let people know that we're kind of doing

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a swap cast here but i'm primarily

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interviewing you for skeptico and then

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this may go on on your excellent feed

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the

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hermitex podcast which um

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let me pull it up here for people

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because we were just chatting about it a

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minute ago if anyone's watching on

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youtube

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really some great stuff here a lot of uh

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very very insightful deep

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philosophical level three as i like to

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call them kind of conversations

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what's level what sorry what's level

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okay level three first what's level one

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what's level one is like uh science

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so science is is level one is there

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is there science you know and like

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that's one of the survey questions we're

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going to go over and

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what is the meaning of science is

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science obsoleted by

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consciousness uh an understanding of

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consciousness that consciousness is

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fundamental and that maybe

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idealism is a better way of thinking

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about

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what we experience than is scientific

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materialism

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so that's kind of level one and then

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level two is conspiracy really

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which is if you get there and you say

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wow it's really an absurd

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idea to think that consciousness is an

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illusion

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that it doesn't exist i mean it doesn't

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it's an absurd philosophical idea it's

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also an absurd

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scientific idea because it's been

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falsified

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00:04:32,469 --> 00:04:30,880

the idea that you're an epiphenomenon of

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00:04:37,430 --> 00:04:32,479

the brain really doesn't hold up

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00:04:41,749 --> 00:04:39,830

controversy of conspiracy that comes in

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when we think and then level three is

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[h__\h] man so now that we're there

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00:04:47,430 --> 00:04:46,560

you know once we get past those two

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let's chat

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you know but if you can't if you can't

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00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:52,080

come to grips with those two

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00:04:56,310 --> 00:04:54,320

then to me you can't begin to have the

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00:04:58,310 --> 00:04:56,320

level three conversation how does that

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hit you yeah that works i mean i would

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say though that you need to introduce a

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level

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zero not the zero i talk of a lot but

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00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:05,360

level zero for like

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for you know what the what the people

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00:05:10,469 --> 00:05:08,160

online call normies because i don't

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think most people are operating on the

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00:05:13,110 --> 00:05:11,919

the level of level one i'm not saying

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00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:13,120

i'm above them there's nothing wrong

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with just living in life and going on

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with it but

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but in terms of like every i think you

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know like everyday conversation where

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people are saying things like

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how are you you know how was your

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weekend those dead statements

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that that needs to be like level zero

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wait there's just there's just no

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content

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and i try to actually veer away from

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them because i actually find it just an

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00:05:38,950 --> 00:05:36,870

well first of all

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00:05:39,909 --> 00:05:38,960

my orientation on this stuff which i

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00:05:42,790 --> 00:05:39,919

don't know why

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00:05:43,670 --> 00:05:42,800

but it is the nature of the show is you

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00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:43,680

know skeptico

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00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:46,400

inquiry to perpetuate doubt i'm always

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00:05:50,230 --> 00:05:48,000
thinking

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00:05:51,510 --> 00:05:50,240
and it must be annoying to other people

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00:05:52,950 --> 00:05:51,520
sometimes but i'm always thinking to the

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00:05:55,510 --> 00:05:52,960
counter of that you know

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00:05:56,790 --> 00:05:55,520
which on one hand i totally totally

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00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:56,800
agree with that and i think you make a

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00:06:00,150 --> 00:05:58,479
great point and and i think the way you

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00:06:03,350 --> 00:06:00,160
characterize it is

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00:06:05,590 --> 00:06:03,360
level zero obviously

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00:06:07,110 --> 00:06:05,600
yeah that normies and that is such a

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00:06:09,909 --> 00:06:07,120
pejorative term but

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00:06:11,830 --> 00:06:09,919
we get it we all get it immediately but

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00:06:15,110 --> 00:06:11,840

at the same time

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00:06:17,430 --> 00:06:15,120

there's something fundamental about uh

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where we get at the end in level three

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00:06:21,110 --> 00:06:19,280

that is almost circular and brings us

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00:06:23,029 --> 00:06:21,120

back to level zero

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because it's like really what the [h__\h]

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00:06:26,309 --> 00:06:24,240

are we going to talk about

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00:06:28,150 --> 00:06:26,319

we might as well talk about football and

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00:06:31,909 --> 00:06:28,160

we might as well talk about the weather

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00:06:33,270 --> 00:06:31,919

because having the to to suppose that we

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00:06:36,629 --> 00:06:33,280

can have some deep

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00:06:39,990 --> 00:06:36,639

deep you know and really uh

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00:06:42,150 --> 00:06:40,000

solve these answers to these questions

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00:06:44,150 --> 00:06:42,160

uh in any other way than just kind of

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00:06:45,110 --> 00:06:44,160

intellectually just kind of stimulating

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00:06:47,670 --> 00:06:45,120

ourselves

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00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:47,680

i don't know maybe it is back to there's

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00:06:51,990 --> 00:06:48,880

a certain

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00:06:52,390 --> 00:06:52,000

basic human connection at level zero as

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well

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00:06:56,070 --> 00:06:54,240

that i think we gotta acknowledge that

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00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:56,080

it's just like hey i'm a human being

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00:06:58,710 --> 00:06:57,280

you're a human being

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00:06:59,990 --> 00:06:58,720

what the [h__\h] let's talk about the

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00:07:01,670 --> 00:07:00,000

weather and whether it's gonna rain

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00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:01,680

today you know what i mean

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00:07:05,350 --> 00:07:04,880

what do you think about that yeah i

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00:07:06,469 --> 00:07:05,360

agree

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00:07:08,309 --> 00:07:06,479

but if someone started talking to me

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about the weather i probably would try

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00:07:10,550 --> 00:07:09,440

shy away from it i think that's a

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00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:10,560

question of um

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00:07:13,670 --> 00:07:12,960

of method though right so like anything

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00:07:16,230 --> 00:07:13,680

that you

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00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:16,240

anything can be super super interesting

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00:07:18,309 --> 00:07:16,960

to talk about

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00:07:19,990 --> 00:07:18,319

but it's a question of how you approach

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the subject uh

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00:07:23,430 --> 00:07:22,080
in the way you know just saying oh bad

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00:07:24,390 --> 00:07:23,440
weather we're having today yeah it is

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00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:24,400
it's like those are the kind of

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:26,400
conversations i actually really struggle

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00:07:29,589 --> 00:07:28,319
to do because i don't really see the

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00:07:30,550 --> 00:07:29,599
point in them at all but if someone was

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00:07:32,309 --> 00:07:30,560
saying like

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you know if we actually began a

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00:07:34,469 --> 00:07:34,000
discussion about someone came up to me

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00:07:35,990 --> 00:07:34,479
and said

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00:07:38,230 --> 00:07:36,000
you know do you believe the astrological

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00:07:38,710 --> 00:07:38,240
movements you know make it rain or

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00:07:39,749 --> 00:07:38,720

whatever

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00:07:41,270 --> 00:07:39,759

i've never really looked into that but

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00:07:42,150 --> 00:07:41,280

if they said that i'd be like on board

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00:07:44,550 --> 00:07:42,160

straight away

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00:07:46,070 --> 00:07:44,560

so i get what you're saying that you can

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00:07:48,309 --> 00:07:46,080

actually come back around and it's

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in terms of everyday reality there's a

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00:07:52,469 --> 00:07:49,840

certain intuition there which makes

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00:07:53,430 --> 00:07:52,479

things super interesting but then this

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00:07:55,350 --> 00:07:53,440

is like and i know

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00:07:56,629 --> 00:07:55,360

i'm already bringing bringing him in you

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00:07:58,950 --> 00:07:56,639

said we were going to mention him

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but john michael grier his whole sort of

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approachable conception of

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00:08:04,550 --> 00:08:02,800

occultism where he sort of says like

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00:08:05,990 --> 00:08:04,560

once you once you sort of begin to

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00:08:07,510 --> 00:08:06,000

understand the the way these things are

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00:08:09,110 --> 00:08:07,520

working the way you intuit the world

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00:08:11,510 --> 00:08:09,120

things begin to appear to you which you

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00:08:13,589 --> 00:08:11,520

you are taught to

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00:08:14,950 --> 00:08:13,599

say uh rubbish right so it's like you

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00:08:16,869 --> 00:08:14,960

know those those weird feelings

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00:08:18,390 --> 00:08:16,879

you get at the time or the idea that in

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00:08:20,150 --> 00:08:18,400

a certain room you shouldn't go in there

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or a certain forest to something

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strange or you know you're you're in a

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00:08:24,309 --> 00:08:23,440

place and you think something happened

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00:08:26,070 --> 00:08:24,319

here

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00:08:27,670 --> 00:08:26,080

way back in time that was really awful

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00:08:30,710 --> 00:08:27,680

or something along those lines

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00:08:32,709 --> 00:08:30,720

and you know that intuition you just you

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00:08:36,469 --> 00:08:32,719

just get tortured to

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00:08:37,909 --> 00:08:36,479

um suppress it because it's it's not

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:37,919

you know already jumping into the side

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00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:39,599

thing it's not scientific it's not

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00:08:43,110 --> 00:08:40,479

logical

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um but that level three to level zero

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connection is you can utilize level

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00:08:48,310 --> 00:08:46,480

three to begin to sort of um

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00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:48,320

wide set what i'd say is enchant the

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00:08:52,949 --> 00:08:50,640

world again there's a lot to probably

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00:08:54,070 --> 00:08:52,959

break down a little bit there and i love

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00:08:57,990 --> 00:08:54,080

jumping into the middle

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00:08:59,269 --> 00:08:58,000

of this stuff because if we lose people

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00:09:01,269 --> 00:08:59,279

great you shouldn't have been here

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00:09:04,949 --> 00:09:01,279

anyway but

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00:09:09,509 --> 00:09:04,959

if you stuck around this long then maybe

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it is worthwhile to go back and

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kind of just tell people where you're

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coming from

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in general and uh i think this idea of

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uh that you talk about so much with uh

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it's accelerationism

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and zero accelerationism i think uh

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capitalism i think you're gonna have a

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an idea that you know certainly is i

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gotta say when i first heard you talking

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00:09:36,230 --> 00:09:34,640

about capitalism i'm like

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00:09:38,230 --> 00:09:36,240

what the [h__\h] is he talking about i mean

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as compared versus

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what versus you know compared to what

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there

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is nothing else other than free people

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00:09:48,070 --> 00:09:45,360

doing

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what they want to kind of survive

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00:09:52,790 --> 00:09:50,959

anything else to me seems absurd but

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00:09:54,150 --> 00:09:52,800

man will you talk for an hour on that so

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00:09:56,710 --> 00:09:54,160

go ahead okay

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um so yeah so i should have sort of done

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a full interest so for those who don't

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know me

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i run a host mythics podcast which is a

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podcast of

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of philosophy and um fringe subjects

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occultism

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parapsychology weird stuff you know i

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think anyone who's into that stuff sort

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of knows

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the kind of topics um that'll be on that

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i mean i

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target it primarily from a continental

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philosophy angle because that's what my

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education background's in my masters is

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in continental philosophy

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when i was in when i was studying

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continental philosophy tutors were great

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you know um they're great people they

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taught everything that was on our

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00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:31,120
curriculum they taught well you know so

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00:10:33,430 --> 00:10:32,079
this isn't really

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anything against them at all i still

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00:10:36,230 --> 00:10:35,360
speak to them um and i've had had one of

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them on the show

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but in terms of um the way academia

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confronts philosophy

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in those terms um it's very

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00:10:46,470 --> 00:10:44,959
disheartening because there's a lot

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00:10:48,949 --> 00:10:46,480
going on behind the scenes

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00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:48,959
um which is sort of ignored because we

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00:10:51,829 --> 00:10:50,399
just like it's almost like we don't have

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00:10:53,750 --> 00:10:51,839

time to get into this conversation

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00:10:55,030 --> 00:10:53,760

we don't want to go there right and i

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think there's a huge history of

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00:10:57,750 --> 00:10:56,399

philosophy in general not specifically

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continental but i think

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more continental because those

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philosophers philosophers are more open

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to it

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um so one example i'll give just to sort

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of cut to the chase on this is that

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schopenhauer who you know super

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super serious philosopher in the canon

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00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:13,519

of western philosophy

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um you know the the the will to life

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um we're all stuck between suffering and

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boredom

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um but also incorporated all this

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eastern stuff now the eastern stuff is

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accepted because it's compatible into

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his system

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but not not many people know that

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actually he he said at one point that

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if any of this is worth anything um it's

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because

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telepathy might be existing it might

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00:11:38,870 --> 00:11:37,440

exist

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so he's sort of taking these things

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seriously when we say these things

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00:11:45,509 --> 00:11:43,279

let's make sure uh because schopenhheimer

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is one of those guys who kind of crosses

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over right so a lot of people in the

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kind of consciousness

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interested kind of folks reference him

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but then a lot of people

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kind of in the philosophy fields

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reference him as well so

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what what is he what is he getting at in

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00:12:04,150 --> 00:12:02,639

terms of uh

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what's he getting at in terms of

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00:12:09,269 --> 00:12:05,680
consciousness since that's a

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00:12:10,870 --> 00:12:09,279
topic that i'm super interested in

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00:12:13,670 --> 00:12:10,880
in terms of consciousness what i'd say

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00:12:16,230 --> 00:12:13,680
is that for schopenhauer

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00:12:17,829 --> 00:12:16,240
i mean i i view everything like and i

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00:12:19,269 --> 00:12:17,839
mean everything for you the lens of

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00:12:21,350 --> 00:12:19,279
can't emanuel can

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00:12:23,030 --> 00:12:21,360
now it's very difficult to get across

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00:12:24,150 --> 00:12:23,040
cancer philosophy in in less than an

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hour but i'll try

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just get off the the super important bit

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00:12:31,110 --> 00:12:28,240

which is

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the difference between um the phenomenal

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and the new manual

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or what we would understand as

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representation so in terms of our senses

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our perception for can as a human

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the way in which we the world is

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presented to us

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is a re-presentation so when you look at

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something

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you're not looking at the real because

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it had to be processed by your brain

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so it's represented to you so kat's

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point is that via our senses

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and no point are we dealing with reality

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now

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many many people after can and there's

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plenty of spiritualists who've come to

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this same conclusion

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after camp i just generally always think

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actually i really do think cam was the

