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***NDES VS
TRANSHUMANISM***

#556-GREGORY-SHUSHAN



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00:00:00,719 --> 00:00:04,550
on this episode of skeptico

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00:00:10,390 --> 00:00:08,390
a show about finding truth in science

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00:00:12,870 --> 00:00:10,400
there actually were a lot of accounts

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00:00:15,110 --> 00:00:12,880
overtly saying this particular person

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00:00:17,109 --> 00:00:15,120
died went to the other world and came

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00:00:19,349 --> 00:00:17,119
back and that's how we know what the

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00:00:21,590 --> 00:00:19,359
afterlife was like i found you know

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00:00:22,550 --> 00:00:21,600
40 50 60 of them from different parts of

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00:00:24,630 --> 00:00:22,560
the world

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00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:24,640
so that's not in dispute

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00:00:27,830 --> 00:00:26,160
the idea that

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00:00:30,790 --> 00:00:27,840
for all these thousands of years in

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00:00:32,709 --> 00:00:30,800

pretty much every cultural region of the

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planet people have just been making

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things up and let's instead

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look at the world through our own sort

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00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:38,640

of mechanistic

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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:41,520

materialistic scientific viewpoint

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and say that no it's all culture and

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00:00:47,270 --> 00:00:45,280

it's all in the brain

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00:00:48,709 --> 00:00:47,280

to me that's a pretty limited way of

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00:00:50,709 --> 00:00:48,719

looking at the world and that to me

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00:00:53,029 --> 00:00:50,719

seems completely illogical and

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00:00:55,670 --> 00:00:53,039

unreasonable and it's faith rather than

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00:00:58,229 --> 00:00:55,680

science it's people sticking to their

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00:00:59,510 --> 00:00:58,239
predetermined philosophical paradigms

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00:01:02,229 --> 00:00:59,520
rather than looking at the actual

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00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:02,239
evidence and extrapolating from it

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00:01:06,789 --> 00:01:04,720
and a show about spotting scientists who

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00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:06,799
are full of baloney

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:09,040
you don't have any answer in the bible

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00:01:15,270 --> 00:01:12,799
what to do when humans are no longer

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00:01:17,590 --> 00:01:15,280
useful to the economy you need

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:17,600
completely new ideologies completely new

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00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:18,720
religions

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00:01:22,710 --> 00:01:21,040
and they are likely to emerge from

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00:01:24,310 --> 00:01:22,720
silicon valley

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00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:24,320

everything that the old religions

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00:01:28,789 --> 00:01:25,680

promised

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00:01:29,670 --> 00:01:28,799

happiness and justice and even eternal

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00:01:32,230 --> 00:01:29,680

life

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00:01:35,590 --> 00:01:32,240

but here on earth with the help of

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:35,600

technology and not after death with the

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00:01:40,789 --> 00:01:38,000

help of some supernatural being

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what are humans for

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00:01:44,550 --> 00:01:43,119

as far as we know for nothing i mean

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00:01:50,149 --> 00:01:44,560

there is

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00:01:53,109 --> 00:01:50,159

drama some great cosmic plan

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that we have a role to play in it

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this has been the story of

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00:02:00,230 --> 00:01:57,439
all religions and ideologies and so

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:02:00,240
forth but as a scientist the best i can

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00:02:04,149 --> 00:02:02,240
say this is not true

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00:02:06,709 --> 00:02:04,159
first clip you heard was from today's

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00:02:08,469 --> 00:02:06,719
guest dr gregory shushand who seemed to

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00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:08,479
be a little bit embarrassed when i said

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00:02:14,229 --> 00:02:11,039
he's doing some of the most important

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00:02:16,470 --> 00:02:14,239
work in science period full stop

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00:02:19,110 --> 00:02:16,480
so in this introduction i had to pair

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00:02:22,390 --> 00:02:19,120
his quote with one from

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00:02:24,790 --> 00:02:22,400
a science darling right now dr yuval

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harari who is name dropped by barack

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00:02:29,270 --> 00:02:27,200

obama and bill gates and zuckerberg and

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has sold 30 million books and is on 60

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minutes and is all over the place and of

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00:02:35,270 --> 00:02:33,120

course is one of the key members in the

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world economic forum great reset that's

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just the way it is but as that quote

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00:02:42,869 --> 00:02:40,239

reveals he's really not too well

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00:02:46,229 --> 00:02:42,879

informed on science is he at least on

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the science we've explored here on

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00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:49,120

skeptica he's certainly not up to date

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00:02:54,229 --> 00:02:52,239

on why we're not biological robots in a

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00:02:56,710 --> 00:02:54,239

meaningless universe

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00:02:59,190 --> 00:02:56,720

but we shall leave all that behind and

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00:03:01,670 --> 00:02:59,200
turn our attention towards some great

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00:03:03,990 --> 00:03:01,680
work done by a terrific scientist and

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00:03:06,070 --> 00:03:04,000
researcher here's my chat with dr

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00:03:07,990 --> 00:03:06,080
gregory shushan

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00:03:10,390 --> 00:03:08,000
welcome to skeptica where we explore

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00:03:12,470 --> 00:03:10,400
controversial science and spirituality

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00:03:14,949 --> 00:03:12,480
with leading researchers thinkers and

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00:03:18,550 --> 00:03:14,959
their critics i'm your host alex karis

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00:03:21,110 --> 00:03:18,560
and today we welcome dr gregory shushan

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00:03:24,309 --> 00:03:21,120
back to skeptico he's here to talk about

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00:03:26,869 --> 00:03:24,319
his terrific new book the next world

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00:03:29,990 --> 00:03:26,879
extraordinary experiences of the

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00:03:31,509 --> 00:03:30,000

afterlife now in case you don't remember

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no other way to put it he's the world's

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leading scholar leading authority on

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ndes across culture and across time

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across history that's his specialty

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and

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break down why that's so important so

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in my estimation i think a lot of people

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would have to agree with this

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the near-death experience and the

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science associated with it

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is just about

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the most direct

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challenge slash contradiction to the

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dominant scientific paradigm in our

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culture which is materialism

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and nothing confronts that as directly

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as near-death experience does

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00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:13,920

and that's not hype that's just the way

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00:04:18,710 --> 00:04:16,400

that it is i mean if consciousness is

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00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:18,720

shown to be real and extend beyond

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bodily death then it's

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kind of a whole new ballgame for science

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so here's dr gregory shoshan he comes

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along and he says gee guys

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00:04:32,550 --> 00:04:30,240

i see that you have a lot of these

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near-death experience reports but you

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still seem to be having a hard time

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figuring out if this phenomenon is real

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00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:38,240

tell you what

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i'm a distinguished scholar oxford

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college of london post doctorate

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00:04:47,749 --> 00:04:45,199

fellowships all that good stuff

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and i know how to do this because i'm

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going to use the tried and true method

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00:04:53,030 --> 00:04:51,759

of examining whether or not this

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00:04:57,110 --> 00:04:53,040

phenomenon

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00:04:59,189 --> 00:04:57,120

shows up across culture and across time

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and if it does then that be it go a long

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way towards kind of establishing the

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reality of this near-death experience

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and if it doesn't then would suggest

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that maybe it's not what we think it is

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so that's what he's done

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he's done it better than anyone else

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he's published a number of books we'll

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pull up his website in a minute many

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articles many scholarly articles

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and

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for anyone who's really paying attention

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00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:26,639

to his work

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he's kind of changed the world

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this is phenomenally important research

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i couldn't be more serious about it

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this is the cutting edge really

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of

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00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:42,080

scientific thought which is

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what does it mean

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00:05:49,830 --> 00:05:46,080

to have a near-death experience what

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00:05:52,790 --> 00:05:49,840

does that tell us about who we are about

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00:05:55,670 --> 00:05:52,800

as human beings so

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00:05:58,629 --> 00:05:55,680

i'm i'm not hyping that one bit i am

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00:06:00,469 --> 00:05:58,639

super excited to have this guy on you

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00:06:02,070 --> 00:06:00,479

know i reference him all the time my

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00:06:04,710 --> 00:06:02,080

references work i think it's super

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00:06:06,870 --> 00:06:04,720

important and gregory i'm just delighted

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00:06:08,550 --> 00:06:06,880

to have you here thanks so much

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00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:08,560

thank you alex that's that's quite a

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00:06:13,909 --> 00:06:11,600

build up and i hope i can live up to it

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you know

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00:06:20,950 --> 00:06:16,960

you don't even have to live up to it

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your book lives up to it and uh that's

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where i think we should start so this

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new book is

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the next world extraordinary experiences

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of the afterlife

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it's

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00:06:37,270 --> 00:06:32,080

a very

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accessible way it's not gonna like

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overwhelm people you can get it

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but it's really important so there's a

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lot of topics to talk about

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tell us

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00:06:49,909 --> 00:06:47,759

what you think the book is most

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important kind of takeaways might be for

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00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:52,160

people who are picking it up i think for

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one thing is

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00:06:57,430 --> 00:06:56,080

just the

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00:06:59,270 --> 00:06:57,440

i guess

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00:07:01,430 --> 00:06:59,280

negotiating the similarities and the

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00:07:02,870 --> 00:07:01,440

differences in near-death experiences

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around the world that i guess the

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00:07:06,469 --> 00:07:04,479

takeaway really is that

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whatever you think it's not that simple

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:08,880

basically so so whether you're

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completely convinced that you know

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near-death experiences are just all in

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the brain and it's a dying brain and

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there's no such thing as this kind of

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phenomenon it's hallucination or if you

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think that near-death experiences are

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you know absolutely evidence for an

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afterlife i mean that it's the same

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around the world and all humans have the

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same experience and we all go to the

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same afterlife then

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either of those positions the book is

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probably going to make you think again

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because

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all of the other books about near-death

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experiences very few of them really have

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taken into account the cross-cultural

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and historical stuff

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00:07:47,350 --> 00:07:45,440
in formulating their theories about you

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00:07:49,189 --> 00:07:47,360
know what a near-death experience is and

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00:07:50,629 --> 00:07:49,199
what the phenomena means

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00:07:52,950 --> 00:07:50,639
for the debate about whether there's an

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00:07:56,790 --> 00:07:52,960
afterlife or not

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00:07:59,909 --> 00:07:56,800
right i would it does all of that um and

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00:08:02,469 --> 00:07:59,919
then this is kind of an extension this

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book comes out of this ongoing research

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that you're doing you know so tell

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00:08:08,869 --> 00:08:07,280
people about when that research started

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00:08:10,950 --> 00:08:08,879
how you've gone about it we talked a

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00:08:13,589 --> 00:08:10,960
little bit about this last time but i

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00:08:15,830 --> 00:08:13,599

think it's important for people to know

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how your process

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sure

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um yeah i started off doing egyptian

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archaeology and that was at university

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college london

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and i um you know you read things like

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the books books of the dead and pyramid

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texts and coffin texts and

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i just started noticing

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um that in a in a very general way the

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descriptions of the afterlife in these

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these ancient texts

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echoed near-death experiences so for

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example

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the soul leaves the body

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travels through darkness comes out into

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00:08:49,430 --> 00:08:47,440

another realm meets a being of light in

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the form of the sun god has this

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evaluation of their earthly life

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there's a sort of symbolic way of

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encountering

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the person's own corpse so which echoes

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the out-of-body experience

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and that's why i say symbolic it means

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they

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encounter the

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god of the underworld osiris in in the

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form of a corpse and the text state that

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that actually is the corpse of the

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person so the person's being identified

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with all these

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deities and afterlife beings

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and

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the idea behind it is that the

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realization that you're dead

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but still conscious and still alive um

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enables you to proceed spiritually

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through through the um through the next

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world so

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that was interesting to me and i i

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remembered a book by carol zaleski um

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other world journeys where she um

