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***THE VEIL
OF STUPIDITY***

FEATURING

STEPHEN BRAUDE



1
00:00:04,390 --> 00:00:01,829
what i got a native doing the funky

2
00:00:07,430 --> 00:00:04,400
chicken here he's blocking my blade

3
00:00:08,629 --> 00:00:07,440
well keep going he'll move

4
00:00:11,270 --> 00:00:08,639
because people have to learn that we

5
00:00:13,110 --> 00:00:11,280
don't stop so what's up high tech future

6
00:00:15,190 --> 00:00:13,120
when jake is separated from the team

7
00:00:16,070 --> 00:00:15,200
they have to scour the woods to try and

8
00:00:18,150 --> 00:00:16,080
find him

9
00:00:20,230 --> 00:00:18,160
tracking isn't that hard even without a

10
00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:20,240
global network of satellites

11
00:00:23,349 --> 00:00:22,240
that's a clip from a youtube video i

12
00:00:27,189 --> 00:00:23,359
found titled

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00:00:29,589 --> 00:00:27,199

dumb things in avatar that everyone just

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:29,599

ignored referencing of course the movie

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00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:31,279

avatar one of the top grossing films of

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00:00:34,549 --> 00:00:31,920

all time

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00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:34,559

and it's a sci-fi film has a lot of

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00:00:38,470 --> 00:00:36,000

science stuff

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00:00:39,990 --> 00:00:38,480

which gets complicated at some points

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00:00:43,190 --> 00:00:40,000

and you have to follow along but then at

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00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:43,200

some points it just gets really dumb

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00:00:49,670 --> 00:00:47,760

kind of like science in general

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00:00:51,950 --> 00:00:49,680

as is so beautifully demonstrated by

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00:00:53,189 --> 00:00:51,960

today's guest the esteemed

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00:00:58,150 --> 00:00:53,199

parapsychologist

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00:01:00,069 --> 00:00:58,160
scientist philosopher dr stephen browdy

27
00:01:01,990 --> 00:01:00,079
people who are skeptical about psi

28
00:01:03,750 --> 00:01:02,000
phenomena it's almost as if a veil of

29
00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:03,760
stupidity descends over them and then

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00:01:08,469 --> 00:01:04,479
they start

31
00:01:10,710 --> 00:01:08,479
going into kind of conceptual panic and

32
00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:10,720
they panic more i think initially over

33
00:01:14,310 --> 00:01:12,000
pk than esp

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00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:14,320
although esp on the surface seems to

35
00:01:18,469 --> 00:01:16,640
threaten the idea of mental privacy

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00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:18,479
it's very easy to explain why people

37
00:01:23,670 --> 00:01:20,479
freak out over pk

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:23,680

if i can move let's say a matchstick

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00:01:28,710 --> 00:01:26,400

a millimeter by thought alone it's a

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00:01:30,069 --> 00:01:28,720

very small step conceptually from doing

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00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:30,079

that to making somebody drop

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00:01:34,550 --> 00:01:33,119

dead i tell the story and dangerous

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00:01:36,069 --> 00:01:34,560

pursuits about what happened when i

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:36,079

tried to give a talk on my

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00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:38,880

pk investigations to my physics

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00:01:42,310 --> 00:01:40,000

department at the university

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00:01:44,069 --> 00:01:42,320

of maryland i was invited to do it and i

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00:01:45,749 --> 00:01:44,079

thought they wanted me to talk about it

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00:01:47,749 --> 00:01:45,759

i was two minutes into the talk and the

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,759

faculty shouted me down i never got to

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00:01:51,429 --> 00:01:49,680

give the talk

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00:01:53,830 --> 00:01:51,439

welcome to skeptica where we explore

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00:01:56,149 --> 00:01:53,840

controversial science and spirituality

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00:01:58,310 --> 00:01:56,159

with leading researchers thinkers

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00:02:01,350 --> 00:01:58,320

and their critics i'm your host alex

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00:02:04,550 --> 00:02:01,360

sacaris and today we welcome back

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00:02:06,469 --> 00:02:04,560

dr stephen brody to skeptico

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00:02:07,990 --> 00:02:06,479

you know i've had the pleasure and

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00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:08,000

really honor i mean that

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00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:12,160

sincerely of interviewing steve

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00:02:16,070 --> 00:02:14,640

several times and as i was just chatting

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00:02:17,350 --> 00:02:16,080

with him about a little bit

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00:02:18,630 --> 00:02:17,360

i went back and had to look at the

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00:02:19,830 --> 00:02:18,640

records because i know it's been a long

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00:02:23,110 --> 00:02:19,840

time

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00:02:26,670 --> 00:02:23,120

the first one was 10 years ago which

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00:02:29,670 --> 00:02:26,680

you know if you're interested in

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00:02:33,190 --> 00:02:29,680

parapsychology if you're seriously

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00:02:33,589 --> 00:02:33,200

interested in what's called psy but

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00:02:36,869 --> 00:02:33,599

really

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00:02:38,949 --> 00:02:36,879

interested in science

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00:02:40,229 --> 00:02:38,959

which is all i was interested to begin

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00:02:43,270 --> 00:02:40,239

with this

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00:02:47,030 --> 00:02:43,280

you are going to run across

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00:02:47,589 --> 00:02:47,040

stephen brody and uh he has a new book

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00:02:50,630 --> 00:02:47,599

out

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00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:50,640

dangerous pursuits mediumship

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00:02:55,509 --> 00:02:54,160

mind and music which you can pick up for

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00:02:59,430 --> 00:02:55,519

just 10 bucks

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00:03:02,390 --> 00:02:59,440

on kindle which is the way i got it

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00:03:04,550 --> 00:03:02,400

amazing uh compilation kind of capstone

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00:03:07,750 --> 00:03:04,560

of a lot of work that he's done

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00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:07,760

and uh it's just super great

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00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:10,879

to have this guy back super

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00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:14,640

smart person just beyond this kind of

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00:03:18,550 --> 00:03:16,560

narrowly defined little field we're

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00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:18,560

going to talk about of parapsychology

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00:03:22,949 --> 00:03:21,280

just somebody who's two things i think

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00:03:24,630 --> 00:03:22,959

are really great one you'll recognize

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00:03:27,030 --> 00:03:24,640

immediately that he's

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00:03:28,229 --> 00:03:27,040

very very very smart about a lot of

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00:03:30,550 --> 00:03:28,239

different things

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00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:30,560

but two he has this warrior spirit i

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00:03:36,430 --> 00:03:32,720

mean this is a guy that has

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00:03:39,430 --> 00:03:36,440

kind of battled against the tide

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00:03:42,149 --> 00:03:39,440

relentlessly for i don't know

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00:03:42,630 --> 00:03:42,159

i'm not going to say how many years but

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00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:42,640

uh

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00:03:45,990 --> 00:03:44,720

steve welcome back thanks so much for

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00:03:47,350 --> 00:03:46,000

joining me

101
00:03:49,190 --> 00:03:47,360
thanks for having me it's good to see

102
00:03:52,949 --> 00:03:49,200
you again so

103
00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:52,959
tell folks uh you know who is

104
00:04:01,110 --> 00:03:57,280
who is dr stephen browdy

105
00:04:03,990 --> 00:04:01,120
wow well i started out as

106
00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:04,000
professionally at least as kind of a

107
00:04:08,869 --> 00:04:05,200
mainstream

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00:04:10,789 --> 00:04:08,879
philosopher i had had an experience back

109
00:04:11,509 --> 00:04:10,799
in graduate school of seeing my table

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00:04:13,509 --> 00:04:11,519
tilt

111
00:04:14,710 --> 00:04:13,519
in a impromptu seance with a couple of

112
00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:14,720
friends

113
00:04:19,509 --> 00:04:16,639

but i was smart enough at the time not

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00:04:20,069 --> 00:04:19,519

to talk to my mentors about that i was

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00:04:21,670 --> 00:04:20,079

busy

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00:04:23,670 --> 00:04:21,680

in those days i thought of myself as a

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00:04:25,430 --> 00:04:23,680

kind of hard-nosed materialist

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00:04:27,749 --> 00:04:25,440

not for any particularly good reason it

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00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:27,759

was just a kind of intellectual conceit

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00:04:35,990 --> 00:04:33,430

and i knew nothing about parapsychology

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00:04:37,430 --> 00:04:36,000

so i literally put it out of mind until

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00:04:45,270 --> 00:04:37,440

i

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00:04:47,510 --> 00:04:45,280

are some respectable

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00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:47,520

papers in the field of temporal logic

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00:04:52,070 --> 00:04:49,600

and the philosophy of time

126
00:04:53,670 --> 00:04:52,080
got tenure and then i remembered what

127
00:04:55,670 --> 00:04:53,680
happened to me back in graduate school

128
00:04:58,150 --> 00:04:55,680
seeing this table rise in the air

129
00:04:59,990 --> 00:04:58,160
and i figured if i was an honest

130
00:05:02,310 --> 00:05:00,000
philosopher an intellectual and needed

131
00:05:04,790 --> 00:05:02,320
to come to grips with that

132
00:05:06,629 --> 00:05:04,800
and i knew it at by that time that some

133
00:05:08,710 --> 00:05:06,639
very well-known and great philosophers

134
00:05:11,189 --> 00:05:08,720
had taken parapsychological research

135
00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:11,199
seriously so i read what they had to say

136
00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:12,880
and i decided there was really something

137
00:05:16,550 --> 00:05:13,440
worth

138
00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:16,560

sinking my teeth into

139

00:05:22,390 --> 00:05:20,720

and so i cranked out a book initially on

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00:05:23,670 --> 00:05:22,400

the experimental evidence thinking like

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00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:23,680

a lot of people that

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00:05:26,310 --> 00:05:25,120

if there was good evidence for psi

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00:05:28,950 --> 00:05:26,320

phenomena it would come from the

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00:05:30,629 --> 00:05:28,960

laboratory

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00:05:32,070 --> 00:05:30,639

and then i figured if i was an honest

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00:05:33,749 --> 00:05:32,080

intellectual i needed to

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00:05:35,590 --> 00:05:33,759

know the rest of the evidence at least

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00:05:38,629 --> 00:05:35,600

so i could have a comprehensive

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00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:38,639

context in which to place all this and i

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00:05:42,310 --> 00:05:40,400

was bowled over by the evidence from

151
00:05:43,430 --> 00:05:42,320
physical mediumship and what i realized

152
00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:43,440
at the time

153
00:05:47,590 --> 00:05:45,840
was that many of the parapsychologists

154
00:05:49,430 --> 00:05:47,600
not not just the skeptics but

155
00:05:50,310 --> 00:05:49,440
parapsychologists themselves didn't know

156
00:05:52,550 --> 00:05:50,320
this evidence

157
00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:52,560
they were skeptical about it steve real

158
00:05:57,189 --> 00:05:54,080
quick physical

159
00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:57,199
uh mediumship tell people what that

160
00:06:03,189 --> 00:06:01,280
means sure well people are familiar with

161
00:06:04,950 --> 00:06:03,199
the term mediumship no doubt but there

162
00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:04,960
are two kinds of mediumship one is

163
00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:06,000

mental mediumship

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00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:08,400

which is what we see most often depicted

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00:06:13,909 --> 00:06:09,759

in film and

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00:06:15,029 --> 00:06:13,919

tv that's where people ostensibly

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00:06:19,029 --> 00:06:15,039

challenge

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00:06:22,230 --> 00:06:19,039

channel messages from the deceased

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00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:22,240

physical mediumship is where

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00:06:27,749 --> 00:06:25,840

mediums ostensibly facilitate or mediate

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00:06:29,510 --> 00:06:27,759

the production of physical phenomena

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00:06:32,390 --> 00:06:29,520

like materializations

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00:06:33,990 --> 00:06:32,400

table levitations wraps in the table and

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00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:34,000

so forth

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00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:36,400

so it's where they seem to channel pk

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00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:38,000

phenomena

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00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:40,560

so let me just interject here because uh

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00:06:43,909 --> 00:06:41,759

i i like your

179

00:06:45,670 --> 00:06:43,919

your your grumpiness and your gnarliness

180

00:06:47,510 --> 00:06:45,680

about uh some of this stuff i really

181

00:06:48,950 --> 00:06:47,520

appreciate it deeply and i mean that

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00:06:50,950 --> 00:06:48,960

sincerely

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00:06:53,029 --> 00:06:50,960

you make kind of an interesting point

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00:06:55,589 --> 00:06:53,039

slash distinction here

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00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:55,599

that is kind of curious you point out

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00:07:00,469 --> 00:06:56,560

that

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00:07:05,230 --> 00:07:00,479

even people who are uh completely

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00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:05,240

uh skeptical and very anti-sci

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00:07:11,830 --> 00:07:09,199

parapsychology mediumship they get extra

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00:07:13,350 --> 00:07:11,840

uh offended by the idea of physical

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00:07:14,950 --> 00:07:13,360

mediumship and i think you challenge

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00:07:16,070 --> 00:07:14,960

that in kind of an interesting way it's

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00:07:18,150 --> 00:07:16,080

kind of a little subplot

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00:07:19,110 --> 00:07:18,160

here but you're like what what are you

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00:07:21,589 --> 00:07:19,120

doing i mean you're

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00:07:22,870 --> 00:07:21,599

you're you're not accepting one but

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00:07:26,230 --> 00:07:22,880

you're somehow showing

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00:07:28,710 --> 00:07:26,240

an increased ability to reject the other

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00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:28,720

in what logic space are you occupying

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00:07:33,110 --> 00:07:30,000

