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science & spirituality

***DOES MAGIC
WORK?***

#495 RICHARD SMOLEY



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00:00:04,630 --> 00:00:02,070
you mean i have to live out the rest of

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00:00:07,510 --> 00:00:04,640
my life in this body

3
00:00:09,750 --> 00:00:07,520
no way you got me into this you

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00:00:13,190 --> 00:00:09,760
get me out

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00:00:16,550 --> 00:00:13,200
i can't do that chucky why not

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00:00:20,470 --> 00:00:16,560
because you're an abomination

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00:00:23,029 --> 00:00:20,480
an outrage against nature you perverted

8
00:00:23,910 --> 00:00:23,039
everything i've taught you and used it

9
00:00:29,269 --> 00:00:23,920
for evil

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00:00:34,389 --> 00:00:31,990
that's chucky from i don't know one of

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00:00:37,030 --> 00:00:34,399
the chucky movies

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00:00:38,069 --> 00:00:37,040
and he's consulting with the voodoo

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00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:38,079

doctor that

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00:00:41,910 --> 00:00:40,079

got him into this mess in the first

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:41,920

place of course this is

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00:00:48,709 --> 00:00:46,079

more movie fantasy but again

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00:00:51,110 --> 00:00:48,719

is it for anyone who's really studied

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:51,120

magic very much like today's awesome

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00:00:54,950 --> 00:00:51,520

guest

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00:00:56,549 --> 00:00:54,960

richard smoley the lines can get rather

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00:01:00,389 --> 00:00:56,559

blurry

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00:01:02,069 --> 00:01:00,399

you reference blackmagic that's gonna be

23

00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:02,079

immediately that's where everyone goes

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00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:04,159

well i think uh there is a certain

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00:01:09,270 --> 00:01:06,240

reality to it

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00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:09,280

irish taxi driver in honolulu

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00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:11,840

who uh got involved with a native

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00:01:16,390 --> 00:01:14,400

hawaiian girl

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00:01:17,670 --> 00:01:16,400

and the mother really did not like this

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00:01:20,149 --> 00:01:17,680

at all

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00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:20,159

she told him to hold off but he didn't

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00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:20,720

and

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00:01:24,469 --> 00:01:23,520

he suddenly started to become subject to

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00:01:26,630 --> 00:01:24,479

paralysis

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00:01:27,749 --> 00:01:26,640

from the feet up little by little by

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00:01:29,990 --> 00:01:27,759

little by little

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00:01:30,870 --> 00:01:30,000

so uh then someone who is familiar with

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00:01:32,310 --> 00:01:30,880

these things

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00:01:34,870 --> 00:01:32,320

said you know i think there might be

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00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:34,880

some magic involved here let me go and

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00:01:39,270 --> 00:01:35,920

talk to this

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00:01:40,230 --> 00:01:39,280

mother i said i don't know maybe there

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00:01:42,789 --> 00:01:40,240

is maybe not

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00:01:44,310 --> 00:01:42,799

but um i think that maybe if he gets on

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00:01:45,830 --> 00:01:44,320

the next boat to the mainland things

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00:01:47,830 --> 00:01:45,840

would be all right

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,840

and you know that evening this cab

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00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:49,680

driver was right and took the next boat

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:51,600

to san francisco

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00:01:57,510 --> 00:01:55,600

and speaking of blurry lines

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:57,520
what happens when we apply that same

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00:02:04,870 --> 00:01:59,520
sensibility to

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00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:04,880
oh christianity is jesus in agrigore

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00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:08,080
no i think jesus was a historical figure

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00:02:11,430 --> 00:02:11,039
and is christ consciousness in agrigore

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00:02:13,510 --> 00:02:11,440
because

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00:02:15,030 --> 00:02:13,520
jesus is a historical figure is kind of

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00:02:16,949 --> 00:02:15,040
a cop-out i mean

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00:02:19,110 --> 00:02:16,959
bart ehrman who is essentially an

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00:02:19,910 --> 00:02:19,120
atheist thinks jesus is a historical

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00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:19,920
figure too

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00:02:23,750 --> 00:02:21,520
he was some wandering guy who went

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00:02:25,430 --> 00:02:23,760

around and said a couple of things

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00:02:27,270 --> 00:02:25,440

you almost come to the point of saying

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00:02:29,430 --> 00:02:27,280

that in the in the book

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00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:29,440

the truth about magic you say the

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00:02:33,350 --> 00:02:30,959

christian gods

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00:02:35,589 --> 00:02:33,360

can best be understand as an egregor the

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00:02:38,550 --> 00:02:35,599

tibetan buddhists call it a tulpa

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00:02:39,509 --> 00:02:38,560

i wouldn't say so this is a great level

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00:02:42,390 --> 00:02:39,519

three chat

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00:02:43,830 --> 00:02:42,400

with a truly remarkable researcher and

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:43,840

knowledgeable guy

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:45,519

i gave him a pretty hard time but i have

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00:02:50,949 --> 00:02:47,920

the ultimate respect for richard

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00:02:52,550 --> 00:02:50,959

let's get right to the interview

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00:02:55,030 --> 00:02:52,560

the skeptico where we explore

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00:02:57,750 --> 00:02:55,040

controversial science and spirituality

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00:02:58,949 --> 00:02:57,760

with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:58,959

their critics

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00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:01,200

today we welcome richard smoley to

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00:03:04,790 --> 00:03:02,319

skeptico

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00:03:06,949 --> 00:03:04,800

richard of course is a harvard and

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oxford trained scholar in

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00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:10,640

religion and philosophy and a recognized

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00:03:17,430 --> 00:03:14,400

expert on all sorts of stuff related to

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00:03:20,790 --> 00:03:17,440

christian mysticism gnosticism

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00:03:23,190 --> 00:03:20,800

theosophy and all other kinds of stuff

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that we like to talk about here on

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00:03:30,229 --> 00:03:26,879

skeptico richard has a new book out

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00:03:32,470 --> 00:03:30,239

the truth about magic which

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00:03:33,830 --> 00:03:32,480

i'm sure we'll talk quite a bit about

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00:03:36,390 --> 00:03:33,840

but i'm hoping we can

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also get him to talk about some of his

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other research and some of his other

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00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:39,040

work

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00:03:43,190 --> 00:03:41,760

particularly one that i've referenced

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00:03:47,190 --> 00:03:43,200

before on this show and

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00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:47,200

in my book how god became god

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00:03:51,110 --> 00:03:49,440

what scholars are really saying about

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00:03:53,509 --> 00:03:51,120
god and the bible

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00:03:56,149 --> 00:03:53,519
an excellent book from a guy who again

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00:04:00,070 --> 00:03:56,159
is recognized among religious scholars

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00:04:00,949 --> 00:04:00,080
as somebody that really needs to be paid

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00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:00,959
attention to

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00:04:06,949 --> 00:04:04,560
even if he a lot of times steps outside

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00:04:09,830 --> 00:04:06,959
of the bounds of normal

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00:04:11,190 --> 00:04:09,840
kind of academic religious scholarship

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00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:11,200
which

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00:04:15,350 --> 00:04:13,360
is much needed i mean you don't want to

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00:04:17,349 --> 00:04:15,360
stay in those boundaries because there's

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00:04:18,949 --> 00:04:17,359
not much happening there

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00:04:20,710 --> 00:04:18,959

um it's just something we should really

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00:04:23,670 --> 00:04:20,720

talk about because it's something

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00:04:24,950 --> 00:04:23,680

i've dealt with on this show and that's

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00:04:26,710 --> 00:04:24,960

part of the reason i was drawn to

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00:04:28,390 --> 00:04:26,720

richard in the first place is

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00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:28,400

kind of getting this understanding of

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00:04:34,310 --> 00:04:30,880

who we can really rely on

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00:04:37,590 --> 00:04:34,320

how we should sort through all this

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00:04:40,469 --> 00:04:37,600

important information about spirituality

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00:04:41,189 --> 00:04:40,479

and the religiosity that's associated

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00:04:45,110 --> 00:04:41,199

with it

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00:04:48,469 --> 00:04:45,120

so there is a lot to unpack here

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00:04:50,950 --> 00:04:48,479

i hope we can get to all of it i might

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00:04:51,990 --> 00:04:50,960
piss richard off and this could end

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00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:52,000
early

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00:04:58,550 --> 00:04:55,440
uh but i i am going to risk

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00:05:00,790 --> 00:04:58,560
going to some of those other places

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00:05:02,469 --> 00:05:00,800
because they are of my interest and i'm

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00:05:05,830 --> 00:05:02,479
really not interested in a

132
00:05:08,469 --> 00:05:05,840
coast to coast kind of canned

133
00:05:09,909 --> 00:05:08,479
questions kind of thing i do want to say

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00:05:10,390 --> 00:05:09,919
because we might get into some of that

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00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:10,400
stuff

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00:05:13,590 --> 00:05:12,320
that i have a tremendous amount of

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00:05:16,390 --> 00:05:13,600
respect

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00:05:17,310 --> 00:05:16,400

for richard smoley for his work for his

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00:05:20,310 --> 00:05:17,320

deep

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00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:20,320

spirituality that he is

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00:05:23,590 --> 00:05:22,880

both wrestling with you can tell in a

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00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:23,600

very

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00:05:29,110 --> 00:05:26,960

dynamic and important way and is also

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communicating effectively with people

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00:05:33,029 --> 00:05:31,600

who are equally trying to find their way

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00:05:36,790 --> 00:05:33,039

on the spiritual path

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00:05:38,629 --> 00:05:36,800

so with all that richard i know you kind

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00:05:41,670 --> 00:05:38,639

of probably don't know what's coming now

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00:05:44,790 --> 00:05:41,680

so welcome thanks for joining me

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00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:44,800

well it's a pleasure to be here and um i

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00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:47,919

very much look forward to it and um go

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00:05:53,350 --> 00:05:51,440

ahead feel free to piss me off

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00:05:55,350 --> 00:05:53,360

you know if we're not pissing each other

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00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:55,360

off at least a little bit i mean we

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00:05:58,309 --> 00:05:56,560

don't want to piss each other off all

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00:05:59,350 --> 00:05:58,319

the time but if you're not risking doing

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that

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00:06:02,390 --> 00:06:01,039

then i feel like you're not really fully

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engaging the dialogue

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00:06:11,510 --> 00:06:09,749

controversial as the stuff we're going

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00:06:14,070 --> 00:06:11,520

to talk about today because

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00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:14,080

let's go back and talk about your

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00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:16,000

current book your latest book i should

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00:06:20,150 --> 00:06:17,039

say

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00:06:21,990 --> 00:06:20,160

the truth about magic tell us a little

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00:06:25,029 --> 00:06:22,000

bit about that book

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00:06:26,629 --> 00:06:25,039

and uh you know the usual stuff why you

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00:06:31,270 --> 00:06:26,639

wrote it who it's for

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00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:34,950

well i wrote this book in two days and

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it's part of a larger project

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00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:41,039

g d media the publisher of the book

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00:06:47,670 --> 00:06:44,080

had me do an audio visual video

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00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:47,680

simultaneous recording over two days

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00:06:51,189 --> 00:06:50,720

which was a year ago almost exactly and

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00:06:54,390 --> 00:06:51,199

then i

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00:06:56,309 --> 00:06:54,400

edited the transcript so this is a an

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edited transcript of basically

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00:07:03,430 --> 00:07:00,560

me speaking and i think this is good

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because it forced me to keep things as

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00:07:07,110 --> 00:07:03,919

simple

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00:07:08,870 --> 00:07:07,120

and clear and concise as possible and

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00:07:11,029 --> 00:07:08,880

that is what this book and what the

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00:07:13,589 --> 00:07:11,039

audio video series is about

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00:07:15,029 --> 00:07:13,599

it's an attempt to introduce people to

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00:07:18,870 --> 00:07:15,039

this whole world

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00:07:21,670 --> 00:07:18,880

of alternate realities including magic

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00:07:22,790 --> 00:07:21,680

the occult uh and many other things

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00:07:24,790 --> 00:07:22,800

psychic powers

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00:07:25,909 --> 00:07:24,800

many other things that they've been

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00:07:28,070 --> 00:07:25,919

wondering about

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00:07:30,469 --> 00:07:28,080

but never have really felt they've had

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00:07:33,749 --> 00:07:30,479

kind of an entry point into

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00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:33,759

and that's what this book is about okay

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00:07:38,870 --> 00:07:36,720

because you know for folks who are

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00:07:41,990 --> 00:07:38,880

listening to this show

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00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:42,000

that pick up this book there's

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00:07:46,790 --> 00:07:43,360

definitely some nuggets

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00:07:48,629 --> 00:07:46,800

in there that are really quite profound

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00:07:51,189 --> 00:07:48,639

and well written you're a fantastic

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00:07:52,629 --> 00:07:51,199

writer we all know that

201
00:07:54,629 --> 00:07:52,639
but i think a lot of people are going to

202
00:07:56,469 --> 00:07:54,639
struggle with

203
00:07:59,589 --> 00:07:56,479
where you're coming from in terms of

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00:08:01,749 --> 00:07:59,599
this introduction who you're speaking to

205
00:08:02,710 --> 00:08:01,759
i mean when when we talk about the

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00:08:06,230 --> 00:08:02,720
occult

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00:08:07,029 --> 00:08:06,240
when we talk about magic most of us now

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00:08:11,270 --> 00:08:07,039
are thinking about

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00:08:14,790 --> 00:08:11,280
magic in modern day culture you know

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00:08:17,510 --> 00:08:14,800
damien echols and high magic and

211
00:08:19,670 --> 00:08:17,520
celebrity magic and i pulled up

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00:08:20,710 --> 00:08:19,680
musicians who've actually practiced

213
00:08:27,110 --> 00:08:20,720

magic

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00:08:30,150 --> 00:08:27,120

we are obsessed in our culture with

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magic but it's not

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as i don't know

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kind of dumbed down as it is

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in this book i i just wonder aren't

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most folks way past this magic

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00:08:49,509 --> 00:08:46,880

is real stuff well

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00:08:50,550 --> 00:08:49,519

let me put it this way i read something

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00:08:53,590 --> 00:08:50,560

a few days ago

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that said that the average american has

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00:08:59,990 --> 00:08:56,640

a seventh grade reading level

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so although there are many kanye shenti

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00:09:04,389 --> 00:09:03,760
lots of edgy artists magician types out

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00:09:07,670 --> 00:09:04,399
there

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00:09:10,070 --> 00:09:07,680
i know some of them this is not

229
00:09:11,910 --> 00:09:10,080
really for them because they know all

230
00:09:14,150 --> 00:09:11,920
this stuff already

231
00:09:15,590 --> 00:09:14,160
this is for people who haven't got a

232
00:09:17,670 --> 00:09:15,600
clue

233
00:09:19,590 --> 00:09:17,680
it's it's for the the type the very

234
00:09:20,470 --> 00:09:19,600
sophisticated edgy types you're talking

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00:09:22,230 --> 00:09:20,480
about

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00:09:24,150 --> 00:09:22,240
may be interested in some of it from

237
00:09:25,590 --> 00:09:24,160
what i have to say from my own point of

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00:09:27,670 --> 00:09:25,600

view

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00:09:29,350 --> 00:09:27,680

but i'm hoping they'd also be interested

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00:09:31,350 --> 00:09:29,360

in it and saying well look

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00:09:32,949 --> 00:09:31,360

my cousin doesn't know anything about

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00:09:35,190 --> 00:09:32,959

this stuff and where do i start

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00:09:37,509 --> 00:09:35,200

well you could hand them this book and

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00:09:39,430 --> 00:09:37,519

at least give them a handle on it

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00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:39,440

so this is not this is not kind of

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00:09:42,550 --> 00:09:40,560

written for

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00:09:44,710 --> 00:09:42,560

the kanye shenti for the people who

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00:09:45,670 --> 00:09:44,720

already know a great deal about it it's

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00:09:49,350 --> 00:09:45,680

written for

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00:09:52,710 --> 00:09:49,360

the average joe and i think that is um

251
00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:52,720
much needed okay but if we're really to

252
00:09:57,509 --> 00:09:54,800
jump right in the middle of that i mean

253
00:09:59,269 --> 00:09:57,519
you know is damien eccles from the west

254
00:10:01,670 --> 00:09:59,279
memphis three

255
00:10:02,389 --> 00:10:01,680
are you on board with his understanding

256
00:10:06,230 --> 00:10:02,399
of magic

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00:10:08,310 --> 00:10:06,240
his crowley do what thou wilt

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00:10:09,829 --> 00:10:08,320
you know here's how to compel the

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00:10:11,750 --> 00:10:09,839
spirits to

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00:10:13,269 --> 00:10:11,760
do your bidding kind of stuff i mean

261
00:10:15,590 --> 00:10:13,279
here's a guy who was

262
00:10:16,870 --> 00:10:15,600
convicted of raping and killing three

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00:10:19,430 --> 00:10:16,880

kids in

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00:10:20,630 --> 00:10:19,440

arkansas convicted and never you know i

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mean

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there's there's a whole bunch of

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kind of bad stuff to keep it really

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simple whether we'll leave the evil term

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out of it that is associated with people

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00:10:36,389 --> 00:10:33,040

who

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are going down the magic

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path without thinking super deeply about

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00:10:43,110 --> 00:10:40,240

it

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00:10:44,389 --> 00:10:43,120

so i i'm just not sure i want you to

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clarify when you say

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00:10:48,230 --> 00:10:46,560
they already know what does what does

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00:10:50,470 --> 00:10:48,240
damian eckles know

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00:10:52,150 --> 00:10:50,480
i don't think he knows i think he's

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00:10:55,509 --> 00:10:52,160
really missed the point

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00:10:58,150 --> 00:10:55,519
about what the spiritual path is and

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00:10:58,949 --> 00:10:58,160
the fact that he's wrapped it in this

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00:11:02,230 --> 00:10:58,959
word called

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00:11:04,389 --> 00:11:02,240
magic and uh is is troubling to me

284
00:11:05,910 --> 00:11:04,399
and i think we need to to sort that out

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00:11:07,990 --> 00:11:05,920
in a way that

286
00:11:09,590 --> 00:11:08,000
is beyond kind of seventh grade reading

287
00:11:12,829 --> 00:11:09,600
stuff what do you have any

288
00:11:14,310 --> 00:11:12,839

similar concerns or you what do you

289

00:11:16,470 --> 00:11:14,320

think

290

00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:16,480

well in the first place let me let me

291

00:11:20,150 --> 00:11:17,519

state right

292

00:11:20,870 --> 00:11:20,160

out in front that i have never up until

293

00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:20,880

this moment

294

00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:24,000

heard of damian echols uh what you just

295

00:11:28,389 --> 00:11:27,040

so what you say about his work uh is all

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00:11:30,949 --> 00:11:28,399

i know about it

297

00:11:32,470 --> 00:11:30,959

uh i can make certain uh conclusions

298

00:11:33,910 --> 00:11:32,480

about it uh just from

299

00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:33,920

you know some of the the things you've

300

00:11:37,750 --> 00:11:35,839

said like crowley

301
00:11:39,190 --> 00:11:37,760
felloma do what that will she'll be the

302
00:11:43,269 --> 00:11:39,200
whole of the law so that is

303
00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:43,279
that is part uh one section of magic

304
00:11:46,870 --> 00:11:45,200
i think one thing that needs to be

305
00:11:48,470 --> 00:11:46,880
pointed out

306
00:11:50,069 --> 00:11:48,480
is that when you take something like

307
00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:50,079
this

308
00:11:57,110 --> 00:11:53,279
you are encompassing an enormous

309
00:12:01,990 --> 00:11:57,120
moral spectrum as well as

310
00:12:05,750 --> 00:12:02,000
a spectrum of practice as well as

311
00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:05,760
a spectrum of theory let's take