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00:09:43,269 --> 00:09:42,080
compared near-death experiences with

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medieval

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00:09:47,110 --> 00:09:44,160
um

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00:09:48,829 --> 00:09:47,120
afterlife other world journey texts from

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00:09:51,750 --> 00:09:48,839
from medieval europe

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um she concluded that um you know it was

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all just kind of a product of the

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imagination which which to me was um

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you know she it kind of fell flat

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because she went through all this effort

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to show look how similar they are and

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then she said but they're imaginary so

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to me that was not satisfying and i

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thought

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um

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uh descriptions of the afterlife are

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similar to

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uh these visions of the afterlife then

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you know what what came first basically

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so if they're happening in ancient egypt

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as well that kind of starts

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you thinking that it wasn't just a

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cultural creation

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so to test that um i i compared um the

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egyptian afterlife texts with ancient

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india

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ancient china

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00:10:40,470 --> 00:10:38,880

aztec and maya and ancient sumer

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00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:40,480

and that was my first book

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00:10:44,870 --> 00:10:42,480

conceptions of the afterlife in early

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00:10:46,470 --> 00:10:44,880

civilizations

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00:10:48,870 --> 00:10:46,480

that book's gonna be revised and

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00:10:50,550 --> 00:10:48,880

reprinted by the way next year um under

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00:10:53,590 --> 00:10:50,560

the title near death experience in

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00:10:55,590 --> 00:10:53,600

ancient civilizations so that will be

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00:10:57,590 --> 00:10:55,600

accessible to people the first edition

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00:10:59,990 --> 00:10:57,600

of that book was like as you know 150

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00:11:01,990 --> 00:11:00,000

bucks or something so nobody outside of

294

00:11:04,790 --> 00:11:02,000

academia was able to read it

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00:11:07,190 --> 00:11:04,800

15 or 20 people within academia read it

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00:11:08,310 --> 00:11:07,200

yeah the dissemination i'm sure

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00:11:09,829 --> 00:11:08,320

might have been

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00:11:12,230 --> 00:11:09,839

disappointing but i don't think the

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00:11:14,630 --> 00:11:12,240

impact was disappointing i mean i'm

300

00:11:16,230 --> 00:11:14,640

pretty tuned to this community near

301
00:11:17,509 --> 00:11:16,240
death experience science community and

302
00:11:19,190 --> 00:11:17,519
they all

303
00:11:21,269 --> 00:11:19,200
have the highest regard for your work

304
00:11:23,190 --> 00:11:21,279
and they all immediately understand the

305
00:11:24,949 --> 00:11:23,200
importance of it because the approach

306
00:11:26,310 --> 00:11:24,959
you've taken the the other thing i want

307
00:11:27,750 --> 00:11:26,320
to kind of add or have you talk more

308
00:11:30,710 --> 00:11:27,760
about it seems like every time i talk to

309
00:11:33,350 --> 00:11:30,720
you you're like buried in this process

310
00:11:35,269 --> 00:11:33,360
of digging up these accounts and i go oh

311
00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:35,279
yeah you know i found this other account

312
00:11:39,910 --> 00:11:37,200
and oh i just you know ran across this

313
00:11:42,630 --> 00:11:39,920

which i just imagined you you're doing

314

00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:42,640

that so tell people

315

00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:45,200

where you get these accounts and what

316

00:11:50,150 --> 00:11:47,360

that process is like and

317

00:11:52,069 --> 00:11:50,160

is it as exciting as it sounds

318

00:11:54,150 --> 00:11:52,079

like you're having so much fun finding

319

00:11:56,310 --> 00:11:54,160

these or what is it like

320

00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:56,320

yeah i mean it it is for me i don't know

321

00:12:00,949 --> 00:11:58,240

if it would be for most people it's if

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00:12:03,430 --> 00:12:00,959

if you enjoy you know long long long

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00:12:04,230 --> 00:12:03,440

hours in libraries and on the internet

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00:12:06,470 --> 00:12:04,240

and

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00:12:08,870 --> 00:12:06,480

on you know websites like uh internet

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00:12:11,670 --> 00:12:08,880

archive where they have tons and tons of

327

00:12:13,590 --> 00:12:11,680

you know public domain anthropology and

328

00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:13,600

religious studies and you know the stuff

329

00:12:17,430 --> 00:12:14,880

is out there

330

00:12:18,470 --> 00:12:17,440

it's just a matter of finding it so for

331

00:12:20,629 --> 00:12:18,480

example

332

00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:20,639

uh for the native american stuff which i

333

00:12:24,550 --> 00:12:22,800

did in my second book it's i saw some

334

00:12:26,389 --> 00:12:24,560

scholar refer to it as leap frogging so

335

00:12:28,470 --> 00:12:26,399

you so you look in you know one of my

336

00:12:30,150 --> 00:12:28,480

main sources with it was this book uh

337

00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:30,160

the north american indian orpheus

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00:12:34,470 --> 00:12:33,360

tradition by his swedish scholar akiholt

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00:12:37,590 --> 00:12:34,480

krantz

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00:12:40,310 --> 00:12:37,600

and he was that book is about uh

341

00:12:42,069 --> 00:12:40,320

journeys to the afterlife uh in order to

342

00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:42,079

rescue the soul of somebody who's in

343

00:12:45,190 --> 00:12:43,519

danger of dying

344

00:12:47,269 --> 00:12:45,200

and then uh

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00:12:49,110 --> 00:12:47,279

a shamanic sort of thing and then how

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00:12:52,150 --> 00:12:49,120

that was mythologized you know this

347

00:12:54,230 --> 00:12:52,160

process of shamanic experiences and ndes

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00:12:55,910 --> 00:12:54,240

turning into into myths

349

00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:55,920

which of course of course is is a sort

350

00:13:01,990 --> 00:12:58,560

of central theme of my own work so in

351

00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,000

that book you know he's 1957 and he's

352

00:13:04,870 --> 00:13:04,079

writing about near-death experiences you

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00:13:06,790 --> 00:13:04,880

know

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00:13:09,269 --> 00:13:06,800

a couple of decades before any that word

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00:13:11,030 --> 00:13:09,279

was even that phrase was even invented

356

00:13:13,269 --> 00:13:11,040

so you know i went through that book

357

00:13:16,069 --> 00:13:13,279

which is a fairly substantial book with

358

00:13:19,269 --> 00:13:16,079

a fine tooth comb and going back to the

359

00:13:21,509 --> 00:13:19,279

original reference from you know 1859 or

360

00:13:23,110 --> 00:13:21,519

1689 or whatever it was

361

00:13:24,710 --> 00:13:23,120

for each of these accounts and

362

00:13:26,710 --> 00:13:24,720

determining you know

363

00:13:27,509 --> 00:13:26,720

are they really an nde did they happen

364

00:13:31,590 --> 00:13:27,519

to

365

00:13:33,430 --> 00:13:31,600

individual

366

00:13:34,790 --> 00:13:33,440

or is it a myth or is it a shamanic

367

00:13:36,550 --> 00:13:34,800

account or what

368

00:13:38,310 --> 00:13:36,560

and then kind of you know

369

00:13:40,470 --> 00:13:38,320

categorizing them and analyzing them

370

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

according to which of those categories

371

00:13:43,670 --> 00:13:42,000

they fall into

372

00:13:45,829 --> 00:13:43,680

and then oftentimes

373

00:13:47,990 --> 00:13:45,839

you know i would follow

374

00:13:49,750 --> 00:13:48,000

to get back to the original source and

375

00:13:50,550 --> 00:13:49,760

then there'd be one or two other ndes in

376
00:13:55,110 --> 00:13:50,560
there

377
00:13:57,030 --> 00:13:55,120
you know see this other nd that happened

378
00:13:58,949 --> 00:13:57,040
in 1767

379
00:14:01,509 --> 00:13:58,959
for this particular so this is it's

380
00:14:03,509 --> 00:14:01,519
really an endless kind of process

381
00:14:05,590 --> 00:14:03,519
and it's just a lot of a lot of lego

382
00:14:08,310 --> 00:14:05,600
work if you can use that term

383
00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:08,320
so i can only imagine and then for the

384
00:14:12,470 --> 00:14:10,000
end result is for people who pick up

385
00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:12,480
this book you have a good sense of this

386
00:14:16,949 --> 00:14:15,360
as a writer i have to say because you

387
00:14:19,350 --> 00:14:16,959
open up this book

388
00:14:21,990 --> 00:14:19,360

and you boom you hit us with story after

389

00:14:24,550 --> 00:14:22,000

story after story accounts if you will

390

00:14:26,710 --> 00:14:24,560

and the book opens up in the mid third

391

00:14:29,990 --> 00:14:26,720

century bc

392

00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:30,000

in china a man after several days of

393

00:14:32,710 --> 00:14:30,959

dying

394

00:14:35,269 --> 00:14:32,720

is revived and said he had witnessed all

395

00:14:37,030 --> 00:14:35,279

sorts of things related to demons and

396

00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:37,040

deities and heaven and earth and the

397

00:14:42,389 --> 00:14:39,600

sensation of being in a dreaming state

398

00:14:43,750 --> 00:14:42,399

and by no means dead and then on each

399

00:14:45,030 --> 00:14:43,760

one of these paragraphs i won't go

400

00:14:46,470 --> 00:14:45,040

through them all but i maybe might

401
00:14:49,030 --> 00:14:46,480
highlight them

402
00:14:51,590 --> 00:14:49,040
the last sentence is the real kicker to

403
00:14:53,910 --> 00:14:51,600
your point this is just one of over a

404
00:14:56,949 --> 00:14:53,920
hundred similar narratives from ancient

405
00:14:59,590 --> 00:14:56,959
and medieval china so then you go to the

406
00:15:03,430 --> 00:14:59,600
next your next paragraph is 700 years

407
00:15:05,590 --> 00:15:03,440
later 5 000 miles away in greece and

408
00:15:06,870 --> 00:15:05,600
then you tell this story from greece and

409
00:15:08,949 --> 00:15:06,880
then you say

410
00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:08,959
again you know dozens and dozens of