there that that even makes

201
00:07:35,350 --> 00:07:33,120
any sense right i mean

202
00:07:37,350 --> 00:07:35,360
for people who are skeptical about psi

203
00:07:39,110 --> 00:07:37,360
phenomena it's almost as if a veil of

204
00:07:39,830 --> 00:07:39,120
stupidity descends over them and then

205
00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:39,840
they start

206
00:07:46,070 --> 00:07:43,840
going into kind of conceptual panic and

207
00:07:48,550 --> 00:07:46,080
they panic more i think initially over

208
00:07:50,150 --> 00:07:48,560
pk than esp although esp

209
00:07:52,070 --> 00:07:50,160
on the surface seems to threaten the

210
00:07:55,830 --> 00:07:52,080
idea of mental privacy

211
00:07:58,629 --> 00:07:55,840
um pk is particularly terrifying and

212
00:08:00,790 --> 00:07:58,639
the reactions to my talking about pk are

213
00:08:03,110 --> 00:08:00,800

have been the most extreme i've seen

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00:08:05,110 --> 00:08:03,120

and it's very easy to explain why people

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00:08:08,309 --> 00:08:05,120

freak out over pk

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00:08:11,029 --> 00:08:08,319

if i can move let's say a matchstick

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00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:11,039

a millimeter by thought alone it's a

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00:08:13,990 --> 00:08:12,080

very small step

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00:08:16,629 --> 00:08:14,000

conceptually from doing that to making

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00:08:19,909 --> 00:08:16,639

somebody drop dead by thought alone

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00:08:21,990 --> 00:08:19,919

so the existence of any kind of pk

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00:08:23,909 --> 00:08:22,000

forces us to take seriously a kind of

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00:08:24,950 --> 00:08:23,919

magical world view that most of us

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00:08:27,589 --> 00:08:24,960

associate

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00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:27,599

and usually condescendingly that only

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00:08:32,870 --> 00:08:29,520

with so-called primitive cultures

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00:08:35,110 --> 00:08:32,880

it's a worldview according to which our

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00:08:36,550 --> 00:08:35,120

thoughts unintentional or intentional

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00:08:37,909 --> 00:08:36,560

can have malevolent or lethal

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00:08:39,269 --> 00:08:37,919

consequences

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00:08:41,190 --> 00:08:39,279

and in which we might have to take

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:41,200

responsibility for a whole range of

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00:08:44,949 --> 00:08:41,760

things

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00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:44,959

we'd just assume be bystanders for

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00:08:49,590 --> 00:08:47,920

and modern science has been trying its

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00:08:51,269 --> 00:08:49,600

damnedest to make causation as

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00:08:53,509 --> 00:08:51,279

impersonal as possible

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00:08:55,269 --> 00:08:53,519

and this is just the exact opposite of

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00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:55,279

that so this is a

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00:08:59,190 --> 00:08:57,760

world view and people in industrialized

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00:09:00,470 --> 00:08:59,200

or developed countries aren't happy

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00:09:01,829 --> 00:09:00,480

about this at all

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00:09:03,910 --> 00:09:01,839

i mean they're uncomfortable with the

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00:09:05,509 --> 00:09:03,920

idea that if you have a malevolent

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00:09:07,990 --> 00:09:05,519

thought about somebody even

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00:09:10,550 --> 00:09:08,000

just a passing vagrant thought and that

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00:09:12,630 --> 00:09:10,560

person has an accident

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00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:12,640

that our vagrant thought might have had

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00:09:17,590 --> 00:09:15,120

something to do with it

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00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:17,600

you know there's a i've made this point

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00:09:21,350 --> 00:09:18,480

quite often and

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00:09:23,030 --> 00:09:21,360

i apologize if i made it to you there's

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00:09:25,030 --> 00:09:23,040

an old yiddish distinction between a

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00:09:27,509 --> 00:09:25,040

schlemiel and a schlemazel

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00:09:28,949 --> 00:09:27,519

a schlemiel is someone who has soups

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00:09:31,990 --> 00:09:28,959

built on him

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00:09:33,350 --> 00:09:32,000

and a [h__h] is sorry shlamila someone

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00:09:35,990 --> 00:09:33,360

who spills soup on himself

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00:09:37,670 --> 00:09:36,000

and schlamazel has it's built on him so

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00:09:38,550 --> 00:09:37,680

the idea is that a schlemazel is an

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00:09:40,310 --> 00:09:38,560

unlucky soul

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00:09:43,350 --> 00:09:40,320

a person that the universe is crapping

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00:09:44,790 --> 00:09:43,360

on a victim of impersonal forces of the

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00:09:47,829 --> 00:09:44,800

universe at large

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00:09:49,030 --> 00:09:47,839

and schlamazel's really exist and the

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00:09:50,949 --> 00:09:49,040

question is why

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00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:50,959

i mean i was married to a schlemazel at

268

00:09:55,030 --> 00:09:53,120

one point i prefer not to discuss that

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00:09:56,630 --> 00:09:55,040

case but

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00:09:58,230 --> 00:09:56,640

i lived next door to a couple of

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00:10:00,310 --> 00:09:58,240

schlemazels it seemed

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00:10:02,150 --> 00:10:00,320

like they were living in consumer hell

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00:10:04,069 --> 00:10:02,160

everything they bought was defective

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00:10:05,670 --> 00:10:04,079

their cars were in the shop all the time

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00:10:07,990 --> 00:10:05,680

even though they had brands noted for

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00:10:09,910 --> 00:10:08,000

their reliability

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00:10:11,190 --> 00:10:09,920

electronic equipment would fail to work

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00:10:14,310 --> 00:10:11,200

right out of the box

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00:10:15,190 --> 00:10:14,320

their infant son was placed in a brand

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00:10:16,630 --> 00:10:15,200

new rocking

281

00:10:18,630 --> 00:10:16,640

solid wooden rocking chair which

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00:10:20,069 --> 00:10:18,640

collapsed under the infant sun

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00:10:22,790 --> 00:10:20,079

and my favorite example of their

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00:10:24,470 --> 00:10:22,800

schlemazel-ness if that's even a word

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00:10:26,389 --> 00:10:24,480

the wife bought what she thought was a

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00:10:27,190 --> 00:10:26,399

poster-sized photograph of the golden

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00:10:29,190 --> 00:10:27,200

gate bridge

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00:10:31,030 --> 00:10:29,200

she had it framed and placed on her

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00:10:34,230 --> 00:10:31,040

living room wall and i had to tell her

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00:10:36,069 --> 00:10:34,240

donna that's the brooklyn bridge so

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00:10:38,470 --> 00:10:36,079

here's a woman who both literally and

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00:10:40,310 --> 00:10:38,480

figuratively bought the brooklyn bridge

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00:10:43,190 --> 00:10:40,320

now most of us are uncomfortable with

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00:10:44,790 --> 00:10:43,200

the idea that these people this couple i

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00:10:47,750 --> 00:10:44,800

wish i knew if they were slammazo's

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00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:47,760

before they met and got married

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00:10:51,910 --> 00:10:50,399

but is this a kind of expression of

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00:10:53,670 --> 00:10:51,920

their own self-loathing their own

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00:10:55,670 --> 00:10:53,680

self-hatred or is it something that the

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00:10:58,150 --> 00:10:55,680

weird philosopher next door to them

301
00:10:58,790 --> 00:10:58,160
was inflicting upon them we don't know

302
00:11:00,790 --> 00:10:58,800
that

303
00:11:02,550 --> 00:11:00,800
and there are parts of the world where

304
00:11:03,910 --> 00:11:02,560
that kind of thinking is taken for

305
00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:03,920
granted

306
00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:07,360
but not in developed countries yeah

307
00:11:10,710 --> 00:11:08,640
you know i mean one of the problems

308
00:11:11,670 --> 00:11:10,720
we're going to have with this whole

309
00:11:14,949 --> 00:11:11,680
little chat

310
00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:14,959
is idea could

311
00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:18,000
spawn an hour's worth of discussion and

312
00:11:22,310 --> 00:11:18,720
we could

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00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:22,320

anthropological kind of

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00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:25,839

look at it because we have serious

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00:11:31,509 --> 00:11:29,279

um deep thinking intellectual people

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00:11:32,470 --> 00:11:31,519

in the west who've done their best to

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00:11:34,230 --> 00:11:32,480

study that

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00:11:36,069 --> 00:11:34,240

and have come and have come back and

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00:11:38,870 --> 00:11:36,079

said wow that's real

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00:11:39,990 --> 00:11:38,880

by all accounts by every way we can

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00:11:43,110 --> 00:11:40,000

measure it

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00:11:43,910 --> 00:11:43,120

uh that is not just a superstitious

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00:11:46,470 --> 00:11:43,920

belief

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00:11:47,750 --> 00:11:46,480

it happens over and over again but again

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00:11:50,389 --> 00:11:47,760

you know i love that

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00:11:52,710 --> 00:11:50,399

uh what i wrote down the phrase we're

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00:11:55,269 --> 00:11:52,720

working so hard to make causation

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00:11:56,550 --> 00:11:55,279

impersonal which is really uh the the

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00:11:57,910 --> 00:11:56,560

idea of materialism

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00:11:59,590 --> 00:11:57,920

so tablet i'm going to kind of bounce

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00:12:00,470 --> 00:11:59,600

around here i want to talk about

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00:12:02,629 --> 00:12:00,480

materialism

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00:12:03,670 --> 00:12:02,639

particularly about parapsychology

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00:12:06,230 --> 00:12:03,680

because

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00:12:07,269 --> 00:12:06,240

that is a field that you've been in for

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00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:07,279

a long time

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00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:09,360

and it's a field that's just in shambles

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00:12:13,670 --> 00:12:11,519

it's been decimated it is no more it is

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00:12:14,949 --> 00:12:13,680

not relevant anymore and anyone who says

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00:12:17,350 --> 00:12:14,959

otherwise is just

341

00:12:18,470 --> 00:12:17,360

kind of playing pretend but before we

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00:12:21,990 --> 00:12:18,480

get there

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00:12:25,190 --> 00:12:22,000

tell us about the book this latest book

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00:12:28,389 --> 00:12:25,200

dangerous pursuits mediumship

345

00:12:30,629 --> 00:12:28,399

mind and music which i pulled up here on

346

00:12:32,949 --> 00:12:30,639

amazon but tell us about that well thank

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00:12:35,910 --> 00:12:32,959

you for that opportunity

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00:12:36,310 --> 00:12:35,920

my book before this was crimes of reason

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00:12:38,629 --> 00:12:36,320

and

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00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:38,639

when i wrote that it was a collection of

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00:12:42,550 --> 00:12:40,480

essays that

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00:12:44,949 --> 00:12:42,560

i had written over the years some old

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00:12:46,470 --> 00:12:44,959

some and also some new essays

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00:12:48,150 --> 00:12:46,480

that i thought i could do a better job

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00:12:49,990 --> 00:12:48,160

on and when i wrote that book

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00:12:51,670 --> 00:12:50,000

i figured i was all booked out and i was

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00:12:53,269 --> 00:12:51,680

done and then i thought

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00:12:55,190 --> 00:12:53,279

well there are some other essays that i

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00:12:58,710 --> 00:12:55,200

think if i had a

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00:13:00,310 --> 00:12:58,720

chance for a do-over i could do a better

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00:13:02,310 --> 00:13:00,320

job i could state the issues more

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00:13:04,870 --> 00:13:02,320

clearly or more compellingly

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00:13:06,550 --> 00:13:04,880

so a lot of these are expanded or

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00:13:10,150 --> 00:13:06,560

otherwise revised

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00:13:12,150 --> 00:13:10,160

uh essays that i've written before on a

366

00:13:14,629 --> 00:13:12,160

bunch of related themes one would be the

367

00:13:16,150 --> 00:13:14,639

fear of sigh

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00:13:19,269 --> 00:13:16,160

the other would be the problems of

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00:13:22,389 --> 00:13:19,279

studying mixed mediums like chime muga

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00:13:23,110 --> 00:13:22,399

or carlos mirabelli and then some

371

00:13:25,670 --> 00:13:23,120

problems

372

00:13:26,870 --> 00:13:25,680

in explaining why it's difficult to know

373

00:13:29,670 --> 00:13:26,880

what the evidence for

374

00:13:31,190 --> 00:13:29,680

survival of bodily death is all about

375

00:13:33,190 --> 00:13:31,200

and then there's a little dessert

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00:13:35,509 --> 00:13:33,200

chapter on jazz improvisation

377

00:13:37,269 --> 00:13:35,519

yeah there's a lot to mine out of the

378

00:13:39,590 --> 00:13:37,279

book and uh

379

00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:39,600

again you've had such an extensive

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00:13:41,990 --> 00:13:40,480

career and

381

00:13:43,829 --> 00:13:42,000

i guess i want to circle back a little

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00:13:45,269 --> 00:13:43,839

bit because

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00:13:47,030 --> 00:13:45,279

the introduction you are doing is

384

00:13:49,030 --> 00:13:47,040

excellent but as most people

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00:13:50,150 --> 00:13:49,040

who've accomplished a lot do they kind

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00:13:52,389 --> 00:13:50,160

of leave out

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00:13:53,350 --> 00:13:52,399

a lot of important steps along the way

388

00:13:55,350 --> 00:13:53,360

because they don't want to sound like

389

00:13:58,389 --> 00:13:55,360

they're braggish or anything

390

00:13:58,870 --> 00:13:58,399

but you've kind of seen it all done it

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00:14:02,069 --> 00:13:58,880

all

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00:14:05,110 --> 00:14:02,079

in the parapsychology community and

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00:14:08,310 --> 00:14:05,120

more broadly in the i don't know

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00:14:10,389 --> 00:14:08,320

scientific paranormal community i always

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00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:10,399

reference the journal of scientific

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00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:12,000

exploration because i think they've done

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00:14:17,430 --> 00:14:14,160

a great job for a long time of trying to

398

00:14:18,310 --> 00:14:17,440

hold that space you're a editor of the

399

00:14:20,870 --> 00:14:18,320

journal for

400

00:14:23,189 --> 00:14:20,880

uh how many years were you doing that

401
00:14:26,230 --> 00:14:23,199
since 2009 i think

402
00:14:28,230 --> 00:14:26,240
and uh you know i mean that's just that

403
00:14:29,509 --> 00:14:28,240
what that means to people who are

404
00:14:33,110 --> 00:14:29,519
uninitiated

405
00:14:35,509 --> 00:14:33,120
is that steve is not just comfortable

406
00:14:37,350 --> 00:14:35,519
and super qualified and competent to

407
00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:37,360
talk about all this stuff