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first he was

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definitely the first to do this

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rigorously in the critique pure reason

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which is an extremely tough book but if

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you just accept that premise

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when we move to schopenhauer he then

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incorporates uh the veil of

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00:13:30,710 --> 00:13:27,519

maya you know which is this eastern

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concept which i believe comes from the

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00:13:35,190 --> 00:13:33,920

upanishads i believe i'm not super sure

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an aryan expert

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um but the the veil of mara is something

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00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:38,959

that as i understand it could be

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stripped back so i think the point for

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chopin harris he doesn't he readily

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admits that we can never

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00:13:48,389 --> 00:13:46,079

you know we can never actually truly

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00:13:50,470 --> 00:13:48,399
attend to the real because any time that

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00:13:52,069 --> 00:13:50,480
as a human even if we're on some amazing

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00:13:53,110 --> 00:13:52,079
drug trip or we think we've broken

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00:13:54,470 --> 00:13:53,120
through

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00:13:57,110 --> 00:13:54,480
you know to the other side whatever that

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00:13:58,949 --> 00:13:57,120
means we are always in that candy in

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00:14:00,710 --> 00:13:58,959
doubt that because we are processing it

408
00:14:02,790 --> 00:14:00,720
we can just never be sure it's the real

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00:14:04,069 --> 00:14:02,800
however i think for schopenhauer there's

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00:14:05,110 --> 00:14:04,079
definitely a possibility of

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00:14:07,030 --> 00:14:05,120
communication

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00:14:08,389 --> 00:14:07,040
from that other side so he's saying that

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00:14:12,069 --> 00:14:08,399

none of this really

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00:14:13,829 --> 00:14:12,079

is important at all unless telepathy

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00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:13,839

is like this possibility and i think

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00:14:16,790 --> 00:14:15,360

what he really means by that is

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00:14:18,710 --> 00:14:16,800

unless there is a possibility of

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00:14:22,150 --> 00:14:18,720

communication between the

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00:14:23,590 --> 00:14:22,160

absolute real and us you know unless

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00:14:24,870 --> 00:14:23,600

we can somehow actually begin to work

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00:14:25,829 --> 00:14:24,880

out what is on this other side this

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00:14:28,870 --> 00:14:25,839

objective

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00:14:31,350 --> 00:14:28,880

then what's the point excellent

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00:14:32,230 --> 00:14:31,360

you know one of the problems i guess i i

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00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:32,240

struggle with

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00:14:39,189 --> 00:14:35,279
in terms of um

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00:14:41,509 --> 00:14:39,199
philosophy the way that it's currently

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00:14:43,590 --> 00:14:41,519
practiced a lot of the people that i've

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00:14:47,110 --> 00:14:43,600
listened to on your show

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00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:47,120
is the they seem to be swamped by

431
00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:48,480
scientism

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00:14:55,269 --> 00:14:52,000
so what what you just described is

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00:14:56,389 --> 00:14:55,279
really just kind of a reworking of kind

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00:14:59,430 --> 00:14:56,399
of yogic

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00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:59,440
vedic kind of philosophy re-injected

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00:15:02,389 --> 00:15:00,480
reinterpreted

437
00:15:03,509 --> 00:15:02,399
in this western philosophical way which

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00:15:04,870 --> 00:15:03,519

always to me is is

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00:15:07,110 --> 00:15:04,880

interesting on one hand and it's on the

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00:15:09,030 --> 00:15:07,120

other side like go reference your

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00:15:10,710 --> 00:15:09,040

sources on that you know a little bit

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00:15:13,590 --> 00:15:10,720

because

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00:15:15,350 --> 00:15:13,600

the way that it seems to be swamped is

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that the fundamental question seems to

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00:15:19,269 --> 00:15:16,320

be

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00:15:21,189 --> 00:15:19,279

the scientific question of consciousness

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and that's why i always start with

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the absurdity of the claim

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that we live in today in terms of and

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we'll get back to john michael gear

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00:15:33,910 --> 00:15:30,480
because i think it it

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00:15:37,030 --> 00:15:33,920
it circles back in a way and that's that

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00:15:37,829 --> 00:15:37,040
okay we live in a science-centered

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00:15:44,710 --> 00:15:37,839
culture

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00:15:46,629 --> 00:15:44,720
the idea that consciousness is an

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00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:46,639
illusion that you are an epiphenomenon

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00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:48,639
of your brain is central to that

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00:15:52,870 --> 00:15:51,839
in a way that philosophers haven't

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00:15:54,150 --> 00:15:52,880
processed

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00:15:56,949 --> 00:15:54,160
and then a lot of times they're just

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00:16:00,389 --> 00:15:56,959
kind of following along blindly

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00:16:02,470 --> 00:16:00,399
and making a lot of uh building on that

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00:16:04,949 --> 00:16:02,480

in ways that they don't even understand

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00:16:07,670 --> 00:16:04,959

to go back in question well

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00:16:08,550 --> 00:16:07,680

you know the basic who am i why am i

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00:16:10,470 --> 00:16:08,560

here

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00:16:12,550 --> 00:16:10,480

kind of nature of consciousness

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00:16:14,790 --> 00:16:12,560

questions so

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00:16:16,470 --> 00:16:14,800

let's turn that into a question because

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00:16:17,590 --> 00:16:16,480

we did this fun survey thing and i'm

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00:16:19,590 --> 00:16:17,600

really glad that

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we had a good time doing it and looking

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at each other's answers there is

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00:16:26,470 --> 00:16:24,880

conscious what is consciousness is

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00:16:29,189 --> 00:16:26,480

consciousness fundamental

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00:16:31,910 --> 00:16:29,199

is consciousness an epiphenomenon of the

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00:16:35,350 --> 00:16:33,590

can you expand on what you mean by upper

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00:16:37,509 --> 00:16:35,360

phenomena of the brain

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just so i know just so i know i'm like

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00:16:42,150 --> 00:16:39,279

i'm coming out at the right angle

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00:16:42,629 --> 00:16:42,160

i mean oh i'm sure you are but you know

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00:16:43,829 --> 00:16:42,639

just for

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benefit of people because i always

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emphasize this point over and over billy

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turd i say the same [h__h] over and over

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00:16:57,590 --> 00:16:54,639

but if you walk into uh

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what university did you go to there in

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staffordshire

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go in the neuroscience department

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00:17:07,669 --> 00:17:05,839

they'll tell you exactly what

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consciousness is they'll pull out all

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their machines and they'll measure it

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and they'll say

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here it is it's in your brain

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so consciousness is 100

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a product of brain chemistry

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brain electrical activity it's in your

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brain man there ain't nothing else

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00:17:30,390 --> 00:17:29,520

outside of that and the the thing that i

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don't think people

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00:17:34,549 --> 00:17:33,200
fully grok is the extent and they'll

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00:17:35,669 --> 00:17:34,559
because what people will say when you

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00:17:37,430 --> 00:17:35,679
confront them with them they go well

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00:17:40,950 --> 00:17:37,440
there's a lot of scientists that

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00:17:44,150 --> 00:17:40,960
don't aren't that you know locked

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00:17:45,990 --> 00:17:44,160
into that it's like no not really i mean

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00:17:48,710 --> 00:17:46,000
that is the dogma that is the

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00:17:49,029 --> 00:17:48,720
doctrine if you're outside of that then

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00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:49,039
you're

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00:17:54,549 --> 00:17:52,960
because at the end of the day

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00:17:56,150 --> 00:17:54,559
that is the understanding of what

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00:17:57,669 --> 00:17:56,160
consciousness is consciousness is

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00:17:59,510 --> 00:17:57,679

something that

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if you want to get a little bit fancy oh

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it's an emergent property

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00:18:07,270 --> 00:18:04,960

of the brain but it's still brain based

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00:18:08,870 --> 00:18:07,280

so what do you think about is that your

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understanding of

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00:18:14,870 --> 00:18:13,039

um i would argue

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that that isn't an understanding at all

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and this is the problem of science and

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00:18:18,870 --> 00:18:17,200

sciences

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for me i mean i'd just like to take a

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minute to just dwell on the scientism

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thing

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um and that idea that it's this like uh

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you know almost leviathan of culture

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it's our new god right it's the thing

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that we go to

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to make sure that everything we're doing

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is right um

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in terms of continental philosophy one

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of the reasons i actually wanted to

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study is because one of its sort of

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cornerstones which is why it's split

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from analytic

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00:18:44,549 --> 00:18:42,640

is that it has this inherent distrust of

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of science and scientism as

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this overarching way to explain the

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world right

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because what you've what you how you

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outlined the epiphany phenomenon you

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know consciousness is the

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phenomenon of the brain is the same

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problem that i run into with science all

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the time

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which is you know this idea of going

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into the neuroscience department and

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they say

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you know x y and z this is this is

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consciousness or

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consciousness is in the brain or it's a

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an emergent property

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okay what the hell does that mean well

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it's an emerging property

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or they'll say you know um x amount of

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atoms does this blah blah blah it's okay

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that's fine but what the hell does it

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mean right so what my point is with that

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is it's very easy for them to describe

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anything

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00:19:33,830 --> 00:19:30,960

recursive language

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so it's like you know why does a cancer

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cell do what it does okay well

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cancer cell is already your own

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terminology um it does it because of

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00:19:41,510 --> 00:19:39,600

this certain

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00:19:43,270 --> 00:19:41,520

mixture of chemicals which is also their

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00:19:44,789 --> 00:19:43,280

same terminology and the world

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00:19:47,270 --> 00:19:44,799

the way that they'll justify that doing

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00:19:50,070 --> 00:19:47,280

that is still and you're always within

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00:19:51,590 --> 00:19:50,080

this circle of them explaining things

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00:19:53,350 --> 00:19:51,600

and there's no original point where you

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00:19:55,110 --> 00:19:53,360

can go there's the objective truth

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00:19:56,870 --> 00:19:55,120

it's sort of a language game for them it

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00:19:58,950 --> 00:19:56,880

seems to me and i don't want to bring

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00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:58,960

everything down to language but

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00:20:02,549 --> 00:20:00,240

what i would say is like i'd give the

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00:20:04,310 --> 00:20:02,559

example of heidegger martin heidegger

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00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:04,320

um continental philosophy wrote being in

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00:20:06,549 --> 00:20:05,520

time i'll try not make this too

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00:20:09,990 --> 00:20:06,559

complicated

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00:20:12,070 --> 00:20:10,000

but he takes on descartes rene descartes

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00:20:13,510 --> 00:20:12,080

his cogito um you know one of the most

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00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:13,520

probably the most famous

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00:20:17,430 --> 00:20:15,520

saying in philosophy arguably you know i

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00:20:19,110 --> 00:20:17,440

think therefore i am now

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00:20:21,590 --> 00:20:19,120

this is taught in high schools as this

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00:20:22,789 --> 00:20:21,600

like this this saying which you just say

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00:20:24,070 --> 00:20:22,799

it and it's like

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00:20:25,029 --> 00:20:24,080

i think therefore i am right this is

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00:20:26,310 --> 00:20:25,039

sort of the same thing we're talking

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00:20:27,430 --> 00:20:26,320

about consciousness

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00:20:29,270 --> 00:20:27,440

so you say i think that's where i am and

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00:20:30,549 --> 00:20:29,280

everyone goes oh wow yeah like he's like

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00:20:33,029 --> 00:20:30,559

like that means anything

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00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:33,039

heidegger sort of steps back and he says

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00:20:36,310 --> 00:20:34,159

what hang on

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00:20:37,430 --> 00:20:36,320

what the hell is am what the hell is

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00:20:39,029 --> 00:20:37,440

being right

601
00:20:41,830 --> 00:20:39,039
it's just meaningless i think therefore

602
00:20:44,549 --> 00:20:41,840
i am okay well you've you've outlined

603
00:20:45,510 --> 00:20:44,559
you know massive massive things there

604
00:20:47,909 --> 00:20:45,520
which you haven't taken on

605
00:20:48,950 --> 00:20:47,919
what the hell is i what is it to think

606
00:20:50,470 --> 00:20:48,960
and what is am

607
00:20:51,909 --> 00:20:50,480
what is it to be and you haven't

608
00:20:53,590 --> 00:20:51,919
actually addressed any of them and

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00:20:55,590 --> 00:20:53,600
heidegger then goes back and addresses

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00:20:56,870 --> 00:20:55,600
dresses being and i think he does does a

611
00:20:58,470 --> 00:20:56,880
good job he begins

612
00:20:59,909 --> 00:20:58,480
so i would actually i would completely

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00:21:01,350 --> 00:20:59,919

disagree with the scientist argument

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00:21:02,310 --> 00:21:01,360

what i'd say is i'd go back to kant

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00:21:03,909 --> 00:21:02,320

again in that

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00:21:06,070 --> 00:21:03,919

the only would the only thing we can

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00:21:07,909 --> 00:21:06,080

assess reality from is what we are

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00:21:09,669 --> 00:21:07,919

given what works which is this

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00:21:11,190 --> 00:21:09,679

representation we may very well be stuck

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00:21:13,190 --> 00:21:11,200

in something which isn't real

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00:21:14,470 --> 00:21:13,200

but you have you can't just then go you

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00:21:15,029 --> 00:21:14,480

can't do the scientist thing and just

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00:21:17,510 --> 00:21:15,039

say

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00:21:19,270 --> 00:21:17,520

this is consciousness like we have it i

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00:21:20,710 --> 00:21:19,280

don't they really think

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00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:20,720

you know that i just think that's a bit

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00:21:23,830 --> 00:21:22,400

of a lie you have to begin from

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00:21:25,830 --> 00:21:23,840

i don't think cancer proposition has

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00:21:26,630 --> 00:21:25,840

been you can't disprove the proposition

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00:21:28,390 --> 00:21:26,640

it's like

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00:21:30,230 --> 00:21:28,400

how can you prove that this is reality

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00:21:33,270 --> 00:21:30,240

if we have to process it first

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00:21:34,630 --> 00:21:33,280

you have to begin from that i i so i

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00:21:39,750 --> 00:21:34,640

fundamentally agree with you

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00:21:43,110 --> 00:21:39,760

right so but the the part that i think

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00:21:45,029 --> 00:21:43,120

you know is is tricky there is that in a

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00:21:48,149 --> 00:21:45,039

way

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00:21:50,549 --> 00:21:48,159

kant is introducing

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00:21:51,750 --> 00:21:50,559

the miracle that we're trying to avoid

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00:21:55,590 --> 00:21:51,760

in the first place

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00:21:58,870 --> 00:21:55,600

so it's almost like you know

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00:22:00,070 --> 00:21:58,880

we are fundamentally this experience

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00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:00,080

that's all we know

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00:22:03,270 --> 00:22:02,400

right and even when we get into the

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00:22:07,029 --> 00:22:03,280

that's what i think the

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00:22:09,669 --> 00:22:07,039

the ai stuff and the you know

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00:22:11,909 --> 00:22:09,679

simulation hypothesis stuff is so

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00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:11,919

interesting and my go-to guy on that is

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00:22:15,510 --> 00:22:12,480

uh

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00:22:16,470 --> 00:22:15,520

eckhart tolle you know the modern got a

651
00:22:18,149 --> 00:22:16,480
spiritual teacher

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00:22:20,549 --> 00:22:18,159
where he goes okay and someone pushed