312
00:12:12,710 --> 00:12:09,120
two other areas with huge spectrums

313
00:12:15,750 --> 00:12:12,720

let's take religion religion

314

00:12:18,069 --> 00:12:15,760

has often

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00:12:19,430 --> 00:12:18,079

pointed humanity toward some of its

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00:12:23,670 --> 00:12:19,440

highest

317

00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:23,680

particularly artistic achievements if

318

00:12:26,710 --> 00:12:24,000

you think

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00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:26,720

about it and yet it's responsible for

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00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:27,600

all sorts of

321

00:12:34,710 --> 00:12:30,720

crimes and um mishaps and

322

00:12:38,310 --> 00:12:34,720

um lies and then let's take another

323

00:12:41,110 --> 00:12:38,320

discourse which is science yeah science

324

00:12:42,230 --> 00:12:41,120

created the coveted vaccine but on the

325

00:12:45,430 --> 00:12:42,240

other hand

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00:12:47,910 --> 00:12:45,440

uh a lot of the environmental problems

327

00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:47,920

that we're dealing with now are are part

328

00:12:50,949 --> 00:12:48,720

of the science

329

00:12:52,310 --> 00:12:50,959

and the result of the scientific

330

00:12:55,829 --> 00:12:52,320

worldview

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00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:55,839

so to say well any of these

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00:12:59,829 --> 00:12:58,160

is they got part of this is that not

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00:13:00,870 --> 00:12:59,839

that's not really science that's not

334

00:13:03,430 --> 00:13:00,880

really religion

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00:13:05,030 --> 00:13:03,440

well in a way that's special pleading so

336

00:13:07,590 --> 00:13:05,040

there are all sorts of things that go on

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00:13:11,030 --> 00:13:07,600

in magic from the best to the worst

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00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:11,040

and that only means that magic is uh

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00:13:17,269 --> 00:13:14,240

very very much a human phenomenon

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00:13:19,190 --> 00:13:17,279

well is it that's kind of the point

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00:13:21,350 --> 00:13:19,200

of your book is that it's it's really

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00:13:22,069 --> 00:13:21,360

not and that in the way that we've

343

00:13:24,470 --> 00:13:22,079

normally

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00:13:25,350 --> 00:13:24,480

limited our understanding of human

345

00:13:28,230 --> 00:13:25,360

endeavors

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00:13:31,509 --> 00:13:28,240

and in particular the way science and

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00:13:34,310 --> 00:13:31,519

atheistic science which is by design

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00:13:35,590 --> 00:13:34,320

uh this has kind of been my thing is

349

00:13:38,949 --> 00:13:35,600

that

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00:13:40,870 --> 00:13:38,959

biological robot

351
00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:40,880
in a meaningless universe that you

352
00:13:45,590 --> 00:13:42,399
couldn't possibly have

353
00:13:47,030 --> 00:13:45,600
any understanding of anything beyond

354
00:13:51,910 --> 00:13:47,040
your five senses

355
00:13:56,069 --> 00:13:51,920
is a very deliberate attempt to kind of

356
00:13:57,910 --> 00:13:56,079
control this ability that we have to

357
00:13:59,670 --> 00:13:57,920
reach these extended realms that you're

358
00:14:01,350 --> 00:13:59,680
talking about in the book so

359
00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:01,360
i guess first i'd want to drive that

360
00:14:03,910 --> 00:14:03,120
stake in the ground what do you think

361
00:14:05,829 --> 00:14:03,920
about that

362
00:14:08,150 --> 00:14:05,839
yeah well we're witnessing the collapse

363
00:14:11,030 --> 00:14:08,160

of the scientific world view now

364

00:14:11,750 --> 00:14:11,040

because it's come afoul of uh its its

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00:14:14,310 --> 00:14:11,760

own

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00:14:15,829 --> 00:14:14,320

internal uh uh confusions and

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00:14:18,310 --> 00:14:15,839

contradictions

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00:14:19,990 --> 00:14:18,320

because many of which are implicit in

369

00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:20,000

what you just said

370

00:14:25,590 --> 00:14:23,519

because on the one hand uh

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00:14:26,790 --> 00:14:25,600

it's all a question of what we can

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00:14:30,629 --> 00:14:26,800

perceive

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00:14:33,910 --> 00:14:30,639

through our five senses enhanced by

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00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:33,920

electron microscopes the hubble you know

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00:14:38,949 --> 00:14:36,399

spacecraft whatever but nonetheless it's

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00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:38,959

still a matter of our five senses

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00:14:44,790 --> 00:14:42,000

okay now on the other hand

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00:14:46,870 --> 00:14:44,800

science is also telling us that these

379

00:14:48,949 --> 00:14:46,880

five senses are highly limited

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00:14:50,550 --> 00:14:48,959

highly conditioned perceiving only a

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00:14:53,030 --> 00:14:50,560

very small part

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00:14:53,590 --> 00:14:53,040

of what actually may be out there as

383

00:14:56,710 --> 00:14:53,600

shown

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00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,720

first by the fact that scientific

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00:14:59,910 --> 00:14:58,399

theories and results are becoming more

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00:15:03,189 --> 00:14:59,920

and more anomalous

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00:15:06,470 --> 00:15:03,199

in terms of um you know a

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00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:06,480

common sense uh thought uh

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00:15:10,389 --> 00:15:08,320

in the second place well you have i

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00:15:12,389 --> 00:15:10,399

believe it's donald hoffman um somewhere

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00:15:14,949 --> 00:15:12,399

in your vicinity if you see irvine

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00:15:15,750 --> 00:15:14,959

who's saying well our senses evolved

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00:15:18,069 --> 00:15:15,760

really

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00:15:19,350 --> 00:15:18,079

just to be able to function and you know

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00:15:21,670 --> 00:15:19,360

uh decide whether

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00:15:23,269 --> 00:15:21,680

the animal is going to kill you or

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00:15:25,509 --> 00:15:23,279

you're going to kill the animal

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00:15:26,310 --> 00:15:25,519

and it excludes a whole bandwidth of

399

00:15:28,710 --> 00:15:26,320

things because

400

00:15:29,829 --> 00:15:28,720

they're not relevant to our survival so

401
00:15:33,189 --> 00:15:29,839
you cannot then argue

402
00:15:35,110 --> 00:15:33,199
that this is very very limited view

403
00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:35,120
and that at the same time as the

404
00:15:38,870 --> 00:15:37,120
scientific worldview pretends to do

405
00:15:40,870 --> 00:15:38,880
that's telling us everything even

406
00:15:44,310 --> 00:15:40,880
everything that's knowable

407
00:15:46,230 --> 00:15:44,320
another point in fact is uh

408
00:15:47,590 --> 00:15:46,240
science has limited itself to five

409
00:15:50,629 --> 00:15:47,600
senses

410
00:15:53,990 --> 00:15:50,639
as conventionally known and yet

411
00:15:55,590 --> 00:15:54,000
somehow all over the decades

412
00:15:57,670 --> 00:15:55,600
all over the centuries all over the

413
00:16:00,710 --> 00:15:57,680

world all sorts of different cultures

414

00:16:03,509 --> 00:16:00,720

people have real perceptions that

415

00:16:05,910 --> 00:16:03,519

um do not accord with the five senses as

416

00:16:08,470 --> 00:16:05,920

conventionally understood

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00:16:08,949 --> 00:16:08,480

oh by the way i'm sure you've dealt well

418

00:16:10,069 --> 00:16:08,959

i know

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00:16:12,230 --> 00:16:10,079

who you've interviewed so you've

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00:16:13,829 --> 00:16:12,240

certainly dealt with this um there's

421

00:16:15,670 --> 00:16:13,839

certainly a number of researchers

422

00:16:17,910 --> 00:16:15,680

who say well you know actually science

423

00:16:20,790 --> 00:16:17,920

has proven the existence of psychic

424

00:16:22,790 --> 00:16:20,800

phenomena at least to a certain degree

425

00:16:24,629 --> 00:16:22,800

so all of this makes this whole

426

00:16:26,870 --> 00:16:24,639

scientific world view

427

00:16:28,389 --> 00:16:26,880

cave in on itself and i think we're

428

00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:28,399

witnessing that today

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00:16:31,910 --> 00:16:29,920

um it may even have disastrous

430

00:16:34,470 --> 00:16:31,920

consequences now

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00:16:37,189 --> 00:16:34,480

i did not say that we are witnessing the

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00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:37,199

collapse of the scientific method

433

00:16:40,389 --> 00:16:39,440

because the scientific method as a

434

00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:40,399

method

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00:16:46,949 --> 00:16:43,680

are narrowly focused

436

00:16:50,230 --> 00:16:46,959

is a legitimate one on the other hand

437

00:16:53,269 --> 00:16:50,240

its conclusions can never be final

438

00:16:54,870 --> 00:16:53,279

you know sir carl popper said uh if you

439

00:16:58,069 --> 00:16:54,880

think you've come up with final results

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00:17:00,790 --> 00:16:58,079

in science you've given up the game

441

00:17:02,870 --> 00:17:00,800

yeah so let's kind of uh stay with the

442

00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:02,880

science thing for just a minute

443

00:17:06,549 --> 00:17:04,480

i hear you what you're saying donald

444

00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:06,559

hoffman i think he's terrific he's been

445

00:17:10,549 --> 00:17:06,880

on

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00:17:13,909 --> 00:17:10,559

the limiting

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00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:13,919

through the five senses got it and

448

00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:16,240

in terms of science's ability or

449

00:17:19,429 --> 00:17:17,760

inability to measure

450

00:17:22,309 --> 00:17:19,439

which is what science is really all

451

00:17:24,549 --> 00:17:22,319

about is measuring and comparing

452

00:17:26,949 --> 00:17:24,559

and when it acknowledges that it doesn't

453

00:17:30,390 --> 00:17:26,959

have the means to fully measure

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00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:30,400

then it's kind of obsoleted itself

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00:17:35,909 --> 00:17:32,400

another way that it obsoleted itself is

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00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:35,919

really a hundred years ago in the whole

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00:17:41,909 --> 00:17:39,280

quantum theory max planck you can't get

458

00:17:44,390 --> 00:17:41,919

behind consciousness

459

00:17:46,549 --> 00:17:44,400

consciousness is fundamental a double

460

00:17:48,310 --> 00:17:46,559

slit experiment which i think

461

00:17:50,870 --> 00:17:48,320

you know one of the most important

462

00:17:52,070 --> 00:17:50,880

experiments of our modern time is the

463

00:17:53,750 --> 00:17:52,080

one done by

464

00:17:55,830 --> 00:17:53,760

dean raiden where he took the double

465

00:17:58,789 --> 00:17:55,840

slit experiment and said well let's

466

00:17:59,430 --> 00:17:58,799

take it to its natural conclusion let's

467

00:18:02,310 --> 00:17:59,440

put

468

00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:02,320

a highly skilled meditator in there and

469

00:18:05,909 --> 00:18:04,240

i'll generate a photon beam through my

470

00:18:07,669 --> 00:18:05,919

little photon beam generator and my

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00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:07,679

little photon beam collector

472

00:18:11,190 --> 00:18:10,160

and i'll ask him to interfere with the

473

00:18:13,510 --> 00:18:11,200

photon beam

474

00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:13,520

and consistently you know six sigma

475

00:18:15,750 --> 00:18:14,559

result if you know

476

00:18:18,070 --> 00:18:15,760

science that's off the charts

477

00:18:19,990 --> 00:18:18,080

statistically he was able to do that

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00:18:21,830 --> 00:18:20,000

and show that and that's replicated

479

00:18:24,230 --> 00:18:21,840

throughout many labs

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00:18:25,830 --> 00:18:24,240

many replications of that experiment

481

00:18:29,669 --> 00:18:25,840

nobel prize winning stuff

482

00:18:31,510 --> 00:18:29,679

never get one but the point being that

483

00:18:33,110 --> 00:18:31,520

now we're saying and you are nodding

484

00:18:34,630 --> 00:18:33,120

your head so i know you're

485

00:18:36,870 --> 00:18:34,640

totally down with this and you talk

486

00:18:39,029 --> 00:18:36,880

about this in the book

487

00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:39,039

as soon as we introduce consciousness

488

00:18:42,950 --> 00:18:40,640

into the equation

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00:18:44,630 --> 00:18:42,960

our conventional science as we know it

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00:18:46,710 --> 00:18:44,640

model is obsoleted

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00:18:48,710 --> 00:18:46,720

because now every experiment needs to

492

00:18:49,510 --> 00:18:48,720

have a little asterisk next to it which

493

00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:49,520

says

494

00:18:52,870 --> 00:18:51,360

we did the best we can in measuring

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00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:52,880

these guys but we really couldn't

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00:18:55,909 --> 00:18:54,240

measure consciousness

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00:18:58,390 --> 00:18:55,919

so we just kind of left that out of the

498

00:19:01,350 --> 00:18:58,400

equation well

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00:19:03,110 --> 00:19:01,360

how big is that asterisk so but let me

500

00:19:05,110 --> 00:19:03,120

unravel that

501
00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:05,120
because the question i really i guess i

502
00:19:10,150 --> 00:19:07,200
was asking richard is

503
00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:10,160
are we to believe that that is an

504
00:19:14,549 --> 00:19:11,440
accident

505
00:19:15,190 --> 00:19:14,559
that science's insistence that we are

506
00:19:18,230 --> 00:19:15,200
not

507
00:19:20,789 --> 00:19:18,240
these rich spiritual beings who are

508
00:19:21,990 --> 00:19:20,799
on a spiritual journey science is

509
00:19:25,190 --> 00:19:22,000
insistence that we

510
00:19:26,950 --> 00:19:25,200
are nothing more than biological robots

511
00:19:28,789 --> 00:19:26,960
in a meaningless universe

512
00:19:31,110 --> 00:19:28,799
are we to assume that that's just

513
00:19:32,789 --> 00:19:31,120

accidental that those guys just like

514

00:19:35,110 --> 00:19:32,799

gosh darn it that's the best we could

515

00:19:37,350 --> 00:19:35,120

figure out i don't think it is

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00:19:38,950 --> 00:19:37,360

i think it's by design i think it's a

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00:19:41,270 --> 00:19:38,960

social engineering project

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00:19:44,870 --> 00:19:41,280

because people who are of that mindset

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00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:47,270

yeah well there are a lot of reasons for

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00:19:53,270 --> 00:19:48,240

this

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00:19:55,510 --> 00:19:53,280

and one reason is that historically

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00:19:56,310 --> 00:19:55,520

science and religion have been bitter

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00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:56,320

enemies

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00:20:02,950 --> 00:20:00,240

and remains so uh very soon as when

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00:20:05,110 --> 00:20:02,960

science was born in the 17th century

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00:20:05,990 --> 00:20:05,120

uh the churches and churches got very

527

00:20:09,750 --> 00:20:06,000

very nervous

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00:20:10,230 --> 00:20:09,760

about this and either tried to poo poo

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00:20:15,510 --> 00:20:10,240

it

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00:20:19,190 --> 00:20:15,520

very narrowly

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00:20:22,470 --> 00:20:19,200

i think with science again

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00:20:24,630 --> 00:20:22,480

if science the science scientific world

533

00:20:26,230 --> 00:20:24,640

view the world view that you've just

534

00:20:29,190 --> 00:20:26,240

described

535

00:20:31,590 --> 00:20:29,200

is i believe obsolete the scientific

536

00:20:33,590 --> 00:20:31,600

method is a method of inquiry

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00:20:34,870 --> 00:20:33,600

will remain useful as long as anyone

538

00:20:38,789 --> 00:20:34,880

wants to use it

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00:20:40,549 --> 00:20:38,799

so i do distinguish very strongly

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00:20:42,549 --> 00:20:40,559

between those things

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00:20:44,470 --> 00:20:42,559

and there is something as you know

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00:20:46,310 --> 00:20:44,480

called logical positivism

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00:20:47,510 --> 00:20:46,320

which is obsolete except maybe it's not

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00:20:50,549 --> 00:20:47,520

so obsolete

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00:20:50,950 --> 00:20:50,559

which says that no statement that cannot

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00:20:53,110 --> 00:20:50,960

be

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00:20:54,549 --> 00:20:53,120

scientifically verified is either true

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00:20:56,549 --> 00:20:54,559

or meaningful

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00:20:58,310 --> 00:20:56,559

well in its pure form that didn't last

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00:21:01,029 --> 00:20:58,320

much more than a decade

551
00:21:01,510 --> 00:21:01,039
but the logical positive mindset stays

552
00:21:05,110 --> 00:21:01,520
with us

553
00:21:05,830 --> 00:21:05,120
to this decade so science is simply in

554
00:21:09,270 --> 00:21:05,840
my view

555
00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:09,280
science does what it does

556
00:21:14,870 --> 00:21:12,720
but it steps beyond its bounds by saying

557
00:21:16,710 --> 00:21:14,880
no other method of knowledge and i say

558
00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:16,720
knowledge

559
00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:19,600
i'd not say faith because faith as you

560
00:21:24,710 --> 00:21:22,400
know is basically a word

561
00:21:26,310 --> 00:21:24,720
uh other methods of knowledge are

562
00:21:27,830 --> 00:21:26,320
totally invalid

563
00:21:30,230 --> 00:21:27,840

and that is where i think science is

564

00:21:32,870 --> 00:21:30,240

overstepping its bounds

565

00:21:33,350 --> 00:21:32,880

okay i'm going to try one more time if i

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00:21:36,310 --> 00:21:33,360

was

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00:21:37,270 --> 00:21:36,320

interested in controlling the world and

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00:21:39,990 --> 00:21:37,280

somebody

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00:21:42,070 --> 00:21:40,000

has to control the world that is our

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00:21:44,470 --> 00:21:42,080

that the evidence is clear i mean

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00:21:46,310 --> 00:21:44,480

we try the united states tries to

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00:21:47,029 --> 00:21:46,320

control the world we are an empire that

573

00:21:49,350 --> 00:21:47,039

is our

574

00:21:50,390 --> 00:21:49,360

goal that is there's a self-preservation

575

00:21:53,510 --> 00:21:50,400

part of that

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00:21:54,870 --> 00:21:53,520

but that is why we fight wars that is

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00:21:56,870 --> 00:21:54,880

why we

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00:21:57,990 --> 00:21:56,880

undermine other governments that is why

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00:22:00,549 --> 00:21:58,000

we spy that is why

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00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:00,559

we do all this stuff because we're

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00:22:05,590 --> 00:22:02,400

trying to control

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00:22:08,470 --> 00:22:05,600

the outcome and as part of doing that

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00:22:10,630 --> 00:22:08,480

it's become clear especially in our

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00:22:11,270 --> 00:22:10,640

lifetime both of us are old enough to

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00:22:13,750 --> 00:22:11,280

see

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00:22:15,350 --> 00:22:13,760

that there are many social engineering

587

00:22:18,149 --> 00:22:15,360

projects

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00:22:19,110 --> 00:22:18,159

that just are later revealed as being

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00:22:21,669 --> 00:22:19,120

true the one i

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00:22:24,070 --> 00:22:21,679

always is my touchstone because half

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00:22:27,430 --> 00:22:24,080

people know it and half people don't but

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00:22:29,270 --> 00:22:27,440

you know gloria steinem and so

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00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:29,280

i and the reason i bring that up is not

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00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:31,120

to talk about the women's movement

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00:22:34,310 --> 00:22:33,840

but i i just get tired i just had an

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00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:34,320

interview

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00:22:38,830 --> 00:22:36,320

yesterday with the bruce grayson that

598

00:22:41,750 --> 00:22:38,840

you know just

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00:22:45,350 --> 00:22:41,760

eminently excellent near-death

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00:22:46,789 --> 00:22:45,360

experience researcher and i kind of

601
00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:46,799
wound up going in kind of the same