408
00:14:41,030 --> 00:14:39,600
but like the stuff that crosses his desk

409
00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:41,040
is everything

410
00:14:46,069 --> 00:14:44,160
imaginable that he can be

411
00:14:47,430 --> 00:14:46,079
not imagined to be scientific until you

412
00:14:50,790 --> 00:14:47,440
look at the data so

413
00:14:53,030 --> 00:14:50,800

uh et abduction bigfoot

414

00:14:54,389 --> 00:14:53,040

uh what else am i leaving out i mean

415

00:14:56,870 --> 00:14:54,399

everything

416

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,880

the astrology you know i interviewed a

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00:15:02,230 --> 00:14:58,399

woman who published in the

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00:15:05,350 --> 00:15:02,240

jsc that did an extraordinarily uh

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00:15:08,629 --> 00:15:05,360

competent job looking at whether

420

00:15:12,150 --> 00:15:08,639

astrology shows an effect so

421

00:15:14,949 --> 00:15:12,160

what else runs across your desk

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00:15:17,189 --> 00:15:14,959

there that people should know about oh

423

00:15:21,189 --> 00:15:17,199

gee i don't even know how to answer that

424

00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:21,199

yeah i'm sorry i literally don't know

425

00:15:25,990 --> 00:15:22,880

how to answer that

426

00:15:28,949 --> 00:15:26,000

well in general because i think it does

427

00:15:29,350 --> 00:15:28,959

relate to this uh go back to this term i

428

00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:29,360

love

429

00:15:34,550 --> 00:15:32,639

uh you know trying to get away from

430

00:15:36,150 --> 00:15:34,560

causation as much as can trying to make

431

00:15:39,990 --> 00:15:36,160

it as impersonal as we can

432

00:15:43,430 --> 00:15:40,000

and so okay one of my big targets

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00:15:45,440 --> 00:15:43,440

has been mechanistic explanations

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00:15:46,629 --> 00:15:45,450

in science um

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00:15:48,629 --> 00:15:46,639

[Music]

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00:15:50,389 --> 00:15:48,639

and taking psi phenomena and

437

00:15:53,590 --> 00:15:50,399

psychological phenomena

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00:15:58,389 --> 00:15:53,600

as primitive in a sense you know

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00:16:01,030 --> 00:15:58,399

there's most scientists would agree that

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00:16:01,829 --> 00:16:01,040

explanation by analysis explanation of a

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00:16:04,389 --> 00:16:01,839

phenomenon

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00:16:05,670 --> 00:16:04,399

in terms of lower level processes is

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00:16:06,870 --> 00:16:05,680

something that can't continue

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00:16:08,389 --> 00:16:06,880

indefinitely

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00:16:10,230 --> 00:16:08,399

that sooner or later you're going to hit

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00:16:12,629 --> 00:16:10,240

rock bottom you're going to hit some

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00:16:13,350 --> 00:16:12,639

phenomena that are fundamental that are

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00:16:16,230 --> 00:16:13,360

basic or

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00:16:18,150 --> 00:16:16,240

primitive and which at that point you

450

00:16:20,310 --> 00:16:18,160

can no longer profitably ask

451
00:16:21,350 --> 00:16:20,320
how they occur that's just the way the

452
00:16:23,509 --> 00:16:21,360
universe works

453
00:16:24,710 --> 00:16:23,519
and no deeper explanation will explain

454
00:16:27,990 --> 00:16:24,720
why

455
00:16:28,870 --> 00:16:28,000
now that's fine but what most scientists

456
00:16:31,030 --> 00:16:28,880
also

457
00:16:32,629 --> 00:16:31,040
assume is that wherever those primitive

458
00:16:34,310 --> 00:16:32,639
phenomena occur

459
00:16:36,790 --> 00:16:34,320
they're always at the level of the very

460
00:16:40,310 --> 00:16:36,800
small you know the microscopic the

461
00:16:41,590 --> 00:16:40,320
subatomic the atomic biochemicals

462
00:16:44,550 --> 00:16:41,600
something like that

463
00:16:46,389 --> 00:16:44,560

never at the observable level but that's

464

00:16:48,230 --> 00:16:46,399

just an article of faith that is not an

465

00:16:50,550 --> 00:16:48,240

empirically established fact

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00:16:52,629 --> 00:16:50,560

and it's a big topic in philosophy where

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00:16:55,350 --> 00:16:52,639

explanation by analysis comes to an

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00:16:56,230 --> 00:16:55,360

end i happen to believe and have argued

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00:16:59,110 --> 00:16:56,240

at length

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00:17:00,310 --> 00:16:59,120

for saying that um in the realm of

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00:17:01,749 --> 00:17:00,320

psychology and

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00:17:04,949 --> 00:17:01,759

by extension in the realm of

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00:17:08,870 --> 00:17:04,959

parapsychology where intention plays in

474

00:17:13,350 --> 00:17:11,029

patterns appear first at the level of

475

00:17:15,189 --> 00:17:13,360

behavior at the level of the phenomena

476
00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:15,199
that doesn't mean explanation comes to

477
00:17:17,669 --> 00:17:16,720
an end it just means that vertical

478
00:17:31,270 --> 00:17:17,679
explanation

479
00:17:32,710 --> 00:17:31,280
like explaining heat in terms of

480
00:17:36,150 --> 00:17:32,720
molecular motion

481
00:17:37,190 --> 00:17:36,160
that kind of explanation can cannot help

482
00:17:40,390 --> 00:17:37,200
us in the realm of

483
00:17:42,230 --> 00:17:40,400
the mental i always wonder you know

484
00:17:45,669 --> 00:17:42,240
that's such a great

485
00:17:48,070 --> 00:17:45,679
deconstruction analysis of the problem

486
00:17:49,990 --> 00:17:48,080
but i almost feel all sometimes like

487
00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:50,000
you're analyzing it

488
00:17:53,350 --> 00:17:52,559

from within the paradigm that you're

489

00:17:55,350 --> 00:17:53,360

forced to

490

00:17:57,190 --> 00:17:55,360

operate in you know because like your

491

00:17:59,750 --> 00:17:57,200

philosopher i mean if you take the

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00:18:01,669 --> 00:17:59,760

take an idealism kind of viewpoint and

493

00:18:02,070 --> 00:18:01,679

say consciousness is somehow fundamental

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00:18:04,150 --> 00:18:02,080

and

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00:18:06,150 --> 00:18:04,160

that's where the evidence really leads

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00:18:06,870 --> 00:18:06,160

from the beginning from the double slit

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00:18:09,110 --> 00:18:06,880

experiment

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00:18:10,789 --> 00:18:09,120

on and really before that you know

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00:18:11,669 --> 00:18:10,799

consciousness is fundamental everything

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00:18:15,830 --> 00:18:11,679

is

501
00:18:16,710 --> 00:18:15,840
of consciousness not saying that's true

502
00:18:19,110 --> 00:18:16,720
but i'm just saying

503
00:18:19,909 --> 00:18:19,120
from that perspective i'm not even sure

504
00:18:22,950 --> 00:18:19,919
we'd

505
00:18:24,950 --> 00:18:22,960
talk about things in that way

506
00:18:27,350 --> 00:18:24,960
well there's a reason i i do it the way

507
00:18:30,070 --> 00:18:27,360
i do i mean i'm in a kind of

508
00:18:31,590 --> 00:18:30,080
privileged position because i had a good

509
00:18:33,430 --> 00:18:31,600
reputation in philosophy

510
00:18:36,470 --> 00:18:33,440
before i got into parapsychology and

511
00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:38,630
and you know there were people at the

512
00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:40,640
time who were saying things to me a

513
00:18:44,390 --> 00:18:42,720

famous logician once said to me if

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00:18:45,190 --> 00:18:44,400

somebody has to do this i'm glad it's

515

00:18:51,830 --> 00:18:45,200

you

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00:18:58,549 --> 00:18:55,990

so because i have the status that i had

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00:19:00,230 --> 00:18:58,559

in the academic community before i was

518

00:19:01,830 --> 00:19:00,240

corrupted

519

00:19:03,430 --> 00:19:01,840

people are at least willing to listen to

520

00:19:06,870 --> 00:19:03,440

me and because i think i argue very

521

00:19:10,470 --> 00:19:06,880

convincingly for some things

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00:19:12,070 --> 00:19:10,480

i hope to shake certain mainstream

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00:19:13,669 --> 00:19:12,080

academics out of their mainstream

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00:19:16,789 --> 00:19:13,679

academic complacency

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00:19:20,150 --> 00:19:18,710

plant seeds of doubt in their mind about

526

00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:20,160

the way they've been doing things

527

00:19:24,230 --> 00:19:21,919

that softens them up for getting out of

528

00:19:27,190 --> 00:19:24,240

that way of thinking

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00:19:28,470 --> 00:19:27,200

and so that's the path that i think i've

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00:19:31,909 --> 00:19:28,480

been particularly

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00:19:33,669 --> 00:19:31,919

um well qualified to follow yes

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00:19:35,830 --> 00:19:33,679

and and i love your story you know are

533

00:19:38,070 --> 00:19:35,840

you uh are they

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00:19:40,549 --> 00:19:38,080

like they say about the pioneers yeah

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00:19:43,750 --> 00:19:40,559

you can always tell the pioneers because

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00:19:44,950 --> 00:19:43,760

they don't just have arrows in their

537

00:19:47,110 --> 00:19:44,960

front side

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00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:47,120

they have arrows on your backside as

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00:19:52,150 --> 00:19:49,520

well you know

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00:19:53,029 --> 00:19:52,160

so you know a few years ago i had an

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00:19:55,190 --> 00:19:53,039

opportunity to

542

00:19:56,390 --> 00:19:55,200

actually just had an email exchange with

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00:19:59,510 --> 00:19:56,400

uh the

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00:20:02,149 --> 00:19:59,520

well-known atheist sam harris

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00:20:03,029 --> 00:20:02,159

who isn't known as being particularly

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00:20:06,310 --> 00:20:03,039

deep thinker

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00:20:08,950 --> 00:20:06,320

or or constructing very good

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00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:08,960

solid logical arguments at least in my

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00:20:11,430 --> 00:20:10,799

opinion it all kind of falls away pretty

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00:20:14,870 --> 00:20:11,440

quickly

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00:20:18,630 --> 00:20:14,880

but i was always struck by his very

552

00:20:21,909 --> 00:20:18,640

matter-of-fact in-your-face

553

00:20:23,909 --> 00:20:21,919

assessment of parapsychology and psy

554

00:20:26,789 --> 00:20:23,919

and he said it's in the backwater of

555

00:20:30,149 --> 00:20:26,799

science and that was a few years ago

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00:20:32,789 --> 00:20:30,159

and as much as i you know

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00:20:34,070 --> 00:20:32,799

don't think much of him intellectually

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00:20:37,270 --> 00:20:34,080

he's spot on

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00:20:38,470 --> 00:20:37,280

it's it's it's always been the backwater

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00:20:41,590 --> 00:20:38,480

of science

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00:20:42,789 --> 00:20:41,600

and in the years since we've spoken it's

562

00:20:45,110 --> 00:20:42,799

just worse

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00:20:47,669 --> 00:20:45,120

objectively if you measure how many the

564

00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:47,679

search results you get it's prominence

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00:20:51,830 --> 00:20:50,000

it's a published peer-reviewed papers

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00:20:54,789 --> 00:20:51,840

the the phd's

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00:20:55,510 --> 00:20:54,799

there are none you know and it's sure

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00:20:57,110 --> 00:20:55,520

it's true

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00:20:59,590 --> 00:20:57,120

i mean there's it's but one of the

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00:21:03,350 --> 00:20:59,600

here's 150 years it's been true

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00:21:06,070 --> 00:21:03,360

well but it's especially true lately

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00:21:07,430 --> 00:21:06,080

as because here's the point i guess that

573

00:21:10,470 --> 00:21:07,440

i was going to make is that

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00:21:12,470 --> 00:21:10,480

the the really the best evidence has

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00:21:14,310 --> 00:21:12,480

continued to pile up

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00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:14,320

you know it's not like there's a few

577

00:21:18,789 --> 00:21:16,080

pioneer researchers out there like

578

00:21:19,750 --> 00:21:18,799

you and others who complete continue to

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00:21:23,029 --> 00:21:19,760

put out more

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00:21:26,390 --> 00:21:23,039

and better solid science that just

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00:21:29,669 --> 00:21:26,400

gets you know further pushed repressed

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00:21:32,789 --> 00:21:29,679

suppressed and i wonder

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00:21:34,149 --> 00:21:32,799

if there isn't more to that i definitely

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00:21:35,909 --> 00:21:34,159

think there's more to it

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00:21:37,830 --> 00:21:35,919

i think well there are a couple things

586

00:21:39,990 --> 00:21:37,840

one is that most of the people doing sci

587

00:21:43,029 --> 00:21:40,000

research don't have tenure

588

00:21:44,310 --> 00:21:43,039

so they don't have the delicious

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00:21:47,350 --> 00:21:44,320

protection that

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00:21:50,710 --> 00:21:47,360

tenure can afford and

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00:21:52,950 --> 00:21:50,720

the other thing is a lot of the people

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00:21:53,510 --> 00:21:52,960

who are doing studies in parapsychology

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00:21:56,870 --> 00:21:53,520

now

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00:21:59,270 --> 00:21:56,880

are still just following conventional

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00:22:01,110 --> 00:21:59,280

laboratory protocols they haven't

596

00:22:03,110 --> 00:22:01,120

learned some important lessons and i've

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00:22:04,470 --> 00:22:03,120

been arguing for decades now

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00:22:06,549 --> 00:22:04,480

that laboratory research in

599

00:22:07,590 --> 00:22:06,559

parapsychology is almost absurdly

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00:22:08,950 --> 00:22:07,600

premature

601
00:22:11,029 --> 00:22:08,960
because we don't know what the natural

602
00:22:12,630 --> 00:22:11,039
history of psy is we don't know exactly

603
00:22:15,990 --> 00:22:12,640
what it's doing out in the world

604
00:22:17,510 --> 00:22:16,000
and until we have a firm grip on that

605
00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:17,520
we have no idea what it is we're taking