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00:22:21,590 --> 00:22:20,559
him on the simulation theory and he goes

654
00:22:22,950 --> 00:22:21,600
okay

655
00:22:24,630 --> 00:22:22,960
so let's say we are living in a

656
00:22:27,110 --> 00:22:24,640
simulation

657
00:22:28,390 --> 00:22:27,120
you're still there you're still the one

658
00:22:31,909 --> 00:22:28,400
experiencing that

659
00:22:34,470 --> 00:22:31,919
so your experience is

660
00:22:35,430 --> 00:22:34,480
all you can know without invoking

661
00:22:37,669 --> 00:22:35,440
miracles

662
00:22:38,789 --> 00:22:37,679
so to a certain extent the the problem i

663
00:22:42,230 --> 00:22:38,799

have with kant is

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00:22:43,190 --> 00:22:42,240

it's in a way to me it's backdoor

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00:22:45,669 --> 00:22:43,200

materialism

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00:22:46,390 --> 00:22:45,679

because it's saying okay you do have

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00:22:48,230 --> 00:22:46,400

this brain

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00:22:50,950 --> 00:22:48,240

you do have these senses you are

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00:22:51,750 --> 00:22:50,960

interpreting the outside world as it

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00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:51,760

comes in so

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00:22:55,590 --> 00:22:54,240

aha therefore you're one step away from

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00:22:58,630 --> 00:22:55,600

your experience

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00:23:00,710 --> 00:22:58,640

it's like well i

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00:23:01,909 --> 00:23:00,720

you're assuming now all this kind of

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00:23:05,430 --> 00:23:01,919

stuff that we want to

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00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:05,440
strip away and say we don't want to

677
00:23:09,510 --> 00:23:06,000
assume

678
00:23:12,390 --> 00:23:09,520
so we start with just we are

679
00:23:13,350 --> 00:23:12,400
we are here we are aware we are

680
00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:13,360
conscious

681
00:23:17,190 --> 00:23:16,080
it seems to me that that has to be the

682
00:23:20,950 --> 00:23:17,200
starting point

683
00:23:23,270 --> 00:23:20,960
not that we are interpreting

684
00:23:24,870 --> 00:23:23,280
being here do you get what i mean yeah

685
00:23:28,230 --> 00:23:24,880
no no no i go i get what you mean

686
00:23:29,669 --> 00:23:28,240
um but i would say that you can't ignore

687
00:23:31,190 --> 00:23:29,679
that proposition of

688
00:23:33,510 --> 00:23:31,200

the fact that your reality is because we

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00:23:34,710 --> 00:23:33,520

do we our understanding is that we do

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00:23:36,789 --> 00:23:34,720

cancel you know the way that we

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00:23:37,909 --> 00:23:36,799

we apprehend this camp would say the

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00:23:41,430 --> 00:23:37,919

world vision

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00:23:43,269 --> 00:23:41,440

site hearing touch these things are

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00:23:44,710 --> 00:23:43,279

things which have to be processed so

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00:23:45,110 --> 00:23:44,720

this is an argument that you can't deny

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00:23:46,470 --> 00:23:45,120

now

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00:23:48,310 --> 00:23:46,480

with the idea with the materialism

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00:23:49,669 --> 00:23:48,320

that's a super super interesting idea

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00:23:51,590 --> 00:23:49,679

because

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00:23:53,190 --> 00:23:51,600

kant has been sort of reformulated by

701
00:23:54,149 --> 00:23:53,200
some people to be this sort of radical

702
00:23:55,830 --> 00:23:54,159
materialist

703
00:23:57,269 --> 00:23:55,840
in the sense that we exist within a

704
00:23:59,269 --> 00:23:57,279
materialism

705
00:24:00,549 --> 00:23:59,279
of our own sort of cell we're just sort

706
00:24:04,789 --> 00:24:00,559
of stuck in this

707
00:24:06,789 --> 00:24:04,799
this prison of materialism um and

708
00:24:08,630 --> 00:24:06,799
the way out of that is to do with time

709
00:24:11,830 --> 00:24:08,640
in the sense that

710
00:24:15,510 --> 00:24:11,840
linear chronic time it just isn't real

711
00:24:17,430 --> 00:24:15,520
but it still has to be in time

712
00:24:19,110 --> 00:24:17,440
everything is in time so we have this

713
00:24:21,269 --> 00:24:19,120

linear time which is false

714

00:24:22,789 --> 00:24:21,279

but it's still in time which implies

715

00:24:25,750 --> 00:24:22,799

that in some way

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00:24:28,149 --> 00:24:25,760

pure time is getting to us now that

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00:24:29,669 --> 00:24:28,159

sounds very very complicated

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00:24:31,430 --> 00:24:29,679

but it's not just complicated but it's

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00:24:33,350 --> 00:24:31,440

kind of self-contradictory right

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00:24:34,630 --> 00:24:33,360

i mean it's like yeah having like two

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00:24:36,870 --> 00:24:34,640

times is

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00:24:37,909 --> 00:24:36,880

it's really difficult to think about

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00:24:39,990 --> 00:24:37,919

yeah

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00:24:42,390 --> 00:24:40,000

so what do you what do you make of you

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00:24:43,830 --> 00:24:42,400

know the go-to where we always wind up

726

00:24:46,630 --> 00:24:43,840

on this show a lot of times

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00:24:47,430 --> 00:24:46,640

in terms with people who are kind about

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00:24:50,070 --> 00:24:47,440

this science

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00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:50,080

bent because you know the first book

730

00:24:53,190 --> 00:24:51,840

that i wrote why science is wrong about

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00:24:57,269 --> 00:24:53,200

almost everything

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00:24:59,350 --> 00:24:57,279

was really about consciousness

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00:25:00,310 --> 00:24:59,360

and centering around the experiments

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00:25:02,710 --> 00:25:00,320

that have been done

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00:25:04,149 --> 00:25:02,720

like what do you make of the quantum

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00:25:07,269 --> 00:25:04,159

physics

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00:25:08,230 --> 00:25:07,279

you know early 1900s double slit

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00:25:10,870 --> 00:25:08,240

experiment

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00:25:11,909 --> 00:25:10,880

schrodinger's cat that's usually our

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00:25:15,190 --> 00:25:11,919

go-to

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00:25:18,710 --> 00:25:15,200

in terms of pointing to a way that that

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00:25:20,870 --> 00:25:18,720

kind of in a more direct way

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00:25:22,710 --> 00:25:20,880

gets at falsifying the kind of stuff

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00:25:24,149 --> 00:25:22,720

you're talking about

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00:25:25,830 --> 00:25:24,159

these are these are super super

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00:25:30,870 --> 00:25:25,840

interesting experiments

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00:25:34,230 --> 00:25:30,880

but the people who are doing them

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00:25:35,350 --> 00:25:34,240

aren't using them correctly and what i

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mean by that is

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00:25:38,310 --> 00:25:36,960

i'm i'm just going to stay on the

751
00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:38,320
current line because we're there and

752
00:25:41,190 --> 00:25:39,840
it's easy to use

753
00:25:43,269 --> 00:25:41,200
the way in which we do interpret the

754
00:25:43,990 --> 00:25:43,279
world that's we are we are then a

755
00:25:49,830 --> 00:25:44,000
subject

756
00:25:51,029 --> 00:25:49,840
the interesting thing about these

757
00:25:52,789 --> 00:25:51,039
experiments these these quantum

758
00:25:54,789 --> 00:25:52,799
experiments double slit experiment and

759
00:25:56,149 --> 00:25:54,799
one recently which eric wagon mentioned

760
00:25:57,750 --> 00:25:56,159
and he didn't seem to

761
00:25:59,990 --> 00:25:57,760
seem to see what i was trying to get at

762
00:26:03,510 --> 00:26:00,000
he mentioned a quantum computer

763
00:26:06,310 --> 00:26:03,520

which supposedly produces an effect

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00:26:07,750 --> 00:26:06,320

which affects its cause so it's a retro

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00:26:09,190 --> 00:26:07,760

causal so it's affecting

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00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:09,200

it's affecting something that's

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00:26:12,310 --> 00:26:11,120

beginning right and i said to him i pose

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00:26:14,630 --> 00:26:12,320

this question is

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00:26:15,909 --> 00:26:14,640

what is the subjectivity of that

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00:26:17,750 --> 00:26:15,919

computer and in what

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00:26:18,950 --> 00:26:17,760

you know if we were to go into the mind

772

00:26:21,510 --> 00:26:18,960

of that computer

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00:26:23,350 --> 00:26:21,520

in what way is it actually being

774

00:26:25,590 --> 00:26:23,360

presented reality because it's clear to

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00:26:27,909 --> 00:26:25,600

us that it isn't beholden

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00:26:29,510 --> 00:26:27,919

to linear time because it can play

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00:26:29,909 --> 00:26:29,520

around with time and he sort of said i

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00:26:31,909 --> 00:26:29,919

don't

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00:26:33,190 --> 00:26:31,919

he he he is assessing it in completely

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00:26:35,110 --> 00:26:33,200

different way it's completely fine

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00:26:36,710 --> 00:26:35,120

so i was then thinking well we've got

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00:26:39,510 --> 00:26:36,720

this computer which is now

783

00:26:40,870 --> 00:26:39,520

sort of completely out of joint in time

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00:26:43,590 --> 00:26:40,880

because it can play around with what we

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00:26:44,950 --> 00:26:43,600

understand as the future of the past

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00:26:46,390 --> 00:26:44,960

and that then i think is the easier way

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00:26:48,950 --> 00:26:46,400

to begin to think about time and

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00:26:51,590 --> 00:26:48,960

consciousness is that

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00:26:53,350 --> 00:26:51,600

our consciousness the way that we we

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00:26:56,390 --> 00:26:53,360

experience reality if that's

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00:26:59,110 --> 00:26:56,400

how one could define being conscious is

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00:26:59,990 --> 00:26:59,120

completely trapped within the

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00:27:02,070 --> 00:27:00,000

progressive

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00:27:03,269 --> 00:27:02,080

forward mode of time if we were to do

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00:27:03,830 --> 00:27:03,279

anything else it just wouldn't make any

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00:27:07,110 --> 00:27:03,840

sense

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00:27:08,950 --> 00:27:07,120

our consciousness is completely uh like

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00:27:10,870 --> 00:27:08,960

just clutching to that idea of the

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00:27:13,669 --> 00:27:10,880

future in the past and the present

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00:27:14,390 --> 00:27:13,679

and so then i think any serious question

801
00:27:16,070 --> 00:27:14,400
of consciousness

802
00:27:17,350 --> 00:27:16,080
needs to begin to especially when you

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00:27:18,389 --> 00:27:17,360
see things about like this quantum

804
00:27:21,830 --> 00:27:18,399
computer is

805
00:27:23,190 --> 00:27:21,840
well what is you know what a very simple

806
00:27:24,710 --> 00:27:23,200
question would be is

807
00:27:27,029 --> 00:27:24,720
why is it that our consciousness

808
00:27:30,310 --> 00:27:27,039
processes time the way we do

809
00:27:31,909 --> 00:27:30,320
um and the the answer to that is very

810
00:27:34,549 --> 00:27:31,919
difficult it's very bleak

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00:27:36,070 --> 00:27:34,559
because i first you know um the the

812
00:27:37,110 --> 00:27:36,080
philosopher that i'm about to release a

813
00:27:38,389 --> 00:27:37,120

book on in probably

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00:27:40,549 --> 00:27:38,399

less than a week less than two weeks

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00:27:41,909 --> 00:27:40,559

nick land calls it the human security

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00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:41,919

system you know it's a system of

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00:27:47,590 --> 00:27:44,080

security for us because

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00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:47,600

it gives us as almost a a resource for

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00:27:49,830 --> 00:27:48,000

something

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00:27:51,510 --> 00:27:49,840

larger than us it gives us this

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00:27:53,029 --> 00:27:51,520

progression um

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but the past and the present of the

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00:27:57,269 --> 00:27:54,720

future

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00:27:58,789 --> 00:27:57,279

only makes sense in linear time which

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00:28:00,310 --> 00:27:58,799

isn't real so they just do not

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00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:00,320

exist in that way that's not how time

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00:28:04,070 --> 00:28:02,559

works um and as soon as

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00:28:05,750 --> 00:28:04,080

you know now we are beginning to play

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00:28:07,190 --> 00:28:05,760

around with things you know eric you

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00:28:08,630 --> 00:28:07,200

know while goes great because you've got

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00:28:10,470 --> 00:28:08,640

these things like

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pre-cognitive dreams which are basically

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00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:12,399

this documented proof that time doesn't

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00:28:15,590 --> 00:28:13,760

work how we think it is and this quantum

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00:28:16,630 --> 00:28:15,600

computer who's playing around with

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00:28:18,310 --> 00:28:16,640

you know the past in the future and

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00:28:19,990 --> 00:28:18,320

putting them you know mixing them up

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00:28:21,830 --> 00:28:20,000

it's like okay we just need to

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00:28:23,110 --> 00:28:21,840

and the quantum the double split

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experiment we just need to

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accept time does not work how we think