602
00:22:49,669 --> 00:22:49,200
territory is do you really think this

603
00:22:53,190 --> 00:22:49,679
stuff

604
00:22:55,350 --> 00:22:53,200
be controlled

605
00:22:57,350 --> 00:22:55,360
why wouldn't someone have an interest in

606
00:22:59,430 --> 00:22:57,360
where culture goes

607
00:23:00,789 --> 00:22:59,440
so the tie back again to gloria steinem

608
00:23:02,789 --> 00:23:00,799
is you know

609
00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:02,799
we can argue about how involved she was

610
00:23:08,710 --> 00:23:06,000
but how about why the hell does the cia

611
00:23:09,909 --> 00:23:08,720
care about the women's movement in which

612
00:23:12,549 --> 00:23:09,919
direction it goes

613
00:23:14,310 --> 00:23:12,559

why do they care about the lsd movement

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00:23:16,630 --> 00:23:14,320

why are they deeply involved in that

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00:23:18,549 --> 00:23:16,640

because they're deeply involved in

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00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:18,559

social engineering and control

617

00:23:22,549 --> 00:23:20,799

and as soon as we accept that why do we

618

00:23:26,310 --> 00:23:22,559

think they're not playing that game in

619

00:23:29,830 --> 00:23:28,390

well there was a lot what you said one i

620

00:23:30,789 --> 00:23:29,840

didn't know that fact about gloria

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00:23:32,710 --> 00:23:30,799

steinem i knew

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00:23:34,470 --> 00:23:32,720

she had been a playboy bunny so maybe

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00:23:36,630 --> 00:23:34,480

the cia was trying to

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00:23:37,510 --> 00:23:36,640

get her to infiltrate the playboy club

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00:23:41,110 --> 00:23:37,520

and uh

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00:23:42,390 --> 00:23:41,120

uh undermine hugh hefner's playboy

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00:23:43,750 --> 00:23:42,400

philosophy

628

00:23:45,669 --> 00:23:43,760

well i think you're being sarcastic

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00:23:46,870 --> 00:23:45,679

there but but i mean it's almost like

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00:23:48,870 --> 00:23:46,880

you gotta pause

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00:23:50,310 --> 00:23:48,880

and do the google res do the google

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00:23:52,230 --> 00:23:50,320

search see her say

633

00:23:53,669 --> 00:23:52,240

she was cia and i don't know if it's

634

00:23:56,230 --> 00:23:53,679

like a 60 minutes interview

635

00:23:58,230 --> 00:23:56,240

but it was like of that level and then

636

00:23:58,549 --> 00:23:58,240

go back and look at why she even came

637

00:24:00,390 --> 00:23:58,559

out

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00:24:02,310 --> 00:24:00,400

and admitted it is because somebody

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00:24:03,590 --> 00:24:02,320

outed her somebody in the women's

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00:24:05,269 --> 00:24:03,600

movement outed her

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00:24:07,350 --> 00:24:05,279

and then go look at why they outed her

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00:24:08,710 --> 00:24:07,360

and then you have memos from her cia

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00:24:10,789 --> 00:24:08,720

boss saying that

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00:24:12,470 --> 00:24:10,799

so you know and this is kind of the

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00:24:13,110 --> 00:24:12,480

thing i pinged you on a little bit with

646

00:24:16,789 --> 00:24:13,120

the book

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00:24:19,590 --> 00:24:16,799

it's like there's some history here that

648

00:24:21,750 --> 00:24:19,600

i feel like we have to kind of again

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00:24:23,110 --> 00:24:21,760

drive a stake in the ground and say okay

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00:24:25,590 --> 00:24:23,120

did that happen

651
00:24:27,029 --> 00:24:25,600
or did that not happen because we're

652
00:24:29,269 --> 00:24:27,039
going to build a lot of

653
00:24:31,750 --> 00:24:29,279
implications on top of that that if we

654
00:24:34,789 --> 00:24:31,760
don't ground ourselves in that

655
00:24:38,310 --> 00:24:34,799
you know well i certainly think

656
00:24:41,669 --> 00:24:38,320
uh historical research uh and there and

657
00:24:43,909 --> 00:24:41,679
has certain validity i am not a

658
00:24:45,510 --> 00:24:43,919
post-modernist or a deconstructionist or

659
00:24:48,789 --> 00:24:45,520
a conspiracy theorist

660
00:24:51,510 --> 00:24:48,799
that says this is all lies

661
00:24:51,830 --> 00:24:51,520
i will refer you in fact to the only the

662
00:24:53,669 --> 00:24:51,840
most

663
00:24:56,070 --> 00:24:53,679

factual book i've read about the cia

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00:24:58,230 --> 00:24:56,080

which is called legacy of ashes

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00:24:59,590 --> 00:24:58,240

and if you read this book legacy of

666

00:25:00,310 --> 00:24:59,600

ashes and i've forgotten the author's

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00:25:03,750 --> 00:25:00,320

name

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00:25:07,430 --> 00:25:03,760

the history of the cia is one continuous

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00:25:10,390 --> 00:25:07,440

uh uh legacy of bumbling

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00:25:11,990 --> 00:25:10,400

whatever they did they did wrong they

671

00:25:14,070 --> 00:25:12,000

they blew the bay of pigs

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00:25:15,350 --> 00:25:14,080

they they blew the cur the nor the

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00:25:18,549 --> 00:25:15,360

korean war

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00:25:21,750 --> 00:25:18,559

they um well in the iraq war

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00:25:22,390 --> 00:25:21,760

started partly because cheney knew how

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00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:22,400

bad

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00:25:27,029 --> 00:25:25,440

the cia was and for his own personal

678

00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:27,039

reasons just chose to disbelieve them

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00:25:29,110 --> 00:25:27,600

and they said

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00:25:31,669 --> 00:25:29,120

no i don't think there's any weapons of

681

00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:31,679

mass destruction so my point here

682

00:25:37,350 --> 00:25:35,200

is uh i uh i guess i better not apply to

683

00:25:40,470 --> 00:25:37,360

the cia for a job anytime soon

684

00:25:44,230 --> 00:25:40,480

but my point is you're right

685

00:25:47,190 --> 00:25:44,240

there's all of this control you're right

686

00:25:48,549 --> 00:25:47,200

all of it but what is the net effect of

687

00:25:51,830 --> 00:25:48,559

all of this control

688

00:25:54,870 --> 00:25:51,840

because no one entity has

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00:25:58,230 --> 00:25:54,880

enough control to enforce it

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00:25:59,430 --> 00:25:58,240

worldwide conspiracy theorists like to

691

00:26:03,110 --> 00:25:59,440

believe

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00:26:05,669 --> 00:26:03,120

uh there are but they don't really have

693

00:26:09,350 --> 00:26:05,679

very good grounds for thinking so

694

00:26:11,430 --> 00:26:09,360

it's more like there's a conspiracy of

695

00:26:13,269 --> 00:26:11,440

a large number of powerful competing

696

00:26:16,870 --> 00:26:13,279

interests whose interests

697

00:26:20,230 --> 00:26:16,880

dovetail sometimes sometimes very much

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00:26:23,510 --> 00:26:20,240

um conflict and this

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00:26:26,950 --> 00:26:23,520

uh what would that uh produce chaos

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00:26:28,390 --> 00:26:26,960

or at least some measure of chaos

701
00:26:31,909 --> 00:26:28,400
what do we see in society in the world

702
00:26:33,350 --> 00:26:31,919
today some measure of chaos

703
00:26:35,750 --> 00:26:33,360
i'll tell you what let me try and pull

704
00:26:38,230 --> 00:26:35,760
this back on course a little bit

705
00:26:39,590 --> 00:26:38,240
but hopefully with a bridge that that

706
00:26:42,230 --> 00:26:39,600
connects

707
00:26:43,510 --> 00:26:42,240
because my real point just is that i

708
00:26:47,029 --> 00:26:43,520
think we have to

709
00:26:50,470 --> 00:26:47,039
look with a skeptical

710
00:26:50,950 --> 00:26:50,480
view towards these memes that are passed

711
00:26:56,630 --> 00:26:50,960
on

712
00:26:57,750 --> 00:26:56,640
you know we already covered that i'm not

713
00:27:01,269 --> 00:26:57,760

so sure that that's

714

00:27:01,750 --> 00:27:01,279

an authentic organic meme i'm not sure

715

00:27:03,990 --> 00:27:01,760

that

716

00:27:04,950 --> 00:27:04,000

materialism is going to fall or is

717

00:27:07,110 --> 00:27:04,960

collapsing

718

00:27:08,870 --> 00:27:07,120

i don't believe that because i think the

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00:27:09,990 --> 00:27:08,880

evidence where i was really going

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00:27:12,549 --> 00:27:10,000

richard is

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00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:12,559

you want evidence that materialism is

722

00:27:17,110 --> 00:27:14,720

insufficient explanation for

723

00:27:18,549 --> 00:27:17,120

reality as we experience it well we had

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00:27:21,190 --> 00:27:18,559

it a hundred years ago

725

00:27:21,830 --> 00:27:21,200

right so schrodinger and max planck and

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00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:21,840

all those guys

727

00:27:25,350 --> 00:27:24,559

they were mystics right they said hey

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00:27:26,950 --> 00:27:25,360

sorry but

729

00:27:29,029 --> 00:27:26,960

this is where our experiments have led

730

00:27:29,590 --> 00:27:29,039

us to consciousness is fundamental you

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00:27:31,029 --> 00:27:29,600

can't get

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00:27:32,789 --> 00:27:31,039

behind consciousness they did the

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00:27:34,389 --> 00:27:32,799

double-slit experiment they said what

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00:27:36,950 --> 00:27:34,399

this implies is you know

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00:27:37,750 --> 00:27:36,960

if a tree falls in the forest well if no

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00:27:39,430 --> 00:27:37,760

one's there

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00:27:41,269 --> 00:27:39,440

you know none of it happens because

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00:27:43,510 --> 00:27:41,279

consciousness is fundamental

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00:27:45,430 --> 00:27:43,520

and that has been taken out of the

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00:27:47,110 --> 00:27:45,440

equation i think by design but i said

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00:27:49,510 --> 00:27:47,120

we're going to get back to your world

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00:27:51,510 --> 00:27:49,520

i recently interviewed a guy this is

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00:27:54,149 --> 00:27:51,520

back to your world and this is back to

744

00:27:54,710 --> 00:27:54,159

to the book but also your work in

745

00:27:57,510 --> 00:27:54,720

general

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00:27:59,269 --> 00:27:57,520

so i interviewed a terrific guy dr hugh

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00:28:01,510 --> 00:27:59,279

urban religious scholar

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00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:01,520

ohio state university esteemed

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00:28:04,789 --> 00:28:02,559

university

750

00:28:05,909 --> 00:28:04,799

respected scholar wrote a book on

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00:28:08,950 --> 00:28:05,919

scientology

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00:28:11,669 --> 00:28:08,960

right and if you're in academia

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00:28:13,110 --> 00:28:11,679

in religious studies you can't call

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00:28:15,190 --> 00:28:13,120

scientology occult

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00:28:17,110 --> 00:28:15,200

even though we all know it's a cult you

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00:28:20,230 --> 00:28:17,120

have to call it a new

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00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:20,240

religious movement and we understand the

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00:28:24,230 --> 00:28:22,080

limitations of that because

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00:28:26,070 --> 00:28:24,240

if you really look at christianity it's

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00:28:27,750 --> 00:28:26,080

hard not to call it a cult

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00:28:30,310 --> 00:28:27,760

if you really look at just about every

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00:28:32,070 --> 00:28:30,320

religion it has cultish aspects that

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00:28:34,710 --> 00:28:32,080

you'd be hard-pressed

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00:28:36,389 --> 00:28:34,720

to kind of differentiate how those are

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00:28:38,950 --> 00:28:36,399

different from scientology

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00:28:41,430 --> 00:28:38,960

but at a kind of basic street level we

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00:28:43,029 --> 00:28:41,440

do understand that scientology is more

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00:28:45,590 --> 00:28:43,039

of a cult

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00:28:46,389 --> 00:28:45,600

the point is that he traced back the

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00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:46,399

history

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00:28:50,549 --> 00:28:48,960

of elrond hubbard and jack parsons

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00:28:54,389 --> 00:28:50,559

elrond hubbard being the

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00:28:55,269 --> 00:28:54,399

founder of scientology and jack parsons

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00:28:58,310 --> 00:28:55,279

being

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00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:58,320

the founder of jet propulsion labs and

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00:29:02,149 --> 00:29:00,320

both those guys were a number one

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00:29:04,389 --> 00:29:02,159

students of aleister crowley

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00:29:06,230 --> 00:29:04,399

and in constant communication about

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00:29:09,110 --> 00:29:06,240

aleister crowley about

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00:29:11,190 --> 00:29:09,120

the workings and the magical rituals and

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00:29:14,149 --> 00:29:11,200

sex magic rituals that they were doing

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00:29:14,789 --> 00:29:14,159

and in fact back to our friend dr hugh

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00:29:18,070 --> 00:29:14,799

urban

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00:29:18,789 --> 00:29:18,080

at ohio state he says yes i can verify

785

00:29:21,990 --> 00:29:18,799

that they were

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00:29:24,789 --> 00:29:22,000

out in the desert in nevada

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00:29:25,990 --> 00:29:24,799

doing the of babylon ritual in

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00:29:28,710 --> 00:29:26,000

order to bring forth

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00:29:29,190 --> 00:29:28,720

the antichrist and they were doing that

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00:29:31,990 --> 00:29:29,200

under

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00:29:32,549 --> 00:29:32,000

the direction of crowley again and i

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00:29:35,590 --> 00:29:32,559

said

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00:29:36,070 --> 00:29:35,600

okay well doesn't that trouble you at

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00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:36,080

least

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00:29:41,590 --> 00:29:39,120

a little bit dr urban and he said no

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00:29:42,630 --> 00:29:41,600

he said i've seen a lot of stuff he says

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00:29:45,669 --> 00:29:42,640

it really doesn't

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00:29:47,110 --> 00:29:45,679

matter if it's true if there's any

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00:29:50,230 --> 00:29:47,120

reality to it

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00:29:53,549 --> 00:29:50,240

it only matters what they believe so

801
00:29:56,310 --> 00:29:53,559
this is the kind of uh uh

802
00:29:57,990 --> 00:29:56,320
post-modernist i can't deal with

803
00:30:00,710 --> 00:29:58,000
extended consciousness

804
00:30:01,029 --> 00:30:00,720
i can't deal with magic i can't deal

805
00:30:04,389 --> 00:30:01,039
with

806
00:30:06,950 --> 00:30:04,399
anything spiritual so i again

807
00:30:08,149 --> 00:30:06,960
to me it is a direct result of that

808
00:30:10,630 --> 00:30:08,159
scientific

809
00:30:11,830 --> 00:30:10,640
mindset that's instilled and and of

810
00:30:14,789 --> 00:30:11,840
course i push back go

811
00:30:17,430 --> 00:30:14,799
well that's kind of ridiculous i mean

812
00:30:20,950 --> 00:30:17,440
the first thing that we have to know

813
00:30:24,710 --> 00:30:20,960

is is there any chance that this is real

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00:30:27,190 --> 00:30:24,720

are there extended realms can we compel

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00:30:27,830 --> 00:30:27,200

entities that might exist in those other

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00:30:30,710 --> 00:30:27,840

realms

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00:30:31,990 --> 00:30:30,720

to do our bidding until we can answer

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00:30:35,029 --> 00:30:32,000

that question

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00:30:37,669 --> 00:30:35,039

we really can't deal with that history

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00:30:39,430 --> 00:30:37,679

we can't just say oh it doesn't matter

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00:30:42,630 --> 00:30:39,440

if it's real or not

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00:30:44,630 --> 00:30:42,640

and that i think is the state of what

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00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:44,640

we're calling religious studies these

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00:30:48,549 --> 00:30:45,840

days

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00:30:49,350 --> 00:30:48,559

do you agree with that assessment of

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00:30:52,310 --> 00:30:49,360
where that

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00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:52,320
that a lot of that thinking is at and do

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00:30:56,950 --> 00:30:54,240
you see that as problematic

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00:30:57,750 --> 00:30:56,960
relative to what you're trying to bring

830
00:31:01,750 --> 00:30:57,760
forth with

831
00:31:05,830 --> 00:31:04,149
well certainly a lot hey let me insert a

832
00:31:06,710 --> 00:31:05,840
commercial this is called the dice game

833
00:31:08,789 --> 00:31:06,720
of shiva

834
00:31:11,909 --> 00:31:08,799
how consciousness creates the universe

835
00:31:13,990 --> 00:31:11,919
this is a book i came out with in 2009

836
00:31:16,149 --> 00:31:14,000
so i guess i'm also saying that it all

837
00:31:19,830 --> 00:31:16,159
comes back to consciousness

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00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:19,840

uh that much said uh religious studies

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00:31:26,310 --> 00:31:23,120

uh yes i i was just

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00:31:28,389 --> 00:31:26,320

sending an email today about a book uh

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00:31:30,710 --> 00:31:28,399

in religious studies published by none

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00:31:32,310 --> 00:31:30,720

other than princeton university press

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to someone i said well i think this

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00:31:36,870 --> 00:31:34,240

woman missed the point

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00:31:37,750 --> 00:31:36,880

and i think most of it misses the point

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00:31:42,149 --> 00:31:37,760

although

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00:31:45,590 --> 00:31:42,159

very likely as hugh urban says yes

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00:31:49,190 --> 00:31:45,600

uh jack parsons and crowley probably

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00:31:49,590 --> 00:31:49,200

corresponded at x time in y place and so

850

00:31:53,430 --> 00:31:49,600

on

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00:31:55,669 --> 00:31:53,440
all of that is uh legitimate