606
00:22:21,430 --> 00:22:19,280
into the lab it might be as

607
00:22:22,630 --> 00:22:21,440
inappropriate to study it in the lab as

608
00:22:24,789 --> 00:22:22,640
it will be to study

609
00:22:25,669 --> 00:22:24,799
courage or sensuality under laboratory

610
00:22:26,549 --> 00:22:25,679
conditions

611
00:22:28,789 --> 00:22:26,559
you're only going to get

612
00:22:31,029 --> 00:22:28,799
straightjacketed manifestations of

613
00:22:32,470 --> 00:22:31,039

at best you're only going to get that in

614

00:22:34,470 --> 00:22:32,480

the laboratory

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00:22:36,549 --> 00:22:34,480

you know that's a really interesting

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00:22:37,669 --> 00:22:36,559

point but i'm not even going to go there

617

00:22:39,029 --> 00:22:37,679

for a minute i'm going to

618

00:22:40,149 --> 00:22:39,039

take it in a couple of different

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00:22:41,190 --> 00:22:40,159

directions because this is where my

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00:22:44,390 --> 00:22:41,200

journey is going

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00:22:47,029 --> 00:22:44,400

so first question is invisible college

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00:22:50,029 --> 00:22:47,039

does there exist a quote-unquote

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00:22:52,789 --> 00:22:50,039

invisible college when it comes to

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00:22:53,510 --> 00:22:52,799

parapsychology extended consciousness

625

00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:53,520

and this

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00:22:58,149 --> 00:22:56,720

all these phenomena in general i think

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00:23:00,230 --> 00:22:58,159

there is what do you use i'm not sure

628

00:23:03,270 --> 00:23:00,240

what you mean by invisible cause well

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00:23:06,470 --> 00:23:03,280

you know i recently interviewed uh

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00:23:08,310 --> 00:23:06,480

dr diana walsh pasulka who wrote a book

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00:23:12,230 --> 00:23:08,320

called american cosmic

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00:23:15,430 --> 00:23:12,240

and her work she's in religious studies

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00:23:18,149 --> 00:23:15,440

she's doing these work on

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00:23:18,950 --> 00:23:18,159

like saints and uh in the catholic

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00:23:20,310 --> 00:23:18,960

tradition

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00:23:21,990 --> 00:23:20,320

and some of the accounts and stuff like

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00:23:22,950 --> 00:23:22,000

that and one of her colleagues reads one

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00:23:25,430 --> 00:23:22,960

of those and goes

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00:23:27,430 --> 00:23:25,440

that's a ufo story and she's like what

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00:23:28,870 --> 00:23:27,440

do you mean no it's it's an account of

641

00:23:31,510 --> 00:23:28,880

someone back

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00:23:32,230 --> 00:23:31,520

300 years ago who had this so next thing

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00:23:36,710 --> 00:23:32,240

you know

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00:23:38,470 --> 00:23:36,720

she's in maryland at a ufo conference

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00:23:39,750 --> 00:23:38,480

and she meets a gentleman named chris

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00:23:43,269 --> 00:23:39,760

bledsoe who

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00:23:46,870 --> 00:23:43,279

is pretty amazing in terms of the

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00:23:49,110 --> 00:23:46,880

contact experiences he's had and he's

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00:23:51,029 --> 00:23:49,120

been kind of well documented he's had

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00:23:53,590 --> 00:23:51,039

these experiences not just himself

651
00:23:54,710 --> 00:23:53,600
but with others both in his family and

652
00:23:58,310 --> 00:23:54,720
others

653
00:24:00,230 --> 00:23:58,320
not related to him manifesting different

654
00:24:03,110 --> 00:24:00,240
phenomena and you know all this kind of

655
00:24:05,990 --> 00:24:03,120
stuff so she gets really interested now

656
00:24:07,029 --> 00:24:06,000
and she goes to a conference in silicon

657
00:24:10,149 --> 00:24:07,039
valley and meets

658
00:24:11,510 --> 00:24:10,159
jacques valley and he kind of tours her

659
00:24:12,470 --> 00:24:11,520
around silicon valley which is like a

660
00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:12,480
dream come true

661
00:24:18,789 --> 00:24:16,080
for her she goes to the desert in in

662
00:24:20,230 --> 00:24:18,799
nevada and finds this guy who actually

663
00:24:23,190 --> 00:24:20,240

reverse engineers space

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00:24:24,070 --> 00:24:23,200

junk that he finds through this means of

665

00:24:26,390 --> 00:24:24,080

kind of this

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00:24:27,350 --> 00:24:26,400

metal detector that he's rigged up and

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00:24:29,590 --> 00:24:27,360

again this is uh

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00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:29,600

you know dr tayana was pasoka she's got

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00:24:32,870 --> 00:24:31,200

all the credentials and she hasn't given

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00:24:33,430 --> 00:24:32,880

up any of those credentials she's a

671

00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:33,440

sharp

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00:24:37,350 --> 00:24:36,480

person she's not a wing nut here but as

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00:24:41,110 --> 00:24:37,360

part of

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00:24:43,430 --> 00:24:41,120

her book what she reveals is this

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00:24:44,789 --> 00:24:43,440

hidden college invisible college and

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00:24:47,430 --> 00:24:44,799

jacques villa i think is

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00:24:49,350 --> 00:24:47,440

responsible for if not coining the term

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00:24:50,870 --> 00:24:49,360

kind of popularizing it

679

00:24:52,710 --> 00:24:50,880

and she says a matter of fact she's at a

680

00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:52,720

conference when

681

00:24:57,110 --> 00:24:55,440

somebody stands up and says make some

682

00:24:58,549 --> 00:24:57,120

kind of question or something like that

683

00:24:59,110 --> 00:24:58,559

and another person across the room says

684

00:25:01,269 --> 00:24:59,120

hey

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00:25:02,950 --> 00:25:01,279

we're not supposed to talk about that

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00:25:04,549 --> 00:25:02,960

that's not you know allowed

687

00:25:06,390 --> 00:25:04,559

and one of her colleagues who she

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00:25:08,149 --> 00:25:06,400

directly knows is brought

689

00:25:10,070 --> 00:25:08,159

into the invisible college he receives a

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00:25:11,830 --> 00:25:10,080

note he says okay kind of a fight club

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00:25:13,190 --> 00:25:11,840

thing the first rule of fight club is we

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00:25:15,669 --> 00:25:13,200

don't talk about fight club

693

00:25:16,310 --> 00:25:15,679

but he becomes an insider and this has

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00:25:19,350 --> 00:25:16,320

to do with

695

00:25:22,549 --> 00:25:19,360

uh you know basically et kind of stuff

696

00:25:24,470 --> 00:25:22,559

but i think the same is true in in

697

00:25:24,950 --> 00:25:24,480

parapsychology in the sense the point i

698

00:25:27,669 --> 00:25:24,960

always

699

00:25:29,110 --> 00:25:27,679

point out is you know the mk ultra

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00:25:30,549 --> 00:25:29,120

project which a lot of people don't

701

00:25:33,190 --> 00:25:30,559

realize it's mk ultra

702

00:25:34,549 --> 00:25:33,200

but stargate the remote viewing project

703

00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:34,559

you know if you go read

704

00:25:37,669 --> 00:25:36,480

if you go an interview i read um

705

00:25:40,870 --> 00:25:37,679

interviewed

706

00:25:43,750 --> 00:25:40,880

joe mcmonicle secret spy

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00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:43,760

number zero zero zero remote viewer

708

00:25:49,190 --> 00:25:46,080

looking at russian submarines

709

00:25:50,070 --> 00:25:49,200

when he shows up and he meets russell

710

00:25:53,350 --> 00:25:50,080

targe and hal

711

00:25:55,510 --> 00:25:53,360

put off they are not

712

00:25:56,710 --> 00:25:55,520

they're not trying to hammer out whether

713

00:25:59,750 --> 00:25:56,720

materialism

714

00:26:02,310 --> 00:25:59,760

exists whether there is an extended

715

00:26:02,870 --> 00:26:02,320

i mean they are so this is the 70s they

716

00:26:05,510 --> 00:26:02,880

are so

717

00:26:09,590 --> 00:26:05,520

far past that i mean they're light years

718

00:26:13,029 --> 00:26:11,909

i'm not sure what you want me to respond

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00:26:14,789 --> 00:26:13,039

to that i mean well

720

00:26:16,549 --> 00:26:14,799

yes i guess original question is

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00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:16,559

invisible college do you believe there

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00:26:20,070 --> 00:26:18,080

is such a thing

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00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:20,080

well there are certainly there's a

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00:26:26,070 --> 00:26:22,000

network of people who

725

00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:26,080

um already have a fairly well-defined

726
00:26:32,710 --> 00:26:30,320
set of assumptions and

727
00:26:34,310 --> 00:26:32,720
intellectual projects and questions that

728
00:26:36,549 --> 00:26:34,320
they're addressing

729
00:26:37,510 --> 00:26:36,559
and sure there's there's a subset of

730
00:26:38,630 --> 00:26:37,520
people

731
00:26:40,789 --> 00:26:38,640
more or less officially in

732
00:26:41,510 --> 00:26:40,799
parapsychology or who have been over the

733
00:26:45,990 --> 00:26:41,520
past

734
00:26:50,470 --> 00:26:49,110
and there are projects they work on

735
00:26:52,230 --> 00:26:50,480
between them

736
00:26:53,669 --> 00:26:52,240
if that's what you have in mind and of

737
00:26:57,269 --> 00:26:53,679
course they're they're not

738
00:27:00,630 --> 00:26:57,279

bound by the uh constraints of

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00:27:03,350 --> 00:27:00,640

uh university life and

740

00:27:03,830 --> 00:27:03,360

university life has become increasingly

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00:27:07,190 --> 00:27:03,840

uh

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00:27:12,789 --> 00:27:10,630

unsavory in fact i would say okay

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00:27:14,390 --> 00:27:12,799

and you might not agree with this at all

744

00:27:16,870 --> 00:27:14,400

which is kind of fine

745

00:27:18,230 --> 00:27:16,880

but um i think we're talking about

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00:27:20,149 --> 00:27:18,240

something different here

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00:27:22,070 --> 00:27:20,159

we're talking about how put off and

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00:27:23,669 --> 00:27:22,080

russell targ and their

749

00:27:25,750 --> 00:27:23,679

you know anyone i always remind people

750

00:27:28,950 --> 00:27:25,760

you can go watch

751
00:27:30,789 --> 00:27:28,960
videos of them testing quote unquote

752
00:27:32,789 --> 00:27:30,799
uri geller right and they're testing

753
00:27:36,070 --> 00:27:32,799
them at stanford research institute

754
00:27:38,710 --> 00:27:36,080
and he's exhibiting incredible

755
00:27:39,430 --> 00:27:38,720
esp powers or whatever you want to call

756
00:27:42,870 --> 00:27:39,440
it psi

757
00:27:44,789 --> 00:27:42,880
abilities so the point being

758
00:27:46,630 --> 00:27:44,799
that this is all denied right these guys

759
00:27:49,350 --> 00:27:46,640
are doing this in the 70s

760
00:27:51,590 --> 00:27:49,360
and ted koppel's doing nightline news

761
00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:51,600
reports but in general