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00:28:30,310 --> 00:28:27,039

it works

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00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:30,320

and all it is is if we were to say that

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00:28:32,870 --> 00:28:31,360

humans are

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00:28:35,269 --> 00:28:32,880

you know let's call linear time just

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00:28:38,630 --> 00:28:35,279

linear and humans are humans

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00:28:41,269 --> 00:28:38,640

humans interpret time linearly

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00:28:42,149 --> 00:28:41,279

that is it other things might not we

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00:28:44,549 --> 00:28:42,159

can't prove it any

850

00:28:46,310 --> 00:28:44,559

any other way because we're stuck in

851
00:28:49,190 --> 00:28:46,320
linear time

852
00:28:49,990 --> 00:28:49,200
man again one i don't know if anyone's

853
00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:50,000
gonna be able to follow this

854
00:28:54,070 --> 00:28:51,360
conversation

855
00:28:54,950 --> 00:28:54,080
or number two if they're how many people

856
00:28:56,630 --> 00:28:54,960
are interested in it

857
00:28:58,389 --> 00:28:56,640
i've had this i've spoken about this

858
00:28:59,669 --> 00:28:58,399
stuff so much of the time stuff and like

859
00:29:01,430 --> 00:28:59,679
i will admit

860
00:29:02,950 --> 00:29:01,440
i every time i try think like how can i

861
00:29:03,430 --> 00:29:02,960
make a simple how can i make listen but

862
00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:03,440
and it

863
00:29:07,430 --> 00:29:05,760

no no it's right there it's something

864

00:29:08,149 --> 00:29:07,440

your brain really really struggles with

865

00:29:10,389 --> 00:29:08,159

and i think that's

866

00:29:13,029 --> 00:29:10,399

actually built in to linear time is that

867

00:29:14,710 --> 00:29:13,039

totally who did you start thinking like

868

00:29:16,389 --> 00:29:14,720

you know the future isn't a thing but

869

00:29:19,510 --> 00:29:16,399

because we're stuck in it you just

870

00:29:21,269 --> 00:29:19,520

cannot comprehend it totally but there

871

00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:21,279

are so many uh tricky

872

00:29:25,029 --> 00:29:23,520

points to that so are you familiar with

873

00:29:25,990 --> 00:29:25,039

the work of dean raiden in his

874

00:29:28,389 --> 00:29:26,000

pre-sentiment

875

00:29:29,830 --> 00:29:28,399

experiments i've heard of dean dean

876

00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:29,840

rayden but i haven't i haven't read

877

00:29:32,950 --> 00:29:30,640

anything

878

00:29:33,750 --> 00:29:32,960

yeah you'd be really interested because

879

00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:33,760

so he's

880

00:29:39,029 --> 00:29:37,200

a parapsychologist right

881

00:29:41,029 --> 00:29:39,039

so with these guys these guys were on

882

00:29:42,470 --> 00:29:41,039

this thing kind of from the beginning

883

00:29:43,190 --> 00:29:42,480

just kind of taking it from another

884

00:29:45,750 --> 00:29:43,200

angle

885

00:29:46,789 --> 00:29:45,760

and uh raiden came up with a great

886

00:29:50,070 --> 00:29:46,799

experiment

887

00:29:53,110 --> 00:29:50,080

and he's super smart guy you know

888

00:29:54,950 --> 00:29:53,120

phd bell labs uh

889

00:29:56,710 --> 00:29:54,960
of illinois all this kind of stuff but

890

00:29:57,269 --> 00:29:56,720
now at the ions institute so he said

891

00:29:59,590 --> 00:29:57,279
look

892

00:30:00,310 --> 00:29:59,600
i'm going to take an old tried and true

893

00:30:02,470 --> 00:30:00,320
freshman

894

00:30:03,909 --> 00:30:02,480
psychology experiment sit you down in

895

00:30:07,590 --> 00:30:03,919
front of a computer screen

896

00:30:10,549 --> 00:30:07,600
and then show you images some of them

897

00:30:11,430 --> 00:30:10,559
really horrific some of them you know

898

00:30:14,549 --> 00:30:11,440
bunnies in a

899

00:30:15,190 --> 00:30:14,559
prairie kind of thing and i am going to

900

00:30:16,710 --> 00:30:15,200
measure

901
00:30:18,789 --> 00:30:16,720
and this is the pre-sentiment versus

902
00:30:22,149 --> 00:30:18,799
precognition i'm going to measure your

903
00:30:24,789 --> 00:30:22,159
physiological response to those so

904
00:30:27,269 --> 00:30:24,799
these have been done like for a long

905
00:30:30,549 --> 00:30:27,279
long time you know

906
00:30:31,830 --> 00:30:30,559
he said let's look at that data more

907
00:30:35,510 --> 00:30:31,840
carefully

908
00:30:38,549 --> 00:30:35,520
and what he found was a response

909
00:30:41,830 --> 00:30:38,559
before the image is presented actually

910
00:30:44,950 --> 00:30:41,840
before the image is even selected

911
00:30:47,990 --> 00:30:44,960
by the computer so boom

912
00:30:51,269 --> 00:30:48,000
so now we're instantly you know

913
00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:51,279

precognition pre-sentiment time is

914

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:54,240

blown out of the water the experiment is

915

00:30:58,470 --> 00:30:55,600

replicated

916

00:30:59,590 --> 00:30:58,480

over and over again in his lab at this

917

00:31:01,669 --> 00:30:59,600

point it's been

918

00:31:03,029 --> 00:31:01,679

it's been one of the most replicated

919

00:31:06,310 --> 00:31:03,039

experiments

920

00:31:06,950 --> 00:31:06,320

going because he's really driven that

921

00:31:10,549 --> 00:31:06,960

home

922

00:31:11,350 --> 00:31:10,559

seven labs across the world over 50

923

00:31:13,830 --> 00:31:11,360

times

924

00:31:14,549 --> 00:31:13,840

six sigma kind of result you know from

925

00:31:17,430 --> 00:31:14,559

science

926

00:31:19,029 --> 00:31:17,440

statistics it's over the top in terms of

927

00:31:22,870 --> 00:31:19,039

repeatable

928

00:31:25,350 --> 00:31:22,880

and it does totally blow away this idea

929

00:31:26,389 --> 00:31:25,360

of a linear time as you're talking about

930

00:31:28,789 --> 00:31:26,399

but the the

931

00:31:30,830 --> 00:31:28,799

the interesting thing about that to me

932

00:31:34,950 --> 00:31:30,840

there's there's a couple of points

933

00:31:36,549 --> 00:31:34,960

one you know we're still limited like in

934

00:31:39,909 --> 00:31:36,559

the languages you said you said

935

00:31:40,470 --> 00:31:39,919

our consciousness right so even that is

936

00:31:43,430 --> 00:31:40,480

a question

937

00:31:44,630 --> 00:31:43,440

is it our consciousness are we in

938

00:31:48,870 --> 00:31:44,640

consciousness or

939

00:31:51,430 --> 00:31:48,880

are we separate from consciousness

940

00:31:53,830 --> 00:31:51,440

and some philosophers you know and

941

00:31:55,509 --> 00:31:53,840

bernardo castro dr bernardo castro is

942

00:31:58,789 --> 00:31:55,519

one of our go-to guys here

943

00:32:00,230 --> 00:31:58,799

i think he makes a strong case that

944

00:32:01,990 --> 00:32:00,240

idealism is a better way of

945

00:32:03,990 --> 00:32:02,000

understanding this and that we are in

946

00:32:04,789 --> 00:32:04,000

consciousness in some way we can't fully

947

00:32:06,389 --> 00:32:04,799

understand

948

00:32:09,909 --> 00:32:06,399

and the other thing i think that that

949

00:32:12,870 --> 00:32:09,919

supports that from a data standpoint is

950

00:32:15,110 --> 00:32:12,880

we have all these extended consciousness

951
00:32:18,470 --> 00:32:15,120
experiences that we have to deal with

952
00:32:20,549 --> 00:32:18,480
near-death experience science hold on

953
00:32:24,470 --> 00:32:20,559
this cat is insisting to go out

954
00:32:25,190 --> 00:32:24,480
hey there here um near-death experience

955
00:32:26,950 --> 00:32:25,200
science uh

956
00:32:28,310 --> 00:32:26,960
you know you're mentioning uh

957
00:32:31,029 --> 00:32:28,320
hallucinogenic kind of

958
00:32:32,870 --> 00:32:31,039
experiences all those things e.t

959
00:32:35,269 --> 00:32:32,880
experiences

960
00:32:36,870 --> 00:32:35,279
they one characteristic they all have is

961
00:32:39,269 --> 00:32:36,880
they seem to

962
00:32:40,470 --> 00:32:39,279
bounce us outside of space and time

963
00:32:41,750 --> 00:32:40,480

right so

964

00:32:43,830 --> 00:32:41,760

what you'll hear from a near-death

965

00:32:46,870 --> 00:32:43,840

experience person is

966

00:32:49,269 --> 00:32:46,880

i was there for a week i came back

967

00:32:50,149 --> 00:32:49,279

i had been clinically dead for seven

968

00:32:53,110 --> 00:32:50,159

minutes

969

00:32:54,389 --> 00:32:53,120

you know so there's this kind of i've

970

00:32:56,070 --> 00:32:54,399

had one of these experiences i've had a

971

00:32:57,269 --> 00:32:56,080

near-death experience but i had one of

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00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:57,279

those sort of weird

973

00:33:00,389 --> 00:32:58,720

temporal experiences when i was younger

974

00:33:01,909 --> 00:33:00,399

someone used to play this game when we

975

00:33:03,269 --> 00:33:01,919

were kids it's probably a very british

976

00:33:04,630 --> 00:33:03,279

thing i don't know if they do it anymore

977

00:33:06,950 --> 00:33:04,640

when you can get your elbow around

978

00:33:08,870 --> 00:33:06,960

someone's neck and if you if you get the

979

00:33:10,470 --> 00:33:08,880

the two i don't know what it is they'll

980

00:33:11,830 --> 00:33:10,480

pass out and we used to do that when

981

00:33:14,070 --> 00:33:11,840

we're drunk which is a bad idea

982

00:33:15,430 --> 00:33:14,080

don't condone it but you do silly things

983

00:33:17,190 --> 00:33:15,440

with your kids anyway

984

00:33:18,789 --> 00:33:17,200

you know i vividly remember this i got

985

00:33:21,830 --> 00:33:18,799

knocked out and

986

00:33:23,110 --> 00:33:21,840

i my memory then was to walk from my

987

00:33:26,230 --> 00:33:23,120

house

988

00:33:27,590 --> 00:33:26,240

was a 30 minute walk

989

00:33:29,190 --> 00:33:27,600

and that's all i did when i was knocked

990

00:33:30,630 --> 00:33:29,200

out was do this walk and then when i got

991

00:33:31,350 --> 00:33:30,640

to the kitchen in the house i laid down

992

00:33:33,909 --> 00:33:31,360

in the position

993

00:33:35,509 --> 00:33:33,919

and woke up but i was 100 but then when

994

00:33:36,789 --> 00:33:35,519

i woke up i was like oh god i'm so sorry

995

00:33:37,909 --> 00:33:36,799

i was apologizing because

996

00:33:39,830 --> 00:33:37,919

i thought they'd be worried because i

997

00:33:40,630 --> 00:33:39,840

was passed out for like 30 minutes and

998

00:33:41,990 --> 00:33:40,640

they were like what do you mean what do

999

00:33:42,630 --> 00:33:42,000

you mean i said i've been gone ages and

1000

00:33:44,310 --> 00:33:42,640

they said no no

1001
00:33:46,230 --> 00:33:44,320
you like you know five seconds and that

1002
00:33:47,269 --> 00:33:46,240
was my first time i said okay time does

1003
00:33:51,190 --> 00:33:47,279
not work

1004
00:33:55,350 --> 00:33:53,430
and as you said we don't really know

1005
00:33:57,190 --> 00:33:55,360
what to do with that

1006
00:33:58,950 --> 00:33:57,200
yes i mean that's the question where was

1007
00:34:01,029 --> 00:33:58,960
i what what is it and i mean i think

1008
00:34:03,590 --> 00:34:01,039
this is what a lot of people who

1009
00:34:04,389 --> 00:34:03,600
when i had um oh it's really bad i

1010
00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:04,399
forgot his name