852
00:31:56,870 --> 00:31:55,679
it doesn't take us very far and it

853
00:31:57,830 --> 00:31:56,880
doesn't take us very far in the

854
00:32:00,950 --> 00:31:57,840
direction

855
00:32:02,710 --> 00:32:00,960
i think you want to look into i would

856
00:32:06,950 --> 00:32:02,720
say simply

857
00:32:10,070 --> 00:32:06,960
that if you are going to

858
00:32:12,389 --> 00:32:10,080
be genuinely empirical genuinely

859
00:32:14,549 --> 00:32:12,399
empirical

860
00:32:17,669 --> 00:32:14,559
you have to take the whole of human

861
00:32:19,990 --> 00:32:17,679
experience into account

862
00:32:21,909 --> 00:32:20,000
not just the five senses and not just

863
00:32:25,190 --> 00:32:21,919

the five senses as focused on

864

00:32:28,389 --> 00:32:25,200

um the typical repeatable experiment

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00:32:30,230 --> 00:32:28,399

uh and the experience of humanity uh is

866

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

full of exactly what you're talking

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

about and

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00:32:36,389 --> 00:32:35,279

throughout all cultures throughout all

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00:32:39,350 --> 00:32:36,399

uh places

870

00:32:40,710 --> 00:32:39,360

times the only exception is ours and

871

00:32:42,310 --> 00:32:40,720

that could well be because

872

00:32:45,350 --> 00:32:42,320

we've had it hammered into our head for

873

00:32:48,070 --> 00:32:45,360

the last 150 years that it's nonsense

874

00:32:50,630 --> 00:32:48,080

so so if you're going to be genuinely

875

00:32:52,789 --> 00:32:50,640

empirical and genuinely consider

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00:32:54,230 --> 00:32:52,799

all the evidence that is the evidence of

877

00:32:55,669 --> 00:32:54,240

human experience

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00:32:57,909 --> 00:32:55,679

you have to bring this religious

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00:32:59,350 --> 00:32:57,919

experience into it

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00:33:00,950 --> 00:32:59,360

now that doesn't mean you have to

881

00:33:03,909 --> 00:33:00,960

believe every last little thing

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00:33:05,669 --> 00:33:03,919

everybody said in fact examining this

883

00:33:06,470 --> 00:33:05,679

religious experience as paranormal

884

00:33:08,710 --> 00:33:06,480

experience

885

00:33:10,710 --> 00:33:08,720

requires as much or more skeptics but

886

00:33:13,029 --> 00:33:10,720

genuine skepticism

887

00:33:14,789 --> 00:33:13,039

i mean i don't know exactly how you

888

00:33:18,149 --> 00:33:14,799

think of the word skepticism

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00:33:20,710 --> 00:33:18,159

or skeptic but at this point i don't

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00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:20,720

think of skeptic in what i believe it's

891

00:33:23,669 --> 00:33:22,080

an original sense i don't think it's

892

00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:23,679

used in its original sense that is to

893

00:33:27,110 --> 00:33:24,240

say

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00:33:28,870 --> 00:33:27,120

i really want to know i don't know yet

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00:33:30,950 --> 00:33:28,880

but i do want to know

896

00:33:32,230 --> 00:33:30,960

the skeptic today and when someone says

897

00:33:34,789 --> 00:33:32,240

i'm a skeptic

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00:33:35,830 --> 00:33:34,799

they're basically saying yeah i know

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00:33:38,710 --> 00:33:35,840

this is all funk

900

00:33:40,470 --> 00:33:38,720

when they know nothing of the kind so uh

901
00:33:41,909 --> 00:33:40,480
if you really want to

902
00:33:43,750 --> 00:33:41,919
you have to take this into account and

903
00:33:45,990 --> 00:33:43,760
you can't just write it off and say

904
00:33:47,029 --> 00:33:46,000
well it's all imagination it's all just

905
00:33:49,110 --> 00:33:47,039
delusion it's all

906
00:33:51,110 --> 00:33:49,120
oh hereby here's another little one it's

907
00:33:55,029 --> 00:33:51,120
all anecdotal

908
00:33:56,630 --> 00:33:55,039
human history of the history of the

909
00:33:57,909 --> 00:33:56,640
human race is anecdotal

910
00:34:00,789 --> 00:33:57,919
you're not going to repeat the battle of

911
00:34:03,750 --> 00:34:00,799
the water bottle of water fortunately

912
00:34:04,630 --> 00:34:03,760
so yeah you know uh yeah you have to be

913
00:34:06,710 --> 00:34:04,640

skeptical

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00:34:08,710 --> 00:34:06,720

genuinely wishing to know genuinely

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00:34:11,430 --> 00:34:08,720

incorporating all of this

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00:34:12,790 --> 00:34:11,440

as well as scientific findings into some

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00:34:15,109 --> 00:34:12,800

kind of world view

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00:34:16,230 --> 00:34:15,119

now has our civilization done that yet

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00:34:19,030 --> 00:34:16,240

no it has made

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00:34:19,990 --> 00:34:19,040

every step to do the exact opposite to

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00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:20,000

divide everything

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00:34:24,149 --> 00:34:22,960

up and exclude all sorts of things and

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00:34:27,510 --> 00:34:24,159

what would that result in

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00:34:28,389 --> 00:34:27,520

confusion dissociation uh on a mass

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00:34:31,190 --> 00:34:28,399

level

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00:34:31,669 --> 00:34:31,200
anxiety depression willingness to

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00:34:34,069 --> 00:34:31,679
believe

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00:34:35,270 --> 00:34:34,079
all sorts of absolute rubbish that's

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00:34:38,629 --> 00:34:35,280
what we have

930
00:34:38,950 --> 00:34:38,639
okay let me let me kind of go back to

931
00:34:42,869 --> 00:34:38,960
hugh

932
00:34:46,550 --> 00:34:42,879
urban i see a real problem

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00:34:49,669 --> 00:34:46,560
in the soft sciences i see a problem

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00:34:51,190 --> 00:34:49,679
in the hard sciences in their insistence

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00:34:54,389 --> 00:34:51,200
on materialism which

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00:34:57,270 --> 00:34:54,399
as i said i think is at least

937
00:34:59,510 --> 00:34:57,280
influenced by a social engineering meme

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00:35:02,950 --> 00:34:59,520

that likes to see things go that way

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00:35:05,829 --> 00:35:02,960

in the social sciences i think

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00:35:06,310 --> 00:35:05,839

the way that has kind of manifested

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00:35:08,950 --> 00:35:06,320

itself

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00:35:09,510 --> 00:35:08,960

is this kind of post-modernism as you

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00:35:11,829 --> 00:35:09,520

said

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00:35:13,030 --> 00:35:11,839

you know relativism well nothing can

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00:35:15,270 --> 00:35:13,040

really be

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00:35:16,069 --> 00:35:15,280

true or understood you know i just

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00:35:17,510 --> 00:35:16,079

interviewed a guy

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00:35:19,510 --> 00:35:17,520

well we'll get into that in a minute

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00:35:21,510 --> 00:35:19,520

gregory shushan who's done a

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00:35:22,950 --> 00:35:21,520

cross-cultural analysis of near-death

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00:35:25,270 --> 00:35:22,960
experiences

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00:35:27,030 --> 00:35:25,280
and i will interject this story because

953
00:35:28,950 --> 00:35:27,040
it's really important i think his work

954
00:35:31,109 --> 00:35:28,960
is super important

955
00:35:33,190 --> 00:35:31,119
so again when you go across culture over

956
00:35:35,109 --> 00:35:33,200
time this the benefit of our audience

957
00:35:36,710 --> 00:35:35,119
it's the best way to kind of weed out

958
00:35:40,310 --> 00:35:36,720
the social

959
00:35:42,790 --> 00:35:40,320
you know

960
00:35:44,870 --> 00:35:42,800
is this just something we've cooked up

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00:35:46,950 --> 00:35:44,880
in our own kooky culture

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00:35:49,109 --> 00:35:46,960
or does it extend beyond time into other

963
00:35:50,710 --> 00:35:49,119

cultures so gregory shushan does some

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00:35:52,150 --> 00:35:50,720

very important work and says let's look

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00:35:53,589 --> 00:35:52,160

at near-death experience

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00:35:56,150 --> 00:35:53,599

let's look at that across cultures

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00:35:59,030 --> 00:35:56,160

across time and he finds aha

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00:35:59,510 --> 00:35:59,040

i'm finding consistent threads and he's

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00:36:01,589 --> 00:35:59,520

trying to

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00:36:04,470 --> 00:36:01,599

explain to me his methodology and he

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00:36:06,069 --> 00:36:04,480

says it's difficult work to do

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00:36:08,310 --> 00:36:06,079

because you're dealing with different

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00:36:09,430 --> 00:36:08,320

accounts some of them are first-hand

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00:36:10,790 --> 00:36:09,440

accounts well all of them are

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00:36:12,150 --> 00:36:10,800

second-hand accounts but some of them

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00:36:14,069 --> 00:36:12,160

are like third-hand accounts

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00:36:16,390 --> 00:36:14,079

a guy told me that a guy told me kind of

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00:36:19,109 --> 00:36:16,400

thing he says but through that you know

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00:36:20,390 --> 00:36:19,119

you can still put together some good

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00:36:21,589 --> 00:36:20,400

information

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00:36:24,310 --> 00:36:21,599

and then he kind of said i'm

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00:36:25,109 --> 00:36:24,320

paraphrasing he said until you talk to

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00:36:28,790 --> 00:36:25,119

other people

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00:36:32,069 --> 00:36:28,800

in academia who say we can't rely

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00:36:36,069 --> 00:36:32,079

on any accounts of anyone

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00:36:36,630 --> 00:36:36,079

who ever lived because it's all polluted

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00:36:37,670 --> 00:36:36,640

by

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00:36:39,670 --> 00:36:37,680

this is the kind of the ultimate

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00:36:42,230 --> 00:36:39,680

postmodern it's all co

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00:36:43,349 --> 00:36:42,240

polluted by culture it's all through

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00:36:45,750 --> 00:36:43,359

this lens

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00:36:46,630 --> 00:36:45,760

of you know cultural culture culture

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00:36:50,670 --> 00:36:46,640

which is

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00:36:53,510 --> 00:36:50,680

contrived and it's you know some

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00:36:54,069 --> 00:36:53,520

microaggression individual versus but

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00:36:57,510 --> 00:36:54,079

this is

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00:36:59,510 --> 00:36:57,520

real dialogue that they have

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00:37:00,870 --> 00:36:59,520

among academics and when i look at

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00:37:03,829 --> 00:37:00,880

religious studies

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00:37:03,829 --> 00:37:04,390

as a whole i just go this is just gobbly

1001
00:37:08,150 --> 00:37:07,430
who is listening to any of this as being

1002
00:37:10,310 --> 00:37:08,160
real

1003
00:37:12,150 --> 00:37:10,320
and i guess i'd return to the other

1004
00:37:14,710 --> 00:37:12,160
question do you think they're

1005
00:37:16,470 --> 00:37:14,720
are they for real are they really who

1006
00:37:18,390 --> 00:37:16,480
are they speaking to who's listening to

1007
00:37:21,430 --> 00:37:18,400
any of that stuff

1008
00:37:22,069 --> 00:37:21,440
i agree with uh the researcher insofar

1009
00:37:25,270 --> 00:37:22,079
as i

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00:37:26,470 --> 00:37:25,280
um know about

1011
00:37:28,390 --> 00:37:26,480
what she said about near-death

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00:37:31,510 --> 00:37:28,400
experiences i mean i've certainly read

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00:37:32,710 --> 00:37:31,520

enough about them i have not had one per

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00:37:35,109 --> 00:37:32,720

se

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00:37:35,990 --> 00:37:35,119

but yes they're i i mean my wife is

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00:37:37,990 --> 00:37:36,000

watching the netflix

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00:37:39,829 --> 00:37:38,000

series on this right now and you know

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00:37:41,670 --> 00:37:39,839

i'm not really that interested in it

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00:37:43,430 --> 00:37:41,680

because you know i've read so many of

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00:37:45,190 --> 00:37:43,440

these cases they all sound the same

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00:37:47,750 --> 00:37:45,200

which validates them but it doesn't make

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00:37:50,870 --> 00:37:47,760

it for very fascinating watching

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00:37:54,069 --> 00:37:50,880

uh so that kind of uh dialogue of the

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00:37:57,109 --> 00:37:54,079

of the man you discuss with

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00:37:59,349 --> 00:37:57,119

academics uh you know hard academics

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00:38:00,870 --> 00:37:59,359

uh is i think very legitimate and very

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00:38:04,390 --> 00:38:00,880

powerful

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00:38:07,270 --> 00:38:04,400

i i am not really gonna attempt to

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00:38:09,190 --> 00:38:07,280

defend conventional religious studies in

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00:38:11,109 --> 00:38:09,200

academe

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00:38:12,390 --> 00:38:11,119

i don't have a phd because i didn't want

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00:38:13,349 --> 00:38:12,400

one because i didn't want to become a

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00:38:15,750 --> 00:38:13,359

professor

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00:38:16,630 --> 00:38:15,760

and the older i get the glander i am i

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00:38:18,790 --> 00:38:16,640

didn't

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00:38:20,470 --> 00:38:18,800

because i realize what an intellectual

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00:38:22,150 --> 00:38:20,480

trap that is

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00:38:24,390 --> 00:38:22,160

and besides particularly if you want to

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00:38:26,310 --> 00:38:24,400

like get tenure or retain

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00:38:28,069 --> 00:38:26,320

some kind of you know uh there's a lot

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00:38:29,670 --> 00:38:28,079

you just can't say

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00:38:31,589 --> 00:38:29,680

it's like the inquisition except you

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00:38:35,109 --> 00:38:31,599

don't get burned at the stake

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00:38:35,990 --> 00:38:35,119

so no i i i wouldn't defend that stuff

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00:38:37,910 --> 00:38:36,000

at all

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00:38:39,349 --> 00:38:37,920

and i think the kind of research that

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00:38:40,630 --> 00:38:39,359

you're talking about and the kind of

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00:38:42,470 --> 00:38:40,640

dialogue you're talking about

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00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:42,480

well of course no two people are ever

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00:38:46,390 --> 00:38:44,320

going to agree on everything or

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00:38:47,670 --> 00:38:46,400
sometimes even anything but i think it's

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00:38:49,109 --> 00:38:47,680
a perfectly legitimate

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00:38:50,950 --> 00:38:49,119
you know i'm glad this kind of thing is

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00:38:52,550 --> 00:38:50,960
happening uh

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00:38:54,069 --> 00:38:52,560
and all i can say is there's a lot

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00:38:56,470 --> 00:38:54,079
further to go

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00:38:58,390 --> 00:38:56,480
yeah you know uh we're going to stay on

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00:39:01,829 --> 00:38:58,400
uh dr gregory shushan

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00:39:04,550 --> 00:39:01,839
for a minute first off he is i guess

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00:39:06,230 --> 00:39:04,560
in some respects maybe a living example

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00:39:09,430 --> 00:39:06,240
of what you feared right so

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00:39:12,150 --> 00:39:09,440
he's gone down the academic route

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00:39:13,829 --> 00:39:12,160

he's been starved basically i mean they

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00:39:16,470 --> 00:39:13,839

toss him a little something

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00:39:18,550 --> 00:39:16,480

here or there with some affiliation to

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00:39:20,950 --> 00:39:18,560

do some things he's a brilliant guy

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00:39:23,270 --> 00:39:20,960

but you know once you put on those as

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00:39:25,349 --> 00:39:23,280

you're saying those academic handcuffs

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00:39:27,430 --> 00:39:25,359

you're really kind of stuck you can't

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00:39:28,550 --> 00:39:27,440

find it you never figure out another way

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00:39:30,790 --> 00:39:28,560

to earn a living

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00:39:33,109 --> 00:39:30,800

so you're always going going back and

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00:39:34,870 --> 00:39:33,119

kissing the hand

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00:39:36,470 --> 00:39:34,880

but the other interesting thing the

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00:39:37,990 --> 00:39:36,480

super interesting thing the most

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00:39:40,829 --> 00:39:38,000

important thing about his

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00:39:41,990 --> 00:39:40,839

his research is he comes to the

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00:39:44,630 --> 00:39:42,000

conclusion

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00:39:46,230 --> 00:39:44,640

and it's pretty radical but he really

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00:39:50,870 --> 00:39:46,240

backs it up

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00:39:53,910 --> 00:39:50,880

is that virtually every religion

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00:39:57,030 --> 00:39:53,920

has developed their beliefs

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00:39:58,870 --> 00:39:57,040

about the afterlife from near-death

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00:40:01,829 --> 00:39:58,880

experiences

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00:40:03,030 --> 00:40:01,839

and he has some amazing accounts and one

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00:40:05,270 --> 00:40:03,040

of the things that he did that was

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00:40:08,150 --> 00:40:05,280

really smart about his research

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00:40:09,349 --> 00:40:08,160

he looked at uh primarily indigenous

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00:40:12,470 --> 00:40:09,359

cultures

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00:40:15,349 --> 00:40:12,480

so you know leaving christianity and

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00:40:16,710 --> 00:40:15,359

other mainstream religions off the table

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00:40:17,990 --> 00:40:16,720

but then bring him in at the end and

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00:40:19,349 --> 00:40:18,000

saying there's no reason to believe that

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00:40:21,109 --> 00:40:19,359

they would be any different

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00:40:22,710 --> 00:40:21,119

so he goes and looks at all these

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00:40:25,510 --> 00:40:22,720

different religious traditions and

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00:40:26,710 --> 00:40:25,520

native american traditions and oceanic

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00:40:28,630 --> 00:40:26,720

traditions and just

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00:40:30,470 --> 00:40:28,640

all over the world throughout history

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00:40:32,790 --> 00:40:30,480

and he says invariably and there's even

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00:40:36,150 --> 00:40:32,800

documentation among those accounts

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00:40:37,430 --> 00:40:36,160

where the shaman will say oh you know

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00:40:39,750 --> 00:40:37,440

what

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00:40:41,430 --> 00:40:39,760

richard just had a near-death experience

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00:40:44,390 --> 00:40:41,440

that sounds real

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00:40:44,790 --> 00:40:44,400

we need to change our beliefs because

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00:40:49,510 --> 00:40:44,800

they

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00:40:52,309 --> 00:40:49,520

really did bring back some information

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00:40:55,670 --> 00:40:52,319

and then those become the beliefs and

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00:40:58,550 --> 00:40:55,680

they become part of the religion

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00:41:00,470 --> 00:40:58,560

yeah well i am again not familiar with

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00:41:01,829 --> 00:41:00,480

dr shoshan's work except as you've

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00:41:04,950 --> 00:41:01,839

described it

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00:41:07,190 --> 00:41:04,960

just uh a superficial responses that's

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00:41:09,349 --> 00:41:07,200

uh makes a great deal of sense i think i

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00:41:12,150 --> 00:41:09,359

would be a little more cautious

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00:41:12,470 --> 00:41:12,160

about saying that all religious theory

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00:41:14,630 --> 00:41:12,480

all

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religious uh teaching comes from

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00:41:18,950 --> 00:41:16,160

near-death experiences

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00:41:20,150 --> 00:41:18,960

just to clarify he said their afterlife

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00:41:23,510 --> 00:41:20,160

beliefs

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00:41:25,990 --> 00:41:23,520

after oh after likely well even so but i

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00:41:27,910 --> 00:41:26,000

i think you could argue about whether

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00:41:30,150 --> 00:41:27,920

it's a hundred percent that or

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00:41:32,710 --> 00:41:30,160

a very significant part of that but it

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00:41:35,829 --> 00:41:32,720

certainly seems basically plausible

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00:41:38,470 --> 00:41:35,839

uh another thing that is of course

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00:41:39,750 --> 00:41:38,480

even more problematic is visits from the

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00:41:42,069 --> 00:41:39,760

dead

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00:41:42,950 --> 00:41:42,079

it's very common for people to have

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00:41:45,990 --> 00:41:42,960

visits

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00:41:49,510 --> 00:41:46,000

from recently deceased family members

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00:41:51,910 --> 00:41:49,520

often in a way that is well

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00:41:54,470 --> 00:41:51,920

cannot be written off entirely as

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00:41:57,109 --> 00:41:54,480

imagination or wishful thinking

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00:41:58,950 --> 00:41:57,119

i used to edit a magazine called gnosis

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00:41:59,510 --> 00:41:58,960

and we would get sheaths of these things

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00:42:00,950 --> 00:41:59,520

in

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00:42:02,630 --> 00:42:00,960

we didn't publish this stuff that wasn't

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00:42:04,230 --> 00:42:02,640

the kind of thing we published it

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00:42:05,829 --> 00:42:04,240

i would you know send them back with a

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00:42:07,670 --> 00:42:05,839

polite note uh

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00:42:09,030 --> 00:42:07,680

but they were sending us because they

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00:42:09,910 --> 00:42:09,040

didn't know who to send it out else to

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00:42:11,430 --> 00:42:09,920

send it to

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00:42:13,030 --> 00:42:11,440

uh most of these people aren't going to

1148

00:42:14,309 --> 00:42:13,040

tell their families and friends

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00:42:15,589 --> 00:42:14,319

because if you start talking about that

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00:42:17,510 --> 00:42:15,599

your family and friends become your

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00:42:20,550 --> 00:42:17,520

worst enemies

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00:42:22,069 --> 00:42:20,560

oh yeah you you do believe that

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00:42:23,990 --> 00:42:22,079

you know you know that you know all that

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00:42:29,030 --> 00:42:24,000

business um

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00:42:31,829 --> 00:42:29,040

in any case um i think what he says is

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00:42:33,030 --> 00:42:31,839

what you say of his work sounds very

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00:42:36,470 --> 00:42:33,040

plausible

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00:42:39,670 --> 00:42:36,480

as far as my own work goes i am a writer

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00:42:41,990 --> 00:42:39,680

i have various day jobs doing various

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

things including writing

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00:42:46,390 --> 00:42:43,839

and that gives me an enormous amount of

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00:42:52,950 --> 00:42:50,230

i'm sorry it enables me to um

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00:42:54,710 --> 00:42:52,960

write and say anything i want because i

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00:42:58,309 --> 00:42:54,720

don't belong to a church

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00:43:00,069 --> 00:42:58,319

i don't need to uh care about a tenure

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00:43:01,349 --> 00:43:00,079

or an academic position that i never

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00:43:03,670 --> 00:43:01,359

wanted anyway

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00:43:04,950 --> 00:43:03,680

um i can say what i want and people are

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00:43:07,670 --> 00:43:04,960

free to take it

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00:43:09,109 --> 00:43:07,680

at face value this is what i say you can

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00:43:13,670 --> 00:43:09,119

agree with

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00:43:15,109 --> 00:43:13,680