411
00:15:13,110 --> 00:15:10,800
other stories then you go to

412
00:15:15,829 --> 00:15:13,120
all these different cultures and it's

413
00:15:17,750 --> 00:15:15,839

super impressive as a reader you're like

414

00:15:19,030 --> 00:15:17,760

whoa there is

415

00:15:20,629 --> 00:15:19,040

something

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00:15:23,030 --> 00:15:20,639

to this that is

417

00:15:24,949 --> 00:15:23,040

undeniable in a way

418

00:15:26,710 --> 00:15:24,959

yeah yeah i wanted to open it like that

419

00:15:28,870 --> 00:15:26,720

deliberately because

420

00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:28,880

um you know i still

421

00:15:33,749 --> 00:15:30,800

keep reading things in the

422

00:15:35,829 --> 00:15:33,759

popular media or skeptical critics

423

00:15:38,150 --> 00:15:35,839

saying things like

424

00:15:39,590 --> 00:15:38,160

if near-death experiences were real

425

00:15:41,189 --> 00:15:39,600

they'd be happening all over the world

426

00:15:43,749 --> 00:15:41,199

and they don't we don't see any evidence

427

00:15:45,829 --> 00:15:43,759

of that so i wanted to put paid to that

428

00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:45,839

because it's ridiculous that people keep

429

00:15:48,389 --> 00:15:47,199

saying the only reason they're saying

430

00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:48,399

that is because they haven't done the

431

00:15:52,230 --> 00:15:50,240

research because you know there are

432

00:15:53,269 --> 00:15:52,240

books out there not just my my three

433

00:15:55,670 --> 00:15:53,279

books but

434

00:15:57,430 --> 00:15:55,680

you know jim mclennan and alan kelly

435

00:15:59,189 --> 00:15:57,440

here and people like this jenny wade did

436

00:16:01,829 --> 00:15:59,199

a native american one

437

00:16:04,470 --> 00:16:01,839

so i wanted to highlight that you know

438

00:16:07,110 --> 00:16:04,480

the occurrence of these experiences and

439

00:16:09,030 --> 00:16:07,120

the existence of these accounts is just

440

00:16:11,269 --> 00:16:09,040

fact you know that it's not in it's not

441

00:16:12,949 --> 00:16:11,279

a matter for debate at all and and i

442

00:16:15,269 --> 00:16:12,959

want and in doing opening the book that

443

00:16:17,030 --> 00:16:15,279

way i wanted to show you just the really

444

00:16:18,550 --> 00:16:17,040

wide diversity of

445

00:16:20,550 --> 00:16:18,560

where they happen all around the world

446

00:16:21,910 --> 00:16:20,560

and throughout history

447

00:16:24,629 --> 00:16:21,920

the other thing that's really impressive

448

00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:24,639

to me is you marry that with

449

00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:27,440

a deep knowledge of near-death

450

00:16:31,670 --> 00:16:29,440

experience science and you directly

451
00:16:33,509 --> 00:16:31,680
address that in the book in a way that i

452
00:16:36,550 --> 00:16:33,519
don't think some of your colleagues are

453
00:16:39,350 --> 00:16:36,560
really capable of handling so i mean

454
00:16:42,310 --> 00:16:39,360
you talk sam parnia you talk

455
00:16:45,030 --> 00:16:42,320
you know dr penny sartori you know

456
00:16:46,870 --> 00:16:45,040
von lamo all those people and you are

457
00:16:47,910 --> 00:16:46,880
able to kind of handle the evidence of

458
00:16:50,230 --> 00:16:47,920
that so

459
00:16:52,949 --> 00:16:50,240
there's kind of this other moving part

460
00:16:55,430 --> 00:16:52,959
to your research which is near-death

461
00:16:57,189 --> 00:16:55,440
experience science which has

462
00:16:59,350 --> 00:16:57,199
kind of come out of nowhere in the last

463
00:17:00,710 --> 00:16:59,360

20 years but has now advanced to the

464

00:17:02,870 --> 00:17:00,720

point that

465

00:17:04,949 --> 00:17:02,880

really no one directly

466

00:17:07,350 --> 00:17:04,959

challenges

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00:17:09,669 --> 00:17:07,360

the reality of the phenomenon they want

468

00:17:12,870 --> 00:17:09,679

to nibble around at the edges and stuff

469

00:17:15,510 --> 00:17:12,880

like that but that's a sea change that

470

00:17:18,069 --> 00:17:15,520

plays right into what you're doing but

471

00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:18,079

you fully embrace it so what has been

472

00:17:23,510 --> 00:17:21,839

that process for you in terms of uh

473

00:17:24,949 --> 00:17:23,520

understanding near-death experience

474

00:17:28,150 --> 00:17:24,959

science and what have been some of the

475

00:17:30,549 --> 00:17:28,160

highs and lows of that for you

476

00:17:32,630 --> 00:17:30,559

uh yeah i mean the it's difficult

477

00:17:34,710 --> 00:17:32,640

because i'm not trained as a scientist i

478

00:17:36,470 --> 00:17:34,720

mean other than you know

479

00:17:38,310 --> 00:17:36,480

archaeology anthropology kind of social

480

00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:38,320

sciences a little bit of you know

481

00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:40,080

empirical stuff in archaeology but

482

00:17:45,350 --> 00:17:42,480

certainly not anything like you know

483

00:17:46,789 --> 00:17:45,360

cardiology or what these actual nde

484

00:17:48,230 --> 00:17:46,799

scientists are

485

00:17:50,310 --> 00:17:48,240

so it's big yeah it's definitely a

486

00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:50,320

learning curve trying to

487

00:17:54,470 --> 00:17:51,760

figure out what

488

00:17:56,470 --> 00:17:54,480

evidence actually is compelling what is

489

00:17:59,510 --> 00:17:56,480

you know just anecdotal but nevertheless

490

00:18:01,270 --> 00:17:59,520

compelling and and you know

491

00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:01,280

trying to just negotiate and get my head

492

00:18:06,150 --> 00:18:04,240

around it but then really the purpose of

493

00:18:07,510 --> 00:18:06,160

that is to

494

00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:07,520

look at that work in light of my own

495

00:18:11,669 --> 00:18:09,600

work in other words so the kind of

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00:18:13,669 --> 00:18:11,679

central question is really

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00:18:15,270 --> 00:18:13,679

you know given all the cross-cultural

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00:18:17,270 --> 00:18:15,280

similarities and cross-cultural

499

00:18:19,590 --> 00:18:17,280

existence of ndes

500

00:18:22,310 --> 00:18:19,600

what kind of afterlife

501
00:18:24,710 --> 00:18:22,320
could be possible if we accept all the

502
00:18:26,710 --> 00:18:24,720
evidence of ndes from these you know

503
00:18:28,870 --> 00:18:26,720
mainstream scientists

504
00:18:31,750 --> 00:18:28,880
and the other question being

505
00:18:34,230 --> 00:18:31,760
uh how does the diversity and

506
00:18:36,390 --> 00:18:34,240
inconsistencies between nba accounts

507
00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:36,400
correspond with you know the the

508
00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:39,440
survival hypothesis for ndes

509
00:18:44,150 --> 00:18:41,440
absolutely and that

510
00:18:47,750 --> 00:18:44,160
that's what really is going to propel

511
00:18:50,070 --> 00:18:47,760
all of us forward because you've now

512
00:18:51,830 --> 00:18:50,080
raised the bar in terms of the level

513
00:18:53,029 --> 00:18:51,840

three kind of questions that we all have

514

00:18:55,350 --> 00:18:53,039

to ask

515

00:18:56,710 --> 00:18:55,360

but i i would return to you know

516

00:18:58,310 --> 00:18:56,720

like

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00:19:00,310 --> 00:18:58,320

your work

518

00:19:02,150 --> 00:19:00,320

looks one way

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00:19:05,669 --> 00:19:02,160

if there's no there there

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00:19:08,070 --> 00:19:05,679

if you are constantly having to prove no

521

00:19:11,029 --> 00:19:08,080

really this is real there really is this

522

00:19:14,549 --> 00:19:11,039

phenomenon and look you know then

523

00:19:16,630 --> 00:19:14,559

you're one way or if you just are able

524

00:19:18,310 --> 00:19:16,640

to lean on that which you can and should

525

00:19:20,070 --> 00:19:18,320

it's appropriate and say well these

526

00:19:23,190 --> 00:19:20,080

people have kind of established

527

00:19:25,990 --> 00:19:23,200

this to this point now it

528

00:19:28,470 --> 00:19:26,000

exactly what you said it jumps us to the

529

00:19:30,390 --> 00:19:28,480

next level question which is

530

00:19:33,029 --> 00:19:30,400

how is this different than the shamanic

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00:19:35,990 --> 00:19:33,039

experience what about these

532

00:19:37,029 --> 00:19:36,000

angels and demons in purgatory in hell

533

00:19:40,230 --> 00:19:37,039

what about

534

00:19:41,350 --> 00:19:40,240

precognitive experiences or advanced

535

00:19:43,669 --> 00:19:41,360

information that you couldn't have

536

00:19:45,909 --> 00:19:43,679

gained otherwise in these realms

537

00:19:47,830 --> 00:19:45,919

all that stuff now comes on the table

538

00:19:50,470 --> 00:19:47,840

and now we're again turning to you and

539

00:19:52,789 --> 00:19:50,480

going oh i wonder how does that look

540

00:19:55,190 --> 00:19:52,799

through this worldwide cultural filter

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00:19:57,430 --> 00:19:55,200

rather than our narrow cultural filter

542

00:20:00,230 --> 00:19:57,440

and how does it sync with ours and

543

00:20:02,390 --> 00:20:00,240

doesn't sync with ours so there's just a

544

00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:02,400

number of jumping off points they're

545

00:20:05,590 --> 00:20:04,480

kind of laid out in the chapters of your

546

00:20:08,789 --> 00:20:05,600

book

547

00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:08,799

what interests you as one to

548

00:20:13,909 --> 00:20:12,000

jump into yeah the the non-scientific

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00:20:15,669 --> 00:20:13,919

yet nevertheless evidential stuff i

550

00:20:18,310 --> 00:20:15,679

think is really interesting so for

551
00:20:21,270 --> 00:20:18,320
example the peak and darien experience

552
00:20:23,350 --> 00:20:21,280
which is when a near-death experience or

553
00:20:25,270 --> 00:20:23,360
goes to the other world and meets

554
00:20:26,950 --> 00:20:25,280
somebody that they don't know had

555
00:20:28,789 --> 00:20:26,960
actually died on earth they're unaware

556
00:20:31,029 --> 00:20:28,799
of that person's death and then they

557
00:20:32,870 --> 00:20:31,039
come back and they find out um that that

558
00:20:34,470 --> 00:20:32,880
person had died after all so you know

559
00:20:36,230 --> 00:20:34,480
they'll they'll meet

560
00:20:37,270 --> 00:20:36,240
you know their uncle joe or whatever and

561
00:20:38,789 --> 00:20:37,280
come back

562
00:20:40,390 --> 00:20:38,799
and everyone's excited that they've come

563
00:20:42,149 --> 00:20:40,400

back to life but you know by the way

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00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:42,159

uncle joe died while you were dead and

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00:20:45,990 --> 00:20:44,240

so that you know is

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00:20:47,990 --> 00:20:46,000

basically confirmation

567

00:20:49,750 --> 00:20:48,000

that the vision that they had in the

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00:20:51,110 --> 00:20:49,760

other world of uncle joe was was

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00:20:52,470 --> 00:20:51,120

vertical

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00:20:55,110 --> 00:20:52,480

and then there are also other things

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00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:55,120

like there's a really interesting mormon

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00:20:57,909 --> 00:20:56,640

um example

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00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:57,919

which uh

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00:21:02,630 --> 00:21:00,240

seems to you know indicate some kind of

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00:21:04,390 --> 00:21:02,640

predestiny there was a guy named

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00:21:06,870 --> 00:21:04,400

mr monson i don't think they gave us his

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00:21:09,430 --> 00:21:06,880

first name from 1923

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00:21:11,430 --> 00:21:09,440

and he dies and has an nde

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00:21:14,310 --> 00:21:11,440

it's a very brief one and he's met by

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00:21:15,669 --> 00:21:14,320

his daughter his daughter died 23 years

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00:21:17,909 --> 00:21:15,679

before he did

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00:21:19,750 --> 00:21:17,919

and she told him to go back to earth and

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00:21:22,630 --> 00:21:19,760

the reason he had to go back is because

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00:21:24,710 --> 00:21:22,640

his six-year-old son has to die first

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00:21:26,789 --> 00:21:24,720

then his mother has to die

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00:21:28,470 --> 00:21:26,799

and then his wife has to die and then it

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00:21:30,630 --> 00:21:28,480

will be his turn

588

00:21:33,270 --> 00:21:30,640

so he returns to life and within a few

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00:21:35,990 --> 00:21:33,280

months his mother dies and his son dies

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00:21:38,070 --> 00:21:36,000

um and then his wife dies a few years

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00:21:40,070 --> 00:21:38,080

later in the exact order

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00:21:41,830 --> 00:21:40,080

that he was told they would die so

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00:21:43,909 --> 00:21:41,840

you know that that brings up all kinds

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00:21:45,590 --> 00:21:43,919

of weird things for one thing it's you

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00:21:46,789 --> 00:21:45,600

know it seems to be an evidential

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00:21:48,870 --> 00:21:46,799

confirmation

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00:21:51,270 --> 00:21:48,880

of his visiting his his daughter who

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00:21:53,110 --> 00:21:51,280

died 23 years earlier

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00:21:56,230 --> 00:21:53,120

but for another thing it raises all

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00:21:59,350 --> 00:21:56,240

kinds of to me uncomfortable questions

601
00:22:01,029 --> 00:21:59,360
about predestiny and uh

602
00:22:02,950 --> 00:22:01,039
you know whether what happened if he

603
00:22:04,710 --> 00:22:02,960
hadn't come back what if his body had

604
00:22:06,070 --> 00:22:04,720
been totally mangled and was

605
00:22:08,149 --> 00:22:06,080
uninhabitable

606
00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:08,159
and and he interrupted that flow or what