1011
00:34:08,149 --> 00:34:06,000
we were talking about dmt and he's sort

1012
00:34:10,310 --> 00:34:08,159
of saying that

1013
00:34:12,310 --> 00:34:10,320

this is i think this is on a practical

1014

00:34:16,629 --> 00:34:12,320

level one of the best things to do is

1015

00:34:19,750 --> 00:34:16,639

find a way to prolong and like stabilize

1016

00:34:21,829 --> 00:34:19,760

the the time in these areas because

1017

00:34:23,430 --> 00:34:21,839

they're normally so fleeting and chaotic

1018

00:34:25,109 --> 00:34:23,440

you can only just sort of grasp onto

1019

00:34:26,790 --> 00:34:25,119

them and then you're you're drawn back

1020

00:34:28,869 --> 00:34:26,800

so if you can sort of prolong it

1021

00:34:30,389 --> 00:34:28,879

um but i think there's another question

1022

00:34:32,470 --> 00:34:30,399

there as to the

1023

00:34:34,230 --> 00:34:32,480

why is it that our brain or

1024

00:34:37,270 --> 00:34:34,240

consciousness disallows

1025

00:34:37,750 --> 00:34:37,280

us to retain what it was we learned in

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00:34:40,950 --> 00:34:37,760

that

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00:34:42,629 --> 00:34:40,960

who've done acid say

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00:34:43,990 --> 00:34:42,639

like they really can't remember anything

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00:34:45,430 --> 00:34:44,000

of it but

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00:34:47,430 --> 00:34:45,440

something is retained because they

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00:34:49,909 --> 00:34:47,440

learned something from it so there's a

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00:34:52,069 --> 00:34:49,919

question of memory and retention is that

1033

00:34:53,270 --> 00:34:52,079

you know in terms of senses you just

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00:34:54,069 --> 00:34:53,280

can't remember anything it's a

1035

00:34:55,909 --> 00:34:54,079

protection

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00:34:57,589 --> 00:34:55,919

but then other people you know report

1037

00:34:58,870 --> 00:34:57,599

their ocd is suddenly gone and they

1038

00:35:00,870 --> 00:34:58,880

don't want to smoke cigarettes anymore

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00:35:02,230 --> 00:35:00,880

so there's something has been retained

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00:35:04,550 --> 00:35:02,240

so i think there's something interesting

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00:35:06,870 --> 00:35:04,560

there happening

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00:35:08,870 --> 00:35:06,880

are you familiar with the near-death

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00:35:09,270 --> 00:35:08,880

experience science the work that's been

1044

00:35:12,630 --> 00:35:09,280

done

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00:35:14,710 --> 00:35:12,640

there um no i'm not

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00:35:16,950 --> 00:35:14,720

not you know there's some of it that

1047

00:35:17,430 --> 00:35:16,960

again just kind of swapping stories now

1048

00:35:19,670 --> 00:35:17,440

that

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00:35:20,950 --> 00:35:19,680

i think you'd find interesting along

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00:35:22,550 --> 00:35:20,960

these lines that we're talking about and

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00:35:24,069 --> 00:35:22,560

the one uh

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00:35:27,349 --> 00:35:24,079

particularly jumps to mind i use it all

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00:35:31,670 --> 00:35:27,359

the time but it's from a british

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00:35:34,310 --> 00:35:31,680

researcher phd in nursing

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00:35:34,870 --> 00:35:34,320

her name is dr penny sartori and she

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00:35:37,589 --> 00:35:34,880

worked

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00:35:38,630 --> 00:35:37,599

in the critical care unit of a hospital

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00:35:39,829 --> 00:35:38,640

for a long time and came up with a

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00:35:42,230 --> 00:35:39,839

rather novel

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00:35:43,750 --> 00:35:42,240

experiment that's been replicated since

1061

00:35:47,349 --> 00:35:43,760

where she went to people

1062

00:35:48,870 --> 00:35:47,359

in the cardiac arrest board who had

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00:35:50,470 --> 00:35:48,880

experienced cardiac arrest and had

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00:35:52,470 --> 00:35:50,480

clinically died

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00:35:55,750 --> 00:35:52,480

and the important thing there is from

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00:35:59,589 --> 00:35:58,069

hard problem of consciousness you know

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00:36:01,710 --> 00:35:59,599

consciousness is a

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00:36:02,950 --> 00:36:01,720

emergent property of the brain

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00:36:05,430 --> 00:36:02,960

physiologically

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00:36:07,190 --> 00:36:05,440

after cardiac arrest we have as good a

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00:36:07,829 --> 00:36:07,200

handle as we're going to get on what

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00:36:09,109 --> 00:36:07,839

goes on

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00:36:11,190 --> 00:36:09,119

you know we've studied that for a long

1074

00:36:12,870 --> 00:36:11,200

time in humans and animals

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00:36:14,390 --> 00:36:12,880

and we think we understand what's going

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00:36:16,550 --> 00:36:14,400

on so it could change but

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00:36:17,829 --> 00:36:16,560

we think we understand and we don't

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00:36:21,270 --> 00:36:17,839

think it's

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00:36:25,349 --> 00:36:21,280

your brain is in a state that can create

1080

00:36:29,589 --> 00:36:25,359

memories or create these kind of

1081

00:36:31,910 --> 00:36:29,599

radically uh radically conscious

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00:36:33,109 --> 00:36:31,920

experiences that people report so she

1083

00:36:36,550 --> 00:36:33,119

goes zoom and she says

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00:36:37,109 --> 00:36:36,560

okay you just died tell me what you're

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00:36:39,190 --> 00:36:37,119

in

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00:36:40,790 --> 00:36:39,200

tell me what your resuscitation was like

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00:36:42,790 --> 00:36:40,800

so she's got a group of patients right

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00:36:45,910 --> 00:36:42,800

so she has 60 patients

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00:36:47,190 --> 00:36:45,920

30 of them have had an nde 30 of them

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00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:47,200

didn't have an nde

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00:36:51,990 --> 00:36:48,800

she goes to all of them she goes tell me

1092

00:36:53,750 --> 00:36:52,000

what your resuscitation is like

1093

00:36:57,030 --> 00:36:53,760

the ones that didn't have an nde they're

1094

00:37:00,150 --> 00:36:57,040

like lady what are you talking about

1095

00:37:01,990 --> 00:37:00,160

i was dead right nothing black

1096

00:37:03,510 --> 00:37:02,000

nada i don't know anything she goes tell

1097

00:37:04,790 --> 00:37:03,520

me tell me what you think just tell me

1098

00:37:06,870 --> 00:37:04,800

what you think now

1099

00:37:08,069 --> 00:37:06,880

okay well i think this and this and that

1100

00:37:10,950 --> 00:37:08,079

like out of the tv

1101

00:37:12,550 --> 00:37:10,960

show she goes to the 30 that had a

1102

00:37:15,829 --> 00:37:12,560

near-death experience

1103

00:37:18,150 --> 00:37:15,839

and they are able to recount it exactly

1104

00:37:19,430 --> 00:37:18,160

they go it's crazy i was immediately i

1105

00:37:22,150 --> 00:37:19,440

was shot up and i was

1106

00:37:24,630 --> 00:37:22,160

on the outside corner of the room or i

1107

00:37:26,710 --> 00:37:24,640

was right next to the doctor or i was

1108

00:37:27,829 --> 00:37:26,720

two feet under but then i moved above my

1109

00:37:29,750 --> 00:37:27,839

body and

1110

00:37:31,109 --> 00:37:29,760

i saw him wheel in this cart and they

1111

00:37:32,150 --> 00:37:31,119

put the paddles on me but the paddles

1112

00:37:33,270 --> 00:37:32,160

weren't working and then they were

1113

00:37:35,829 --> 00:37:33,280

frantic and this

1114

00:37:36,870 --> 00:37:35,839

they're going into exact detail of what

1115

00:37:40,630 --> 00:37:36,880

happened to them during

1116

00:37:43,109 --> 00:37:40,640

resuscitation this

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00:37:44,790 --> 00:37:43,119

so we can deal with the time part which

1118

00:37:46,470 --> 00:37:44,800

also comes into it because they have all

1119

00:37:47,750 --> 00:37:46,480

these extraordinary experiences and like

1120

00:37:50,390 --> 00:37:47,760

you they come back and go

1121

00:37:51,829 --> 00:37:50,400

you know it was five minutes it wasn't

1122

00:37:53,829 --> 00:37:51,839

you know what you think it was like two

1123

00:37:56,870 --> 00:37:53,839

days or whatever

1124

00:38:00,470 --> 00:37:56,880

but it also kind of

1125

00:38:01,349 --> 00:38:00,480

challenges us in terms of uh even the

1126

00:38:05,109 --> 00:38:01,359

question

1127

00:38:06,390 --> 00:38:05,119

of what we are processing in that

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00:38:08,710 --> 00:38:06,400

extended realm

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00:38:09,829 --> 00:38:08,720

and what we can bring back because

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00:38:12,710 --> 00:38:09,839

here's a point

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00:38:14,550 --> 00:38:12,720

where people are bringing back very

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00:38:18,470 --> 00:38:14,560

vivid memories

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00:38:20,150 --> 00:38:18,480

but then they're also at times

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00:38:21,589 --> 00:38:20,160

kind of echoing exactly what you're

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00:38:23,589 --> 00:38:21,599

saying then they go

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00:38:24,870 --> 00:38:23,599

because invariable not invariably but

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00:38:27,990 --> 00:38:24,880

sometimes then people

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00:38:30,150 --> 00:38:28,000

transcend to this other you know

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00:38:31,270 --> 00:38:30,160

super extended reality and they'll say

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00:38:35,030 --> 00:38:31,280

things like

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00:38:37,030 --> 00:38:35,040

every question before i could even

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00:38:38,630 --> 00:38:37,040

verbalize it in my head or even think

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00:38:41,109 --> 00:38:38,640

about it was answered

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00:38:41,990 --> 00:38:41,119

and i felt like i knew everything and

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00:38:45,109 --> 00:38:42,000

now

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00:38:47,190 --> 00:38:45,119

i can't tell you i just tell you

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00:38:48,470 --> 00:38:47,200

that i have this internal knowing like

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00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:48,480

you said and

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00:38:51,510 --> 00:38:50,240

my life is like this and their life

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00:38:53,910 --> 00:38:51,520

isn't always better

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00:38:55,990 --> 00:38:53,920
also they have integration problems much

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00:38:59,030 --> 00:38:56,000
higher rate of a divorce

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00:38:59,750 --> 00:38:59,040
much higher rate of physical problems a

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00:39:01,510 --> 00:38:59,760
lot of times

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00:39:03,030 --> 00:39:01,520
so there's the people who've really

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00:39:05,430 --> 00:39:03,040
studied the near death experience and

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00:39:08,870 --> 00:39:05,440
the after effects of it

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00:39:12,150 --> 00:39:08,880
it it does provide an interesting lens

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00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:12,160
but it's not easily kind of

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00:39:16,950 --> 00:39:15,200
chopped and parsed and that

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00:39:19,270 --> 00:39:16,960
what do you think of that and then then

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00:39:23,190 --> 00:39:19,280
we'll talk more about that

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00:39:28,390 --> 00:39:25,030

it's tough it's tough i mean i i always

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00:39:31,109 --> 00:39:28,400

gonna assess consciousness

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00:39:32,310 --> 00:39:31,119

from from what we can use because

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00:39:33,910 --> 00:39:32,320

otherwise

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00:39:35,190 --> 00:39:33,920

and i don't think that's a scientific

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00:39:35,750 --> 00:39:35,200

thing i think that's a practical

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00:39:37,910 --> 00:39:35,760

practical

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00:39:39,589 --> 00:39:37,920

thing so i mean this is like going back

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00:39:41,109 --> 00:39:39,599

to heidegger i think just to give one

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00:39:43,910 --> 00:39:41,119

example of the way i would begin to

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00:39:45,589 --> 00:39:43,920

assess is saying things such as like

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00:39:46,870 --> 00:39:45,599

between physiology and consciousness i

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00:39:47,990 --> 00:39:46,880

think these are sort of unhelpful

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00:39:50,150 --> 00:39:48,000

because

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there are already these conceptions that

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00:39:54,310 --> 00:39:52,480

are made up by us to explain something

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00:39:56,069 --> 00:39:54,320

else external to us so it's like

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00:39:57,430 --> 00:39:56,079

we can sort of buy into our own bias and

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00:39:58,950 --> 00:39:57,440

i think heidegger is the one one of the

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00:40:00,069 --> 00:39:58,960

few philosophers who really really

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00:40:02,150 --> 00:40:00,079

really strives

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00:40:04,309 --> 00:40:02,160

to make sure that he is not falling back

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00:40:05,910 --> 00:40:04,319

upon his own biases

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00:40:07,670 --> 00:40:05,920

you know and beginning from the absolute

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00:40:10,230 --> 00:40:07,680

base of being he's

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00:40:11,990 --> 00:40:10,240

then defines man as dizzy which is just

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00:40:18,630 --> 00:40:12,000

uh

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00:40:20,069 --> 00:40:18,640

okay it's bad i just can't remember it i

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00:40:22,309 --> 00:40:20,079

spoke about it just the other day

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00:40:23,270 --> 00:40:22,319

but the the primary point to remember of

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00:40:25,510 --> 00:40:23,280

darzan is that

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00:40:27,109 --> 00:40:25,520

heidegger begins by saying okay but one

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00:40:28,870 --> 00:40:27,119

thing that is primary to us which is

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00:40:30,069 --> 00:40:28,880

super super important about

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00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:30,079

you could say being or you could say

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00:40:36,230 --> 00:40:32,880

consciousness is we are beings

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00:40:37,910 --> 00:40:36,240

which investigate our own being that is

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00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:37,920

sort of his starting point is we do know

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00:40:40,790 --> 00:40:39,359

this because we're already

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00:40:42,710 --> 00:40:40,800

what we're doing when we're doing this

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00:40:43,910 --> 00:40:42,720

is assessing it so what does that say

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00:40:45,829 --> 00:40:43,920

you know tell us about things and i

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00:40:47,349 --> 00:40:45,839

think to begin from there and i think

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00:40:48,470 --> 00:40:47,359

my problem with the reason i probably

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00:40:49,750 --> 00:40:48,480

haven't read a lot of the consciousness

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00:40:52,710 --> 00:40:49,760

literature is that

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00:40:53,910 --> 00:40:52,720

i think it just does seem to me that so

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00:40:54,390 --> 00:40:53,920

many people have had these experiences

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00:40:56,630 --> 00:40:54,400

whether

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00:40:57,510 --> 00:40:56,640

they've gone elsewhere or done this or

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00:41:01,190 --> 00:40:57,520

this or this

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00:41:03,430 --> 00:41:01,200

they're so dif they're just so different

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00:41:04,470 --> 00:41:03,440

um you know the only one i've heard of

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00:41:08,390 --> 00:41:04,480

is that

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00:41:09,750 --> 00:41:08,400

monks who meditate almost

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00:41:12,390 --> 00:41:09,760

all of them end up believing in

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00:41:13,750 --> 00:41:12,400

reincarnation and i think it's in

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00:41:15,589 --> 00:41:13,760

we need to pay attention to when there

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00:41:16,950 --> 00:41:15,599

is a pattern i think that would be the

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00:41:21,190 --> 00:41:16,960

important thing is

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00:41:23,349 --> 00:41:21,200

uh to try sort of

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00:41:25,030 --> 00:41:23,359

okay here's the big problem i think is i

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00:41:25,829 --> 00:41:25,040

think that our lang our scientific

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00:41:28,150 --> 00:41:25,839

language

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00:41:29,109 --> 00:41:28,160

is incompatible with where we go and

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00:41:31,109 --> 00:41:29,119

i've

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you know in a in an episode of hans

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00:41:34,950 --> 00:41:33,280

girding he said the absolute can't be

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00:41:35,910 --> 00:41:34,960

known and i would always take the

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00:41:37,829 --> 00:41:35,920

pessimistic view

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00:41:40,069 --> 00:41:37,839

some could say it's pessimistic or you

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know individuals who have this

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00:41:43,589 --> 00:41:42,000

these experiences they get the knowledge

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00:41:45,510 --> 00:41:43,599

they get it they made they

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did the bridge they it's a it's a