27 percent

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00:43:16,390 --> 00:43:15,119

you know i think it gives me a great

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00:43:18,069 --> 00:43:16,400

deal of freedom at least to be

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00:43:19,589 --> 00:43:18,079

reasonable intellectually honest about

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00:43:22,470 --> 00:43:19,599

where i'm coming from

1177

00:43:23,990 --> 00:43:22,480

which freedom i would not i believe have

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00:43:27,750 --> 00:43:24,000

in the um

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00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:27,760

in the university okay richard let me

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00:43:31,670 --> 00:43:29,760

try and come back to the book on a

1181

00:43:33,510 --> 00:43:31,680

couple of points that i i think are

1182

00:43:34,470 --> 00:43:33,520

interesting that everyone is interested

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00:43:37,670 --> 00:43:34,480

in

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00:43:38,309 --> 00:43:37,680

you reference black magic that's gonna

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00:43:39,990 --> 00:43:38,319

be

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00:43:42,069 --> 00:43:40,000

immediately that's where everyone goes

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00:43:42,550 --> 00:43:42,079

can i do people really can they cast a

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00:43:45,190 --> 00:43:42,560

spell

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00:43:47,030 --> 00:43:45,200

it's a fear-based thing you know might i

1190

00:43:50,309 --> 00:43:47,040

be the victim of magic

1191

00:43:51,430 --> 00:43:50,319

and you kind of say both you kind of say

1192

00:43:52,710 --> 00:43:51,440

well

1193

00:43:55,109 --> 00:43:52,720

you don't need to worry about it too

1194

00:43:57,349 --> 00:43:55,119

much but the best you can

1195

00:43:58,870 --> 00:43:57,359

tell from your research is there is a

1196

00:44:01,430 --> 00:43:58,880

reality to that

1197

00:44:02,630 --> 00:44:01,440

do you want to speak about that at all

1198

00:44:06,309 --> 00:44:02,640

well i think

1199

00:44:09,990 --> 00:44:06,319

there is a certain reality to it

1200

00:44:11,589 --> 00:44:10,000

one case that comes to mind is um

1201
00:44:14,150 --> 00:44:11,599
and this happened a number of decades

1202
00:44:16,390 --> 00:44:14,160
ago was this um

1203
00:44:18,550 --> 00:44:16,400
taxi driver a huddle this irish taxi

1204
00:44:21,109 --> 00:44:18,560
driver in honolulu

1205
00:44:23,750 --> 00:44:21,119
who uh got involved with a native

1206
00:44:25,750 --> 00:44:23,760
hawaiian girl

1207
00:44:28,630 --> 00:44:25,760
and the mother really did not like this

1208
00:44:33,270 --> 00:44:31,109
and you know she told him to hold off

1209
00:44:36,550 --> 00:44:33,280
but he didn't

1210
00:44:39,270 --> 00:44:36,560
and he suddenly started to become

1211
00:44:41,349 --> 00:44:39,280
subject to paralysis from the feet up

1212
00:44:43,510 --> 00:44:41,359
little by little by little by little

1213
00:44:44,390 --> 00:44:43,520

so uh then someone who is familiar with

1214

00:44:45,910 --> 00:44:44,400

these things

1215

00:44:48,309 --> 00:44:45,920

said you know i think there might be

1216

00:44:49,510 --> 00:44:48,319

some uh magic involved here let me go

1217

00:44:52,309 --> 00:44:49,520

and talk to this

1218

00:44:53,829 --> 00:44:52,319

mother well i said well i don't know

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00:44:56,390 --> 00:44:53,839

maybe there is maybe not

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00:44:57,910 --> 00:44:56,400

but um i think that maybe if he gets on

1221

00:44:59,430 --> 00:44:57,920

the next boat to the mainland things

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00:45:01,430 --> 00:44:59,440

will be all right

1223

00:45:03,190 --> 00:45:01,440

and you know that evening this cab

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00:45:05,109 --> 00:45:03,200

driver was right and took the next boat

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00:45:07,349 --> 00:45:05,119

to san francisco

1226

00:45:08,710 --> 00:45:07,359

an interesting thing about this if you

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00:45:11,430 --> 00:45:08,720

take the story

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00:45:13,430 --> 00:45:11,440

let's say this story is true and there

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00:45:17,270 --> 00:45:13,440

are others like it

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00:45:19,270 --> 00:45:17,280

one is this cab driver

1231

00:45:20,870 --> 00:45:19,280

didn't believe in any of this stuff

1232

00:45:25,270 --> 00:45:20,880

right

1233

00:45:28,550 --> 00:45:25,280

two he didn't know what was happening

1234

00:45:30,950 --> 00:45:28,560

so you can't say uh it's all suggestion

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00:45:32,230 --> 00:45:30,960

it's all playing on someone's credulity

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00:45:33,589 --> 00:45:32,240

if they don't believe in something in

1237

00:45:34,630 --> 00:45:33,599

the first place and they don't know that

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00:45:36,950 --> 00:45:34,640

it's happening in fact

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00:45:37,670 --> 00:45:36,960

you know i not to throw out a pointer

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00:45:39,589 --> 00:45:37,680

that um

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00:45:41,190 --> 00:45:39,599

may be misused but if you're casting a

1242

00:45:41,990 --> 00:45:41,200

spell on someone you don't want them to

1243

00:45:44,790 --> 00:45:42,000

know about it

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00:45:45,349 --> 00:45:44,800

because they can take counter measures

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00:45:48,550 --> 00:45:45,359

so

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00:45:50,309 --> 00:45:48,560

this um i say

1247

00:45:52,550 --> 00:45:50,319

takes it a little bit out of the realm

1248

00:45:54,390 --> 00:45:52,560

of the nacebo effect

1249

00:45:55,910 --> 00:45:54,400

you know uh believing something will

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00:45:58,309 --> 00:45:55,920

harm you and it will

1251
00:45:59,670 --> 00:45:58,319
uh so i think there's something in there

1252
00:46:02,230 --> 00:45:59,680
um i think

1253
00:46:02,950 --> 00:46:02,240
it's possible to become uh particularly

1254
00:46:06,150 --> 00:46:02,960
if you're

1255
00:46:09,109 --> 00:46:06,160
uh psychologically weak to get

1256
00:46:09,990 --> 00:46:09,119
very much afraid of this and uh in a way

1257
00:46:12,630 --> 00:46:10,000
to almost uh

1258
00:46:13,990 --> 00:46:12,640
bring it upon yourself whether by

1259
00:46:16,710 --> 00:46:14,000
imagination or where

1260
00:46:18,790 --> 00:46:16,720
whether you're letting something in so i

1261
00:46:21,349 --> 00:46:18,800
think i think there is something to it

1262
00:46:22,790 --> 00:46:21,359
uh you know and of course it's always uh

1263
00:46:25,670 --> 00:46:22,800

discouraged uh

1264

00:46:27,349 --> 00:46:25,680

largely because it usually backfires on

1265

00:46:29,589 --> 00:46:27,359

the practitioner

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00:46:30,710 --> 00:46:29,599

eventually at any rate someone once said

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00:46:34,470 --> 00:46:30,720

um there are no

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00:46:36,870 --> 00:46:34,480

old black magicians they just look old

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00:46:38,470 --> 00:46:36,880

so i think they're i think this sort of

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00:46:43,829 --> 00:46:38,480

thing does happen

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00:46:47,030 --> 00:46:43,839

um the reason i'm being uh perhaps a bit

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00:46:49,030 --> 00:46:47,040

almost equivocal about it is that

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00:46:50,470 --> 00:46:49,040

when when someone's by starts buying

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00:46:52,390 --> 00:46:50,480

into this

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00:46:54,470 --> 00:46:52,400

they start buying into you know a

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00:46:56,550 --> 00:46:54,480

hollywood version of it

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00:46:57,589 --> 00:46:56,560

and of course because our uh life

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00:46:59,349 --> 00:46:57,599

imitates art

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00:47:01,349 --> 00:46:59,359

all of those people you you've just

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00:47:04,309 --> 00:47:01,359

shown are basically doing that

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00:47:06,390 --> 00:47:04,319

hey you know that this is let's let's be

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00:47:07,670 --> 00:47:06,400

the hollywood occultists that we've seen

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00:47:11,109 --> 00:47:07,680

about in all these movies

1284

00:47:13,270 --> 00:47:11,119

hey that sounds like fun um

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00:47:15,109 --> 00:47:13,280

so i think all of those elements have to

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00:47:15,510 --> 00:47:15,119

be factored into it and this is not to

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00:47:17,510 --> 00:47:15,520

say

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00:47:18,950 --> 00:47:17,520

that every uh attempt at this kind of

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00:47:22,470 --> 00:47:18,960

thing is uh

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00:47:24,549 --> 00:47:22,480

real or valid or has any consequences

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00:47:26,630 --> 00:47:24,559

but i'm willing to the possibility that

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00:47:29,270 --> 00:47:26,640

some do

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00:47:31,190 --> 00:47:29,280

say richard this is the point though

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00:47:34,470 --> 00:47:31,200

that is the launching point

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00:47:35,270 --> 00:47:34,480

that's the beginning and and i feel like

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00:47:36,790 --> 00:47:35,280

you're kind of

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00:47:38,870 --> 00:47:36,800

leaving you're just going to bring us to

1298

00:47:43,109 --> 00:47:38,880

that point and say that's the end of it

1299

00:47:44,870 --> 00:47:43,119

i mean take it take any one of those

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00:47:46,150 --> 00:47:44,880

little tidbits that you left hanging

1301
00:47:49,589 --> 00:47:46,160
there is there

1302
00:47:50,470 --> 00:47:49,599
a reality to it it certainly seems like

1303
00:47:52,950 --> 00:47:50,480
there is

1304
00:47:54,549 --> 00:47:52,960
from an anthropological standpoint

1305
00:47:55,750 --> 00:47:54,559
people have gone to other cultures

1306
00:47:59,510 --> 00:47:55,760
studied voodoo

1307
00:48:01,349 --> 00:47:59,520
studied curses studied shamanistic

1308
00:48:01,750 --> 00:48:01,359
practices throughout the world that do

1309
00:48:04,069 --> 00:48:01,760
this

1310
00:48:05,270 --> 00:48:04,079
and consistently as you're alluding to

1311
00:48:07,109 --> 00:48:05,280
they come back

1312
00:48:08,470 --> 00:48:07,119
at least the ones who are honest about

1313
00:48:11,270 --> 00:48:08,480

it and say it's

1314

00:48:11,589 --> 00:48:11,280

pretty undeniable that there seems to be

1315

00:48:13,430 --> 00:48:11,599

uh

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00:48:15,430 --> 00:48:13,440

witnessed accounts of this people who

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00:48:16,549 --> 00:48:15,440

are disinterested parties witnessed it

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00:48:19,349 --> 00:48:16,559

all the rest of that

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00:48:19,990 --> 00:48:19,359

so it so that's one tidbit that we just

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00:48:22,390 --> 00:48:20,000

can't leave

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00:48:23,829 --> 00:48:22,400

hanging out there we then need to say

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00:48:25,670 --> 00:48:23,839

how would we begin

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00:48:28,790 --> 00:48:25,680

to investigate that how would we

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00:48:31,190 --> 00:48:28,800

understand that how would we understand

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00:48:32,069 --> 00:48:31,200

how to wrestle with that in our lives

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00:48:35,430 --> 00:48:32,079

and then

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00:48:37,190 --> 00:48:35,440

equally with the the celebrity magic you

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00:48:38,710 --> 00:48:37,200

know and you mentioned the the hollywood

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00:48:40,710 --> 00:48:38,720

thing and

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00:48:41,829 --> 00:48:40,720

i was not only talking about you know

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00:48:44,710 --> 00:48:41,839

damien eckles

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00:48:46,470 --> 00:48:44,720

but musicians who we all know have

1333

00:48:48,549 --> 00:48:46,480

talked for a long time about

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00:48:49,670 --> 00:48:48,559

selling their soul to the devil in order

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00:48:53,190 --> 00:48:49,680

to gain

1336

00:48:56,390 --> 00:48:53,200

certain powers but i we cannot

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00:48:57,910 --> 00:48:56,400

just take that stuff and just dismiss it

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00:48:59,190 --> 00:48:57,920

because we're kind of given

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00:49:01,430 --> 00:48:59,200

we're kind of given two different

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00:49:03,270 --> 00:49:01,440

versions of it by our culture

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00:49:05,270 --> 00:49:03,280

one part of our culture the scientific

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00:49:07,750 --> 00:49:05,280

culture just denies that

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00:49:09,030 --> 00:49:07,760

any of that could possibly be true by

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00:49:11,030 --> 00:49:09,040

edict they just say

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00:49:12,710 --> 00:49:11,040

don't pay attention to it it can't

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00:49:14,549 --> 00:49:12,720

possibly trip be true

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00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:14,559

but there's a whole other part if you go

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00:49:18,390 --> 00:49:16,000

to netflix

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00:49:19,829 --> 00:49:18,400

and if you go to just popular culture

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00:49:22,390 --> 00:49:19,839

and you look at celebrities

1351
00:49:23,430 --> 00:49:22,400
there's a wink and a nod well of course

1352
00:49:25,190 --> 00:49:23,440
this is true

1353
00:49:27,190 --> 00:49:25,200
of course this is how the universe

1354
00:49:31,270 --> 00:49:27,200
really works and let me tell you

1355
00:49:31,990 --> 00:49:31,280
how to marshall these entities for your

1356
00:49:34,549 --> 00:49:32,000
benefit

1357
00:49:36,309 --> 00:49:34,559
and why the hell wouldn't you if you can

1358
00:49:39,109 --> 00:49:36,319
get the spirits on your side

1359
00:49:39,589 --> 00:49:39,119
i i love your point about there are no

1360
00:49:42,790 --> 00:49:39,599
old

1361
00:49:45,109 --> 00:49:42,800
black magicians they just look at but

1362
00:49:47,030 --> 00:49:45,119
give me the scientific evidence for that

1363
00:49:47,670 --> 00:49:47,040

are we at the point where we maybe need

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00:49:50,309 --> 00:49:47,680

to

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00:49:52,390 --> 00:49:50,319

start taking this stuff seriously and

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00:49:54,470 --> 00:49:52,400

start applying some real

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00:49:56,829 --> 00:49:54,480

research into understanding what's going

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00:50:03,990 --> 00:50:00,870

well i guess my response to that is okay

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00:50:05,510 --> 00:50:04,000

design an experiment that would satisfy

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00:50:09,430 --> 00:50:05,520

i think you'd have a bit of difficulty

1371

00:50:13,109 --> 00:50:09,440

doing it um and oh by the way

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00:50:15,030 --> 00:50:13,119

this stuff is not quite like

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00:50:16,630 --> 00:50:15,040

stuffing makeup down the rat's throat

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00:50:17,750 --> 00:50:16,640

until you figure out how much it takes

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00:50:19,910 --> 00:50:17,760

to kill him

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00:50:22,069 --> 00:50:19,920

because frankly it doesn't matter

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00:50:23,910 --> 00:50:22,079

whether the scientist is a good mood

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00:50:25,990 --> 00:50:23,920

or bad mood or whatever if he's stuffing

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00:50:28,630 --> 00:50:26,000

this makeup down the rat's throat

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00:50:30,950 --> 00:50:28,640

the rat will die with a certain amount

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00:50:33,430 --> 00:50:30,960

of makeup in its gut

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00:50:35,349 --> 00:50:33,440

you know on some statistical basis um

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00:50:38,230 --> 00:50:35,359

but in this stuff

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00:50:38,630 --> 00:50:38,240

the the mental uh because you're dealing

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00:50:41,510 --> 00:50:38,640

in

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00:50:42,390 --> 00:50:41,520

shall we say mental realities the mental

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00:50:45,190 --> 00:50:42,400

um

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00:50:47,589 --> 00:50:45,200

state of the investigator has an

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00:50:50,710 --> 00:50:47,599

enormous amount to do with it

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00:50:53,990 --> 00:50:50,720

so i mean even more than in um a

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00:50:56,870 --> 00:50:54,000

quantum experiment that the dean raiden

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00:50:58,390 --> 00:50:56,880

uh thing is uh just experiment is uh

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00:51:01,430 --> 00:50:58,400

certainly an example

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00:51:03,829 --> 00:51:01,440

but any of uh

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00:51:04,870 --> 00:51:03,839

what are you gonna do go to a magical

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00:51:08,069 --> 00:51:04,880

ritual and

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00:51:10,549 --> 00:51:08,079

you know well what

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00:51:11,349 --> 00:51:10,559

findings did you uh determine i suppose

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00:51:13,349 --> 00:51:11,359

you could

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00:51:14,710 --> 00:51:13,359

well you know raymond rayden is doing

1401

00:51:15,750 --> 00:51:14,720

that i don't know if you've seen his

1402

00:51:18,790 --> 00:51:15,760

latest book but

1403

00:51:21,030 --> 00:51:18,800

his latest book is a magic book it's a

1404

00:51:25,190 --> 00:51:21,040

book about magic about bringing magic

1405

00:51:28,309 --> 00:51:25,200

into the lab and i i appreciate

1406

00:51:30,309 --> 00:51:28,319

where he's going i don't know that

1407

00:51:32,309 --> 00:51:30,319

he'll really get there but and i

1408

00:51:34,470 --> 00:51:32,319

interviewed him about that

1409

00:51:35,430 --> 00:51:34,480

but why not uh you know he's saying if

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00:51:38,069 --> 00:51:35,440

this is a

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00:51:39,829 --> 00:51:38,079

aspect of nature and we need to

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00:51:40,630 --> 00:51:39,839

understand more broadly kind of what

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00:51:43,990 --> 00:51:40,640

you're saying

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00:51:46,069 --> 00:51:44,000

beyond the five senses why wouldn't we

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00:51:47,510 --> 00:51:46,079

try and apply the scientific method to

1416

00:51:51,430 --> 00:51:47,520

it i commend him for at least

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00:51:53,829 --> 00:51:51,440

opening himself up to it

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00:51:54,790 --> 00:51:53,839

well i do too and uh if he can develop

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00:51:57,430 --> 00:51:54,800

experiments

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00:51:58,630 --> 00:51:57,440

that test this kind of thing and um

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00:51:59,829 --> 00:51:58,640

knowing him maybe a little bit and

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00:52:01,910 --> 00:51:59,839

knowing his work a little bit

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00:52:04,470 --> 00:52:01,920

i have no reason to doubt that he could

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00:52:05,349 --> 00:52:04,480