762
00:27:55,430 --> 00:27:54,000
the response was that isn't happening

763
00:27:58,310 --> 00:27:55,440

that isn't real

764

00:27:59,990 --> 00:27:58,320

that couldn't possibly be true and i

765

00:28:02,470 --> 00:28:00,000

don't think that's

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00:28:04,549 --> 00:28:02,480

accidental i think that's again i think

767

00:28:06,950 --> 00:28:04,559

the parallels to the ufo community

768

00:28:07,830 --> 00:28:06,960

i think there's disinformation there's

769

00:28:10,070 --> 00:28:07,840

co-opting

770

00:28:11,750 --> 00:28:10,080

there's you know criticizing and there's

771

00:28:15,110 --> 00:28:11,760

controlling the thing

772

00:28:17,029 --> 00:28:15,120

but there's obviously people in our

773

00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:17,039

government who are interested in that

774

00:28:22,630 --> 00:28:19,440

who are pursuing it in a way that

775

00:28:25,110 --> 00:28:22,640

is in direct contradiction to

776

00:28:27,029 --> 00:28:25,120

what is being reported by academia

777

00:28:29,029 --> 00:28:27,039

whether they know it or not

778

00:28:30,230 --> 00:28:29,039

yes and i don't know why it's being

779

00:28:32,870 --> 00:28:30,240

suppressed at the

780

00:28:34,389 --> 00:28:32,880

federal level if assuming that it is i

781

00:28:34,870 --> 00:28:34,399

think the reasons may be a bit different

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00:28:39,190 --> 00:28:34,880

for

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00:28:43,029 --> 00:28:39,200

lot of people would argue that

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00:28:46,029 --> 00:28:43,039

um if word gets out about

785

00:28:47,269 --> 00:28:46,039

having been visited or in contact with

786

00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:47,279

extraterrestrials

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00:28:50,789 --> 00:28:48,960

that the public just wouldn't be able to

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00:28:53,669 --> 00:28:50,799

handle it i don't think

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00:28:54,950 --> 00:28:53,679

that information about psi phenomena is

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00:28:55,990 --> 00:28:54,960

being withheld because the public

791

00:28:57,750 --> 00:28:56,000

couldn't handle it

792

00:28:59,830 --> 00:28:57,760

because it's been out there in the

793

00:29:01,830 --> 00:28:59,840

public for a long time

794

00:29:03,590 --> 00:29:01,840

and maybe we ought to just move off that

795

00:29:05,750 --> 00:29:03,600

but you know i won't move off of that

796

00:29:07,669 --> 00:29:05,760

completely because i'll show you another

797

00:29:09,190 --> 00:29:07,679

interview that i did that i thought was

798

00:29:16,310 --> 00:29:09,200

really

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00:29:19,669 --> 00:29:16,320

pissed off but uh ed may

800

00:29:21,830 --> 00:29:19,679

who was uh the head of the stargate

801
00:29:25,350 --> 00:29:21,840
program for 10 years

802
00:29:27,950 --> 00:29:25,360
and very very anti uh in my interview

803
00:29:30,950 --> 00:29:27,960
with them anti-parapsychology

804
00:29:34,389 --> 00:29:30,960
anti-uh it being anything

805
00:29:36,070 --> 00:29:34,399
other than materialistic science and

806
00:29:37,510 --> 00:29:36,080
one of the most curious things about

807
00:29:40,630 --> 00:29:37,520
that interview for me

808
00:29:42,789 --> 00:29:40,640
is he wanted to correct me about the

809
00:29:45,909 --> 00:29:42,799
experience of joe mcmonacle

810
00:29:47,909 --> 00:29:45,919
and i had to say ed what are you talking

811
00:29:49,510 --> 00:29:47,919
about i have the transcript of the

812
00:29:51,510 --> 00:29:49,520
interview the guy gave me

813
00:29:53,590 --> 00:29:51,520

it was connected to his near-death

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00:29:55,909 --> 00:29:53,600

experience that's what he was told

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00:29:57,269 --> 00:29:55,919

his secret personnel file they pulled

816

00:29:58,549 --> 00:29:57,279

the raymond moody book out of there and

817

00:30:00,950 --> 00:29:58,559

he was just like

818

00:30:01,669 --> 00:30:00,960

doesn't couldn't have anything to do

819

00:30:04,389 --> 00:30:01,679

with

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00:30:06,230 --> 00:30:04,399

uh near-death experience or anything

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00:30:09,590 --> 00:30:06,240

quote-unquote spiritual

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00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:09,600

this is all just solid materialistic

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00:30:12,549 --> 00:30:11,520

science and we'll get to the bottom of

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00:30:15,830 --> 00:30:12,559

it

825

00:30:18,310 --> 00:30:15,840

again the optics to me i don't know

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00:30:18,950 --> 00:30:18,320

but he just seems like a a cut out

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00:30:21,909 --> 00:30:18,960

figure

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00:30:23,110 --> 00:30:21,919

he doesn't seem like he's a genuine

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00:30:25,350 --> 00:30:23,120

curious

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00:30:28,470 --> 00:30:25,360

intellect he seems like a guy who's

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00:30:30,470 --> 00:30:28,480

doing a job and his job is to

832

00:30:31,990 --> 00:30:30,480

kind of bury this stuff otherwise

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00:30:33,990 --> 00:30:32,000

there's it stands in direct

834

00:30:34,470 --> 00:30:34,000

contradiction to everything that we now

835

00:30:37,750 --> 00:30:34,480

know

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00:30:39,990 --> 00:30:37,760

of what was going on inside that program

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00:30:41,590 --> 00:30:40,000

i'm afraid i have to agree with you

838

00:30:42,950 --> 00:30:41,600

about it i mean i've known him for

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00:30:47,110 --> 00:30:42,960

decades

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00:30:49,269 --> 00:30:47,120

and he's been a big disappointment to me

841

00:30:51,430 --> 00:30:49,279

i've tried he denies the existence of

842

00:30:53,909 --> 00:30:51,440

any pk despite

843

00:30:56,950 --> 00:30:53,919

the overwhelming evidence and i've asked

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00:30:58,789 --> 00:30:56,960

him at least to respond to my arguments

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00:31:00,870 --> 00:30:58,799

and tell me what's wrong with them and

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00:31:02,630 --> 00:31:00,880

he's steadfastly refused to do that he

847

00:31:04,149 --> 00:31:02,640

said fastly refused to look at the

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00:31:06,149 --> 00:31:04,159

evidence that i've presented

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00:31:07,830 --> 00:31:06,159

the arguments that i've presented he

850

00:31:10,389 --> 00:31:07,840

just flatly denies it

851
00:31:11,190 --> 00:31:10,399
and trots out the usual skeptical thing

852
00:31:14,630 --> 00:31:11,200
it's all

853
00:31:15,830 --> 00:31:14,640
hocus pocus or it's mal observation and

854
00:31:17,909 --> 00:31:15,840
so on

855
00:31:19,509 --> 00:31:17,919
so here's my question steve and i poked

856
00:31:21,110 --> 00:31:19,519
it poked you with it enough so then i'll

857
00:31:23,269 --> 00:31:21,120
leave it alone is

858
00:31:25,590 --> 00:31:23,279
what if he's just doing his job what if

859
00:31:28,630 --> 00:31:25,600
that's what if that is really his

860
00:31:30,389 --> 00:31:28,640
job whether he's uh in

861
00:31:32,070 --> 00:31:30,399
whether he's instructed to do that kind

862
00:31:32,630 --> 00:31:32,080
of directly in a smoky dark room in the

863
00:31:34,230 --> 00:31:32,640

back

864

00:31:36,310 --> 00:31:34,240

or whether it's the useful idiot thing

865

00:31:38,549 --> 00:31:36,320

where you just find somebody who's

866

00:31:40,549 --> 00:31:38,559

messaging what you want and you continue

867

00:31:41,350 --> 00:31:40,559

to feed the beast i mean there's no

868

00:31:43,110 --> 00:31:41,360

other way i

869

00:31:45,430 --> 00:31:43,120

i think it's the former because there's

870

00:31:47,190 --> 00:31:45,440

no other way to explain how this guy

871

00:31:48,789 --> 00:31:47,200

winds up running the stargate

872

00:31:52,950 --> 00:31:48,799

programming how would that

873

00:31:55,430 --> 00:31:52,960

be the most illogical kind of

874

00:31:57,190 --> 00:31:55,440

ineffective way to kind of run that

875

00:31:59,750 --> 00:31:57,200

program unless you didn't really want to

876
00:32:01,509 --> 00:31:59,760
get results

877
00:32:03,269 --> 00:32:01,519
i can't speculate about that i mean it

878
00:32:04,310 --> 00:32:03,279
may just be the fear of psy and i've

879
00:32:06,070 --> 00:32:04,320
seen it

880
00:32:07,430 --> 00:32:06,080
demonstrated very dramatically with

881
00:32:09,830 --> 00:32:07,440
physicists

882
00:32:11,350 --> 00:32:09,840
i tell the story and dangerous pursuits

883
00:32:12,310 --> 00:32:11,360
about what happened when i tried to give

884
00:32:15,110 --> 00:32:12,320
a talk on my

885
00:32:17,190 --> 00:32:15,120
pk investigations to my physics

886
00:32:18,710 --> 00:32:17,200
department at the university of maryland

887
00:32:20,310 --> 00:32:18,720
i was invited to do it and i thought

888
00:32:21,990 --> 00:32:20,320

they wanted me to talk about it

889

00:32:23,990 --> 00:32:22,000

i was two minutes into the talk and the

890

00:32:26,149 --> 00:32:24,000

faculty shouted me down i never got to

891

00:32:27,909 --> 00:32:26,159

give the talk

892

00:32:30,389 --> 00:32:27,919

and they were trotting out the usual

893

00:32:31,750 --> 00:32:30,399

[h__h] yeah what do you mean they shouted

894

00:32:33,909 --> 00:32:31,760

you down

895

00:32:35,590 --> 00:32:33,919

well they started shaking and standing

896

00:32:36,549 --> 00:32:35,600

up and saying well randy has shown that

897

00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:36,559

it's all

898

00:32:42,710 --> 00:32:40,320

nonsense uh or they were just say

899

00:32:44,389 --> 00:32:42,720

there's no evidence there's no evidence

900

00:32:46,070 --> 00:32:44,399

and i said well i can present the

901
00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:46,080
evidence and they didn't want to hear it

902
00:32:52,950 --> 00:32:49,200
i think this is so relevant to

903
00:32:55,750 --> 00:32:52,960
where we're at now in uh culturally

904
00:32:56,149 --> 00:32:55,760
i feel like we're we're rapidly moving

905
00:32:59,590 --> 00:32:56,159
to

906
00:33:01,110 --> 00:32:59,600
kind of a post-scientific world if we

907
00:33:04,230 --> 00:33:01,120
haven't already been there

908
00:33:06,630 --> 00:33:04,240
where you know science as we understand

909
00:33:09,509 --> 00:33:06,640
it as you understand it as you

910
00:33:10,149 --> 00:33:09,519
said you know you described yourself as

911
00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:10,159
a

912
00:33:27,509 --> 00:33:24,240
where it's now science is by

913
00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:27,519

edict science is by

914

00:33:33,110 --> 00:33:30,559

uh fake science of if i can fool you if

915

00:33:34,950 --> 00:33:33,120

i can convince you

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00:33:37,430 --> 00:33:34,960

any thoughts on that i know it's a broad

917

00:33:39,909 --> 00:33:37,440

question well science today is so

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00:33:42,230 --> 00:33:39,919

connected with money

919

00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:42,240

that it's hard to separate the good

920

00:33:48,070 --> 00:33:45,360

science from the science that's

921

00:33:49,430 --> 00:33:48,080

predestined by the people who are

922

00:33:51,509 --> 00:33:49,440

funding it

923

00:33:52,870 --> 00:33:51,519

and i mean there's still a lot of pure

924

00:33:55,269 --> 00:33:52,880

science going on

925

00:33:57,590 --> 00:33:55,279

i wouldn't want to reject the entire

926

00:33:59,909 --> 00:33:57,600

body of modern science because it's

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00:34:02,070 --> 00:33:59,919

been abused anything can be used that

928

00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:02,080

can be used for the good can be used for

929

00:34:08,550 --> 00:34:06,000

the bad as well fair enough

930

00:34:09,990 --> 00:34:08,560

you know you were nice enough steve to

931

00:34:10,869 --> 00:34:10,000

kind of play along with the little

932

00:34:14,149 --> 00:34:10,879

survey

933

00:34:15,510 --> 00:34:14,159

that i sent you now you you kind of

934

00:34:18,230 --> 00:34:15,520

blocked at some of them

935

00:34:19,829 --> 00:34:18,240

in for ways that i totally respect

936

00:34:23,149 --> 00:34:19,839

you're not

937

00:34:26,470 --> 00:34:23,159

very tolerant of the kind of

938

00:34:29,869 --> 00:34:26,480

pigeonholing cut it down to a

939

00:34:33,190 --> 00:34:29,879

twitter tweet to sum up deep

940

00:34:36,550 --> 00:34:35,109

i'm not scientific sound bite guy you're

941

00:34:38,310 --> 00:34:36,560

not a soundbite guy

942

00:34:42,230 --> 00:34:38,320

okay good i love it that's that was a

943

00:34:47,669 --> 00:34:44,710

but you know one that you did answer

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00:34:50,069 --> 00:34:47,679

that i think is the fundamental question

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00:34:51,030 --> 00:34:50,079

in a way and that's is there a moral

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00:34:53,270 --> 00:34:51,040

imperative

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00:34:54,389 --> 00:34:53,280

first we i always got to remind people

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00:34:57,190 --> 00:34:54,399

is you know we live

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00:34:57,910 --> 00:34:57,200

in a scientific world that insists that

950

00:34:59,829 --> 00:34:57,920

consciousness

951
00:35:01,990 --> 00:34:59,839
is an illusion that you are a biological

952
00:35:05,670 --> 00:35:02,000
robot in a meaningless universe

953
00:35:08,230 --> 00:35:05,680
ensure we have some nice

954
00:35:10,310 --> 00:35:08,240
well well-groomed dissenters like the

955
00:35:12,550 --> 00:35:10,320
one you're seeing in this interview

956
00:35:14,390 --> 00:35:12,560
but they do have to report to their

957
00:35:16,550 --> 00:35:14,400
bosses who will tell them

958
00:35:17,990 --> 00:35:16,560
ultimately like they did when they

959
00:35:20,390 --> 00:35:18,000
shouted you down that

960
00:35:22,470 --> 00:35:20,400
never mind consciousness is an illusion

961
00:35:25,910 --> 00:35:22,480
and there can't possibly be meaning

962
00:35:28,470 --> 00:35:25,920
so in my little survey you answered yes

963
00:35:29,510 --> 00:35:28,480

to there is a moral imperative yes there

964

00:35:32,230 --> 00:35:29,520

is good and

965

00:35:34,390 --> 00:35:32,240

evil do you want to explain that are you

966

00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:34,400

sure you mean that do you really think

967

00:35:39,349 --> 00:35:36,560

there is a moral imperative there's good

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00:35:41,670 --> 00:35:39,359

and evil i won't pretend to have worked

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00:35:43,750 --> 00:35:41,680

this out in the detail that

970

00:35:44,950 --> 00:35:43,760

i've worked out some of my positions in

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00:35:47,109 --> 00:35:44,960

philosophy but

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00:35:49,430 --> 00:35:47,119

if i had to be pushed right now i'd say

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00:35:53,430 --> 00:35:49,440

i'm a kind of moral intuitionist

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00:35:55,589 --> 00:35:53,440

and that if you get people to agree on

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00:35:57,109 --> 00:35:55,599

what the facts are

976
00:35:59,270 --> 00:35:57,119
more often than not you'll get them to

977
00:36:02,870 --> 00:35:59,280
agree on what's right and what's wrong

978
00:36:05,030 --> 00:36:02,880
let's suppose there's a culture in which

979
00:36:06,390 --> 00:36:05,040
people think that bearing the elderly

980
00:36:09,589 --> 00:36:06,400
alive

981
00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:09,599
leads them to a healthier