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00:41:50,550 --> 00:41:47,359

subjective intuition to them

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00:41:53,670 --> 00:41:50,560

i don't think there's a way where that

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00:41:55,030 --> 00:41:53,680

communication is going to be universally

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00:41:58,710 --> 00:41:55,040

bridged for us

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00:41:59,990 --> 00:41:58,720

um i don't you know i just don't think

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00:42:01,910 --> 00:42:00,000

that's that's a thing

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00:42:03,349 --> 00:42:01,920

um i know that's sort of a cop-out

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00:42:05,990 --> 00:42:03,359

answer and a bit depressing but that's

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00:42:08,470 --> 00:42:06,000

where i sort of stand on it is that

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00:42:09,589 --> 00:42:08,480

it's you know that's not going to happen

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00:42:10,630 --> 00:42:09,599

i don't think we're ever going to be

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00:42:12,470 --> 00:42:10,640

able to

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00:42:14,069 --> 00:42:12,480

um sort of logically explain what's

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00:42:14,950 --> 00:42:14,079
going on over there because we don't

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00:42:19,109 --> 00:42:14,960
have that

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00:42:22,309 --> 00:42:19,119
in our minds to be able to do that

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00:42:25,030 --> 00:42:22,319
see therein lies the the

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00:42:26,069 --> 00:42:25,040
the problem with i think philosophy to a

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00:42:28,950 --> 00:42:26,079
certain extent

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00:42:29,990 --> 00:42:28,960
no really i mean i know i'm maybe poking

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00:42:33,910 --> 00:42:30,000
the bear there a little bit

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00:42:34,630 --> 00:42:33,920
but it's like ultimately we do have a

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00:42:37,829 --> 00:42:34,640
need for

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00:42:40,230 --> 00:42:37,839
some grounding we most of us

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00:42:41,349 --> 00:42:40,240
have a need for some grounding in

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00:42:45,030 --> 00:42:41,359

something

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00:42:48,470 --> 00:42:45,040

that is like science some kind of

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00:42:51,510 --> 00:42:48,480

organized systematic empirical way

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00:42:52,790 --> 00:42:51,520

of measuring and figuring out what those

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00:42:55,670 --> 00:42:52,800

measurements mean

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you know so i think we like the idea

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00:42:59,670 --> 00:42:56,960

that

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we can collect a thousand or two

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thousand

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00:43:04,550 --> 00:43:03,520

like dr jeffrey long has near-death

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00:43:06,550 --> 00:43:04,560

experiences

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and then catalog them and understand

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00:43:10,790 --> 00:43:08,960

them and say 96 percent of people that

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00:43:13,349 --> 00:43:10,800

come back from a near-death experience

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no longer fear dying versus in the

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general population

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it's one of the most pronounced fears

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they have or

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uh you know 76 percent of people see

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deceased relatives you know

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so we want to measure

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00:43:30,069 --> 00:43:29,760

almost by our nature and that draws us

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to

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science so when the philosopher comes

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00:43:36,870 --> 00:43:33,920

along

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and says there's a certain denial of

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that

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is hard to take because we do want to

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measure even if we understand the

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inadequacies of it

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00:43:50,550 --> 00:43:47,839

what do you what do you think about that

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00:43:52,390 --> 00:43:50,560

james um

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00:43:54,230 --> 00:43:52,400

i mean i would say that there is

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philosophers who have actually tackled

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this problem

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00:44:00,550 --> 00:43:58,800

um omri bergson specifically is

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00:44:02,390 --> 00:44:00,560

a philosopher of specifics he always

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wanted to make sure that we were being

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00:44:05,750 --> 00:44:04,400
very correct about our assessments and

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00:44:06,550 --> 00:44:05,760
this is one of the things i think

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00:44:09,349 --> 00:44:06,560
committix

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00:44:10,630 --> 00:44:09,359
my podcast is trying to bridge is that

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00:44:12,230 --> 00:44:10,640
these things are ignored and that

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00:44:13,829 --> 00:44:12,240
they're drawn back into this

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00:44:15,349 --> 00:44:13,839
this sort of suppressive language of

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00:44:16,790 --> 00:44:15,359
philosophy where you do need some a more

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00:44:19,589 --> 00:44:16,800
holistic approach

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00:44:20,950 --> 00:44:19,599
um and i you the combination between

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00:44:22,069 --> 00:44:20,960
these things is where

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00:44:24,150 --> 00:44:22,079
where it begins to get interesting

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00:44:25,750 --> 00:44:24,160

because if you remain just in the

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00:44:27,030 --> 00:44:25,760

you know like the consciousness sphere i

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think they get a bit caught up and it's

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00:44:29,910 --> 00:44:27,599

like well

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00:44:31,589 --> 00:44:29,920

you know for instance jung is you know i

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find jung so fascinating because that

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mixture between occultism and someone

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00:44:37,030 --> 00:44:34,000

who's

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00:44:41,670 --> 00:44:37,040

you know really understands human psyche

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00:44:43,430 --> 00:44:41,680

is you know far more

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00:44:45,430 --> 00:44:43,440

dare i say progressive in terms of if

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someone truly wants to

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you know heal themselves let's say if

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00:44:50,309 --> 00:44:48,880
you want to if you want to heal yourself

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00:44:52,390 --> 00:44:50,319
and you're just stuck within

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00:44:54,710 --> 00:44:52,400
the language of psychology well then

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00:44:56,790 --> 00:44:54,720
you're only you're also stuck with

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00:44:58,150 --> 00:44:56,800
you know the the the cures that they

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00:44:59,510 --> 00:44:58,160
offer which aren't very good because

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00:45:00,710 --> 00:44:59,520
you're only remaining in sort of one

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00:45:02,069 --> 00:45:00,720
sphere of existence

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00:45:04,150 --> 00:45:02,079
and what might be happening to you might

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00:45:05,910 --> 00:45:04,160
be happening on a far greater level so i

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00:45:08,790 --> 00:45:05,920
think that though you know that's why

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00:45:10,470 --> 00:45:08,800
um but in terms of sort of tackling head

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00:45:13,510 --> 00:45:10,480

on why philosophy is sort of stuck like

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00:45:15,670 --> 00:45:13,520

yeah i can't do that no

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00:45:17,430 --> 00:45:15,680

and it's not fair to maybe i was but but

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00:45:18,790 --> 00:45:17,440

uh wait i gotta poke you one more time

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00:45:22,550 --> 00:45:18,800

before i'll let you go here

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00:45:25,430 --> 00:45:22,560

and um poke it twice actually okay

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00:45:26,710 --> 00:45:25,440

but with uh john michael grier

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fascinating guy

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and you guys and i want to say you guys

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but

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people like him i so admire in so many

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ways

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and he has taken this whole dialogue

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about the myth of progress

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and advanced it in a way that kind of

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brings an undeniable reality to the

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00:45:47,109 --> 00:45:45,040

situation

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that that level zero kind of person

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you're talking about

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just needs to to needs to have it jammed

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00:45:55,109 --> 00:45:53,280

in their face

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00:45:56,550 --> 00:45:55,119

i guess i feel and maybe that's what you

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00:45:58,309 --> 00:45:56,560

were saying at the beginning is you just

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00:46:00,870 --> 00:45:58,319

want to go and go

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[h__\h] i mean you're just not looking

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at some of the basic

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real data that we have on that and and

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that's what i think

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to your credit and to you know some of

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the folks you have on the show

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but here's the rub with that john

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michael greer

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believes some stuff about global warming

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that

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isn't isn't verifiable scientifically

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and worse yet back to my level 2

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00:46:29,910 --> 00:46:26,000

conspiracy thing

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seems to have been tainted by

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um forces that want to push that

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narrative in another way so like when

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al gore 25 years ago stood on that kind

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of thing where he was in the movie and

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00:46:43,750 --> 00:46:43,040

he raised up and he had a little pointer

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00:46:45,510 --> 00:46:43,760

he said

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00:46:47,750 --> 00:46:45,520

this is where temperatures are and this

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is where co2 is going and

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look out well you don't even have to you

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can be

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a a level zero kind of person to go ow

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we're 25 years on the oceans have not

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risen which is the only measure we ever

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have to look at

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00:47:04,230 --> 00:47:03,440

i mean where you live they've measured

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the

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00:47:09,750 --> 00:47:08,319

for hundreds of years it's not that

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complicated to do

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it it hasn't risen they go back and they

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can look at the

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00:47:16,390 --> 00:47:15,920

ice caps and that they're in the ice

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core

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00:47:19,750 --> 00:47:18,000

things they do they can go back and look

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00:47:23,030 --> 00:47:19,760

hundreds of thousands of years

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00:47:25,349 --> 00:47:23,040

and they'll tell you long steady

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00:47:26,790 --> 00:47:25,359
sea levels for a long time but then you

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00:47:30,309 --> 00:47:26,800
know big changes

1403
00:47:33,750 --> 00:47:30,319
also so when when john michael greer

1404
00:47:36,549 --> 00:47:33,760
can't get that right

1405
00:47:38,390 --> 00:47:36,559
that is a red flag for me he can't

1406
00:47:39,109 --> 00:47:38,400
course correct he can't say gee i was

1407
00:47:42,150 --> 00:47:39,119
wrong

1408
00:47:45,109 --> 00:47:42,160
about global warming but

1409
00:47:45,510 --> 00:47:45,119
here's how i here's how i process that

1410
00:47:47,190 --> 00:47:45,520
now

1411
00:47:49,829 --> 00:47:47,200
but the second thing i want him to say

1412
00:47:50,150 --> 00:47:49,839
is i was wrong about global warming

1413
00:47:53,510 --> 00:47:50,160

because

1414

00:47:56,710 --> 00:47:53,520

i got bullshitted i got played by

1415

00:47:59,829 --> 00:47:56,720

a globalist force that wants to advance

1416

00:48:02,390 --> 00:47:59,839

certain issues that can only be solved

1417

00:48:03,589 --> 00:48:02,400

globally and that whether you like that

1418

00:48:07,589 --> 00:48:03,599

or not whether you

1419

00:48:09,510 --> 00:48:07,599

it is it is definitely a political

1420

00:48:11,510 --> 00:48:09,520

kind of thing and the other side of that

1421

00:48:13,589 --> 00:48:11,520

is not like good you know i'm not saying

1422

00:48:14,790 --> 00:48:13,599

the the fascist kind of nationalist

1423

00:48:16,950 --> 00:48:14,800

thing is good

1424

00:48:19,829 --> 00:48:16,960

in any way i'm just saying unless we

1425

00:48:22,710 --> 00:48:19,839

understand those two

1426

00:48:23,990 --> 00:48:22,720

forces politically and how they're

1427

00:48:25,589 --> 00:48:24,000

corrupting the data

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00:48:27,190 --> 00:48:25,599

how they're corrupting our ability to

1429

00:48:29,430 --> 00:48:27,200

try and understand the data

1430

00:48:31,190 --> 00:48:29,440

and that is conspiratorial and unless we

1431

00:48:31,829 --> 00:48:31,200

can approach it from a conspiratorial

1432

00:48:34,950 --> 00:48:31,839

standpoint

1433

00:48:36,309 --> 00:48:34,960

we we don't have the beginning thing to

1434

00:48:36,950 --> 00:48:36,319

launch off and make a whole bunch of

1435

00:48:39,190 --> 00:48:36,960

assumptions

1436

00:48:41,109 --> 00:48:39,200

about environmentalism and about the

1437

00:48:43,349 --> 00:48:41,119

myth even the myth of progress

1438

00:48:44,710 --> 00:48:43,359

we have to then step back and go okay

1439

00:48:47,349 --> 00:48:44,720

what does that really mean

1440

00:48:47,990 --> 00:48:47,359

if i'm wrong about global warming and

1441

00:48:50,069 --> 00:48:48,000

what does that mean

1442

00:48:51,349 --> 00:48:50,079

about how i was duped about global

1443

00:48:53,109 --> 00:48:51,359

warming

1444

00:48:54,950 --> 00:48:53,119

any part of that you want to watch onto

1445

00:48:56,630 --> 00:48:54,960

i mean yeah specifically with gria

1446

00:48:58,069 --> 00:48:56,640

i'm not sure he's entirely wrong about

1447

00:48:59,109 --> 00:48:58,079

global warming because he did come at it

1448

00:49:00,710 --> 00:48:59,119

he comes at it

1449

00:49:03,030 --> 00:49:00,720

sort of with the angle of true jury

1450

00:49:04,950 --> 00:49:03,040

which is more of a a respect for nature

1451

00:49:08,309 --> 00:49:04,960

as opposed to

1452

00:49:08,950 --> 00:49:08,319

the you know i really think a lot of the

1453

00:49:10,950 --> 00:49:08,960

argue that

1454

00:49:12,710 --> 00:49:10,960

one of my big problems with the climate

1455

00:49:14,470 --> 00:49:12,720

change argument is that it's

1456

00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:14,480

just underneath it's a very selfish

1457

00:49:16,790 --> 00:49:16,000

argument it's like ownership of the

1458

00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:16,800

globe like

1459

00:49:19,829 --> 00:49:18,319

we need to stop it because it's our

1460

00:49:21,109 --> 00:49:19,839

earth and it's like well

1461

00:49:23,270 --> 00:49:21,119

even if you don't stop it the earth

1462

00:49:24,870 --> 00:49:23,280

keeps going you know whether or not it's

1463

00:49:27,109 --> 00:49:24,880

true i'm not going to get into that

1464

00:49:28,309 --> 00:49:27,119

debate but let's just play devil's

1465

00:49:29,589 --> 00:49:28,319

advocate and say that these things are

1466

00:49:30,069 --> 00:49:29,599

going to happen that's all going to rise

1467

00:49:32,390 --> 00:49:30,079

up and

1468

00:49:34,309 --> 00:49:32,400

temperatures you know oceans rise up etc

1469

00:49:35,670 --> 00:49:34,319

etc

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00:49:37,430 --> 00:49:35,680

we're only doing that for our own

1471

00:49:38,630 --> 00:49:37,440

benefit i don't really think it's

1472

00:49:39,990 --> 00:49:38,640

because we care about the earth because

1473

00:49:41,750 --> 00:49:40,000

if we care about the earth a lot of the

1474

00:49:43,510 --> 00:49:41,760

things that we need to do to stop

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00:49:45,270 --> 00:49:43,520