607
00:22:10,630 --> 00:22:09,039
if his

608
00:22:11,990 --> 00:22:10,640
you know one of his people who were

609
00:22:13,669 --> 00:22:12,000
supposed to die in this particular order

610
00:22:15,909 --> 00:22:13,679
what if one of them died

611
00:22:17,909 --> 00:22:15,919
in an accident out of order you know so

612
00:22:20,149 --> 00:22:17,919
it's just it kind of reaches my my

613
00:22:22,070 --> 00:22:20,159

boggle threshold at that point but i

614

00:22:23,590 --> 00:22:22,080

would also say that it's equally

615

00:22:25,190 --> 00:22:23,600

interesting and and you know me i'm

616

00:22:26,470 --> 00:22:25,200

always like straddling going back and

617

00:22:28,470 --> 00:22:26,480

forth between these

618

00:22:31,110 --> 00:22:28,480

these things uh equally interesting is

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00:22:32,470 --> 00:22:31,120

these cases from the late 80s

620

00:22:34,950 --> 00:22:32,480

kenneth ring

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00:22:36,549 --> 00:22:34,960

in the us and margot gray in the uk

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00:22:38,630 --> 00:22:36,559

independently

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00:22:40,789 --> 00:22:38,640

started finding these cases of nd ears

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00:22:42,870 --> 00:22:40,799

coming back and saying you know we had

625

00:22:44,710 --> 00:22:42,880

this apocalyptic vision the world is

626
00:22:47,430 --> 00:22:44,720
going to end within a certain number of

627
00:22:49,750 --> 00:22:47,440
years it's going to be you know

628
00:22:50,870 --> 00:22:49,760
a nuclear war environmental catastrophe

629
00:22:52,710 --> 00:22:50,880
or whatever

630
00:22:55,029 --> 00:22:52,720
very very similar

631
00:22:57,669 --> 00:22:55,039
in both the uk and u.s totally unrelated

632
00:23:01,029 --> 00:22:57,679
studies un unknown to each other

633
00:23:03,830 --> 00:23:01,039
and even mentioning the same years 1988

634
00:23:06,230 --> 00:23:03,840
apparently came up the most often but

635
00:23:08,470 --> 00:23:06,240
it was either late 80s early 90s

636
00:23:10,230 --> 00:23:08,480
and of course none of this came to pass

637
00:23:12,549 --> 00:23:10,240
we didn't um

638
00:23:15,669 --> 00:23:12,559

have a global catastrophe and we're

639

00:23:17,350 --> 00:23:15,679

certainly not now in a golden age which

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00:23:18,870 --> 00:23:17,360

which is what they also predicted that

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00:23:21,029 --> 00:23:18,880

you know the catastrophe would be

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00:23:23,590 --> 00:23:21,039

followed by a golden age so how do we

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00:23:26,149 --> 00:23:23,600

understand the the false

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00:23:27,270 --> 00:23:26,159

um divine revelations that people get in

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00:23:30,390 --> 00:23:27,280

ndes

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00:23:32,310 --> 00:23:30,400

uh apparently false whatever that means

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00:23:34,230 --> 00:23:32,320

and there's like a ton to pull apart

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00:23:36,390 --> 00:23:34,240

there and i'd even go back to the very

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00:23:38,789 --> 00:23:36,400

first part what you said is

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00:23:41,269 --> 00:23:38,799

what does it say about death

651
00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:41,279
like even the part that's

652
00:23:44,710 --> 00:23:42,480
kind of

653
00:23:46,549 --> 00:23:44,720
you know the i see people that i didn't

654
00:23:48,149 --> 00:23:46,559
know are deceased

655
00:23:50,870 --> 00:23:48,159
and now i find out that they are

656
00:23:53,269 --> 00:23:50,880
deceased that is saying something that

657
00:23:56,870 --> 00:23:53,279
we can't really pin down in terms of

658
00:23:59,830 --> 00:23:56,880
what death and life means right because

659
00:24:01,750 --> 00:23:59,840
which perspective are we on you know

660
00:24:04,310 --> 00:24:01,760
and years always tell we're returning

661
00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:04,320
home and this is really where we're from

662
00:24:07,110 --> 00:24:05,760
and we have these soul groups and we

663
00:24:07,990 --> 00:24:07,120

decided

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00:24:10,149 --> 00:24:08,000

well

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00:24:12,070 --> 00:24:10,159

how does that how does death in life is

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00:24:15,350 --> 00:24:12,080

that what it looks like and then as you

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00:24:18,149 --> 00:24:15,360

mentioned the whole time thing is just

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00:24:21,350 --> 00:24:18,159

crazy and it gets into all sorts of

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00:24:23,750 --> 00:24:21,360

issues like parapsychology precognitive

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00:24:25,510 --> 00:24:23,760

pre-cognitive dreams andy paquette dr

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00:24:26,549 --> 00:24:25,520

andy paquette's been on this show has

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00:24:28,950 --> 00:24:26,559

recorded

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00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:28,960

thousands of pre-cognitive dreams and

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00:24:33,590 --> 00:24:31,200

has gone to great lengths to document

675

00:24:36,390 --> 00:24:33,600

the accuracy of them highly accurate

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00:24:39,669 --> 00:24:36,400

what does that mean about

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00:24:41,430 --> 00:24:39,679

this space-time continuum that we're in

678

00:24:42,390 --> 00:24:41,440

and then we have plenty accounts where

679

00:24:43,510 --> 00:24:42,400

it

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00:24:45,430 --> 00:24:43,520

i don't know

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00:24:47,669 --> 00:24:45,440

the trickster isn't we're they're

682

00:24:49,510 --> 00:24:47,679

directly trying to mess with us right

683

00:24:51,110 --> 00:24:49,520

they're directly trying to tell us stuff

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00:24:53,029 --> 00:24:51,120

that maybe isn't

685

00:24:54,789 --> 00:24:53,039

true and we don't know why and why would

686

00:24:56,070 --> 00:24:54,799

they screw with us and why would they do

687

00:24:57,909 --> 00:24:56,080

all this stuff

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00:24:59,430 --> 00:24:57,919

yeah but but through all that and this

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00:25:00,390 --> 00:24:59,440

is what i want you to also kind of touch

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00:25:01,750 --> 00:25:00,400

on

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00:25:03,750 --> 00:25:01,760

and this is the the strength of your

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00:25:06,310 --> 00:25:03,760

book is you're able to kind of get to

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00:25:09,190 --> 00:25:06,320

that next level and say this is really

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00:25:10,870 --> 00:25:09,200

messy and it gets really messy all over

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00:25:12,470 --> 00:25:10,880

the place whichever way you look

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00:25:15,430 --> 00:25:12,480

at the same time

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00:25:17,590 --> 00:25:15,440

there's these consistent themes there's

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00:25:20,310 --> 00:25:17,600

these consistent

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00:25:22,549 --> 00:25:20,320

truths that seem to be profound

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00:25:24,310 --> 00:25:22,559

in terms of the way that we've tried to

701
00:25:25,590 --> 00:25:24,320
answer these questions up to now which

702
00:25:27,350 --> 00:25:25,600
has been

703
00:25:30,310 --> 00:25:27,360
as you point out in the book

704
00:25:33,029 --> 00:25:30,320
just unbelievably absurdly

705
00:25:35,830 --> 00:25:33,039
inadequate what do you think about the

706
00:25:37,430 --> 00:25:35,840
patterns that do seem to emerge from

707
00:25:39,510 --> 00:25:37,440
your work

708
00:25:41,909 --> 00:25:39,520
i i wanted to test that further beyond

709
00:25:43,990 --> 00:25:41,919
ndes and so there's a chapter on

710
00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:44,000
mediumship and

711
00:25:47,510 --> 00:25:46,080
not just you know again i'm not looking

712
00:25:49,430 --> 00:25:47,520
at the evidence for and against

713
00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:49,440

mediumship but what i did is

714

00:25:53,029 --> 00:25:51,200

i wanted to find you know the most

715

00:25:55,669 --> 00:25:53,039

highly rated mediums in the history of

716

00:25:57,750 --> 00:25:55,679

psychical research and then see

717

00:25:59,269 --> 00:25:57,760

what descriptions of the afterlife were

718

00:26:02,549 --> 00:25:59,279

transmitted through those mediums

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00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:02,559

allegedly by souls in the afterlife

720

00:26:05,669 --> 00:26:04,080

and

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00:26:07,190 --> 00:26:05,679

you know compare that with nds because

722

00:26:09,110 --> 00:26:07,200

like you said at the beginning i sort of

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00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:09,120

see nds as the baseline

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00:26:12,470 --> 00:26:11,120

for evidence for an afterlife it's the

725

00:26:14,149 --> 00:26:12,480

most compelling

726

00:26:16,470 --> 00:26:14,159

of of any of the different kinds of

727

00:26:18,070 --> 00:26:16,480

psychical research phenomena from from

728

00:26:19,110 --> 00:26:18,080

my perspective

729

00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:19,120

um

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00:26:22,950 --> 00:26:20,880

so i wanted to see to what degree the

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00:26:25,029 --> 00:26:22,960

mediumship mediumistic descriptions of

732

00:26:27,510 --> 00:26:25,039

the afterlife correspond with what

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00:26:29,350 --> 00:26:27,520

people who have had ndes tell us about

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00:26:31,269 --> 00:26:29,360

what the afterlife is like

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00:26:33,029 --> 00:26:31,279

and and that's a really interesting and

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00:26:35,350 --> 00:26:33,039

in a way it um reflects the

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00:26:37,990 --> 00:26:35,360

cross-cultural and historical

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00:26:40,789 --> 00:26:38,000

differences and similarities of ndes

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00:26:41,750 --> 00:26:40,799

because what i found was that there are

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00:26:44,070 --> 00:26:41,760

all these

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00:26:45,590 --> 00:26:44,080

typical elements of ndes you know

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00:26:47,110 --> 00:26:45,600

leaving the body and going to another

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00:26:47,909 --> 00:26:47,120

realm and

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00:26:50,230 --> 00:26:47,919

meeting

745

00:26:51,909 --> 00:26:50,240

deceased relatives and spiritual beings

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00:26:52,950 --> 00:26:51,919

and evaluation of your life and all this

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00:26:54,950 --> 00:26:52,960

kind of stuff

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00:26:56,789 --> 00:26:54,960

but then there are very highly

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00:26:58,470 --> 00:26:56,799

culturally specific

750

00:27:00,470 --> 00:26:58,480

uh descriptions of what that other world

751
00:27:01,909 --> 00:27:00,480
is like and keeping in mind that most of

752
00:27:04,310 --> 00:27:01,919
the stuff comes from victorian and

753
00:27:06,870 --> 00:27:04,320
edwardian england it's no surprise that

754
00:27:09,190 --> 00:27:06,880
the afterlife is is basically uh an

755
00:27:11,350 --> 00:27:09,200
idealized version of victorian integrity

756
00:27:13,269 --> 00:27:11,360
in england and and certainly not

757
00:27:15,510 --> 00:27:13,279
enlightened in the sense that that

758
00:27:17,590 --> 00:27:15,520
people who have had ndes come back and

759
00:27:19,830 --> 00:27:17,600
tell us you know i i experienced one

760
00:27:22,149 --> 00:27:19,840
with oneness with the universe um

761
00:27:24,630 --> 00:27:22,159
there's no difference between me and any

762
00:27:26,710 --> 00:27:24,640
of my fellow human beings or all of this

763
00:27:29,350 --> 00:27:26,720

collective consciousness am i of

764

00:27:31,990 --> 00:27:29,360

universal understanding in the

765

00:27:33,750 --> 00:27:32,000

you know summerland uh which is what

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00:27:36,230 --> 00:27:33,760