982
00:36:14,310 --> 00:36:12,720
and more profitable afterlife and so

983
00:36:17,109 --> 00:36:14,320
they think it's okay to bury people

984
00:36:18,950 --> 00:36:17,119
while they're alive

985
00:36:20,390 --> 00:36:18,960
those of us who think that it's not okay

986
00:36:21,829 --> 00:36:20,400
to bury people

987
00:36:24,950 --> 00:36:21,839
while they're alive because there's no

988
00:36:27,589 --> 00:36:24,960

connection to an afterlife

989

00:36:29,190 --> 00:36:27,599

would disagree with that but if you

990

00:36:31,430 --> 00:36:29,200

could get them to agree on

991

00:36:32,870 --> 00:36:31,440

the relationship whether there is an

992

00:36:34,230 --> 00:36:32,880

afterlife first of all

993

00:36:36,470 --> 00:36:34,240

and secondly whether there's any

994

00:36:37,270 --> 00:36:36,480

connection between the quality of one's

995

00:36:38,470 --> 00:36:37,280

afterlife

996

00:36:40,310 --> 00:36:38,480

and the condition in which they're

997

00:36:43,349 --> 00:36:40,320

buried probably

998

00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:43,359

they would agree to

999

00:36:47,910 --> 00:36:45,760

whether or not it's the best thing to do

1000

00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:47,920

to bury someone while alive

1001
00:36:52,470 --> 00:36:50,640
so you get people to agree on the facts

1002
00:36:53,190 --> 00:36:52,480
and you'll get them to agree more often

1003
00:36:55,589 --> 00:36:53,200
than not

1004
00:36:56,950 --> 00:36:55,599
on what's right and what's wrong that's

1005
00:36:59,910 --> 00:36:56,960
a more extreme

1006
00:37:01,589 --> 00:36:59,920
example but i think it makes a point the

1007
00:37:02,710 --> 00:37:01,599
other way i'd approach it and i'd like

1008
00:37:05,349 --> 00:37:02,720
to hear your

1009
00:37:06,390 --> 00:37:05,359
idea on that is as we collect more and

1010
00:37:09,430 --> 00:37:06,400
more evidence

1011
00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:09,440
about consciousness about

1012
00:37:12,550 --> 00:37:11,040
mediumship and again your evidence

1013
00:37:14,550 --> 00:37:12,560

doesn't come down

1014

00:37:16,710 --> 00:37:14,560

you don't read the evidence on

1015

00:37:19,510 --> 00:37:16,720

mediumship the same way that i do

1016

00:37:20,550 --> 00:37:19,520

which is fine you mean mental mediumship

1017

00:37:24,550 --> 00:37:20,560

mental mediumship

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00:37:27,430 --> 00:37:24,560

but overwhelmingly the evidence suggests

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00:37:29,270 --> 00:37:27,440

that there is a hierarchy to

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00:37:30,950 --> 00:37:29,280

consciousness i think or a perceived

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00:37:32,069 --> 00:37:30,960

hierarchy which is all we can really go

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00:37:33,990 --> 00:37:32,079

on is perception

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00:37:35,349 --> 00:37:34,000

is that they're a perceived hierarchy

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00:37:37,589 --> 00:37:35,359

particularly if you take the near-death

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00:37:39,190 --> 00:37:37,599

experience science that is compiled the

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00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:39,200

best that they can i mean it has

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00:37:43,589 --> 00:37:41,280

limitations in what they can do but

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00:37:45,589 --> 00:37:43,599

you know we trust asking people whether

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00:37:47,910 --> 00:37:45,599

or not they feel depressed

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00:37:49,510 --> 00:37:47,920

and then after a certain therapy whether

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00:37:52,069 --> 00:37:49,520

they still feel depre

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00:37:54,630 --> 00:37:52,079

depressed so i think we're kind of

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00:37:57,349 --> 00:37:54,640

within the realm of science to ask

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00:37:59,030 --> 00:37:57,359

people what they experienced before and

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00:37:59,750 --> 00:37:59,040

what they experienced now what are their

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00:38:01,829 --> 00:37:59,760

beliefs

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00:38:03,750 --> 00:38:01,839

what are their feelings about god you

1038

00:38:06,069 --> 00:38:03,760

know hierarchy of consciousness

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00:38:07,829 --> 00:38:06,079

and the the the data that we get back is

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00:38:09,270 --> 00:38:07,839

overwhelmingly that people that have

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00:38:11,750 --> 00:38:09,280

this particular kind of

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00:38:12,470 --> 00:38:11,760

experience during a time when

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00:38:14,470 --> 00:38:12,480

consciousness

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00:38:15,750 --> 00:38:14,480

is not supposed to be available in their

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00:38:17,190 --> 00:38:15,760

brain state

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00:38:20,310 --> 00:38:17,200

they have an understanding of a

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00:38:23,829 --> 00:38:20,320

relationship with

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00:38:24,150 --> 00:38:23,839

a hierarchical consciousness as evidence

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00:38:25,990 --> 00:38:24,160

for

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00:38:28,310 --> 00:38:26,000

survival of bodily death i don't

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00:38:30,470 --> 00:38:28,320

consider the near-death experience

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00:38:32,550 --> 00:38:30,480

to be particularly helpful i think

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00:38:36,150 --> 00:38:32,560

they're much more persuasive

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00:38:36,550 --> 00:38:36,160

kinds of cases which and even those i'd

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00:38:38,870 --> 00:38:36,560

say

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00:38:40,630 --> 00:38:38,880

it's hard to know how to interpret and

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00:38:41,990 --> 00:38:40,640

particularly whether we need to explain

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00:38:45,270 --> 00:38:42,000

them in terms of

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00:38:47,910 --> 00:38:45,280

psychic functioning among the living or

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00:38:49,349 --> 00:38:47,920

some kind of post-mortem existence and

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00:38:51,030 --> 00:38:49,359

even then

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00:38:53,589 --> 00:38:51,040

the most we get from the evidence for

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00:38:55,430 --> 00:38:53,599

survival is not the conclusion that

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00:38:56,790 --> 00:38:55,440

everybody survives the most we could

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00:38:59,750 --> 00:38:56,800

ever conclude would be that

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00:38:59,990 --> 00:38:59,760

some people survive and even then only

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00:39:02,470 --> 00:39:00,000

for

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00:39:04,230 --> 00:39:02,480

a limited time we don't have evidence

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00:39:05,990 --> 00:39:04,240

that everybody survives much less that

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00:39:07,510 --> 00:39:06,000

they survive forever

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00:39:09,670 --> 00:39:07,520

we could spend a lot of time going down

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00:39:12,310 --> 00:39:09,680

that road i'm interested

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00:39:14,069 --> 00:39:12,320

in your comments and what i said in

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00:39:18,310 --> 00:39:14,079

terms of

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00:39:21,109 --> 00:39:18,320

what that data set suggests regarding

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00:39:22,870 --> 00:39:21,119

this moral imperative it seems to also

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00:39:27,030 --> 00:39:22,880

be in line with what we find

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00:39:30,150 --> 00:39:27,040

with entheogens what we find with

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00:39:31,829 --> 00:39:30,160

out of body experience i mean these

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00:39:33,589 --> 00:39:31,839

people are coming back and saying yeah

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00:39:33,990 --> 00:39:33,599

there is good there is right or wrong

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00:39:35,750 --> 00:39:34,000

and

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00:39:37,670 --> 00:39:35,760

the intuitive sense you have of what it

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00:39:39,750 --> 00:39:37,680

is is is reliable

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00:39:41,349 --> 00:39:39,760

it's a transformative experience and

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00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:41,359

without doubt for most people

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00:39:44,390 --> 00:39:42,640

for some people it's still a bad

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00:39:45,270 --> 00:39:44,400

experience you know there are people who

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00:39:47,270 --> 00:39:45,280

in nds

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00:39:50,230 --> 00:39:47,280

confront the devil

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00:39:53,589 --> 00:39:50,240

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00:39:56,310 --> 00:39:53,599

but religious experiences generally

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00:39:57,190 --> 00:39:56,320

are transformative in a similar kind of

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00:40:02,230 --> 00:39:57,200

way

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00:40:05,829 --> 00:40:02,240

and lead people to various ideas about

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00:40:07,829 --> 00:40:05,839

the basic ethical imperatives

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00:40:09,430 --> 00:40:07,839

from different perspectives you know the

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00:40:11,829 --> 00:40:09,440

great religions

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00:40:13,270 --> 00:40:11,839

tend to converge on certain general

1100

00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:13,280

ideas about what's right and what's

1101
00:40:16,790 --> 00:40:14,160
wrong

1102
00:40:18,230 --> 00:40:16,800
there are exceptions granted yeah but i

1103
00:40:20,550 --> 00:40:18,240
don't really care what the

1104
00:40:21,829 --> 00:40:20,560
religions converge on i'm not religious

1105
00:40:25,030 --> 00:40:21,839
and i'm not christian and

1106
00:40:25,349 --> 00:40:25,040
i i don't care what i care is some sort

1107
00:40:28,790 --> 00:40:25,359
of

1108
00:40:31,030 --> 00:40:28,800
independent data set on that and

1109
00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:31,040
again i'm not really interested in the

1110
00:40:35,990 --> 00:40:32,880
ethical part you know because

1111
00:40:36,470 --> 00:40:36,000
hey you talk to any any of these half

1112
00:40:40,230 --> 00:40:36,480
wit

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00:40:40,870 --> 00:40:40,240

you know uh sam harris atheist types and

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00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:40,880

they'll give you

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00:40:45,109 --> 00:40:43,359

you know it's a social construct right

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00:40:45,670 --> 00:40:45,119

i'm reluctant to comment on that because

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00:40:47,670 --> 00:40:45,680

i don't

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00:40:49,190 --> 00:40:47,680

feel i have a sufficiently well worked

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00:40:51,990 --> 00:40:49,200

out position so

1120

00:40:53,430 --> 00:40:52,000

i don't give half-assed answers to uh

1121

00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:53,440

deep questions

1122

00:40:57,670 --> 00:40:56,400

not gonna do that i'm sorry don't you

1123

00:41:01,750 --> 00:40:57,680

don't be sorry

1124

00:41:02,069 --> 00:41:01,760

but it is it's the it's the space we're

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00:41:04,230 --> 00:41:02,079

in

1126
00:41:07,349 --> 00:41:04,240
everyone has a position on that isn't

1127
00:41:10,950 --> 00:41:07,359
everyone's position half-assed

1128
00:41:12,790 --> 00:41:10,960
well probably so but i don't like to go

1129
00:41:14,230 --> 00:41:12,800
on record with my half-assed positions

1130
00:41:16,950 --> 00:41:14,240
it's too easy to uh

1131
00:41:18,550 --> 00:41:16,960
uh so what what positions do you have

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00:41:20,950 --> 00:41:18,560
that aren't half-assed what do you know

1133
00:41:22,470 --> 00:41:20,960
for the ones i write about

1134
00:41:25,030 --> 00:41:22,480
doesn't the moral imperative question

1135
00:41:27,670 --> 00:41:25,040
make everything look half-assed

1136
00:41:29,430 --> 00:41:27,680
well i've given you i've given you a

1137
00:41:30,710 --> 00:41:29,440
kind of answer to that i mean i told you

1138
00:41:33,910 --> 00:41:30,720

i believe

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00:41:35,670 --> 00:41:33,920

i'm an ethical uh intuitionist i think

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00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:35,680

that uh

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00:41:39,990 --> 00:41:38,319

most people have the same kinds of

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00:41:40,550 --> 00:41:40,000

intuitions about what's right and what's

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00:41:42,710 --> 00:41:40,560

wrong

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00:41:44,150 --> 00:41:42,720

what they are likely to disagree about

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00:41:46,470 --> 00:41:44,160

is what the facts are

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00:41:47,510 --> 00:41:46,480

you get them to agree about the facts

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00:41:50,870 --> 00:41:47,520

you'll find that their

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00:41:53,190 --> 00:41:50,880

intuitions tend to converge yeah so

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00:41:54,630 --> 00:41:53,200

i'll leave it go i'm just always curious

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00:41:56,390 --> 00:41:54,640

when people

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00:41:57,670 --> 00:41:56,400
you know are really excited about one

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00:42:01,750 --> 00:41:57,680
data set and

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00:42:04,069 --> 00:42:01,760
feel completely you know annoyed or not