climate change we would already do so i

1476

00:49:48,230 --> 00:49:45,280

think griez coming at it more

1477

00:49:49,589 --> 00:49:48,240

more of a like instead of saying that

1478

00:49:50,710 --> 00:49:49,599

the people who would say

1479

00:49:52,950 --> 00:49:50,720

oh no it's fine to cut down the

1480

00:49:54,950 --> 00:49:52,960

rainforest but make sure you put up some

1481

00:49:55,990 --> 00:49:54,960

uh some renewable sources of energy

1482

00:49:58,470 --> 00:49:56,000

there instead of

1483

00:49:59,750 --> 00:49:58,480

coal mines i think greer is more along

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00:50:01,829 --> 00:49:59,760

the lines of

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00:50:03,430 --> 00:50:01,839

don't cut down the forest we don't need

1486

00:50:07,430 --> 00:50:03,440

to you're caught up

1487

00:50:08,870 --> 00:50:07,440

in a consumerist game you know which

1488

00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:08,880

which you don't need to do at all you

1489

00:50:13,589 --> 00:50:10,800

know we don't need all this modern tech

1490

00:50:14,710 --> 00:50:13,599

so i'd say he's coming at it from from

1491

00:50:15,990 --> 00:50:14,720

that direction

1492

00:50:17,589 --> 00:50:16,000

and i guess that's where i'm kind of

1493

00:50:19,270 --> 00:50:17,599

jumping three levels into the

1494

00:50:20,630 --> 00:50:19,280

conversation i gotta quit saying levels

1495

00:50:23,349 --> 00:50:20,640

because i'm gonna confuse people

1496

00:50:25,430 --> 00:50:23,359

but it's like that is the brilliance of

1497

00:50:26,870 --> 00:50:25,440

the point that he makes and i think the

1498

00:50:29,349 --> 00:50:26,880

way you articulate it would

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00:50:31,190 --> 00:50:29,359

articulate it was particularly good and

1500

00:50:31,990 --> 00:50:31,200

that's the part that i want to go jam in

1501
00:50:34,390 --> 00:50:32,000
the face

1502
00:50:35,510 --> 00:50:34,400
of the level zero people and i also want

1503
00:50:37,430 --> 00:50:35,520
to jam the science

1504
00:50:39,510 --> 00:50:37,440
in their face and say you think you're

1505
00:50:40,150 --> 00:50:39,520
driving your prius and you're saving the

1506
00:50:42,870 --> 00:50:40,160
earth

1507
00:50:44,309 --> 00:50:42,880
even with inside the confines of your

1508
00:50:46,470 --> 00:50:44,319
own ridiculous

1509
00:50:48,390 --> 00:50:46,480
uh uh the scientific understanding of it

1510
00:50:51,030 --> 00:50:48,400
you're not you're generating more co2

1511
00:50:53,430 --> 00:50:51,040
with your freaking prius

1512
00:50:55,430 --> 00:50:53,440
i love the praise argument but so but

1513
00:50:58,870 --> 00:50:55,440

the real point behind all that

1514

00:51:02,150 --> 00:50:58,880

i think that isn't isn't exposed by

1515

00:51:03,589 --> 00:51:02,160

um a lot of people who are in the kind

1516

00:51:05,510 --> 00:51:03,599

of soft sciences

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00:51:07,030 --> 00:51:05,520

including philosophy but also including

1518

00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:07,040

a lot of the other soft sciences

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00:51:10,549 --> 00:51:09,119

is the point that you made that i'm not

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00:51:14,069 --> 00:51:10,559

going to get into the debate

1521

00:51:15,990 --> 00:51:14,079

about uh climate change which is

1522

00:51:17,670 --> 00:51:16,000

a psyop in and of itself right because

1523

00:51:20,230 --> 00:51:17,680

it's really about global warming

1524

00:51:21,750 --> 00:51:20,240

and they've managed to kind of change

1525

00:51:22,710 --> 00:51:21,760

the language which we all know is a

1526

00:51:24,470 --> 00:51:22,720

powerful way

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00:51:26,230 --> 00:51:24,480

of kind of controlling this is this is

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00:51:28,069 --> 00:51:26,240

one thing that's one thing i wanted to

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00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:28,079

just put in there before we go further

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00:51:34,230 --> 00:51:31,760

these are what i call um so in um

1531

00:51:35,910 --> 00:51:34,240

linguistic theory i'm i do not master

1532

00:51:37,750 --> 00:51:35,920

them i get this completely wrong like so

1533

00:51:39,030 --> 00:51:37,760

maybe a linguist might hear this and go

1534

00:51:40,069 --> 00:51:39,040

god this guy's right off but in

1535

00:51:41,589 --> 00:51:40,079

linguistic theory

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00:51:43,190 --> 00:51:41,599

there's an id there's a thing called a

1537

00:51:46,069 --> 00:51:43,200

free floating

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00:51:47,589 --> 00:51:46,079

signifier so signifier is is a is a word

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00:51:48,150 --> 00:51:47,599

right you signify something you say a

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00:51:51,589 --> 00:51:48,160

tree

1541

00:51:53,190 --> 00:51:51,599

head however you have these things

1542

00:51:54,950 --> 00:51:53,200

called free-floating signifiers which

1543

00:51:56,549 --> 00:51:54,960

are basically signifiers which then

1544

00:51:58,069 --> 00:51:56,559

they're just floating they don't they

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00:51:59,270 --> 00:51:58,079

mean so much to so many

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00:52:00,790 --> 00:51:59,280

so many different things to so many

1547

00:52:01,349 --> 00:52:00,800

different people that they're basically

1548

00:52:04,230 --> 00:52:01,359

meaningless

1549

00:52:06,549 --> 00:52:04,240

post-modernism is a great one or even

1550

00:52:09,430 --> 00:52:06,559

modernity is getting in there right

1551
00:52:10,549 --> 00:52:09,440
but science is a classic science right

1552
00:52:11,270 --> 00:52:10,559
it's exactly what i was going to say

1553
00:52:12,390 --> 00:52:11,280
exactly what i was going to say

1554
00:52:13,990 --> 00:52:12,400
especially with all the corona stuff

1555
00:52:15,750 --> 00:52:14,000
going on

1556
00:52:16,870 --> 00:52:15,760
this my point i'm trying to make with

1557
00:52:18,549 --> 00:52:16,880
this is everything that we're talking

1558
00:52:19,109 --> 00:52:18,559
about here is really about control and

1559
00:52:21,910 --> 00:52:19,119
power

1560
00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:21,920
because in the chrono you know chrono is

1561
00:52:24,549 --> 00:52:22,720
a great example

1562
00:52:26,549 --> 00:52:24,559
because in the news here in the uk you

1563
00:52:27,589 --> 00:52:26,559

hear things like my favorite one they

1564

00:52:30,069 --> 00:52:27,599

say and they say

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00:52:30,950 --> 00:52:30,079

every single news cycle without fail i

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00:52:33,349 --> 00:52:30,960

would actually

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00:52:35,270 --> 00:52:33,359

put mine or all money i have on to say

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00:52:38,630 --> 00:52:35,280

that every single

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00:52:41,670 --> 00:52:38,640

uh you know daily news broadcast

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00:52:44,950 --> 00:52:41,680

features it which is experts

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00:52:47,349 --> 00:52:44,960

the experts the experts agree right

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00:52:48,710 --> 00:52:47,359

back up 10 steps which experts why are

1573

00:52:49,670 --> 00:52:48,720

they experts why do we need these

1574

00:52:51,270 --> 00:52:49,680

experts you know and

1575

00:52:52,390 --> 00:52:51,280

they're talking about like coronavirus

1576
00:52:53,270 --> 00:52:52,400
spreading whatever you think about

1577
00:52:55,670 --> 00:52:53,280
chronovirus

1578
00:52:57,190 --> 00:52:55,680
the statement the experts have said this

1579
00:52:59,349 --> 00:52:57,200
is absolutely

1580
00:53:00,230 --> 00:52:59,359
meaningless same with the scientists

1581
00:53:03,190 --> 00:53:00,240
agree

1582
00:53:03,829 --> 00:53:03,200
or science says right it's absolutely

1583
00:53:05,430 --> 00:53:03,839
meaningless

1584
00:53:07,829 --> 00:53:05,440
and these are basically now like this is

1585
00:53:10,390 --> 00:53:07,839
just power language because people

1586
00:53:12,069 --> 00:53:10,400
just offload their personal

1587
00:53:14,549 --> 00:53:12,079
responsibility and individual

1588
00:53:15,670 --> 00:53:14,559

responsibility onto these words and they

1589

00:53:16,549 --> 00:53:15,680

understand them as things which will

1590

00:53:18,630 --> 00:53:16,559

keep them safe

1591

00:53:20,870 --> 00:53:18,640

there's sort of you know the the earnest

1592

00:53:22,549 --> 00:53:20,880

becker argument of civilization is there

1593

00:53:23,910 --> 00:53:22,559

just to lead us away from the fact that

1594

00:53:25,589 --> 00:53:23,920

we're going to die

1595

00:53:26,950 --> 00:53:25,599

these are also just words to lead us

1596

00:53:28,950 --> 00:53:26,960

away from the fact that

1597

00:53:30,390 --> 00:53:28,960

we are still responsible for our own

1598

00:53:33,030 --> 00:53:30,400

well-being and

1599

00:53:34,230 --> 00:53:33,040

you know and no amount you know which is

1600

00:53:35,990 --> 00:53:34,240

why i think people get

1601
00:53:37,190 --> 00:53:36,000
people are actually becoming quite ill

1602
00:53:38,390 --> 00:53:37,200
is because they're constantly caught up

1603
00:53:41,109 --> 00:53:38,400
in the paradox of

1604
00:53:42,790 --> 00:53:41,119
they they they inherited this idea that

1605
00:53:45,910 --> 00:53:42,800
the scientists are right

1606
00:53:47,109 --> 00:53:45,920
but they're consistently wrong um you

1607
00:53:48,870 --> 00:53:47,119
know same with experts

1608
00:53:50,790 --> 00:53:48,880
so you're just sort of caught in this

1609
00:53:52,710 --> 00:53:50,800
absolute hypocrisy but as dillos and

1610
00:53:55,750 --> 00:53:52,720
guattari say

1611
00:53:55,990 --> 00:53:55,760
you know um god i could forgot my like

1612
00:53:59,430 --> 00:53:56,000
my

1613
00:54:01,589 --> 00:53:59,440

favorite quote uh nothing ever died of

1614

00:54:03,589 --> 00:54:01,599

contradictions right it just keeps going

1615

00:54:05,589 --> 00:54:03,599

this sort of absurd madness

1616

00:54:07,270 --> 00:54:05,599

just keeps going nothing dies or

1617

00:54:07,990 --> 00:54:07,280

contradictions what but what do you end

1618

00:54:11,030 --> 00:54:08,000

up with

1619

00:54:11,829 --> 00:54:11,040

this strange oppressive mutation where

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00:54:13,829 --> 00:54:11,839

you just go

1621

00:54:16,150 --> 00:54:13,839

scientists said it wait so that means we

1622

00:54:17,750 --> 00:54:16,160

have to do it yep

1623

00:54:19,270 --> 00:54:17,760

well you you know i think we're we're

1624

00:54:19,910 --> 00:54:19,280

running out of time you have a time

1625

00:54:21,430 --> 00:54:19,920

limit

1626
00:54:22,950 --> 00:54:21,440
uh i've got about ten more ten more

1627
00:54:25,109 --> 00:54:22,960
minutes okay well

1628
00:54:26,870 --> 00:54:25,119
then let's move towards then i will

1629
00:54:30,069 --> 00:54:26,880
throw out the question

1630
00:54:32,710 --> 00:54:30,079
because in a way what we're both

1631
00:54:33,910 --> 00:54:32,720
trying to do here and uh there's so many

1632
00:54:35,030 --> 00:54:33,920
points that you just made that i could

1633
00:54:36,870 --> 00:54:35,040
go but

1634
00:54:39,030 --> 00:54:36,880
how do we find tara firma you know how

1635
00:54:43,270 --> 00:54:39,040
do we find the ground that we stand

1636
00:54:45,829 --> 00:54:43,280
on from where we can at least

1637
00:54:48,150 --> 00:54:45,839
approach some of these topics like when

1638
00:54:49,990 --> 00:54:48,160

you throw out the fear of death thing

1639

00:54:51,750 --> 00:54:50,000

in a way i almost feel like you brushed

1640

00:54:52,390 --> 00:54:51,760

a brush that brushed over that too

1641

00:54:55,910 --> 00:54:52,400

quickly

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00:54:57,270 --> 00:54:55,920

is because it it it is fundamentally

1643

00:54:59,589 --> 00:54:57,280

maybe the only

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00:55:01,190 --> 00:54:59,599

thing you know that is really at play

1645

00:55:03,030 --> 00:55:01,200

here and

1646

00:55:04,950 --> 00:55:03,040

so we can't go to the next thing and say

1647

00:55:07,030 --> 00:55:04,960

and you know this is another you know no

1648

00:55:09,349 --> 00:55:07,040

it's like that's internally that's what

1649

00:55:12,390 --> 00:55:09,359

it's all about that's what the

1650

00:55:14,950 --> 00:55:12,400

from the eastern perspective that's

1651
00:55:15,750 --> 00:55:14,960
how we've built all these stars that

1652
00:55:18,309 --> 00:55:15,760
constitute

1653
00:55:19,910 --> 00:55:18,319
our definition of who we are this is the

1654
00:55:21,510 --> 00:55:19,920
this is the huge problem of the modern

1655
00:55:24,390 --> 00:55:21,520
day is that

1656
00:55:25,109 --> 00:55:24,400
the only reason things can mean anything

1657
00:55:27,750 --> 00:55:25,119
is when

1658
00:55:29,109 --> 00:55:27,760
is if they're put in a finite framework

1659
00:55:29,589 --> 00:55:29,119
which is which is eventually going to

1660
00:55:31,670 --> 00:55:29,599
end

1661
00:55:32,950 --> 00:55:31,680
what does your family mean if you know

1662
00:55:35,030 --> 00:55:32,960
that one day you're going to die which

1663
00:55:37,190 --> 00:55:35,040

then makes you think right so i need to

1664

00:55:38,789 --> 00:55:37,200

you know build up something for them and

1665

00:55:40,069 --> 00:55:38,799

i need to teach these lessons and

1666

00:55:41,670 --> 00:55:40,079

keep that going and build a great family

1667

00:55:42,069 --> 00:55:41,680

or you know what does this project mean

1668

00:55:43,430 --> 00:55:42,079

if

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00:55:45,349 --> 00:55:43,440