they called it in the victorian

767

00:27:38,950 --> 00:27:36,240

edwardian mediumship it's you know

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00:27:42,149 --> 00:27:38,960

hierarchies are maintained um between

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00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:42,159

classes between religions between races

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00:27:46,389 --> 00:27:44,399

and it's very much just a duplicate

771

00:27:48,549 --> 00:27:46,399

where nothing's bad it's basically

772

00:27:50,470 --> 00:27:48,559

england where everything was perfect so

773

00:27:52,789 --> 00:27:50,480

so to me that's not very convincing then

774

00:27:54,630 --> 00:27:52,799

there's also really wacky stuff like you

775

00:27:56,630 --> 00:27:54,640

know sir walter scott says that there's

776

00:27:57,590 --> 00:27:56,640

salamander flame beings living in the

777

00:28:00,310 --> 00:27:57,600

sun

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00:28:03,350 --> 00:28:00,320

and you know there's mermaids and giants

779

00:28:06,789 --> 00:28:03,360

and all this kind of obviously

780

00:28:08,310 --> 00:28:06,799

dreamlike or hallucinatory descriptions

781

00:28:11,029 --> 00:28:08,320

so again how do you square that with the

782

00:28:12,789 --> 00:28:11,039

similarities with with ndes

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00:28:14,950 --> 00:28:12,799

well it it's hard because every

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00:28:16,870 --> 00:28:14,960

everywhere we turn we're

785

00:28:18,230 --> 00:28:16,880

kind of shackled with this language you

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00:28:19,990 --> 00:28:18,240

know when we say it's obviously

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00:28:23,430 --> 00:28:20,000

hallucinatory

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00:28:25,190 --> 00:28:23,440

we don't know right yeah

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

right because what some people

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00:28:31,430 --> 00:28:28,399

conclude is that you are being presented

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00:28:33,430 --> 00:28:31,440

with what you need at that time so what

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00:28:35,669 --> 00:28:33,440

it right you know and that

793

00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:35,679

we can't say that that's that's just a

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00:28:41,350 --> 00:28:39,440

theory but it could fit in this too

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00:28:44,389 --> 00:28:41,360

to some of your other points i think are

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00:28:45,430 --> 00:28:44,399

super interesting to me is this question

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00:28:46,950 --> 00:28:45,440

of

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00:28:48,470 --> 00:28:46,960

their being a moral imperative they're

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00:28:51,350 --> 00:28:48,480

being good or bad they're being

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00:28:54,470 --> 00:28:51,360

individual souls versus collective souls

801
00:28:56,470 --> 00:28:54,480
and you kind of have to hash that out

802
00:28:58,149 --> 00:28:56,480
especially in light of what some of your

803
00:28:59,669 --> 00:28:58,159
colleagues have said because we do have

804
00:29:01,510 --> 00:28:59,679
this kind of

805
00:29:04,389 --> 00:29:01,520
academia

806
00:29:07,029 --> 00:29:04,399
wokeness overlay on it that says that

807
00:29:08,789 --> 00:29:07,039
and and you just directly confront this

808
00:29:11,190 --> 00:29:08,799
but

809
00:29:13,750 --> 00:29:11,200
you know there is no experience

810
00:29:15,830 --> 00:29:13,760
other than that that can be separated

811
00:29:18,230 --> 00:29:15,840
from the culture there's nothing you

812
00:29:20,549 --> 00:29:18,240
know and as you point out that

813
00:29:24,830 --> 00:29:20,559

that can have a very racist

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00:29:27,830 --> 00:29:24,840

unknowingly it can have a very racist or

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00:29:30,389 --> 00:29:27,840

certainly uh cultural superiority kind

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00:29:32,789 --> 00:29:30,399

of vibe to it and

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00:29:35,110 --> 00:29:32,799

so we that's a that's an equally a

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00:29:37,669 --> 00:29:35,120

problem of of this whole thing right so

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00:29:38,549 --> 00:29:37,679

on one hand yeah these people do seem to

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00:29:41,350 --> 00:29:38,559

be

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00:29:43,190 --> 00:29:41,360

layering on their cultural thing and

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00:29:44,549 --> 00:29:43,200

then when we say oh yeah it's all

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00:29:48,149 --> 00:29:44,559

culture well that doesn't really make

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00:29:49,590 --> 00:29:48,159

any sense either any thoughts on that

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00:29:51,029 --> 00:29:49,600

that's a really good point because a lot

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00:29:52,950 --> 00:29:51,039

of

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00:29:54,710 --> 00:29:52,960

you know especially in religious studies

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00:29:56,389 --> 00:29:54,720

they see mysticism

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00:29:59,909 --> 00:29:56,399

and you know any kind of religious

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00:30:02,389 --> 00:29:59,919

experience including ndes as totally

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00:30:04,549 --> 00:30:02,399

generated by the cultural tradition that

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00:30:06,549 --> 00:30:04,559

they're a part of but they neglect the

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00:30:09,350 --> 00:30:06,559

the fact that these experiences are

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00:30:12,149 --> 00:30:09,360

spontaneous that there's no tradition

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00:30:13,190 --> 00:30:12,159

associated with you know having an nde

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00:30:14,789 --> 00:30:13,200

being

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00:30:16,230 --> 00:30:14,799

hit by a bus or having a heart attack

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00:30:17,750 --> 00:30:16,240

and leaving your body and coming back

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00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:17,760

you know that's not a tradition it's not

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00:30:22,389 --> 00:30:20,320

a practice that people you know engage

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00:30:23,990 --> 00:30:22,399

in it's not like here's how to have well

842

00:30:26,230 --> 00:30:24,000

there is you know in shamanism there's

843

00:30:28,310 --> 00:30:26,240

sort of like how to have an nde but for

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00:30:30,149 --> 00:30:28,320

the most part hold on so

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00:30:31,909 --> 00:30:30,159

let's talk about that because that's

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00:30:34,070 --> 00:30:31,919

next but every every one of these has a

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00:30:36,789 --> 00:30:34,080

contradiction to it that's kind of

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00:30:39,430 --> 00:30:36,799

interesting but back to what you're

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00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:39,440

saying of that they they're they're not

850

00:30:44,389 --> 00:30:42,480

uh spontaneous well the other thing i

851
00:30:46,310 --> 00:30:44,399
remember from your previous book that i

852
00:30:48,630 --> 00:30:46,320
think is just really really

853
00:30:51,669 --> 00:30:48,640
uh amazing and i always kind of hold up

854
00:30:52,710 --> 00:30:51,679
to people is you found

855
00:30:53,750 --> 00:30:52,720
that

856
00:31:06,149 --> 00:30:53,760
the

857
00:31:08,630 --> 00:31:06,159
and that is extremely powerful and you

858
00:31:10,549 --> 00:31:08,640
also offer kind of the supporting

859
00:31:12,789 --> 00:31:10,559
evidence of that of like

860
00:31:14,310 --> 00:31:12,799
when you know they say oh yeah we used

861
00:31:17,190 --> 00:31:14,320
to believe this

862
00:31:18,630 --> 00:31:17,200
and then joe had his nde and we started

863
00:31:21,590 --> 00:31:18,640

believing this

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00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:21,600

and then it was confirmed by this so i i

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00:31:24,789 --> 00:31:23,120

think that's really powerful do you want

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00:31:26,870 --> 00:31:24,799

to kind of recap

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00:31:29,590 --> 00:31:26,880

that and then and then because i think

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00:31:32,230 --> 00:31:29,600

that also then ties into the or could be

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00:31:34,310 --> 00:31:32,240

an explanation for some of the shamanic

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00:31:36,149 --> 00:31:34,320

things oh you gotta drink this poison

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00:31:38,310 --> 00:31:36,159

i'll get you at the club so you don't

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00:31:39,750 --> 00:31:38,320

you know because it it fits in with what

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00:31:42,710 --> 00:31:39,760

you're saying it's like this is a

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00:31:44,549 --> 00:31:42,720

tremendous gift to have this knowledge

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00:31:47,590 --> 00:31:44,559

let's get more of it no matter even if i

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00:31:49,430 --> 00:31:47,600

have to kill you to do it yeah yeah

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00:31:51,029 --> 00:31:49,440

yeah that was my second book which is um

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00:31:53,350 --> 00:31:51,039

near-death experience and indigenous

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00:31:55,509 --> 00:31:53,360

religions that's i think the one you're

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00:31:57,110 --> 00:31:55,519

referring to that yeah it kind of delves

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00:31:58,549 --> 00:31:57,120

deeply into

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00:32:00,549 --> 00:31:58,559

it's very different from the first book

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00:32:03,350 --> 00:32:00,559

because the first book was looking at

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00:32:04,789 --> 00:32:03,360

you know afterlife beliefs and trying to

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00:32:06,310 --> 00:32:04,799

match them up with new death experience

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00:32:08,870 --> 00:32:06,320

to see if you know were these beliefs

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00:32:10,070 --> 00:32:08,880

influenced by ndes but there wasn't a

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00:32:12,710 --> 00:32:10,080

lot of

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00:32:14,389 --> 00:32:12,720

evidence or actual accounts for ndes in

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00:32:16,149 --> 00:32:14,399

those ancient civilizations with the

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00:32:17,350 --> 00:32:16,159

exception of china as you mentioned and

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00:32:19,029 --> 00:32:17,360

one or two in

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00:32:21,350 --> 00:32:19,039

mesoamerica and india

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00:32:23,350 --> 00:32:21,360

but um looking at the you know small

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00:32:25,669 --> 00:32:23,360

scale indigenous societies which used to

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00:32:26,950 --> 00:32:25,679

be called tribal in you know the native

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00:32:29,909 --> 00:32:26,960

americans

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00:32:32,310 --> 00:32:29,919

pacific areas and and africa

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00:32:34,549 --> 00:32:32,320

there actually were a lot of accounts

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00:32:37,430 --> 00:32:34,559

overtly saying you know this particular

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00:32:38,549 --> 00:32:37,440
person historical person my grandfather

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00:32:40,789 --> 00:32:38,559
whoever

903
00:32:42,950 --> 00:32:40,799
died went to the other world and came

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00:32:44,870 --> 00:32:42,960
back and that's how we know what the

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00:32:46,950 --> 00:32:44,880
afterlife was like so just

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00:32:49,509 --> 00:32:46,960
overtly totally stating

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00:32:51,430 --> 00:32:49,519
you know we our afterlife knowledge

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00:32:53,190 --> 00:32:51,440
comes from their death experiences if

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00:32:54,710 --> 00:32:53,200
they had the term nde that's what they

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00:32:55,430 --> 00:32:54,720
would have been saying and i found you

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00:32:57,669 --> 00:32:55,440
know

912
00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:57,679
40 50 60 of them from different parts of