um i'm i'm all for it uh and let's find

1425

00:52:09,430 --> 00:52:05,359

out what he

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00:52:12,470 --> 00:52:09,440

uh discovers it's not that it's um

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00:52:13,030 --> 00:52:12,480

off limits as again again it's certainly

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00:52:16,470 --> 00:52:13,040

not like

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00:52:16,950 --> 00:52:16,480

oh it's a matter of faith it's just

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00:52:19,990 --> 00:52:16,960

simply

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00:52:23,030 --> 00:52:20,000

okay go there if you can uh

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00:52:24,790 --> 00:52:23,040

nobody in my humble view is ever going

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00:52:26,870 --> 00:52:24,800

to get to the end

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00:52:28,790 --> 00:52:26,880

if only for colonel popper's reason you

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00:52:30,950 --> 00:52:28,800

know you know you think you've got final

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00:52:33,990 --> 00:52:30,960

results you just given up the game

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00:52:36,710 --> 00:52:34,000

so it's legitimate i support it

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00:52:39,030 --> 00:52:36,720

i of course like everybody else know

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00:52:40,309 --> 00:52:39,040

only a tiny fraction of what's going on

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00:52:43,190 --> 00:52:40,319

in this work

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00:52:45,910 --> 00:52:43,200

but i don't see any problem with it i'll

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00:52:49,109 --> 00:52:45,920

be interested to see their conclusions

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00:52:51,349 --> 00:52:49,119

so that's certainly fine with me

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00:52:53,670 --> 00:52:51,359

no i i agree and i also agree those

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00:52:54,710 --> 00:52:53,680

limitations i i respect because he does

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00:52:56,950 --> 00:52:54,720

such careful work

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00:52:58,630 --> 00:52:56,960

anyway but i also respect just the

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00:53:02,030 --> 00:52:58,640

effort the saying

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00:53:05,109 --> 00:53:02,040

okay i realize it's the kind of

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00:53:07,510 --> 00:53:05,119

post-materialism science that says

1451
00:53:09,430 --> 00:53:07,520
okay i realize the game's up i realize

1452
00:53:12,069 --> 00:53:09,440
we can't really measure everything

1453
00:53:13,270 --> 00:53:12,079
but with those limitations now

1454
00:53:15,109 --> 00:53:13,280
acknowledged

1455
00:53:16,950 --> 00:53:15,119
what can we seem to understand so i'm

1456
00:53:18,549 --> 00:53:16,960
going to bring one other guy into the

1457
00:53:21,670 --> 00:53:18,559
equation

1458
00:53:24,710 --> 00:53:21,680
i'm sure you haven't heard of this

1459
00:53:26,710 --> 00:53:24,720
guy but he's fantastic he's just been so

1460
00:53:28,790 --> 00:53:26,720
influential to me as i ran across him

1461
00:53:29,829 --> 00:53:28,800
because i've been i was doing a series

1462
00:53:33,190 --> 00:53:29,839
of shows

1463
00:53:35,349 --> 00:53:33,200

on evil and on

1464

00:53:37,589 --> 00:53:35,359

things that we all kind of acknowledge

1465

00:53:38,470 --> 00:53:37,599

you know horrible crimes that people are

1466

00:53:40,230 --> 00:53:38,480

doing

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00:53:43,030 --> 00:53:40,240

against children or stuff that we can

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00:53:45,270 --> 00:53:43,040

all point to and say ah

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00:53:46,390 --> 00:53:45,280

in this great discussion of is there

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00:53:49,670 --> 00:53:46,400

such a thing

1471

00:53:53,190 --> 00:53:49,680

imperative

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00:53:55,270 --> 00:53:53,200

well at least we can say yeah that to me

1473

00:53:56,710 --> 00:53:55,280

probably does go in that direction so

1474

00:53:58,549 --> 00:53:56,720

i'm doing these shows

1475

00:54:00,309 --> 00:53:58,559

and a clinical psychologist from grand

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00:54:03,589 --> 00:54:00,319

rapids michigan

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00:54:06,309 --> 00:54:03,599

named tom zinzer dr tom zinzer

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00:54:08,950 --> 00:54:06,319

in practice for a long time says alex

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00:54:12,630 --> 00:54:08,960

you don't really understand

1480

00:54:15,030 --> 00:54:12,640

the difference between evil and darkness

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00:54:16,069 --> 00:54:15,040

and he goes on to tell me that in his

1482

00:54:19,589 --> 00:54:16,079

practice

1483

00:54:22,790 --> 00:54:19,599

a lot of different people

1484

00:54:24,309 --> 00:54:22,800

did a lot of hypnotherapy in his work

1485

00:54:26,470 --> 00:54:24,319

kind of along the normal lines you know

1486

00:54:29,910 --> 00:54:26,480

i'm afraid of spiders i'm afraid of

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00:54:32,630 --> 00:54:29,920

water but then had also gotten into

1488

00:54:34,390 --> 00:54:32,640

work with people who had been victims of

1489

00:54:37,270 --> 00:54:34,400

satanic ritual abuse

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00:54:38,789 --> 00:54:37,280

which if anyone has any doubts is very

1491

00:54:40,789 --> 00:54:38,799

very real

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00:54:42,390 --> 00:54:40,799

i don't know about the satanic part of

1493

00:54:43,670 --> 00:54:42,400

that because we really don't know what

1494

00:54:46,470 --> 00:54:43,680

that word means

1495

00:54:47,910 --> 00:54:46,480

and we can reference your excellent book

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00:54:50,069 --> 00:54:47,920

how god became god

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00:54:51,510 --> 00:54:50,079

and you can see that historically if you

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00:54:53,750 --> 00:54:51,520

go looking for satan

1499

00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:53,760

he kind of slips through your fingers

1500

00:54:58,069 --> 00:54:54,960

but if you

1501
00:55:01,589 --> 00:54:58,079
just stick to the theme of the

1502
00:55:03,990 --> 00:55:01,599
satanic perversion

1503
00:55:05,270 --> 00:55:04,000
do harm to other people hey that pops up

1504
00:55:07,910 --> 00:55:05,280
a lot through culture

1505
00:55:09,109 --> 00:55:07,920
throughout time and i'll maybe i'll

1506
00:55:11,030 --> 00:55:09,119
pause right there

1507
00:55:12,789 --> 00:55:11,040
and let you speak to that yeah well i

1508
00:55:15,430 --> 00:55:12,799
think

1509
00:55:16,150 --> 00:55:15,440
in terms of the world we know it there

1510
00:55:20,309 --> 00:55:16,160
is such a thing

1511
00:55:22,150 --> 00:55:20,319
as evil in fact i will say categorically

1512
00:55:22,549 --> 00:55:22,160
about you although i know nothing about

1513
00:55:24,789 --> 00:55:22,559

you

1514

00:55:25,750 --> 00:55:24,799

i will say this categorically about

1515

00:55:27,829 --> 00:55:25,760

every person who

1516

00:55:28,789 --> 00:55:27,839

listens to this or ever listen to this

1517

00:55:33,030 --> 00:55:28,799

you have known some

1518

00:55:36,549 --> 00:55:33,040

good in your life and some evil uh

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00:55:39,750 --> 00:55:36,559

the proportions vary wildly but

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00:55:40,390 --> 00:55:39,760

uh you both you know what good and evil

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00:55:48,470 --> 00:55:40,400

is

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00:55:50,150 --> 00:55:48,480

profoundly true in another

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00:55:51,990 --> 00:55:50,160

the human race wanted to know good and

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00:55:54,630 --> 00:55:52,000

evil so here we are

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00:55:55,829 --> 00:55:54,640

uh you got what you wanted and you get

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00:55:57,990 --> 00:55:55,839

to experience both

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00:56:00,390 --> 00:55:58,000

no matter how rich and lucky you are or

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00:56:05,270 --> 00:56:00,400

how poor and miserable you are

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00:56:08,230 --> 00:56:06,630

i don't know that's that's that's kind

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00:56:08,630 --> 00:56:08,240

of what i have to say to that so you

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00:56:10,710 --> 00:56:08,640

know

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00:56:11,829 --> 00:56:10,720

okay maybe maybe then richard can i pull

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00:56:14,470 --> 00:56:11,839

you back into

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00:56:15,349 --> 00:56:14,480

because you do a beautiful job of this

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00:56:17,190 --> 00:56:15,359

and

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00:56:19,030 --> 00:56:17,200

pull you back to your other book or one

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00:56:21,990 --> 00:56:19,040

of your other books written many books

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00:56:23,670 --> 00:56:22,000

how god became god where you really

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00:56:27,910 --> 00:56:23,680

trace

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00:56:32,470 --> 00:56:27,920

back this story of the devil

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00:56:35,910 --> 00:56:32,480

as he pops up and how he kind of changes

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00:56:37,030 --> 00:56:35,920

over time in order to advance the story

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00:56:38,470 --> 00:56:37,040

or to advance

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00:56:40,630 --> 00:56:38,480

where they want to take the story in

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00:56:41,910 --> 00:56:40,640

terms of the religion do you have any

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00:56:44,230 --> 00:56:41,920

any thoughts on that do you want to

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00:56:47,990 --> 00:56:44,240

share any of that

1548

00:56:51,270 --> 00:56:48,000

well i'll pull together some thoughts

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00:56:52,870 --> 00:56:51,280

not so much from that but from the truth

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00:56:57,109 --> 00:56:52,880

about magic

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00:57:00,630 --> 00:56:57,119

i am willing to say that

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00:57:03,430 --> 00:57:00,640

contrary to scientific theory or not

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00:57:04,549 --> 00:57:03,440

there is such a thing as thought forms

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00:57:07,990 --> 00:57:04,559

that is to say

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00:57:10,150 --> 00:57:08,000

thoughts have a certain substance in

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00:57:11,750 --> 00:57:10,160

the world of what the catalyst called

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00:57:12,630 --> 00:57:11,760

yet syria the world of forms you

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00:57:15,990 --> 00:57:12,640

experience it

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00:57:19,270 --> 00:57:16,000

in dreams fantasies so on and

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00:57:24,230 --> 00:57:19,280

if a certain thought form is uh

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00:57:27,270 --> 00:57:24,240

given energy through focus

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00:57:30,549 --> 00:57:27,280

either revered or uh

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00:57:34,230 --> 00:57:30,559

feared as someone i think it was a

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00:57:35,910 --> 00:57:34,240

andrew carnegie who put it that way

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00:57:37,589 --> 00:57:35,920

it will have a kind of objective

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00:57:39,589 --> 00:57:37,599

existence

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00:57:41,589 --> 00:57:39,599

it is a human creation it's a collective

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00:57:43,349 --> 00:57:41,599

human creation

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00:57:45,030 --> 00:57:43,359

but because it's had so much energy

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00:57:48,230 --> 00:57:45,040

poured into it

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00:57:48,870 --> 00:57:48,240

it has a certain quasi-independent at

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00:57:52,710 --> 00:57:48,880

least

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00:57:54,630 --> 00:57:52,720

flavor of um existence

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00:57:55,829 --> 00:57:54,640

so do i believe in the devil in the

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00:57:58,549 --> 00:57:55,839

personal form

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00:58:00,069 --> 00:57:58,559

no i think there is this devil and this

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00:58:01,349 --> 00:58:00,079

collective thought form has a word in

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00:58:02,390 --> 00:58:01,359

the world of magic it's called an

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00:58:04,230 --> 00:58:02,400

aggregor

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00:58:05,589 --> 00:58:04,240

collective thought form it's what i i

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00:58:08,630 --> 00:58:05,599

just said satan

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00:58:09,349 --> 00:58:08,640

uh the devil isn't egregor this entity

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00:58:12,069 --> 00:58:09,359

this

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00:58:13,349 --> 00:58:12,079

thought that has an enormous amount of

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00:58:15,270 --> 00:58:13,359

power and you can you can

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00:58:17,990 --> 00:58:15,280

yeah you can tap into it if you want is

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00:58:21,190 --> 00:58:18,000

jesus in aggregor

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00:58:24,150 --> 00:58:21,200

no i think jesus was a historical figure

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00:58:24,549 --> 00:58:24,160

and is christ consciousness in agrigore

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00:58:26,630 --> 00:58:24,559

because

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00:58:28,150 --> 00:58:26,640

jesus is a historical figure is kind of

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00:58:30,069 --> 00:58:28,160

a cop-out i mean

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00:58:32,230 --> 00:58:30,079

bart ehrman who is essentially an

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00:58:33,030 --> 00:58:32,240

atheist thinks jesus is a historical

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00:58:34,630 --> 00:58:33,040

figure too

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00:58:36,950 --> 00:58:34,640

he was some wandering guy who went

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00:58:39,589 --> 00:58:36,960

around and said a couple of things

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00:58:41,190 --> 00:58:39,599

i mean i i just you almost come to the

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00:58:43,670 --> 00:58:41,200

point of saying that in the

1600

00:58:45,750 --> 00:58:43,680

in the book the truth about magic you

1601

00:58:48,150 --> 00:58:45,760

say the christian gods

1602

00:58:50,390 --> 00:58:48,160

can best be understand as an egg or the

1603

00:58:52,309 --> 00:58:50,400

tibetan buddhists call it a tulpa

1604

00:58:54,630 --> 00:58:52,319

i am down with that i think we are

1605

00:58:56,630 --> 00:58:54,640

co-creators of our reality

1606

00:58:57,829 --> 00:58:56,640

you know but if you really want to go

1607

00:59:01,270 --> 00:58:57,839

there i mean you're going to

1608

00:59:04,390 --> 00:59:01,280

piss a lot of people off but it wouldn't

1609

00:59:05,750 --> 00:59:04,400

wouldn't a lot of christ consciousness

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00:59:06,710 --> 00:59:05,760

which is definitely real people

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00:59:08,470 --> 00:59:06,720

experience it when they have a

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00:59:10,309 --> 00:59:08,480

near-death experience

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00:59:12,309 --> 00:59:10,319

wouldn't a lot of that be best

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00:59:15,910 --> 00:59:12,319

understood as

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00:59:22,789 --> 00:59:19,750

i wouldn't say so but

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00:59:24,230 --> 00:59:22,799

there's obviously no under obligation to

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00:59:28,470 --> 00:59:24,240

agree with me

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00:59:33,430 --> 00:59:28,480

as i said really in many of my books

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00:59:36,549 --> 00:59:33,440

if you peel back your experience

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00:59:40,230 --> 00:59:36,559

you get back to some pure witnessing i

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00:59:41,829 --> 00:59:40,240

capital i and the hindu is called this

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00:59:45,270 --> 00:59:41,839

atman

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00:59:47,349 --> 00:59:45,280

the christians call it the kingdom of

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00:59:51,270 --> 00:59:47,359

heaven or the kingdom of god or i

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00:59:53,510 --> 00:59:51,280

am and that is not uh an agrigore

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00:59:54,870 --> 00:59:53,520
because that is fundamentally what we

1627
00:59:57,349 --> 00:59:54,880
are

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00:59:58,630 --> 00:59:57,359
and it is consciousness because as i

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01:00:01,190 --> 00:59:58,640
said conscious creates

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01:00:03,430 --> 01:00:01,200
consciousness creates the universe so no

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01:00:06,870 --> 01:00:03,440
i don't think those things are edgars

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01:00:08,630 --> 01:00:06,880
now that much said uh

1633
01:00:11,270 --> 01:00:08,640
a lot of energy has been given into this

1634
01:00:14,549 --> 01:00:11,280
to this image of jesus this image of god

1635
01:00:16,710 --> 01:00:14,559
and all of those things are god for

1636
01:00:18,789 --> 01:00:16,720
example i believe in god if you

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01:00:19,910 --> 01:00:18,799
uh want to answer that question but i

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01:00:22,630 --> 01:00:19,920

also believe that god

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01:00:23,829 --> 01:00:22,640

is far beyond our conceptions of him

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01:00:26,150 --> 01:00:23,839

nevertheless

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01:00:27,990 --> 01:00:26,160

being humans we're bound to form some

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01:00:30,309 --> 01:00:28,000

conception of him

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01:00:32,069 --> 01:00:30,319

well it would be is it a human form of

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01:00:34,390 --> 01:00:32,079

course it is because we're humans

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01:00:36,150 --> 01:00:34,400

as xenophon he said if horses had gods

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01:00:38,309 --> 01:00:36,160

they make them look like horses

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01:00:39,349 --> 01:00:38,319

that's kind of necessary part of our

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01:00:42,549 --> 01:00:39,359

experience

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01:00:44,549 --> 01:00:42,559

and i think frankly we have to we shall

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01:00:45,910 --> 01:00:44,559

we say honor that part of it

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01:00:47,750 --> 01:00:45,920

while realizing that it's not the

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01:00:50,230 --> 01:00:47,760

absolute truth well think

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01:00:51,430 --> 01:00:50,240

when you think these images of yours are

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01:00:54,390 --> 01:00:51,440

the real thing

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01:00:56,150 --> 01:00:54,400

you become um an idolater and that's

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01:00:58,470 --> 01:00:56,160

what idolatry is

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01:00:59,270 --> 01:00:58,480

you think some image is the thing it's

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01:01:02,390 --> 01:00:59,280

represented

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01:01:05,829 --> 01:01:02,400

really whether that's a statue uh

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01:01:07,430 --> 01:01:05,839

a doctrine um uh the image on a stained

1661

01:01:09,270 --> 01:01:07,440

glass you see in church

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01:01:11,270 --> 01:01:09,280

so i think it's it's a little different

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01:01:12,390 --> 01:01:11,280

but i hope that casts some light on what

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01:01:13,510 --> 01:01:12,400

i think

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01:01:15,270 --> 01:01:13,520

i've really been interested in a

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01:01:17,430 --> 01:01:15,280

near-death experience i have probably

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01:01:19,589 --> 01:01:17,440