1154
00:42:05,750 --> 00:42:04,079
annoyed with a another data set but you

1155
00:42:07,430 --> 00:42:05,760
live in a different in a different world

1156
00:42:09,750 --> 00:42:07,440
in terms of like i said you're the front

1157
00:42:11,349 --> 00:42:09,760
line soldier so i respect what

1158
00:42:15,190 --> 00:42:11,359
you've had to go through and you got i'm

1159
00:42:18,150 --> 00:42:15,200
not annoyed by the other data set i just

1160
00:42:19,270 --> 00:42:18,160
i i like to be cautious about putting

1161
00:42:22,630 --> 00:42:19,280
myself forward

1162
00:42:28,790 --> 00:42:25,750
i don't think your work reflects

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00:42:31,910 --> 00:42:28,800

that i don't

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00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:31,920

cautious i don't think you're cautious

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00:42:36,309 --> 00:42:34,560

in that in that way i think you're

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00:42:39,349 --> 00:42:36,319

you're kind of the opposite of cautious

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00:42:40,950 --> 00:42:39,359

and even your point about aggressive yes

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00:42:43,270 --> 00:42:40,960

you're extremely aggressive

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00:42:44,710 --> 00:42:43,280

and you you make some great points like

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00:42:47,349 --> 00:42:44,720

your point about the laboratory work

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00:42:48,950 --> 00:42:47,359

which we can just kind of uh

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00:42:50,710 --> 00:42:48,960

we we kind of breezed past but i think

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00:42:53,109 --> 00:42:50,720

it's an incredibly

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00:42:53,750 --> 00:42:53,119

significant insight you have there is

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00:42:57,270 --> 00:42:53,760

that

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00:43:00,069 --> 00:42:57,280

uh the science types even in these

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00:43:00,950 --> 00:43:00,079

fringe areas if you will frontier errors

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00:43:05,030 --> 00:43:00,960

if you will

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00:43:11,349 --> 00:43:08,150

as you said a unexplainable

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00:43:14,710 --> 00:43:11,359

leaning on the lab when

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00:43:17,109 --> 00:43:14,720

that doesn't really make a lot of sense

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00:43:18,150 --> 00:43:17,119

if we haven't first identified what we

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00:43:19,670 --> 00:43:18,160

think are the

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00:43:21,349 --> 00:43:19,680

what we would bring into the lab what

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00:43:23,750 --> 00:43:21,359

we're what we're even controlling

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00:43:24,630 --> 00:43:23,760

the skeptic cem hansel was interviewed

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00:43:27,829 --> 00:43:24,640

for that

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00:43:30,150 --> 00:43:27,839

nova program decades ago and

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00:43:32,309 --> 00:43:30,160

he said it's easy to tell if telepathy

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00:43:34,950 --> 00:43:32,319

is real just tell me what i'm thinking

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00:43:35,910 --> 00:43:34,960

and i'm very sorry that his interlocutor

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00:43:37,670 --> 00:43:35,920

didn't say to him

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00:43:39,850 --> 00:43:37,680

oh is that right professor hansel well

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00:43:41,030 --> 00:43:39,860

let's see an erection

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00:43:42,790 --> 00:43:41,040

[Laughter]

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00:43:44,790 --> 00:43:42,800

i'm sure hansel would not have agreed

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00:43:46,550 --> 00:43:44,800

that he's simply incapable of getting it

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00:43:49,589 --> 00:43:46,560

up

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00:43:51,910 --> 00:43:49,599

love it let me uh

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00:43:54,630 --> 00:43:51,920

kind of switch gears a little bit

1201

00:43:56,470 --> 00:43:54,640

another topic i'm super interested in

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00:43:58,470 --> 00:43:56,480

we're going to be i hope people can read

1203

00:44:01,510 --> 00:43:58,480

through this that

1204

00:44:02,790 --> 00:44:01,520

i so respect again i'll say the the work

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00:44:05,030 --> 00:44:02,800

that you've done

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00:44:06,790 --> 00:44:05,040

the tremendous contribution you've made

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00:44:09,589 --> 00:44:06,800

to science

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00:44:10,470 --> 00:44:09,599

i think it's almost like a disservice to

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00:44:13,190 --> 00:44:10,480

say

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00:44:14,870 --> 00:44:13,200

the field of parapsychology geez if

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00:44:18,870 --> 00:44:14,880

anything this discussion

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00:44:21,990 --> 00:44:18,880

should let people understand that

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00:44:26,470 --> 00:44:22,000

the intellectual community as a whole

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00:44:30,069 --> 00:44:26,480

and science in particular is

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00:44:31,030 --> 00:44:30,079

it indebted to the the brave work that

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00:44:32,950 --> 00:44:31,040

you've done

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00:44:34,790 --> 00:44:32,960

of being shouted off this stage and

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00:44:37,589 --> 00:44:34,800

considered continuing to

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00:44:38,870 --> 00:44:37,599

persist continuing to be aggressive

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00:44:41,990 --> 00:44:38,880

continuing to

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00:44:43,990 --> 00:44:42,000

not be bullied cajoled or

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00:44:46,390 --> 00:44:44,000

co-opted into saying anything that

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00:44:47,510 --> 00:44:46,400

anybody wants you to say so i i i

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00:44:49,829 --> 00:44:47,520

respect that

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00:44:50,790 --> 00:44:49,839

well flattery will get you everywhere

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00:44:52,230 --> 00:44:50,800

excellent

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00:44:55,109 --> 00:44:52,240

that will work then because i want to

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00:44:58,630 --> 00:44:55,119

talk about chapter 11

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00:45:02,069 --> 00:44:58,640

multiple personality and the structure

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00:45:03,510 --> 00:45:02,079

of self tell us

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00:45:06,069 --> 00:45:03,520

where you're at what you think what

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00:45:08,069 --> 00:45:06,079

you've discovered

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00:45:09,109 --> 00:45:08,079

well i wrote a book about multiple

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00:45:11,270 --> 00:45:09,119

personality

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00:45:13,349 --> 00:45:11,280

initially because well for two reasons

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00:45:15,750 --> 00:45:13,359

one it's just interesting as hell

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00:45:17,510 --> 00:45:15,760

and secondly i knew i wanted to write a

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00:45:19,430 --> 00:45:17,520

book on survival of death

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00:45:21,510 --> 00:45:19,440

especially when i was more

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00:45:25,109 --> 00:45:21,520

chronologically challenged

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00:45:27,270 --> 00:45:25,119

and i knew also that the phenomenon of

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00:45:28,390 --> 00:45:27,280

multiple personality looks suspiciously

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00:45:31,349 --> 00:45:28,400

like the phenomenon

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00:45:32,069 --> 00:45:31,359

of mental mediumship and it's not that i

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00:45:34,069 --> 00:45:32,079

thought that they were

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00:45:36,390 --> 00:45:34,079

the same but i felt it would be

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00:45:38,069 --> 00:45:36,400

intellectually irresponsible to

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00:45:40,230 --> 00:45:38,079

write about survival without having a

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00:45:40,630 --> 00:45:40,240

firm grasp of the history of hypnosis

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00:45:44,630 --> 00:45:40,640

and

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00:45:47,109 --> 00:45:44,640
in particular

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00:45:48,790 --> 00:45:47,119
and i was astounded and dismayed to

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00:45:49,750 --> 00:45:48,800
discover that a lot of the people riding

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00:45:52,390 --> 00:45:49,760
on survival

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00:45:52,950 --> 00:45:52,400
hadn't a clue about multiple personality

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00:45:54,550 --> 00:45:52,960
so

1257
00:45:55,990 --> 00:45:54,560
my work on that has been to try to

1258
00:45:58,150 --> 00:45:56,000
explain in what respect

1259
00:45:59,109 --> 00:45:58,160
alter identities are different from one

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00:46:02,390 --> 00:45:59,119
another

1261
00:46:05,750 --> 00:46:02,400
and the kinds of inferences we can draw

1262
00:46:07,510 --> 00:46:05,760
about the nature of the self and the big

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00:46:09,750 --> 00:46:07,520

point that i was arguing for in my book

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00:46:12,870 --> 00:46:09,760

first person plural was that

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00:46:13,510 --> 00:46:12,880

even though these distinctions between

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00:46:16,230 --> 00:46:13,520

the altar

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00:46:17,349 --> 00:46:16,240

identities are quite profound there's an

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00:46:19,829 --> 00:46:17,359

even deeper kind of

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00:46:20,550 --> 00:46:19,839

underlying unity of consciousness okay

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00:46:22,950 --> 00:46:20,560

great so

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00:46:24,710 --> 00:46:22,960

we're going to talk about that

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00:46:26,230 --> 00:46:24,720

forewarned like we just said

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00:46:28,309 --> 00:46:26,240

i may not come down the same way that

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00:46:30,309 --> 00:46:28,319

you did just interviewed a guy i really

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00:46:34,150 --> 00:46:30,319

respect a lot have you ever encountered

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00:46:37,670 --> 00:46:34,160

dr bernardo castro well i know who he is

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00:46:40,950 --> 00:46:37,680

okay um have you ever spoken with him or

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00:46:43,109 --> 00:46:40,960

read his okay so uh bernardo

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00:46:44,710 --> 00:46:43,119

for people who don't know is a phd in

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00:46:47,990 --> 00:46:44,720

philosophy but also

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00:46:49,990 --> 00:46:48,000

phd in computer science and has been

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00:46:51,190 --> 00:46:50,000

kind of one of the leading intellectuals

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00:46:54,870 --> 00:46:51,200

pushing

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00:46:56,710 --> 00:46:54,880

idealism and really as a kind of direct

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00:46:59,349 --> 00:46:56,720

contradiction to

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00:47:01,030 --> 00:46:59,359

wacky materialism he's kind of willing

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00:47:03,349 --> 00:47:01,040

to be pretty out there in your face

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00:47:05,109 --> 00:47:03,359

so he just wrote an article published in

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00:47:06,790 --> 00:47:05,119

scientific american about

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00:47:08,870 --> 00:47:06,800

uh dissociative identity and he

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00:47:12,470 --> 00:47:08,880

referenced a couple of

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00:47:12,790 --> 00:47:12,480

interesting experimental uh results that

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00:47:15,910 --> 00:47:12,800

have

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00:47:20,230 --> 00:47:15,920

come about one was from a woman from

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00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:20,240

um i want to get this right she was from

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00:47:27,510 --> 00:47:24,720

holland i believe and she experienced

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00:47:29,990 --> 00:47:27,520

uh blind she was blind in one of her

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00:47:33,109 --> 00:47:30,000

altered dissociative identity states

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00:47:37,030 --> 00:47:33,119

under fmri she revealed

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00:47:40,470 --> 00:47:37,040

that the fmri looked to

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00:47:43,270 --> 00:47:40,480

neurologists as a blind person

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00:47:43,670 --> 00:47:43,280

so again we wouldn't have a way of kind

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00:47:47,030 --> 00:47:43,680

of

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00:47:48,549 --> 00:47:47,040

explaining that how does that how do

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00:47:50,309 --> 00:47:48,559

those and you're aware of other

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00:47:52,630 --> 00:47:50,319

experiences people who can make

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00:47:55,990 --> 00:47:52,640

physiological changes to their body that

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00:47:58,150 --> 00:47:56,000

are easily readily explainable inside of

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00:48:01,109 --> 00:47:58,160

a materialistic kind of paradigm

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00:48:02,630 --> 00:48:01,119

how does that fit into your model oh i

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00:48:03,910 --> 00:48:02,640

think it fits very comfortably i mean

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00:48:06,309 --> 00:48:03,920

when i talk about the unity of

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00:48:07,750 --> 00:48:06,319

consciousness i'm talking about a kind

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00:48:12,470 --> 00:48:07,760

of kantian

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00:48:14,309 --> 00:48:12,480

synthesizing of experience um

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00:48:15,670 --> 00:48:14,319

the kinds of things that i gather

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00:48:17,990 --> 00:48:15,680

castrip was talking about there have

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00:48:20,710 --> 00:48:18,000

been experiments like that for some time

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00:48:21,030 --> 00:48:20,720

right um and and i think he's basically

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00:48:24,470 --> 00:48:21,040

in

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00:48:25,990 --> 00:48:24,480

couple steps further because here's

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00:48:28,710 --> 00:48:26,000

where it gets

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00:48:29,109 --> 00:48:28,720

interesting to me you know uh do you

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00:48:35,349 --> 00:48:29,119

know

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00:48:38,069 --> 00:48:35,359

no of him so i just interviewed whitley

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00:48:38,470 --> 00:48:38,079
recently and for people who don't know

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00:48:40,710 --> 00:48:38,480
um

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00:48:41,589 --> 00:48:40,720
whitley strieber is probably one of the

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00:48:44,950 --> 00:48:41,599
best

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00:48:49,349 --> 00:48:44,960
known uh

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00:48:51,750 --> 00:48:49,359
alien contactees of in history

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00:48:52,950 --> 00:48:51,760
and uh she he's done it as best-selling

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00:48:55,910 --> 00:48:52,960
book communion was

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00:48:57,190 --> 00:48:55,920
absolutely culture changing in terms of

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00:48:59,510 --> 00:48:57,200
what it did

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00:49:01,109 --> 00:48:59,520
in bringing awareness to that and again

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00:49:03,030 --> 00:49:01,119
i i want to put it in the context just

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00:49:05,510 --> 00:49:03,040

so people i always have to do this

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00:49:06,470 --> 00:49:05,520

we live now in a post-disclosure world

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00:49:08,950 --> 00:49:06,480

right so

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00:49:10,230 --> 00:49:08,960

the new york times has published the

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00:49:12,549 --> 00:49:10,240

videos

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00:49:13,990 --> 00:49:12,559

cbs news fox news washington post

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00:49:17,109 --> 00:49:14,000

everyone has now said

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00:49:18,549 --> 00:49:17,119

yes those are videos released by the

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00:49:21,589 --> 00:49:18,559

department of defense

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00:49:24,710 --> 00:49:21,599

those are craft flying

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00:49:25,589 --> 00:49:24,720

at g-forces that human beings can't

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00:49:28,710 --> 00:49:25,599

handle

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00:49:31,670 --> 00:49:28,720

flying at speeds that we have no even

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00:49:32,390 --> 00:49:31,680
imagination of how we would achieve and

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00:49:35,589 --> 00:49:32,400
i don't know if you

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00:49:38,710 --> 00:49:35,599
are aware of this but are exhibiting

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00:49:42,230 --> 00:49:38,720
um this

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00:49:45,190 --> 00:49:42,240
again these psy phenomena in terms of

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00:49:46,390 --> 00:49:45,200
uh meeting at a predetermined location