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00:33:01,110 --> 00:32:58,720

the world

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00:33:02,630 --> 00:33:01,120

so so that's not in dispute so so these

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00:33:04,389 --> 00:33:02,640

scholars you were mentioning earlier who

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00:33:06,630 --> 00:33:04,399

say no these are all culturally

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00:33:09,269 --> 00:33:06,640

generated that is basically

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00:33:11,590 --> 00:33:09,279

you know indisputable proof

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00:33:13,509 --> 00:33:11,600

that these experiences preceded their

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00:33:15,190 --> 00:33:13,519

beliefs and the only way to argue that

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00:33:16,630 --> 00:33:15,200

they weren't is to say all of those

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00:33:19,430 --> 00:33:16,640

people were lying

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00:33:21,350 --> 00:33:19,440

you know essentially and and which is a

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00:33:23,029 --> 00:33:21,360

totally ethnocentric you know pretty

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00:33:24,549 --> 00:33:23,039

racist thing to say

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00:33:27,190 --> 00:33:24,559

yeah you've really

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00:33:28,310 --> 00:33:27,200

come out in the appendix the first

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00:33:30,710 --> 00:33:28,320

appendix

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00:33:32,470 --> 00:33:30,720

i think very appropriately

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00:33:34,230 --> 00:33:32,480

call to task

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00:33:36,149 --> 00:33:34,240

what's going on here

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00:33:39,990 --> 00:33:36,159

with exactly what you just described and

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00:33:43,190 --> 00:33:40,000

how it is absurd it's not reasonable it

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00:33:44,149 --> 00:33:43,200

isn't logical it isn't very convincing

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00:33:46,149 --> 00:33:44,159

so

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00:33:47,029 --> 00:33:46,159

i'll read a quote

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00:33:49,669 --> 00:33:47,039

from

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00:33:52,230 --> 00:33:49,679

that appendix the humanities have

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00:33:54,870 --> 00:33:52,240

limited our knowledge of the origins and

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00:33:58,230 --> 00:33:54,880

development of religious and ritual

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00:34:01,430 --> 00:33:58,240

systems and therefore of human cultural

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00:34:07,269 --> 00:34:04,230

i want to go the next step with that but

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00:34:09,270 --> 00:34:07,279

the first thing we have to do is

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00:34:11,669 --> 00:34:09,280

make sure we're getting that

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00:34:14,149 --> 00:34:11,679

how is that limiting

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00:34:16,470 --> 00:34:14,159

our cultural development i would say how

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00:34:18,470 --> 00:34:16,480

is it directing our cultural development

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00:34:21,109 --> 00:34:18,480

a certain way

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00:34:23,270 --> 00:34:21,119

i would say it's denying that there is

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00:34:25,750 --> 00:34:23,280

any value or importance to these

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00:34:28,310 --> 00:34:25,760
experiences or even the next stage of

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00:34:31,109 --> 00:34:28,320
denying that they even happen

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00:34:33,669 --> 00:34:31,119
is turning a blind eye to a whole

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00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:33,679
category of human phenomena that's been

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00:34:36,950 --> 00:34:35,520
you know attested for

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00:34:39,909 --> 00:34:36,960
pretty much as long as humans have been

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00:34:42,790 --> 00:34:39,919
recording their experiences um i think

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00:34:44,950 --> 00:34:42,800
the earliest you know andy is probably

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00:34:46,950 --> 00:34:44,960
in the the precursor to the epic of

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00:34:49,750 --> 00:34:46,960
gilgamesh epic of gilgamesh is old

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00:34:50,710 --> 00:34:49,760
enough but the actual earlier sumerian

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00:34:52,629 --> 00:34:50,720
version

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00:34:54,869 --> 00:34:52,639

so there's you know

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00:34:56,310 --> 00:34:54,879

the idea that

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00:34:58,150 --> 00:34:56,320

you know for all these thousands of

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00:35:01,030 --> 00:34:58,160

years in pretty much every cultural

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00:35:04,310 --> 00:35:01,040

region of the planet people have just

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00:35:06,069 --> 00:35:04,320

been making things up and let's instead

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00:35:09,190 --> 00:35:06,079

look at the world through our own sort

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00:35:10,390 --> 00:35:09,200

of mechanistic materialistic scientific

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00:35:12,390 --> 00:35:10,400

viewpoint

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00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:12,400

and say that no it's all culture and

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00:35:15,109 --> 00:35:14,240

it's all in the brain

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00:35:17,109 --> 00:35:15,119

uh

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00:35:19,190 --> 00:35:17,119

to me that's a pretty limited way of of

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00:35:21,349 --> 00:35:19,200
looking at the world and it's also

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00:35:23,910 --> 00:35:21,359
ignoring i mean even just as a in an

978
00:35:27,190 --> 00:35:23,920
anthropological way it's ignoring

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00:35:29,829 --> 00:35:27,200
the most key experience type that could

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00:35:32,069 --> 00:35:29,839
explain afterlife beliefs and i just and

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00:35:34,470 --> 00:35:32,079
that to me seems completely illogical

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00:35:36,630 --> 00:35:34,480
and unreasonable and it's faith rather

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00:35:37,349 --> 00:35:36,640
than science it's people sticking to

984
00:35:39,910 --> 00:35:37,359
their

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00:35:41,190 --> 00:35:39,920
predetermined philosophical paradigms

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00:35:44,150 --> 00:35:41,200
rather than looking at the actual

987
00:35:45,670 --> 00:35:44,160
evidence and extrapolating from it and

988
00:35:47,670 --> 00:35:45,680

i'd go one step further and say there

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00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:47,680

might be a purpose behind it and the

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00:35:51,990 --> 00:35:50,160

purpose may be that to

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00:35:53,829 --> 00:35:52,000

promote the idea that you are a

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00:35:57,190 --> 00:35:53,839

biological robot in a meaningless

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00:35:58,870 --> 00:35:57,200

universe makes you easier to control i

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00:36:00,710 --> 00:35:58,880

mean we're going through that right now

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00:36:03,910 --> 00:36:00,720

with whatever you think about the

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00:36:06,790 --> 00:36:03,920

pandemic and the great reset and the

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00:36:09,910 --> 00:36:06,800

economic forum that is

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00:36:13,910 --> 00:36:09,920

exactly what they've cited now is that

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00:36:16,310 --> 00:36:13,920

science proves that we are

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00:36:18,950 --> 00:36:16,320

meaningless in terms of the larger

1001
00:36:20,150 --> 00:36:18,960
universe we do it and it just falls

1002
00:36:21,990 --> 00:36:20,160
right out of that there's no such thing

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00:36:23,109 --> 00:36:22,000
as a soul there's no such thing as god

1004
00:36:26,630 --> 00:36:23,119
all of that

1005
00:36:28,870 --> 00:36:26,640
and i connect that to just then than the

1006
00:36:31,670 --> 00:36:28,880
decisions we would make

1007
00:36:34,470 --> 00:36:31,680
about how to organize and run our

1008
00:36:36,710 --> 00:36:34,480
society slash culture and how to do that

1009
00:36:41,270 --> 00:36:36,720
moving forward and whether we should all

1010
00:36:43,589 --> 00:36:41,280
be in a hive mind as dr dean rayden

1011
00:36:46,630 --> 00:36:43,599
recently said in an interview with him

1012
00:36:49,750 --> 00:36:46,640
all those questions the philosophical

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00:36:50,870 --> 00:36:49,760

underpinning to those is exactly this

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00:36:54,230 --> 00:36:50,880

point

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00:36:56,790 --> 00:36:54,240

are you essentially a biological robot

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00:36:58,710 --> 00:36:56,800

in a meaningless universe or is there

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00:37:01,030 --> 00:36:58,720

evidence that you are more whatever that

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00:37:03,430 --> 00:37:01,040

more is you know we don't have to

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00:37:06,790 --> 00:37:03,440

throw jesus in there but in there just

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00:37:09,109 --> 00:37:06,800

is there more or is there not more and i

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00:37:11,349 --> 00:37:09,119

think you're rightfully calling out

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00:37:13,670 --> 00:37:11,359

these folks and saying hey

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00:37:14,630 --> 00:37:13,680

the evidence overwhelmingly is

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00:37:16,150 --> 00:37:14,640

more

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00:37:19,349 --> 00:37:16,160

now we just have to figure out what that

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00:37:21,510 --> 00:37:19,359
more is and here are some clues that are

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00:37:23,589 --> 00:37:21,520
being kind of laid at our feet to try

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00:37:24,550 --> 00:37:23,599
and put together what do you think about

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00:37:29,430 --> 00:37:24,560
that

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00:37:31,270 --> 00:37:29,440
extrapolation of it all and

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00:37:32,950 --> 00:37:31,280
you know one thing that

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00:37:34,870 --> 00:37:32,960
you know despite all the divisions and

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00:37:36,950 --> 00:37:34,880
chaos going on in the world

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00:37:39,430 --> 00:37:36,960
uh one thing that we all share in common

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00:37:40,470 --> 00:37:39,440
is that we're gonna die essentially and

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00:37:43,109 --> 00:37:40,480
the other thing that we'll share in

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00:37:45,349 --> 00:37:43,119
common is that we really don't know

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00:37:46,710 --> 00:37:45,359

you know we might believe but we don't

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00:37:47,910 --> 00:37:46,720

know what's going to happen to us when

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00:37:50,950 --> 00:37:47,920

we die

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00:37:52,790 --> 00:37:50,960

so that's something that really should

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00:37:54,470 --> 00:37:52,800

in a sense bring us together and and

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00:37:57,510 --> 00:37:54,480

it's a commonality that you know it's

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00:37:59,030 --> 00:37:57,520

the great leveler uh the death

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00:38:01,030 --> 00:37:59,040

throughout history

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00:38:03,030 --> 00:38:01,040

it has brought us together

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00:38:04,550 --> 00:38:03,040

right i mean isn't that part of history

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00:38:06,630 --> 00:38:04,560

is that

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00:38:08,069 --> 00:38:06,640

that is the humanity that we share even

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00:38:09,990 --> 00:38:08,079

when we see that we're not sharing it

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00:38:11,829 --> 00:38:10,000
and we veer away from it ultimately

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00:38:14,470 --> 00:38:11,839
people come together and they go i

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00:38:16,069 --> 00:38:14,480
realize your loss because something

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00:38:19,829 --> 00:38:16,079
happened that you know what i mean and

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00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:22,069
for some reason can't do that about the

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00:38:24,470 --> 00:38:22,960
other

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00:38:26,069 --> 00:38:24,480
you know about people that we perceive

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00:38:28,870 --> 00:38:26,079
as different from us and and the you

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00:38:30,710 --> 00:38:28,880
know i don't want to get political but

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00:38:32,470 --> 00:38:30,720
the war in ukraine is a good example

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00:38:34,150 --> 00:38:32,480
you've got you know and it's a horrible

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00:38:36,470 --> 00:38:34,160
thing i'm not gonna you know belittle

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00:38:39,349 --> 00:38:36,480

that or diminish that in any sense but

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00:38:41,349 --> 00:38:39,359

um there have also been at the same time

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00:38:43,030 --> 00:38:41,359

you know equal suffering and equally

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00:38:45,430 --> 00:38:43,040

horrible wars going on in countries

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00:38:47,270 --> 00:38:45,440

where people are of darker skin

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00:38:48,550 --> 00:38:47,280

people who are not

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00:38:50,150 --> 00:38:48,560

like us and you know when the world

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00:38:51,510 --> 00:38:50,160

first started happening

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00:38:52,950 --> 00:38:51,520

the media was

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00:38:54,710 --> 00:38:52,960

a lot of the reflections in the media

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was like oh but they look just like us

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00:38:58,470 --> 00:38:56,480

these are people just like us these

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00:39:01,030 --> 00:38:58,480

aren't people in the in the middle east

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00:39:03,109 --> 00:39:01,040
you know wearing uh rags on their heads

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00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:03,119
or whatever you know horrible term they

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00:39:07,030 --> 00:39:04,320
would use

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00:39:09,510 --> 00:39:07,040
so so you're right you know people will

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00:39:11,270 --> 00:39:09,520
be brought together with death and and

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00:39:13,349 --> 00:39:11,280
suffering and mourning if they're within