100 shows on it

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01:01:20,470 --> 01:01:19,599

because i think in a lot of ways i don't

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01:01:23,750 --> 01:01:20,480

think it's like

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01:01:26,789 --> 01:01:23,760

perfect but it does kind of cut through

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01:01:27,990 --> 01:01:26,799

a lot of the cultural filtering and

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01:01:30,069 --> 01:01:28,000

other just personal

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01:01:31,270 --> 01:01:30,079

egoic filtering that we apply to the

1674

01:01:32,950 --> 01:01:31,280

spiritual experience

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01:01:34,549 --> 01:01:32,960

at least that's what it seems it seems

1676

01:01:37,430 --> 01:01:34,559

kind of a little more

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01:01:38,390 --> 01:01:37,440

authentic i've interviewed a number of

1678

01:01:40,150 --> 01:01:38,400

christians

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01:01:42,309 --> 01:01:40,160

about their near-death experience and

1680

01:01:44,549 --> 01:01:42,319

i've gotten varied responses

1681

01:01:46,230 --> 01:01:44,559

ian mccormick is a guy who came on and

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01:01:46,950 --> 01:01:46,240

you know there's christians like ian who

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01:01:49,270 --> 01:01:46,960

are

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01:01:50,470 --> 01:01:49,280

attempting to kind of co-op the

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01:01:51,910 --> 01:01:50,480

near-death experience

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01:01:53,510 --> 01:01:51,920

even though that's not what the data

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01:01:54,069 --> 01:01:53,520

suggests and say hey if you didn't see

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01:01:56,549 --> 01:01:54,079

jesus

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01:01:59,510 --> 01:01:56,559

like i did man you didn't have a

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01:02:01,990 --> 01:01:59,520

near-death experience that was satan

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01:02:04,309 --> 01:02:02,000

messing with you on the other side and

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01:02:07,510 --> 01:02:04,319