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00:49:48,710 --> 00:49:46,400
that no one knows

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00:49:49,430 --> 00:49:48,720
and their you know e.t is showing up

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00:49:52,549 --> 00:49:49,440
there in these

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00:49:54,069 --> 00:49:52,559
in the craft and again yeah i have to

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00:49:57,670 --> 00:49:54,079
remind you this is not like

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00:50:00,309 --> 00:49:57,680
uh alien hour at midnight

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00:50:01,430 --> 00:50:00,319

this is the reports of the department of

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00:50:04,150 --> 00:50:01,440

defense

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00:50:05,589 --> 00:50:04,160

as published in the journal of record

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00:50:07,750 --> 00:50:05,599

the new york times

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00:50:10,150 --> 00:50:07,760

as i interviewed leslie kane on this

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00:50:13,349 --> 00:50:10,160

show who was a co-author

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00:50:13,670 --> 00:50:13,359

of those papers so as a lot of people

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00:50:16,069 --> 00:50:13,680

have

1371

00:50:17,910 --> 00:50:16,079

suspected a long time you know maybe

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00:50:20,150 --> 00:50:17,920

part of our interest in this extended

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00:50:22,790 --> 00:50:20,160

consciousness has been that

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we have known for a long time that these

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00:50:26,870 --> 00:50:24,480

non-human intelligences are

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00:50:27,750 --> 00:50:26,880
operating in that realm but we'll leave

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00:50:31,430 --> 00:50:27,760
that to

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00:50:34,069 --> 00:50:31,440
speculation back to whitley

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00:50:35,030 --> 00:50:34,079
whitley at i think was like nine years

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00:50:38,069 --> 00:50:35,040
old

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00:50:41,270 --> 00:50:38,079
is recruited into

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00:50:43,670 --> 00:50:41,280
a special gifted children's program

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00:50:44,950 --> 00:50:43,680
by the way his uh his dad is military

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00:50:48,870 --> 00:50:44,960
intelligence

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00:50:50,069 --> 00:50:48,880
didn't really put all the pieces

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00:50:53,030 --> 00:50:50,079
together

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00:50:54,710 --> 00:50:53,040
but he goes to this program and it's an

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00:50:57,589 --> 00:50:54,720

mkulch it's another mkl's

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00:50:59,109 --> 00:50:57,599

program because we now know mk ultra you

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00:51:01,349 --> 00:50:59,119

know the us

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00:51:04,390 --> 00:51:01,359

mind control program which we now know

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00:51:06,390 --> 00:51:04,400

had like 150 different sub programs

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00:51:07,670 --> 00:51:06,400

one of which was stargate one of which

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00:51:10,230 --> 00:51:07,680

was mk

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00:51:11,589 --> 00:51:10,240

often where they brought in witches or

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00:51:13,430 --> 00:51:11,599

you know other people

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00:51:14,950 --> 00:51:13,440

i can do occult stuff whatever we can do

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00:51:15,750 --> 00:51:14,960

to reach that extended consciousness

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00:51:18,710 --> 00:51:15,760

realm

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00:51:19,670 --> 00:51:18,720

but what whitney's claim is and i can

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00:51:21,990 --> 00:51:19,680

give you two or three

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00:51:23,109 --> 00:51:22,000

other interviews that do say the exact

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00:51:28,150 --> 00:51:23,119

same thing

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00:51:29,910 --> 00:51:28,160

and we have the the is that ritual abuse

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there's a relationship between ritual

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00:51:33,589 --> 00:51:32,079

abuse and the propensity to have a

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00:51:35,910 --> 00:51:33,599

dissociative identity disorder

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that's given that's in the literature so

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what whitley says

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is that that's what they were trying to

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00:51:43,349 --> 00:51:41,760

do so as a kid they were putting these

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00:51:45,510 --> 00:51:43,359

abusing these kids like they abused

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00:51:48,870 --> 00:51:45,520

whitley and trying to crack them

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00:51:50,230 --> 00:51:48,880

open in a way to create disassociative

1415

00:51:52,870 --> 00:51:50,240

identity disorder

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00:51:53,910 --> 00:51:52,880

in order to weaponize it in order to

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00:51:57,109 --> 00:51:53,920

exploit it

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00:51:58,390 --> 00:51:57,119

in some way that we don't fully

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00:52:01,910 --> 00:51:58,400

understand

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00:52:03,190 --> 00:52:01,920

but we have some ideas of how and why

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00:52:05,109 --> 00:52:03,200

they may want to do that

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00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:05,119

that's a lot that i kind of put on the

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00:52:10,630 --> 00:52:07,440

table do you

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00:52:12,630 --> 00:52:10,640

buy into any of that well i know that

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00:52:13,349 --> 00:52:12,640

colin ross has been writing about this

1426
00:52:16,950 --> 00:52:13,359
for

1427
00:52:18,630 --> 00:52:16,960
quite some time and i respect colin

1428
00:52:20,069 --> 00:52:18,640
i can't say i've studied this in the

1429
00:52:21,910 --> 00:52:20,079
kind of depth that i've studied things

1430
00:52:23,910 --> 00:52:21,920
that i go on record about but i

1431
00:52:25,670 --> 00:52:23,920
i think there's something worth sinking

1432
00:52:28,630 --> 00:52:25,680
one's teeth into here

1433
00:52:29,510 --> 00:52:28,640
so i don't find it incredible at all

1434
00:52:31,990 --> 00:52:29,520
fair enough

1435
00:52:32,870 --> 00:52:32,000
what do you feel like saying about the

1436
00:52:35,510 --> 00:52:32,880
potential

1437
00:52:36,950 --> 00:52:35,520
that they're in these realms there are

1438
00:52:39,510 --> 00:52:36,960

these

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00:52:41,910 --> 00:52:39,520

other forces that we have to consider in

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00:52:43,510 --> 00:52:41,920

a more authentic way

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00:52:45,829 --> 00:52:43,520

well there's so many realms we don't

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00:52:47,270 --> 00:52:45,839

understand we don't understand prodigies

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00:52:49,030 --> 00:52:47,280

and savants

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00:52:50,870 --> 00:52:49,040

i mean i find savants particularly

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00:52:52,950 --> 00:52:50,880

interesting how somebody who's

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00:52:54,069 --> 00:52:52,960

[h__h] until he sits down to play the

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00:52:56,950 --> 00:52:54,079

piano

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00:52:57,510 --> 00:52:56,960

can operate or how calendar savants can

1449

00:52:59,109 --> 00:52:57,520

factor

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00:53:00,549 --> 00:52:59,119

any number you give them but can't add

1451

00:53:02,710 --> 00:53:00,559

the change in their pocket

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00:53:03,589 --> 00:53:02,720

so they've got deficits cognitive

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00:53:05,349 --> 00:53:03,599

deficits

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00:53:07,430 --> 00:53:05,359

that would seem to rule out their

1455

00:53:09,430 --> 00:53:07,440

extraordinary abilities

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00:53:11,109 --> 00:53:09,440

so i think there's a lot we don't

1457

00:53:13,190 --> 00:53:11,119

understand about

1458

00:53:15,109 --> 00:53:13,200

the extent of our mental capacities and

1459

00:53:15,910 --> 00:53:15,119

what could be unleashed in dissociative

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00:53:21,109 --> 00:53:15,920

contexts

1461

00:53:22,870 --> 00:53:21,119

you know how people can suddenly find

1462

00:53:24,470 --> 00:53:22,880

themselves much stronger than they would

1463

00:53:27,190 --> 00:53:24,480

ordinarily be

1464

00:53:27,990 --> 00:53:27,200

there's a lot we don't know and an

1465

00:53:32,230 --> 00:53:28,000

appalling lack

1466

00:53:34,710 --> 00:53:32,240

of curiosity so angels and demons steve

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00:53:36,390 --> 00:53:34,720

i'm not sure about that um i'm

1468

00:53:37,589 --> 00:53:36,400

particularly interested in transplant

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00:53:42,230 --> 00:53:37,599

cases

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00:53:43,910 --> 00:53:42,240

and which to me looks like uh departed

1471

00:53:45,510 --> 00:53:43,920

spirits hovering around their vital

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00:53:49,349 --> 00:53:45,520

organs

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00:53:51,589 --> 00:53:49,359

so as we go forward take a big step back

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00:53:53,829 --> 00:53:51,599

you've been in the field of if we can

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00:53:55,910 --> 00:53:53,839

still say parapsychology is a field and

1476
00:53:57,750 --> 00:53:55,920
it is i kind of came down pretty hard on

1477
00:54:00,470 --> 00:53:57,760
it just kind of

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00:54:01,829 --> 00:54:00,480
elicit some kind of reaction where do

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00:54:05,109 --> 00:54:01,839
you think we're headed

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00:54:07,589 --> 00:54:05,119
in the next 10 20 years what kind of

1481
00:54:10,390 --> 00:54:07,599
progress can we make

1482
00:54:13,750 --> 00:54:10,400
along the lines that you and some of

1483
00:54:15,349 --> 00:54:13,760
your colleagues have been pursuing

1484
00:54:17,190 --> 00:54:15,359
well if they go along the lines i've

1485
00:54:18,150 --> 00:54:17,200
been pursuing we'd get the hell out of

1486
00:54:20,069 --> 00:54:18,160
the lab and start

1487
00:54:22,829 --> 00:54:20,079
looking for exceptional subjects and try

1488
00:54:26,630 --> 00:54:22,839

to get a feel for the natural history of

1489

00:54:28,630 --> 00:54:26,640

psy but if you want to know where i

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00:54:30,390 --> 00:54:28,640

think we're actually going

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00:54:32,549 --> 00:54:30,400

i think that we'll be stuck in the same

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00:54:34,549 --> 00:54:32,559

rut that we've been in for the past 120

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00:54:36,150 --> 00:54:34,559

30 years

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00:54:38,150 --> 00:54:36,160

and one of the reasons is that new

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00:54:40,470 --> 00:54:38,160

people come into the field all the time

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00:54:41,349 --> 00:54:40,480

with no background in the rich

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00:54:43,670 --> 00:54:41,359

literature

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00:54:45,270 --> 00:54:43,680

just as i did you know i had to find out

1499

00:54:46,549 --> 00:54:45,280

after writing a book on the experimental

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00:54:47,829 --> 00:54:46,559

evidence that there was much better

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00:54:51,030 --> 00:54:47,839

evidence

1502

00:54:53,670 --> 00:54:51,040

and it's not as if there's

1503

00:54:55,829 --> 00:54:53,680

a widely disseminated curriculum in

1504

00:54:58,549 --> 00:54:55,839

parapsychology that people can

1505

00:55:00,710 --> 00:54:58,559

progress through before they actually

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00:55:04,309 --> 00:55:00,720

start doing research in the field

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00:55:06,950 --> 00:55:04,319

and try to reinvent the wheel it happens

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00:55:09,910 --> 00:55:06,960

over and over every young generation

1509

00:55:11,750 --> 00:55:09,920

of parapsychological researchers commits

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00:55:12,390 --> 00:55:11,760

the same mistakes that their forebears

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00:55:16,470 --> 00:55:12,400

did

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00:55:20,549 --> 00:55:16,480

well folks our guest again has been the

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00:55:22,950 --> 00:55:20,559

extraordinary dr stephen browdy

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00:55:24,470 --> 00:55:22,960

check out his latest book he's mentioned

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00:55:27,270 --> 00:55:24,480

some of his other books

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00:55:29,750 --> 00:55:27,280

the latest is dangerous pursuits find it

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00:55:31,270 --> 00:55:29,760

on amazon again it's just 10 bucks

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00:55:33,750 --> 00:55:31,280

but all his other books which you can

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00:55:41,430 --> 00:55:33,760

find on his website you can easily

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00:55:45,990 --> 00:55:41,440

google him s-t-e-p-h-e-n-b-r-a-u-d-e

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00:55:48,390 --> 00:55:46,000

and uh excellent website all his former

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00:55:49,750 --> 00:55:48,400

books and all that many great articles

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00:55:52,630 --> 00:55:49,760

just

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00:55:53,030 --> 00:55:52,640

a real real uh i don't know i don't like

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00:55:55,510 --> 00:55:53,040

to say

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00:55:56,789 --> 00:55:55,520
giant that sounds kind of hokey but such

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00:55:59,829 --> 00:55:56,799
a significant

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00:56:00,470 --> 00:55:59,839
person in this field and in science in

1529
00:56:02,549 --> 00:56:00,480
general

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00:56:04,390 --> 00:56:02,559
steve thank you so so much for joining

1531
00:56:06,549 --> 00:56:04,400
me it's been an absolute

1532
00:56:08,789 --> 00:56:06,559
pleasure thank you for having me it's

1533
00:56:10,470 --> 00:56:08,799
good to see you again

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00:56:12,470 --> 00:56:10,480
thanks again to dr stephen browning for

1535
00:56:13,109 --> 00:56:12,480
joining me today on skeptico the one

1536
00:56:15,270 --> 00:56:13,119
question

1537
00:56:18,390 --> 00:56:15,280
i'd have to tee up from this interview

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00:56:21,390 --> 00:56:18,400

kind of an inside baseball question

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00:56:23,109 --> 00:56:21,400

what do you think the future is for

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00:56:25,510 --> 00:56:23,119

parapsychology

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00:56:28,789 --> 00:56:25,520

have they sufficiently backwatered it

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00:56:32,390 --> 00:56:28,799

into insignificance

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00:56:33,829 --> 00:56:32,400

or is it prime for a resurgence

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00:56:36,230 --> 00:56:33,839

let me know your thoughts of course best

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00:56:39,270 --> 00:56:36,240

place do it skeptical forum

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00:56:41,349 --> 00:56:39,280

check it out let me hear from you

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00:56:43,349 --> 00:56:41,359

good shows good shows good shows coming