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00:39:16,230 --> 00:39:13,359
their own community but why can't they

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00:39:18,470 --> 00:39:16,240
also say you know that person's death is

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00:39:20,870 --> 00:39:18,480
equally as tragic as mine

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00:39:21,990 --> 00:39:20,880
or or as my family members

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00:39:23,510 --> 00:39:22,000
i'm with you

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00:39:25,670 --> 00:39:23,520
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00:39:27,589 --> 00:39:25,680

but we don't even have a shot of it if

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00:39:29,750 --> 00:39:27,599

we buy into

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00:39:32,069 --> 00:39:29,760

biological robot meaningless universe

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00:39:34,230 --> 00:39:32,079

then there's no reason to even

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contemplate the

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injustice the inequality the all the

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

rest of it which

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00:39:41,670 --> 00:39:40,000

i know you're down with you know what i

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00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:41,680

thought might be

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00:39:44,790 --> 00:39:43,680

interesting

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is to

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00:39:49,589 --> 00:39:47,520

kind of get your take on

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00:39:53,030 --> 00:39:49,599

where you think we stand based on your

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00:39:54,390 --> 00:39:53,040

research about some of the biggest

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00:39:57,349 --> 00:39:54,400

questions that people have about the

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00:39:59,349 --> 00:39:57,359

near-death experience so one is

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00:40:01,510 --> 00:39:59,359

hell i mean there's no two ways about it

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00:40:04,309 --> 00:40:01,520

you know people suppress asking that

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00:40:06,309 --> 00:40:04,319

question but that really is number one

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00:40:07,750 --> 00:40:06,319

for a lot of people is

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00:40:09,589 --> 00:40:07,760

is there a chance i'm gonna go to hell

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00:40:12,150 --> 00:40:09,599

is that whole thing real

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00:40:13,589 --> 00:40:12,160

so from what you've learned how do you

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00:40:14,950 --> 00:40:13,599

sort that out

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00:40:16,069 --> 00:40:14,960

i mean there are

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00:40:17,910 --> 00:40:16,079

negative

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00:40:20,470 --> 00:40:17,920

distressing or hellish or whatever you

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00:40:22,309 --> 00:40:20,480

want to call them ndes they're not very

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00:40:24,390 --> 00:40:22,319

common and

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i think there's some argument that

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00:40:27,750 --> 00:40:25,520

they're

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00:40:30,390 --> 00:40:27,760

you know more disorganized than her than

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00:40:33,349 --> 00:40:30,400

a more positive more typical nde then

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maybe they're more hallucinatory can you

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00:40:36,790 --> 00:40:35,200

think of some cases can you think of

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00:40:41,670 --> 00:40:36,800

some stories you you have a bunch of

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00:40:46,710 --> 00:40:43,990

i remember this i remember this last

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00:40:49,270 --> 00:40:46,720

time that uh you probably got like a

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00:40:51,190 --> 00:40:49,280

million of these things

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00:40:53,190 --> 00:40:51,200

in your head

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00:40:55,190 --> 00:40:53,200

spanish monk named peter died and

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00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:55,200

restored a life he described seeing men

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00:40:59,030 --> 00:40:56,400

he knew

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00:41:02,630 --> 00:40:59,040

suffering torments in hell and being

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00:41:04,550 --> 00:41:02,640

rescued by the same fate by an angel

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00:41:07,109 --> 00:41:04,560

and you have a bunch of other

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00:41:08,790 --> 00:41:07,119

uh medieval accounts this is in the 15th

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00:41:11,109 --> 00:41:08,800

16th century

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00:41:13,589 --> 00:41:11,119

yeah a lot of there's a lot of hellish

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00:41:15,030 --> 00:41:13,599

medieval accounts um

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00:41:16,550 --> 00:41:15,040

and there's also a lot of hellish

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00:41:17,829 --> 00:41:16,560

buddhist accounts

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00:41:20,470 --> 00:41:17,839

and i think

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00:41:22,630 --> 00:41:20,480

that very much reflects those religions

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00:41:24,550 --> 00:41:22,640

you know a medieval christianity

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00:41:26,309 --> 00:41:24,560

gregory you got some hellish

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00:41:27,270 --> 00:41:26,319

native american accounts in there too

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00:41:29,349 --> 00:41:27,280

right

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00:41:31,829 --> 00:41:29,359

yeah there's a couple but but i think

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00:41:34,069 --> 00:41:31,839

overall there's a there's not a pattern

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00:41:35,349 --> 00:41:34,079

i think of hellish native american

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00:41:36,870 --> 00:41:35,359

american ones

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00:41:37,829 --> 00:41:36,880

and it's not that you know the medieval

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00:41:40,390 --> 00:41:37,839

and

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00:41:42,309 --> 00:41:40,400

uh buddhist medieval ones as well have a

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00:41:43,910 --> 00:41:42,319

monopoly on hellish mds but i think

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00:41:46,309 --> 00:41:43,920

there is an overall

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00:41:48,950 --> 00:41:46,319

concern with them and that

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00:41:51,349 --> 00:41:48,960

i think reflects the overall concern

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00:41:52,950 --> 00:41:51,359

within the religions for for going to

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00:41:54,550 --> 00:41:52,960

hell and for suffering

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00:41:56,710 --> 00:41:54,560

and a lot of them especially the

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00:41:57,670 --> 00:41:56,720

medieval ones a lot of them are really

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long

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00:42:03,190 --> 00:42:01,040

uh they're they're obviously um

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00:42:05,349 --> 00:42:03,200

you know elaborated

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00:42:07,109 --> 00:42:05,359

uh i would say even i would even go so

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00:42:08,790 --> 00:42:07,119

far as to say they're either totally

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00:42:10,630 --> 00:42:08,800

literary based on

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00:42:12,630 --> 00:42:10,640

some earlier nde

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00:42:13,829 --> 00:42:12,640

or they have a kernel of an nde in there

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00:42:16,630 --> 00:42:13,839

but have been

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00:42:19,030 --> 00:42:16,640

turned into this you know didactic

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00:42:21,190 --> 00:42:19,040

educating teaching thing to to warn

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00:42:23,349 --> 00:42:21,200

people about the dangers of hell and

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00:42:24,630 --> 00:42:23,359

um to behave better so they so they'll

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00:42:25,430 --> 00:42:24,640

go to heaven

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00:42:27,349 --> 00:42:25,440

um

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00:42:29,670 --> 00:42:27,359
which is not to say you know that these

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00:42:32,790 --> 00:42:29,680
monks didn't have a negative or

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00:42:34,230 --> 00:42:32,800
distressing nde especially if they're

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00:42:36,630 --> 00:42:34,240
sitting around all day

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00:42:38,790 --> 00:42:36,640
drawing pictures of demons and you know

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00:42:39,910 --> 00:42:38,800
they've got these ideas in their head

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00:42:41,030 --> 00:42:39,920
so um

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00:42:42,390 --> 00:42:41,040
so i think they're

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00:42:45,349 --> 00:42:42,400
and i guess that brings us all the way

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00:42:46,710 --> 00:42:45,359
back to the whole question of um

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00:42:48,870 --> 00:42:46,720
how much are they creating their own

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00:42:50,950 --> 00:42:48,880
experience because they're expecting a

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00:42:52,550 --> 00:42:50,960

hellish nde

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00:42:55,349 --> 00:42:52,560

and how much would they have had it

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00:42:57,670 --> 00:42:55,359

anyway if if they weren't constantly you

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00:43:00,069 --> 00:42:57,680

know delving into that that kind of

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00:43:02,150 --> 00:43:00,079

imagery and and ideas

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00:43:05,109 --> 00:43:02,160

well a bunch of thoughts popped in mind

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00:43:07,030 --> 00:43:05,119

but one is that the shamanic accounts

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00:43:09,349 --> 00:43:07,040

certainly are

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00:43:11,030 --> 00:43:09,359

have plenty of accounts of those places

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00:43:13,190 --> 00:43:11,040

that you don't want to go

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00:43:14,790 --> 00:43:13,200

right and you got to believe you know

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00:43:16,710 --> 00:43:14,800

just based on the natural conclusion

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00:43:18,230 --> 00:43:16,720

from your work is that

1201
00:43:19,910 --> 00:43:18,240
there's a relationship there between the

1202
00:43:21,990 --> 00:43:19,920
near-death experience accounts and the

1203
00:43:24,069 --> 00:43:22,000
shamanic journeying knowledge and their

1204
00:43:26,390 --> 00:43:24,079
inner playing with each other

1205
00:43:29,430 --> 00:43:26,400
what advice do you have in terms of how

1206
00:43:32,630 --> 00:43:29,440
we go about the counting process you

1207
00:43:35,589 --> 00:43:32,640
know which we're all into 84 of indy

1208
00:43:37,670 --> 00:43:35,599
ears experience this and 22

1209
00:43:40,150 --> 00:43:37,680
of women in you know

1210
00:43:42,710 --> 00:43:40,160
i see that i see both sides of that i

1211
00:43:45,030 --> 00:43:42,720
mean we want that we need that and to a

1212
00:43:46,710 --> 00:43:45,040
certain extent and in other ways we

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00:43:47,750 --> 00:43:46,720

don't know what we're looking at we're

1214

00:43:49,589 --> 00:43:47,760

looking at

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00:43:51,829 --> 00:43:49,599

still a relatively few number of

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00:43:54,390 --> 00:43:51,839

accounts we don't know the process by

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00:43:56,309 --> 00:43:54,400

which those are being filtered just from

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00:43:57,990 --> 00:43:56,319

a physiological standpoint why are some

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00:43:59,589 --> 00:43:58,000

people remembering some people aren't

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00:44:01,750 --> 00:43:59,599

and in what

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00:44:04,069 --> 00:44:01,760

distress states of dying or you know

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00:44:04,870 --> 00:44:04,079

others just we could be totally looking

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00:44:09,430 --> 00:44:04,880

at

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00:44:11,030 --> 00:44:09,440

about counting

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00:44:12,069 --> 00:44:11,040

yeah that's a great question i don't

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00:44:13,829 --> 00:44:12,079

know

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00:44:15,430 --> 00:44:13,839

i i think with the historical and

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00:44:17,109 --> 00:44:15,440

cross-cultural stuff it's impossible

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00:44:18,150 --> 00:44:17,119

because there just aren't enough records

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00:44:20,950 --> 00:44:18,160

out there

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00:44:22,309 --> 00:44:20,960

but as far as yeah how many people

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00:44:24,630 --> 00:44:22,319

you know in the united states for

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00:44:26,309 --> 00:44:24,640

example have ndes

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00:44:27,910 --> 00:44:26,319

who have been temporarily dead

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00:44:29,510 --> 00:44:27,920

clinically temporarily dead and come

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00:44:31,510 --> 00:44:29,520

back to life

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00:44:33,510 --> 00:44:31,520

and what percentage of those see a

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00:44:35,030 --> 00:44:33,520

tunnel what percentage you know see a

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00:44:37,829 --> 00:44:35,040

being of light

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00:44:39,670 --> 00:44:37,839

every time i start kind of trying to

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00:44:41,349 --> 00:44:39,680

you know get to some conclusion about

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00:44:44,630 --> 00:44:41,359

that it just starts seeming like like

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00:44:46,309 --> 00:44:44,640

chaos to me and it's almost like with uh

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00:44:47,990 --> 00:44:46,319

with mediumship or with like trickster

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00:44:49,910 --> 00:44:48,000

stuff that you mentioned it's almost

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00:44:51,829 --> 00:44:49,920

like the closer you get or the closer

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00:44:53,510 --> 00:44:51,839

you feel like you're getting to some you

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00:44:55,589 --> 00:44:53,520

know scientific

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00:44:58,150 --> 00:44:55,599

uh objective understanding

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00:45:00,550 --> 00:44:58,160

of this stuff um it takes a step further

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00:45:02,470 --> 00:45:00,560
back you know it's it's like a receding