i've also interviewed

1693

01:02:08,230 --> 01:02:07,520

other folks who have had a near-death

1694

01:02:10,630 --> 01:02:08,240

experience

1695

01:02:13,109 --> 01:02:10,640

and and have encountered what they

1696

01:02:16,630 --> 01:02:13,119

understand to be christ consciousness

1697

01:02:19,670 --> 01:02:16,640

in a very direct way and uh and and they

1698

01:02:22,069 --> 01:02:19,680

report that consistently and researchers

1699

01:02:25,510 --> 01:02:22,079

in near-death experience have can tell

1700

01:02:28,190 --> 01:02:25,520

you statistically how many people do

1701

01:02:29,349 --> 01:02:28,200

so i'm wondering when you say what

1702

01:02:31,910 --> 01:02:29,359

differentiations

1703

01:02:33,670 --> 01:02:31,920

are you making how do you understand the

1704

01:02:36,950 --> 01:02:33,680

historical jesus

1705

01:02:39,510 --> 01:02:36,960

as different than this kind of

1706

01:02:42,230 --> 01:02:39,520

co-creation that is christ consciousness

1707

01:02:42,710 --> 01:02:42,240

because or or do we even i'm jumping in

1708

01:02:44,789 --> 01:02:42,720

there

1709

01:02:47,270 --> 01:02:44,799

do you believe that when people

1710

01:02:49,430 --> 01:02:47,280

encounter christ consciousness

1711

01:02:50,309 --> 01:02:49,440

through a near-death experience or maybe

1712

01:02:52,710 --> 01:02:50,319

through

1713

01:02:53,910 --> 01:02:52,720

another spiritually transformative

1714

01:02:56,950 --> 01:02:53,920

experience

1715

01:02:59,910 --> 01:02:56,960

what do you think they're experiencing

1716

01:03:00,390 --> 01:02:59,920

i am not going to be lured into the trap

1717

01:03:02,630 --> 01:03:00,400

of

1718

01:03:04,470 --> 01:03:02,640

saying what other people did or didn't

1719

01:03:07,829 --> 01:03:04,480

experience

1720

01:03:09,430 --> 01:03:07,839

uh and uh i too many times you hear

1721

01:03:11,109 --> 01:03:09,440

oh you couldn't experience that that was

1722

01:03:12,549 --> 01:03:11,119

your imagination i'm not gonna

1723

01:03:14,630 --> 01:03:12,559

fall into that trap i'm not gonna say

1724

01:03:15,990 --> 01:03:14,640

where these people did experience christ

1725

01:03:17,430 --> 01:03:16,000

consciousness or not because i don't

1726

01:03:20,150 --> 01:03:17,440

know because i didn't have their

1727

01:03:21,829 --> 01:03:20,160

experience but i will say this

1728

01:03:23,910 --> 01:03:21,839

it does seem that these near-death

1729

01:03:28,470 --> 01:03:23,920

experiences the entities

1730

01:03:31,829 --> 01:03:28,480

and realities encountered uh in them

1731

01:03:34,870 --> 01:03:31,839

tend to reflect the belief system

1732

01:03:36,710 --> 01:03:34,880

of the individual that is why

1733

01:03:38,630 --> 01:03:36,720

this man says he you know hey man if you

1734

01:03:39,270 --> 01:03:38,640

didn't see jesus you you just weren't

1735

01:03:41,270 --> 01:03:39,280

there

1736

01:03:42,630 --> 01:03:41,280

it's also why you read the tibetan book

1737

01:03:45,430 --> 01:03:42,640

of the dead and

1738

01:03:47,190 --> 01:03:45,440

all of these forms have the forms of the

1739

01:03:49,270 --> 01:03:47,200

the tibetan gods

1740

01:03:51,109 --> 01:03:49,280

why because that's their conceptual

1741

01:03:53,750 --> 01:03:51,119

structure you have an experience and you

1742

01:03:56,870 --> 01:03:53,760

fit into your own conceptual structure

1743

01:03:58,549 --> 01:03:56,880

now that's just true of day-to-day

1744

01:04:00,950 --> 01:03:58,559

mundane experience as it is in the

1745

01:04:02,950 --> 01:04:00,960

near-death uh realms

1746

01:04:04,230 --> 01:04:02,960

uh because yeah i have a computer in

1747

01:04:05,829 --> 01:04:04,240

front of me i'm fitting it into my

1748

01:04:09,990 --> 01:04:05,839

conceptual structure

1749

01:04:12,230 --> 01:04:10,000

if i had a different conspect um

1750

01:04:13,829 --> 01:04:12,240

context i would you know not know what

1751

01:04:15,829 --> 01:04:13,839

it was for i think it was a work of the

1752

01:04:18,309 --> 01:04:15,839

evil one or you know something like that

1753

01:04:19,029 --> 01:04:18,319

so i think those experiences can be

1754

01:04:20,950 --> 01:04:19,039

genuine

1755

01:04:22,710 --> 01:04:20,960

they are going to be clothed in the

1756

01:04:23,750 --> 01:04:22,720

shall we say visual language you can

1757

01:04:26,789 --> 01:04:23,760

best understand

1758

01:04:28,150 --> 01:04:26,799

and are most familiar with usually

1759

01:04:29,910 --> 01:04:28,160

yeah i guess where i was going is how

1760

01:04:34,069 --> 01:04:29,920

does that relate for you

1761

01:04:37,430 --> 01:04:34,079

to the historical jesus most christians

1762

01:04:40,710 --> 01:04:37,440

believe that jesus is special

1763

01:04:43,910 --> 01:04:40,720

different unique that that time period

1764

01:04:44,470 --> 01:04:43,920

is special different unique that the

1765

01:04:47,589 --> 01:04:44,480

moment

1766

01:04:49,750 --> 01:04:47,599

when he was crucified or when

1767

01:04:52,870 --> 01:04:49,760

particularly when he was resurrected is

1768

01:04:55,190 --> 01:04:52,880

a particular turning point in history

1769

01:04:57,270 --> 01:04:55,200

do you see any evidence of that from

1770

01:04:59,190 --> 01:04:57,280

your research

1771

01:05:01,109 --> 01:04:59,200

well i don't know what evidence from

1772

01:05:04,230 --> 01:05:01,119

research but as i say in

1773

01:05:07,430 --> 01:05:04,240

this book theology of love

1774

01:05:09,750 --> 01:05:07,440

i think it is at least possible that the

1775

01:05:12,069 --> 01:05:09,760

historical jesus

1776

01:05:14,150 --> 01:05:12,079

reached a level of christ consciousness

1777

01:05:18,870 --> 01:05:14,160

that is rare

1778

01:05:22,789 --> 01:05:20,789

perhaps more enlightened than we are and

1779

01:05:24,390 --> 01:05:22,799

may even be able to help us from other

1780

01:05:26,069 --> 01:05:24,400

realms

1781

01:05:29,349 --> 01:05:26,079

i'm not sure i would say anything very

1782

01:05:31,670 --> 01:05:29,359

different about uh the buddha

1783

01:05:33,829 --> 01:05:31,680

so do i think christianity is

1784

01:05:36,950 --> 01:05:33,839

exclusively or uniquely true

1785

01:05:39,349 --> 01:05:36,960

no i don't i think jesus probably had

1786

01:05:39,990 --> 01:05:39,359

this level of very high consciousness

1787

01:05:42,630 --> 01:05:40,000

and

1788

01:05:44,549 --> 01:05:42,640

because one is because what in is in

1789

01:05:45,589 --> 01:05:44,559

oneself is deathless as i said to you

1790

01:05:49,190 --> 01:05:45,599

before

1791

01:05:50,390 --> 01:05:49,200

uh yeah he probably can manifest

1792

01:05:52,549 --> 01:05:50,400

and what connection is it how are the

1793

01:05:54,549 --> 01:05:52,559

person jesus i don't know um

1794

01:05:55,750 --> 01:05:54,559

i can't really say uh a lot of the book

1795

01:05:57,750 --> 01:05:55,760

i just uh

1796

01:05:58,789 --> 01:05:57,760

uh held up is based on a course in

1797

01:06:02,150 --> 01:05:58,799

miracles

1798

01:06:03,670 --> 01:06:02,160

which is allegedly channeled from jesus

1799

01:06:06,150 --> 01:06:03,680

now do i know that this was channel from

1800

01:06:07,670 --> 01:06:06,160

jesus no did the woman who was channeled

1801
01:06:09,349 --> 01:06:07,680
through know whether it was from jesus

1802
01:06:10,870 --> 01:06:09,359
no she shouldn't say i don't know i

1803
01:06:12,549 --> 01:06:10,880
don't know who it's from but it does

1804
01:06:14,470 --> 01:06:12,559
have its own peculiar authority and i

1805
01:06:19,829 --> 01:06:14,480
have to pay attention to it

1806
01:06:24,630 --> 01:06:19,839
so you know it's the thing is

1807
01:06:26,150 --> 01:06:24,640
maybe the essential point in all this is

1808
01:06:28,069 --> 01:06:26,160
we're being called on in so many

1809
01:06:28,789 --> 01:06:28,079
instances to say do you believe or not

1810
01:06:30,549 --> 01:06:28,799
believe

1811
01:06:32,870 --> 01:06:30,559
and this is the christian this is the

1812
01:06:35,430 --> 01:06:32,880
christian mentality

1813
01:06:37,349 --> 01:06:35,440

and it's been transferred to the

1814

01:06:38,710 --> 01:06:37,359

scientific mentality of all sorts of

1815

01:06:40,549 --> 01:06:38,720

mentalities

1816

01:06:42,470 --> 01:06:40,559

uh but no i don't particularly have to

1817

01:06:45,109 --> 01:06:42,480

believe um i'm willing

1818

01:06:47,270 --> 01:06:45,119

to consider a lot of possibilities i

1819

01:06:49,510 --> 01:06:47,280

mean one important esoteric maxim i

1820

01:06:51,109 --> 01:06:49,520

learned was neither accept nor reject

1821

01:06:53,710 --> 01:06:51,119

this gives you an enormous amount of

1822

01:06:56,630 --> 01:06:53,720

freedom to say well it may be so

1823

01:06:57,589 --> 01:06:56,640

phenomenologically it looks so uh but i

1824

01:06:59,990 --> 01:06:57,599

don't have to

1825

01:07:01,750 --> 01:07:00,000

um you know sign uh you know the

1826

01:07:04,549 --> 01:07:01,760

augzburg confession

1827

01:07:06,309 --> 01:07:04,559

uh in regard to it i think an

1828

01:07:08,309 --> 01:07:06,319

open-minded inquiry

1829

01:07:09,990 --> 01:07:08,319

uh the possibility that one that may

1830

01:07:12,069 --> 01:07:10,000

well be wrong

1831

01:07:13,270 --> 01:07:12,079

the possibility that everyone else may

1832

01:07:15,109 --> 01:07:13,280

be wrong to

1833

01:07:17,510 --> 01:07:15,119

are all uh points of view that really

1834

01:07:20,870 --> 01:07:17,520

need to be you know maintained when one

1835

01:07:21,270 --> 01:07:20,880

um delves into these areas and let me

1836

01:07:23,670 --> 01:07:21,280

just

1837

01:07:25,510 --> 01:07:23,680

kind of uh bring this back from the

1838

01:07:27,910 --> 01:07:25,520

brink before i push it back to the brink

1839

01:07:30,309 --> 01:07:27,920

which i'm about to do in a minute but

1840

01:07:31,430 --> 01:07:30,319

this book that we're talking about is in

1841

01:07:34,549 --> 01:07:31,440

many respects

1842

01:07:35,270 --> 01:07:34,559

extremely practical for a bunch of

1843

01:07:38,470 --> 01:07:35,280

people

1844

01:07:38,710 --> 01:07:38,480

even myself i found comfort in your kind

1845

01:07:41,670 --> 01:07:38,720

of

1846

01:07:42,230 --> 01:07:41,680

even-handed approach toward practical

1847

01:07:44,710 --> 01:07:42,240

approach

1848

01:07:45,750 --> 01:07:44,720

towards hey don't believe everything but

1849

01:07:49,190 --> 01:07:45,760

don't disbelieve

1850

01:07:51,589 --> 01:07:49,200

everything either and just

1851
01:07:53,430 --> 01:07:51,599
pointing people towards areas that they

1852
01:07:54,950 --> 01:07:53,440
might want to investigate further

1853
01:07:56,950 --> 01:07:54,960
and in that respect i think the book

1854
01:07:57,990 --> 01:07:56,960
does a great job and it is very

1855
01:07:59,829 --> 01:07:58,000
conversational

1856
01:08:01,750 --> 01:07:59,839
it's easy to get through and it's easy

1857
01:08:04,150 --> 01:08:01,760
to bounce through some chapters and say

1858
01:08:05,910 --> 01:08:04,160
hey what about the tarot what is that

1859
01:08:06,789 --> 01:08:05,920
all about there's some good historical

1860
01:08:08,870 --> 01:08:06,799
information

1861
01:08:09,990 --> 01:08:08,880
a little bit of debunking on some

1862
01:08:12,630 --> 01:08:10,000
misunderstanding

1863
01:08:14,789 --> 01:08:12,640

and then some practical information same

1864

01:08:15,510 --> 01:08:14,799

for astrology same for after death

1865

01:08:19,189 --> 01:08:15,520

spirits

1866

01:08:21,829 --> 01:08:19,199

all that stuff so there's for many of us

1867

01:08:22,829 --> 01:08:21,839

even folks who feel like they've been on

1868

01:08:25,910 --> 01:08:22,839

this path of

1869

01:08:27,030 --> 01:08:25,920

spiritual investigation i think they

1870

01:08:29,349 --> 01:08:27,040

will find

1871

01:08:30,630 --> 01:08:29,359

little nuggets in this book that they're

1872

01:08:33,349 --> 01:08:30,640

going to find

1873

01:08:34,789 --> 01:08:33,359

very helpful is that been has that been

1874

01:08:36,630 --> 01:08:34,799

your experience what kind of feedback

1875

01:08:38,550 --> 01:08:36,640

have you gotten

1876

01:08:40,550 --> 01:08:38,560

yeah i've gotten feedback like that uh

1877

01:08:43,430 --> 01:08:40,560

in fact i sent a copy of

1878

01:08:45,269 --> 01:08:43,440

uh the book to um one of my oldest and

1879

01:08:47,189 --> 01:08:45,279

closest friends he's

1880

01:08:49,189 --> 01:08:47,199

very much not a believer in this sort of

1881

01:08:52,789 --> 01:08:49,199

thing and he he said he enjoyed it

1882

01:08:54,229 --> 01:08:52,799

and read out some passages to his sister

1883

01:08:56,070 --> 01:08:54,239

and you know got something out of it

1884

01:08:56,470 --> 01:08:56,080

himself so i am getting feedback like

1885

01:08:57,990 --> 01:08:56,480

that

1886

01:09:00,309 --> 01:08:58,000

and which is good because it's exactly

1887

01:09:02,309 --> 01:09:00,319

what i intended and um

1888

01:09:04,070 --> 01:09:02,319

i just want to say something i mean i

1889

01:09:06,550 --> 01:09:04,080

when i'm speaking in this book

1890

01:09:07,910 --> 01:09:06,560

i'm speaking from my own personal

1891

01:09:09,829 --> 01:09:07,920

authority

1892

01:09:12,070 --> 01:09:09,839

in the sense that this is what i have to

1893

01:09:13,030 --> 01:09:12,080

say this is not what the church says

1894

01:09:15,669 --> 01:09:13,040

this is not what

1895

01:09:16,630 --> 01:09:15,679

uh the the lodges of fellaini say this

1896

01:09:19,829 --> 01:09:16,640

is not what

1897

01:09:21,829 --> 01:09:19,839

um the us you know department of

1898

01:09:23,269 --> 01:09:21,839

whatever at whatever university says

1899

01:09:25,829 --> 01:09:23,279

this is what i have to say what does

1900

01:09:27,430 --> 01:09:25,839

that put on you well you're equally free

1901

01:09:30,390 --> 01:09:27,440

to accept or reject it

1902

01:09:32,630 --> 01:09:30,400

or perhaps both or neither on your own

1903

01:09:35,669 --> 01:09:32,640

authority

1904

01:09:38,309 --> 01:09:35,679

and um there is a strange verse

1905

01:09:39,030 --> 01:09:38,319

in the new testament where it said the

1906

01:09:42,070 --> 01:09:39,040

crowd

1907

01:09:43,189 --> 01:09:42,080

wondered jesus because he spoke as one

1908

01:09:46,789 --> 01:09:43,199

having authority

1909

01:09:48,950 --> 01:09:46,799

and not as the scribes now what's what's

1910

01:09:50,789 --> 01:09:48,960

very interesting about that

1911

01:09:52,709 --> 01:09:50,799

is if you pay attention to it that would

1912

01:09:56,550 --> 01:09:52,719

have to mean that the people in

1913

01:10:00,229 --> 01:09:59,110

had some inner capacity to recognize

1914

01:10:01,910 --> 01:10:00,239

real authority

1915

01:10:03,990 --> 01:10:01,920

versus some guy who's blabbering on a

1916

01:10:06,149 --> 01:10:04,000

chapter and uh verse that means

1917

01:10:08,470 --> 01:10:06,159

you have your own authority and that has

1918

01:10:09,990 --> 01:10:08,480

to be your ultimate touchstone

1919

01:10:11,830 --> 01:10:10,000

agree with what i say don't agree with

1920

01:10:12,790 --> 01:10:11,840

me saying like me don't like me it

1921

01:10:13,990 --> 01:10:12,800

doesn't matter

1922

01:10:16,149 --> 01:10:14,000

you know i think you really have to

1923

01:10:19,669 --> 01:10:16,159

bring that back to this and

1924

01:10:21,430 --> 01:10:19,679

also admitting the possibility that um

1925

01:10:23,030 --> 01:10:21,440

uh i might not be right or i might

1926

01:10:26,630 --> 01:10:23,040

change my mind to more

1927

01:10:28,870 --> 01:10:26,640

you know that's new information may need

1928

01:10:30,630 --> 01:10:28,880

lead to new conclusions you know so and

1929

01:10:31,430 --> 01:10:30,640

i think that's what true skepticism is

1930

01:10:34,470 --> 01:10:31,440

about

1931

01:10:36,870 --> 01:10:34,480

it's a desire to really know uh to be

1932

01:10:40,229 --> 01:10:36,880

honest about what you don't know

1933

01:10:40,550 --> 01:10:40,239

and you know always being willing to say

1934

01:10:43,350 --> 01:10:40,560

well

1935

01:10:44,229 --> 01:10:43,360

i can always know more i'm never going

1936

01:10:46,390 --> 01:10:44,239

to know everything

1937

01:10:48,310 --> 01:10:46,400

because i don't think that's possible uh

1938

01:10:49,990 --> 01:10:48,320

in a human existence

1939

01:10:52,550 --> 01:10:50,000

but there's always another direction to

1940

01:10:54,709 --> 01:10:52,560

going further to go

1941

01:10:57,110 --> 01:10:54,719

that's one of the main points of my book

1942

01:10:59,030 --> 01:10:57,120

excellent so richard uh one more point

1943

01:11:00,470 --> 01:10:59,040

if i can and then i'll i'll let you go

1944

01:11:01,590 --> 01:11:00,480

you've been very generous with your time

1945

01:11:04,149 --> 01:11:01,600

here

1946

01:11:04,950 --> 01:11:04,159

but i want to return to my little story

1947

01:11:07,990 --> 01:11:04,960

about

1948

01:11:10,229 --> 01:11:08,000

my buddy tom zinzer again the

1949

01:11:11,270 --> 01:11:10,239

psychologist clinical psychologist from

1950

01:11:13,110 --> 01:11:11,280

grand rapids

1951
01:11:14,950 --> 01:11:13,120
and he starts encountering these people

1952
01:11:17,590 --> 01:11:14,960
who have experienced

1953
01:11:18,790 --> 01:11:17,600
satanic ritual abuse and as you know

1954
01:11:21,510 --> 01:11:18,800
that's a very

1955
01:11:21,990 --> 01:11:21,520
controversial topic for a lot of folks

1956
01:11:24,790 --> 01:11:22,000
but

1957
01:11:26,390 --> 01:11:24,800
it really shouldn't be any little bit of

1958
01:11:29,030 --> 01:11:26,400
investigation of that

1959
01:11:30,870 --> 01:11:29,040
that's honest and fair you will find

1960
01:11:32,390 --> 01:11:30,880
that for whatever reason there's people

1961
01:11:34,709 --> 01:11:32,400
who are

1962
01:11:36,630 --> 01:11:34,719
engaging that activity and it's

1963
01:11:37,990 --> 01:11:36,640

extremely harmful to the victims and

1964

01:11:39,189 --> 01:11:38,000

i've interviewed at least one of the

1965

01:11:41,669 --> 01:11:39,199

victims

1966

01:11:43,590 --> 01:11:41,679

here uh annika lucas who was involved

1967

01:11:46,870 --> 01:11:43,600

with the dutrow case

1968

01:11:48,709 --> 01:11:46,880

in belgium which kind of made national

1969

01:11:49,510 --> 01:11:48,719

news you know back in the 90s when it

1970

01:11:51,430 --> 01:11:49,520

happened so

1971

01:11:52,870 --> 01:11:51,440

these things are very real and they're

1972

01:11:55,189 --> 01:11:52,880

always countered with kind of a

1973

01:11:58,790 --> 01:11:55,199

disinformation thing like satanic panic

1974

01:12:01,669 --> 01:11:58,800

which i guess is real in a way too but

1975

01:12:02,229 --> 01:12:01,679

there is a fundamental truth to it so it

1976

01:12:04,750 --> 01:12:02,239

wasn't

1977

01:12:06,950 --> 01:12:04,760

just panic it might have been

1978

01:12:08,709 --> 01:12:06,960

exaggerated by

1979

01:12:09,990 --> 01:12:08,719

fundamentalist christians who took it

1980

01:12:12,310 --> 01:12:10,000

too far

1981

01:12:14,149 --> 01:12:12,320

but there was a real truth to it so

1982

01:12:15,430 --> 01:12:14,159

that's what tom zinzer found so he's

1983

01:12:16,790 --> 01:12:15,440

working with patients

1984

01:12:19,270 --> 01:12:16,800

and he's finding out that they really

1985

01:12:22,310 --> 01:12:19,280

have been traumatized sexually abused in

1986

01:12:24,950 --> 01:12:22,320

a lot of cases at very young ages

1987

01:12:25,910 --> 01:12:24,960

but what he finds that's particularly

1988

01:12:29,030 --> 01:12:25,920

important and

1989

01:12:31,189 --> 01:12:29,040

interesting for our discussion is the

1990

01:12:32,470 --> 01:12:31,199

incidence of disassociative identity

1991

01:12:35,510 --> 01:12:32,480

disorder

1992

01:12:39,510 --> 01:12:35,520

and that that may be actually

1993

01:12:42,630 --> 01:12:39,520

a mechanism a tool to

1994

01:12:46,790 --> 01:12:42,640

engage with the extended realms

1995

01:12:50,709 --> 01:12:46,800

and that these practices of

1996

01:12:52,870 --> 01:12:50,719

doing things to people in order to

1997

01:12:55,110 --> 01:12:52,880

create this dissociative identity

1998

01:12:58,390 --> 01:12:55,120

disorder might actually be a tool

1999

01:13:01,350 --> 01:12:58,400

well lo and behold go look at mk ultra

2000

01:13:03,669 --> 01:13:01,360

and you'll find exactly that that's what

2001

01:13:05,750 --> 01:13:03,679

they were engaged in they were

2002

01:13:07,830 --> 01:13:05,760

intentionally trying to do that go

2003

01:13:09,830 --> 01:13:07,840

interview whitley strieber like i did

2004

01:13:10,950 --> 01:13:09,840

you'll find that that's what they were

2005

01:13:14,310 --> 01:13:10,960

engaging in

2006

01:13:17,510 --> 01:13:14,320

there does seem to be a mechanism

2007

01:13:20,310 --> 01:13:17,520

almost a science to

2008

01:13:23,110 --> 01:13:20,320

reaching these extended realms through

2009

01:13:26,229 --> 01:13:23,120

disassociative identity disorder

2010

01:13:28,950 --> 01:13:26,239

is that anything you've stumbled across

2011

01:13:30,709 --> 01:13:28,960

and do you have any thoughts on that

2012

01:13:33,510 --> 01:13:30,719

no it's an idea i've never heard

2013

01:13:35,030 --> 01:13:33,520

although it's an interesting one

2014

01:13:37,350 --> 01:13:35,040

it makes a certain amount of sense on

2015

01:13:39,270 --> 01:13:37,360

the face of it having just heard it

2016

01:13:41,350 --> 01:13:39,280

but i want to go back because you

2017

01:13:42,550 --> 01:13:41,360

screened through an enormous number of

2018

01:13:45,590 --> 01:13:42,560

satanic figures

2019

01:13:48,550 --> 01:13:45,600

a few moments ago and

2020

01:13:48,870 --> 01:13:48,560

these people are all over the place i

2021

01:13:52,470 --> 01:13:48,880

got

2022

01:13:55,030 --> 01:13:52,480

anton zandor levay uh who's

2023

01:13:56,229 --> 01:13:55,040

well i i can't point to him but you see

2024

01:13:59,110 --> 01:13:56,239

him here somewhere

2025

01:14:00,149 --> 01:13:59,120

um let's show the picture of let's show

2026

01:14:02,550 --> 01:14:00,159

the picture of him

2027

01:14:04,149 --> 01:14:02,560

and uh michael aquino that's that's my

2028

01:14:07,189 --> 01:14:04,159

go-to guy

2029

01:14:08,630 --> 01:14:07,199

who they were big buddies

2030

01:14:10,630 --> 01:14:08,640

if you look at the evidence of him i

2031

01:14:12,709 --> 01:14:10,640

mean he's a pedophile

2032

01:14:14,470 --> 01:14:12,719

and the evidence of him and his wife

2033

01:14:16,149 --> 01:14:14,480

abusing kids and i actually

2034

01:14:18,709 --> 01:14:16,159

pulled that up on the screen in case we

2035

01:14:20,790 --> 01:14:18,719

wanted to talk about it

2036

01:14:22,229 --> 01:14:20,800

search warrant i don't i don't know i

2037

01:14:23,910 --> 01:14:22,239

don't know about his particular case i

2038

01:14:26,149 --> 01:14:23,920

mean i uh

2039

01:14:29,270 --> 01:14:26,159

i mean he was a colonel in us army

2040

01:14:32,070 --> 01:14:29,280

intelligence which you know oh my god

2041

01:14:33,030 --> 01:14:32,080

but on the other hand um it was a saying

2042

01:14:35,189 --> 01:14:33,040

i guess that's he was

2043

01:14:36,630 --> 01:14:35,199

the person you may want that knows how

2044

01:14:39,830 --> 01:14:36,640

to do this stuff or

2045

01:14:41,830 --> 01:14:39,840

um uh well he was publicly he was

2046

01:14:42,229 --> 01:14:41,840

publicly a satanist though i mean right

2047

01:14:44,870 --> 01:14:42,239

so

2048

01:14:46,470 --> 01:14:44,880

he was a member he stayed in the the

2049

01:14:48,790 --> 01:14:46,480

military and said hey i'm

2050

01:14:51,030 --> 01:14:48,800

freedom of religion i'm a satanist you

2051

01:14:52,149 --> 01:14:51,040

know this is what i do this is how i

2052

01:14:56,310 --> 01:14:52,159

practice

2053

01:14:58,630 --> 01:14:56,320

and uh so yeah well i do know other uh

2054

01:15:00,630 --> 01:14:58,640

people who call themselves satanists who

2055

01:15:02,550 --> 01:15:00,640

see him on the faces to be

2056

01:15:04,149 --> 01:15:02,560

actually really quite decent and ethical

2057

01:15:06,630 --> 01:15:04,159

people so

2058

01:15:08,390 --> 01:15:06,640

um you know satanism is this bad there

2059

01:15:10,070 --> 01:15:08,400

are really people doing this

2060

01:15:12,070 --> 01:15:10,080

you know how you know how you know that

2061

01:15:15,430 --> 01:15:12,080

there is the satanic ritual abuse

2062

01:15:17,110 --> 01:15:15,440

going on definitely because you have to

2063

01:15:19,430 --> 01:15:17,120

apply the principle

2064

01:15:20,950 --> 01:15:19,440

um if you can think of it somebody's

2065

01:15:23,350 --> 01:15:20,960

tried it

2066

01:15:24,630 --> 01:15:23,360

that is basically probably the epitaph

2067

01:15:26,470 --> 01:15:24,640

of the human race

2068

01:15:27,669 --> 01:15:26,480

yeah if you thought of it somebody's

2069

01:15:29,510 --> 01:15:27,679

tried this

2070

01:15:31,350 --> 01:15:29,520

uh the epitaphic real epitaph of the

2071

01:15:33,350 --> 01:15:31,360

human race was probably it seemed like a

2072

01:15:36,149 --> 01:15:33,360

good idea at the time but um

2073

01:15:37,750 --> 01:15:36,159

we can uh bypass that so yeah i think

2074

01:15:40,310 --> 01:15:37,760

this thing exists

2075

01:15:40,790 --> 01:15:40,320

but i would be very cautious about

2076

01:15:42,709 --> 01:15:40,800

saying

2077

01:15:43,910 --> 01:15:42,719

everyone who kind of seems to fit the

2078

01:15:45,590 --> 01:15:43,920

label of

2079

01:15:47,990 --> 01:15:45,600

you know the temple upset or the

2080

01:15:49,910 --> 01:15:48,000

left-hand path as they sometimes call it

2081

01:15:52,229 --> 01:15:49,920

is doing these kinds of things i do

2082

01:15:57,510 --> 01:15:52,239

believe people are doing these things uh

2083

01:16:01,590 --> 01:15:57,520

in the name of satan on the other hand

2084

01:16:04,950 --> 01:16:01,600

uh in terms of just sheer statistics

2085

01:16:06,870 --> 01:16:04,960

uh how many uh people are doing this in

2086

01:16:08,709 --> 01:16:06,880

the name of jesus christ in catholic

2087

01:16:12,709 --> 01:16:08,719

churches

2088

01:16:15,990 --> 01:16:12,719

i mean numerically which group is larger

2089

01:16:20,630 --> 01:16:16,000

go down the list of churches uh

2090

01:16:23,030 --> 01:16:20,640

you know lds churches uh

2091

01:16:23,750 --> 01:16:23,040

you mentioned catholic churches you can

2092

01:16:26,070 --> 01:16:23,760

go to

2093

01:16:26,790 --> 01:16:26,080

all the other strange groups that now

2094

01:16:30,070 --> 01:16:26,800

have come out

2095

01:16:33,510 --> 01:16:30,080

the same thing so yeah um and cults

2096

01:16:33,990 --> 01:16:33,520

cults as well including all the the ones

2097

01:16:36,229 --> 01:16:34,000

including

2098

01:16:37,510 --> 01:16:36,239

indian cults and all the rest of them so

2099

01:16:39,669 --> 01:16:37,520

now i get your point

2100

01:16:41,270 --> 01:16:39,679

i i get your point on that it's it's

2101

01:16:42,310 --> 01:16:41,280

really more of a

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01:16:44,470 --> 01:16:42,320

and that's why i wish you would have

2103

01:16:47,110 --> 01:16:44,480

gone more in the book because the way i

2104

01:16:49,430 --> 01:16:47,120

see it is there's certain energies

2105

01:16:50,390 --> 01:16:49,440

that people are tapping into and that's

2106

01:16:53,110 --> 01:16:50,400

what my

2107

01:16:54,149 --> 01:16:53,120

buddy tom zinzer said he said look there

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01:16:56,149 --> 01:16:54,159

is darkness

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01:16:57,590 --> 01:16:56,159

and darkness is like a gravitational

2110

01:17:00,709 --> 01:16:57,600

force it's not

2111

01:17:02,070 --> 01:17:00,719

bad per se it's just the relief through

2112

01:17:04,709 --> 01:17:02,080

which we see

2113

01:17:06,390 --> 01:17:04,719

lightness through we see light and that

2114

01:17:07,669 --> 01:17:06,400

light is really the game light is what

2115

01:17:09,030 --> 01:17:07,679

it's about and you would agree with this

2116

01:17:11,750 --> 01:17:09,040

because that's what your book is about

2117

01:17:12,229 --> 01:17:11,760

it's about achieving oneness with the

2118

01:17:14,550 --> 01:17:12,239

good

2119

01:17:16,390 --> 01:17:14,560

with god with the moral imperative to do

2120

01:17:17,189 --> 01:17:16,400

right which we all know what's the right

2121

01:17:19,270 --> 01:17:17,199

thing to do

2122

01:17:20,310 --> 01:17:19,280

but darkness is always there and

2123

01:17:23,750 --> 01:17:20,320

available to us

2124

01:17:26,709 --> 01:17:23,760

and it doesn't mean that it's evil our

2125

01:17:27,590 --> 01:17:26,719

acts of being drawn to the darkness in

2126

01:17:30,950 --> 01:17:27,600

order to

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01:17:33,510 --> 01:17:30,960

satisfy our problems

2128

01:17:35,110 --> 01:17:33,520

is what evil is this is what dr zinzer

2129

01:17:37,590 --> 01:17:35,120

told me and it makes a lot of sense

2130

01:17:39,189 --> 01:17:37,600

it would also make sense in terms of hey

2131

01:17:42,790 --> 01:17:39,199

the satanic people

2132

01:17:45,430 --> 01:17:42,800

the serial killers who are claiming

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01:17:46,870 --> 01:17:45,440

uh connection to spirit entities same

2134

01:17:49,990 --> 01:17:46,880

thing they're just trying to

2135

01:17:53,030 --> 01:17:50,000

tap into something that relieves them

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01:17:55,110 --> 01:17:53,040

of the feelings that they have because

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01:17:56,550 --> 01:17:55,120

they feel the dark force and they don't

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01:17:58,229 --> 01:17:56,560

know how to get to the light force

2139

01:18:01,590 --> 01:17:58,239

there was a good sermon but do you have

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01:18:06,070 --> 01:18:03,830

well one of the chapters of my book is

2141

01:18:08,470 --> 01:18:06,080

called the life force

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01:18:09,750 --> 01:18:08,480

and which is sometimes called chi or

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01:18:12,149 --> 01:18:09,760

prana

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01:18:13,669 --> 01:18:12,159

and what is it well if one thing is the

2145

01:18:15,270 --> 01:18:13,679

difference between a living human being

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01:18:17,030 --> 01:18:15,280

and a corpse

2147

01:18:19,510 --> 01:18:17,040

which are as you know otherwise

2148

01:18:23,750 --> 01:18:19,520

anatomically identical at least

2149

01:18:26,950 --> 01:18:23,760

at the outset um and this life force

2150

01:18:29,590 --> 01:18:26,960

is morally neutral

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01:18:31,030 --> 01:18:29,600

i mean that is one of the appeal of the

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01:18:34,070 --> 01:18:31,040

star wars series

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01:18:37,350 --> 01:18:34,080

because the star wars actually series

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01:18:40,149 --> 01:18:37,360

talks about the force and

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01:18:41,590 --> 01:18:40,159

it the force is morally neutral there's

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01:18:42,790 --> 01:18:41,600

the light side of the force and this is

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01:18:45,590 --> 01:18:42,800

the dyson

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01:18:47,510 --> 01:18:45,600

you can use electricity or nuclear power

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01:18:48,630 --> 01:18:47,520

for the most benign and helpful means

2160

01:18:52,310 --> 01:18:48,640

you can use them for the most

2161

01:18:53,910 --> 01:18:52,320

um um perfidious needs so

2162

01:18:55,590 --> 01:18:53,920

you know and then you know why you

2163

01:18:57,830 --> 01:18:55,600

choose one or the other well then that

2164

01:19:01,669 --> 01:18:57,840

gets into a very very complicated

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01:19:03,350 --> 01:19:01,679

uh moral questions but um yeah

2166

01:19:05,030 --> 01:19:03,360

that's what i have to say about it well

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01:19:08,149 --> 01:19:05,040

excellent i i think

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01:19:10,149 --> 01:19:08,159

the torture session

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01:19:11,750 --> 01:19:10,159

you no i it has been torture it's been

2170

01:19:12,950 --> 01:19:11,760

an awesome dialogue and i appreciate

2171

01:19:14,950 --> 01:19:12,960

your openness i mean

2172

01:19:16,470 --> 01:19:14,960

you didn't back off of any questions or

2173

01:19:18,229 --> 01:19:16,480

anything like that which i

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01:19:19,990 --> 01:19:18,239

and it's fun to engage in these kind of

2175

01:19:21,510 --> 01:19:20,000

dialogues that take us beyond what we

2176

01:19:22,870 --> 01:19:21,520

normally talk about so

2177

01:19:24,950 --> 01:19:22,880

this book that people are going to want

2178

01:19:28,390 --> 01:19:24,960

to check out the truth about

2179

01:19:29,430 --> 01:19:28,400

magic is out now on kindle richard's

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01:19:33,669 --> 01:19:29,440

many other books

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01:19:35,270 --> 01:19:33,679

are available as well and you'll find

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01:19:37,350 --> 01:19:35,280

just some great stuff in there from

2183

01:19:40,550 --> 01:19:37,360

somebody who truly is a

2184

01:19:42,709 --> 01:19:40,560

spiritual seeker that we want to keep

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01:19:44,229 --> 01:19:42,719

in touch with so richard thanks so much

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01:19:47,270 --> 01:19:44,239

for joining me

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01:19:49,830 --> 01:19:47,280

well thank you very much uh and just to

2188

01:19:51,910 --> 01:19:49,840

reinforce one point that might not

2189

01:19:54,149 --> 01:19:51,920

be already clear i want to say it was a

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01:19:56,950 --> 01:19:54,159

pleasure from beginning to end

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01:19:58,550 --> 01:19:56,960

oh fantastic thank you richard i enjoyed

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01:20:00,390 --> 01:19:58,560

it very much

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01:20:02,790 --> 01:20:00,400

thank you so much thanks for your

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01:20:04,229 --> 01:20:02,800

interest in my work

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01:20:06,149 --> 01:20:04,239

thanks again to richard smoley for

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01:20:08,629 --> 01:20:06,159

joining me today on skeptico

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01:20:10,870 --> 01:20:08,639

the one question i'd have to tee up from

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01:20:14,790 --> 01:20:10,880

this interview

2199

01:20:16,229 --> 01:20:14,800

isn't this why evil matters

2200

01:20:18,390 --> 01:20:16,239

how are we ever going to get to that

2201

01:20:22,149 --> 01:20:18,400

next level of understanding

2202

01:20:25,669 --> 01:20:22,159

of this stuff if we can't get past

2203

01:20:27,590 --> 01:20:25,679

level one okay that's a total inside

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01:20:29,430 --> 01:20:27,600

baseball kind of question but

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01:20:31,510 --> 01:20:29,440

if you're still with me you're probably

2206

01:20:33,750 --> 01:20:31,520

playing inside baseball with me

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01:20:34,870 --> 01:20:33,760

so jump in there with an answer plenty

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01:20:37,669 --> 01:20:34,880

of places to do it

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01:20:39,030 --> 01:20:37,679

track me down however you see fit until