one day i'm not gonna be here or the

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00:55:47,750 --> 00:55:45,359

project would end

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00:55:48,390 --> 00:55:47,760

the problem is it's a schizophrenic

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00:55:50,150 --> 00:55:48,400

problem

1673

00:55:51,670 --> 00:55:50,160

because the schizophrenic doesn't adhere

1674

00:55:54,789 --> 00:55:51,680

to

1675

00:55:56,549 --> 00:55:54,799

anything like this so the schizophrenic

1676
00:55:57,910 --> 00:55:56,559
goes beyond death because it doesn't

1677
00:55:59,910 --> 00:55:57,920
have anything that's going to die

1678
00:56:01,270 --> 00:55:59,920
and this is the problem of of the modern

1679
00:56:02,549 --> 00:56:01,280
day is that

1680
00:56:04,390 --> 00:56:02,559
everything that we're in all

1681
00:56:06,789 --> 00:56:04,400
institutions the media

1682
00:56:07,510 --> 00:56:06,799
social media everything teaches us to

1683
00:56:09,510 --> 00:56:07,520
live

1684
00:56:11,510 --> 00:56:09,520
not in the present in the eastern sense

1685
00:56:11,829 --> 00:56:11,520
but in the what i call the nano present

1686
00:56:14,390 --> 00:56:11,839
right

1687
00:56:14,950 --> 00:56:14,400
just the smallest iteration of a news

1688
00:56:16,230 --> 00:56:14,960

cycle

1689

00:56:17,990 --> 00:56:16,240

you know like what we talking about

1690

00:56:19,510 --> 00:56:18,000

today this this this

1691

00:56:20,789 --> 00:56:19,520

right you've forgotten about like i

1692

00:56:22,309 --> 00:56:20,799

always list things that people are

1693

00:56:24,390 --> 00:56:22,319

probably you know like brexit

1694

00:56:26,309 --> 00:56:24,400

we're all about brexit i mean it's gone

1695

00:56:28,309 --> 00:56:26,319

or black lives matter before corona

1696

00:56:30,390 --> 00:56:28,319

or you know corona and now it's the

1697

00:56:32,150 --> 00:56:30,400

election and it's like all these things

1698

00:56:34,470 --> 00:56:32,160

are just forgotten in an instant and

1699

00:56:36,230 --> 00:56:34,480

this this really removes

1700

00:56:38,549 --> 00:56:36,240

the position of purpose and meaning for

1701

00:56:41,190 --> 00:56:38,559

man because you don't end up

1702

00:56:41,990 --> 00:56:41,200

you completely forget that you're you're

1703

00:56:44,069 --> 00:56:42,000

you exist

1704

00:56:45,670 --> 00:56:44,079

on a finite time scale you need to

1705

00:56:46,950 --> 00:56:45,680

remember that i think it's important

1706

00:56:48,870 --> 00:56:46,960

super super important to remember that

1707

00:56:52,390 --> 00:56:48,880

but modernity hates

1708

00:56:55,030 --> 00:56:52,400

death and suffering it sees them as bugs

1709

00:56:55,589 --> 00:56:55,040

not features right of reality it wants

1710

00:56:58,150 --> 00:56:55,599

to

1711

00:57:00,630 --> 00:56:58,160

get rid of them don't disagree with you

1712

00:57:03,190 --> 00:57:00,640

on that i just wonder if the problem

1713

00:57:05,190 --> 00:57:03,200

is more fundamental getting back to the

1714

00:57:05,750 --> 00:57:05,200

kind of nature of consciousness question

1715

00:57:08,150 --> 00:57:05,760

you know

1716

00:57:10,069 --> 00:57:08,160

one of the spiritual questions two of

1717

00:57:12,789 --> 00:57:10,079

the spiritual kind of

1718

00:57:14,470 --> 00:57:12,799

little quips that i like is one you know

1719

00:57:16,470 --> 00:57:14,480

the spiritual path is easy for one with

1720

00:57:19,540 --> 00:57:16,480

no preferences

1721

00:57:20,950 --> 00:57:19,550

and the related one to that is um

1722

00:57:23,829 --> 00:57:20,960

[Music]

1723

00:57:24,309 --> 00:57:23,839

you know who am i and who have i become

1724

00:57:27,670 --> 00:57:24,319

so

1725

00:57:30,789 --> 00:57:27,680

we are all making these assessments

1726

00:57:33,990 --> 00:57:30,799

about what we like what we don't like

1727

00:57:36,870 --> 00:57:34,000

who we are and that has

1728

00:57:38,549 --> 00:57:36,880

created this image of who we are so i

1729

00:57:41,510 --> 00:57:38,559

almost feel like when we say

1730

00:57:42,710 --> 00:57:41,520

you know modernity i get it we all

1731

00:57:45,030 --> 00:57:42,720

understand it we all

1732

00:57:45,829 --> 00:57:45,040

understand the oppressive force but it's

1733

00:57:50,069 --> 00:57:45,839

really just

1734

00:57:51,270 --> 00:57:50,079

a substitute for the experience that uh

1735

00:57:53,190 --> 00:57:51,280

particularly i'm drawn to kind of some

1736

00:57:55,030 --> 00:57:53,200

of the eastern philosophies have kind of

1737

00:57:57,829 --> 00:57:55,040

pointed out all along it's like no

1738

00:57:59,349 --> 00:57:57,839

man it's not really modernity you just

1739

00:58:05,670 --> 00:57:59,359

created this [h__\h]

1740

00:58:06,950 --> 00:58:05,680

attached to one the thoughts that you've

1741

00:58:08,990 --> 00:58:06,960

created but two

1742

00:58:10,150 --> 00:58:09,000

the experiences that you've had that you

1743

00:58:12,390 --> 00:58:10,160

misinterpreted

1744

00:58:14,470 --> 00:58:12,400

right because you know it's the classic

1745

00:58:15,990 --> 00:58:14,480

you see the stick on the ground on your

1746

00:58:17,430 --> 00:58:16,000

walk and you think it's a snake and then

1747

00:58:18,630 --> 00:58:17,440

you recoil because you thought there was

1748

00:58:20,789 --> 00:58:18,640

a snake on the ground

1749

00:58:21,990 --> 00:58:20,799

there wasn't a [h__\h] snake there but

1750

00:58:23,990 --> 00:58:22,000

you've processed it

1751
00:58:25,910 --> 00:58:24,000
now as a snake and you're going to have

1752
00:58:28,870 --> 00:58:25,920
to unprocess

1753
00:58:30,150 --> 00:58:28,880
that if there is some getting clean that

1754
00:58:33,190 --> 00:58:30,160
that is

1755
00:58:37,510 --> 00:58:33,200
desirable at some point you know so

1756
00:58:40,230 --> 00:58:37,520
is the eastern approach does it kind of

1757
00:58:42,309 --> 00:58:40,240
kind of jump over a lot of these

1758
00:58:45,430 --> 00:58:42,319
perceived problems with

1759
00:58:48,470 --> 00:58:45,440
uh modernity and

1760
00:58:49,030 --> 00:58:48,480
met the progress kind of issues i think

1761
00:58:52,150 --> 00:58:49,040
it does

1762
00:58:55,349 --> 00:58:52,160
but i i agree with

1763
00:58:56,710 --> 00:58:55,359

um john michael gray says that people

1764

00:59:00,069 --> 00:58:56,720

should only do drugs

1765

00:59:00,630 --> 00:59:00,079

from their uh their nation you know

1766

00:59:02,870 --> 00:59:00,640

whether

1767

00:59:04,150 --> 00:59:02,880

they're um where they're brought up you

1768

00:59:04,390 --> 00:59:04,160

know from their area of the world so if

1769

00:59:07,670 --> 00:59:04,400

you're

1770

00:59:09,270 --> 00:59:07,680

just sort of drink alcohol and you know

1771

00:59:11,430 --> 00:59:09,280

et cetera et cetera

1772

00:59:12,630 --> 00:59:11,440

i think the same is true of spiritual

1773

00:59:15,109 --> 00:59:12,640

traditions um

1774

00:59:16,390 --> 00:59:15,119

and i of any westerner who i've met

1775

00:59:16,870 --> 00:59:16,400

who's really like oh i'm really into

1776

00:59:20,950 --> 00:59:16,880

buddhism

1777

00:59:23,829 --> 00:59:20,960

and i think that

1778

00:59:25,270 --> 00:59:23,839

that spirituality brushes over all that

1779

00:59:27,510 --> 00:59:25,280

stuff because they're just different

1780

00:59:28,870 --> 00:59:27,520

they are actually quite different in a

1781

00:59:30,470 --> 00:59:28,880

good way in a good way but i think when

1782

00:59:32,470 --> 00:59:30,480

westerners take that on

1783

00:59:34,230 --> 00:59:32,480

they usually bastardize it and find a

1784

00:59:35,109 --> 00:59:34,240

way to have this you know this still

1785

00:59:36,870 --> 00:59:35,119

western like

1786

00:59:38,390 --> 00:59:36,880

oh i'm a buddhist but you're still

1787

00:59:39,430 --> 00:59:38,400

within modernity and it just turns into

1788

00:59:42,710 --> 00:59:39,440

this strange thing

1789

00:59:44,470 --> 00:59:42,720

so i would say is if you know you have a

1790

00:59:46,230 --> 00:59:44,480

conclusive spiritual conclusion in mind

1791

00:59:47,109 --> 00:59:46,240

in which you're deconstructing modernity

1792

00:59:48,549 --> 00:59:47,119

etc

1793

00:59:50,390 --> 00:59:48,559

you can do that from the position of the

1794

00:59:51,990 --> 00:59:50,400

westerner and i think you have to do

1795

00:59:53,910 --> 00:59:52,000

that from the position of the westerner

1796

00:59:55,750 --> 00:59:53,920

because you'll bring instead of

1797

00:59:57,349 --> 00:59:55,760

introducing a new language like you are

1798

00:59:59,270 --> 00:59:57,359

with buddhism and a new idea

1799

01:00:00,390 --> 00:59:59,280

you begin to deconstruct what it is

1800

01:00:02,069 --> 01:00:00,400

you've built

1801
01:00:03,589 --> 01:00:02,079
yourself which i think is more you know

1802
01:00:05,670 --> 01:00:03,599
that's more productive thing to do

1803
01:00:07,510 --> 01:00:05,680
as opposed to just right i've got this

1804
01:00:08,470 --> 01:00:07,520
problem instead of deconstructing the

1805
01:00:10,710 --> 01:00:08,480
problem itself

1806
01:00:12,950 --> 01:00:10,720
with what i've built i'll just throw

1807
01:00:14,710 --> 01:00:12,960
something on top of it it's like no no

1808
01:00:16,470 --> 01:00:14,720
you don't need that other thing you need

1809
01:00:18,230 --> 01:00:16,480
to work with you know you need to

1810
01:00:19,510 --> 01:00:18,240
you know why did you build up this idea

1811
01:00:20,390 --> 01:00:19,520
that you need a mortgage or whatever it

1812
01:00:22,549 --> 01:00:20,400
is why do you

1813
01:00:23,589 --> 01:00:22,559

you know feel like you need the super

1814

01:00:27,349 --> 01:00:23,599

duper mattress what

1815

01:00:28,789 --> 01:00:27,359

why is it you know uh societally weird

1816

01:00:30,870 --> 01:00:28,799

to sleep on the floor

1817

01:00:33,430 --> 01:00:30,880

for instance you know what you know and

1818

01:00:37,030 --> 01:00:33,440

begin there

1819

01:00:40,069 --> 01:00:37,040

again our guest has been james ellis the

1820

01:00:43,430 --> 01:00:40,079

very very imaginative and

1821

01:00:46,230 --> 01:00:43,440

uh deep deep thinker host of hermetics

1822

01:00:47,430 --> 01:00:46,240

uh podcast and let's pull up his a blog

1823

01:00:48,270 --> 01:00:47,440

there that you're gonna want to check

1824

01:00:52,069 --> 01:00:48,280

out

1825

01:00:53,670 --> 01:00:52,079

metanomad so james so awesome talk to

1826
01:00:55,430 --> 01:00:53,680
you and like i said let's make this part

1827
01:01:01,510 --> 01:00:55,440
one of an ongoing dialogue

1828
01:01:05,030 --> 01:01:03,109
thanks again to james ellis for joining

1829
01:01:08,950 --> 01:01:05,040
me today on skeptico

1830
01:01:13,750 --> 01:01:08,960
one question i t up from this interview

1831
01:01:16,789 --> 01:01:13,760
is philosophy swamped by science

1832
01:01:18,470 --> 01:01:16,799
is there inability to dive in

1833
01:01:20,549 --> 01:01:18,480
deep dive the way we've been talking

1834
01:01:23,829 --> 01:01:20,559
about on this show for a while

1835
01:01:25,589 --> 01:01:23,839
does that undermine some of their

1836
01:01:27,670 --> 01:01:25,599
strongest positions

1837
01:01:29,910 --> 01:01:27,680
i don't know james makes a strong case

1838
01:01:32,069 --> 01:01:29,920

for the deep thinking philosopher that

1839

01:01:34,789 --> 01:01:32,079

he is and he's pulling together a lot of

1840

01:01:35,589 --> 01:01:34,799

interesting pieces from a perspective

1841

01:01:38,950 --> 01:01:35,599

that's quite

1842

01:01:39,430 --> 01:01:38,960

unique so maybe that's the counter punch

1843

01:01:40,950 --> 01:01:39,440

to that

1844

01:01:42,950 --> 01:01:40,960

let me know your thoughts of course the

1845

01:01:45,349 --> 01:01:42,960

place to do it is the skeptical forum

1846

01:01:47,349 --> 01:01:45,359

come join me over there

1847

01:01:49,430 --> 01:01:47,359

lots of great shows coming up stay with

1848

01:01:51,830 --> 01:01:49,440

me for all of that until next time