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00:45:04,950 --> 00:45:02,480
landscape as as you're

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00:45:06,870 --> 00:45:04,960
trying to get closer to it and this kind

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00:45:08,870 --> 00:45:06,880
of reminds me too like you know the

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00:45:11,510 --> 00:45:08,880
grayson scale of ndes

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00:45:13,990 --> 00:45:11,520
which and and even moody trying to find

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00:45:15,829 --> 00:45:14,000
you know these 15 elements and then

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00:45:17,670 --> 00:45:15,839
moody himself saying

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00:45:19,270 --> 00:45:17,680
these are the elements of an nde however

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00:45:21,990 --> 00:45:19,280
not everybody has

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00:45:24,230 --> 00:45:22,000
each of those experiences and then

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00:45:26,150 --> 00:45:24,240
subsequent researchers like grayson and

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00:45:27,670 --> 00:45:26,160

whoever else coming along and saying

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00:45:29,510 --> 00:45:27,680

okay let's try to narrow this down let's

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00:45:30,630 --> 00:45:29,520

try to figure out what um

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00:45:32,069 --> 00:45:30,640

all these

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00:45:33,589 --> 00:45:32,079

elements actually are and actually they

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00:45:35,910 --> 00:45:33,599

get expanded

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00:45:37,589 --> 00:45:35,920

far beyond what grayson said but

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00:45:39,430 --> 00:45:37,599

these are the particular ones that all

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00:45:41,349 --> 00:45:39,440

indie years and it's just impossible you

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00:45:42,710 --> 00:45:41,359

know there's it's it's proven i mean

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00:45:44,390 --> 00:45:42,720

they're great tools and and they're

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00:45:47,430 --> 00:45:44,400

necessary for us to

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00:45:50,390 --> 00:45:47,440

identify this repertoire from which ndes

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00:45:51,829 --> 00:45:50,400
pull your repertoire of sub experiences

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00:45:53,430 --> 00:45:51,839
but yeah i don't think we're ever going

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00:45:55,910 --> 00:45:53,440
to get to

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00:45:57,109 --> 00:45:55,920
all nd years have this experience and

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00:45:59,270 --> 00:45:57,119
and that's

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00:46:01,349 --> 00:45:59,280
to me reflects the possibility that

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00:46:03,190 --> 00:46:01,359
maybe we just don't all have the same

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00:46:05,190 --> 00:46:03,200
kind of afterlife

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00:46:07,589 --> 00:46:05,200
absolutely that's a great point and i

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00:46:09,430 --> 00:46:07,599
think grayson himself is

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00:46:11,270 --> 00:46:09,440
has tried to kind of pump the brakes a

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00:46:12,150 --> 00:46:11,280
little bit and say hey yeah you know

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00:46:15,030 --> 00:46:12,160

great

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00:46:17,349 --> 00:46:15,040

glad it's useful as a tool but

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00:46:18,870 --> 00:46:17,359

realize it's limitations here you know

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00:46:20,870 --> 00:46:18,880

yeah i think that's great

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00:46:21,750 --> 00:46:20,880

and i guess that relates to kind of

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00:46:23,430 --> 00:46:21,760

another

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00:46:24,950 --> 00:46:23,440

one that i'd like you to kind of process

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00:46:27,589 --> 00:46:24,960

is the big one

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00:46:29,670 --> 00:46:27,599

is this hierarchical nature of

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00:46:31,750 --> 00:46:29,680

consciousness and

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00:46:34,069 --> 00:46:31,760

you know is there uh

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00:46:35,910 --> 00:46:34,079

it's commonly reported in the western

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00:46:38,710 --> 00:46:35,920

things you know i saw

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00:46:40,870 --> 00:46:38,720

jesus i saw god i saw even just i saw

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00:46:43,109 --> 00:46:40,880

angels i saw beings that knew more than

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00:46:45,270 --> 00:46:43,119

i could ever know i saw people beings

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00:46:47,510 --> 00:46:45,280

that assisted me i saw light you know

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00:46:49,589 --> 00:46:47,520

all the rest that suggest and they

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00:46:50,950 --> 00:46:49,599

suggested that there was more beyond it

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and that there was this hierarchical

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00:46:55,510 --> 00:46:52,640

nature of it and then you hear other

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00:46:57,190 --> 00:46:55,520

accounts that are more kind of uh

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00:46:59,030 --> 00:46:57,200

not so much you know just kind of i

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00:47:01,030 --> 00:46:59,040

moved into the light i moved into the

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00:47:03,430 --> 00:47:01,040

love it was a kind of the unity

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00:47:05,510 --> 00:47:03,440

consciousness thing how are you

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00:47:08,470 --> 00:47:05,520

processing that question from the

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00:47:10,550 --> 00:47:08,480

accounts you've looked at

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00:47:12,470 --> 00:47:10,560

i tend to think that it looks kind of

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00:47:13,750 --> 00:47:12,480

along the tibetan buddhist

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00:47:15,430 --> 00:47:13,760

belief

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00:47:18,150 --> 00:47:15,440

or theory really

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00:47:19,190 --> 00:47:18,160

that it's sort of a case of overlaying

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00:47:21,589 --> 00:47:19,200

our own

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00:47:24,710 --> 00:47:21,599

perceptions and symbols and and cultural

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00:47:27,349 --> 00:47:24,720

consciousness onto these experiences

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00:47:30,150 --> 00:47:27,359

that exist in any case so i'm not saying

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00:47:32,549 --> 00:47:30,160

we're creating the experience but we're

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00:47:34,150 --> 00:47:32,559

you know projecting our own symbols onto

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00:47:34,870 --> 00:47:34,160

the experience

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00:47:39,829 --> 00:47:34,880

so

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00:47:42,069 --> 00:47:39,839

as you know uncle joe again or a

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00:47:44,390 --> 00:47:42,079

grandparent or parent or whatever

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00:47:45,829 --> 00:47:44,400

and some people might think it's jesus

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00:47:48,150 --> 00:47:45,839

and some people might think it's the

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00:47:50,309 --> 00:47:48,160

buddha or muhammad or whatever

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00:47:51,270 --> 00:47:50,319

to me that's the

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00:47:53,910 --> 00:47:51,280

most

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00:47:56,309 --> 00:47:53,920

logical way of making sense of all of it

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00:47:57,990 --> 00:47:56,319

um because

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00:48:00,549 --> 00:47:58,000

it's you know otherwise it brings up too

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00:48:02,710 --> 00:48:00,559

many questions of well why isn't this

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00:48:04,230 --> 00:48:02,720

person seeing jesus and it's like well

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00:48:06,790 --> 00:48:04,240

okay because they're a muslim you know

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00:48:08,150 --> 00:48:06,800

why would they see jesus but you know of

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00:48:10,309 --> 00:48:08,160

course evangelical christians aren't

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00:48:12,790 --> 00:48:10,319

going to like the answer because

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jesus has to be the objective son of god

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00:48:16,790 --> 00:48:15,200

for the entire world not just for them

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00:48:18,069 --> 00:48:16,800

and it would be the same with muslims or

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00:48:20,710 --> 00:48:18,079

anyone else

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00:48:23,349 --> 00:48:20,720

and i think your work goes way beyond

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00:48:25,349 --> 00:48:23,359

the kind of usual religious stuff

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00:48:27,109 --> 00:48:25,359

uh again and that's the advantage of you

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00:48:28,069 --> 00:48:27,119

know going cross culture

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00:48:29,670 --> 00:48:28,079

but

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00:48:33,109 --> 00:48:29,680

what do you think about

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00:48:36,390 --> 00:48:33,119

kind of the the love positive feeling

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00:48:39,109 --> 00:48:36,400

you know all that kind of stuff

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00:48:40,790 --> 00:48:39,119

is also suggestive in a way of the same

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00:48:42,710 --> 00:48:40,800

thing you know

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00:48:44,069 --> 00:48:42,720

yeah so there's different ways you slice

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00:48:46,710 --> 00:48:44,079

it so you can slice and dice and say

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00:48:47,750 --> 00:48:46,720

there's this overlay yeah we get it but

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00:48:49,829 --> 00:48:47,760

is there

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00:48:51,109 --> 00:48:49,839

are there there you know i mean i think

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00:48:53,109 --> 00:48:51,119

whenever i hear people talk about the

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00:48:55,030 --> 00:48:53,119

buddhist stuff and they talk about it

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00:48:57,030 --> 00:48:55,040

from this atheistic perspective and i

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00:48:58,790 --> 00:48:57,040

want to go time out that's purely a way

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00:49:00,870 --> 00:48:58,800

you want to talk about a western overlay

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00:49:02,870 --> 00:49:00,880

there's no buddhist

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00:49:04,150 --> 00:49:02,880

in history that could even connect with

1371

00:49:05,750 --> 00:49:04,160

the idea of being atheist i mean that

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00:49:08,309 --> 00:49:05,760

was

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00:49:10,870 --> 00:49:08,319

assumed that of course there is you know

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00:49:12,630 --> 00:49:10,880

this ultimate consciousness and it's

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good and it's loving and it's all the

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00:49:17,430 --> 00:49:15,280

rest of that so

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00:49:19,190 --> 00:49:17,440

and i think that's uh that comes through

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00:49:20,950 --> 00:49:19,200

in the work and in the accounts that you

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00:49:22,549 --> 00:49:20,960

have of this

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00:49:23,910 --> 00:49:22,559

goodness which is the most widely

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00:49:25,510 --> 00:49:23,920

reported

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00:49:28,309 --> 00:49:25,520

experience among the near-death

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00:49:29,829 --> 00:49:28,319

experience is love is this indescribable

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00:49:33,030 --> 00:49:29,839

love it's not the tunnel it's not their

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00:49:35,829 --> 00:49:33,040

life review it's that i just felt home i

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00:49:38,069 --> 00:49:35,839

felt love i felt connection

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00:49:39,990 --> 00:49:38,079

and i see that all over the place in the

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00:49:41,750 --> 00:49:40,000

accounts you're talking about

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00:49:44,069 --> 00:49:41,760

yeah yeah it's maybe not always putting

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00:49:46,470 --> 00:49:44,079

those terms exactly but

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00:49:48,630 --> 00:49:46,480

it is almost always you know

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00:49:50,790 --> 00:49:48,640

the the negative distressing accounts

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00:49:52,309 --> 00:49:50,800

leaving them aside for now but it is

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00:49:54,390 --> 00:49:52,319

almost always

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00:49:57,349 --> 00:49:54,400

a place of something positive

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00:49:59,589 --> 00:49:57,359

a place where the person brings back

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00:50:00,790 --> 00:49:59,599

some kind of positive knowledge or some

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00:50:02,950 --> 00:50:00,800

kind of new

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00:50:04,069 --> 00:50:02,960

um religious tradition or cultural

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00:50:05,430 --> 00:50:04,079

tradition

1401

00:50:07,750 --> 00:50:05,440

there's an example i always think of

1402

00:50:09,750 --> 00:50:07,760

from native american accounts where the

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00:50:12,870 --> 00:50:09,760

guy was told

1404

00:50:14,470 --> 00:50:12,880

you need to go back and tell your people

1405

00:50:16,790 --> 00:50:14,480

that wife-beating

1406

00:50:19,430 --> 00:50:16,800

is not acceptable

1407

00:50:21,430 --> 00:50:19,440

for one thing and for another thing the

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00:50:22,710 --> 00:50:21,440

the dead don't need your offerings we

1409

00:50:24,630 --> 00:50:22,720

don't need you

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00:50:28,390 --> 00:50:24,640

to keep you know basically wasting your

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00:50:30,470 --> 00:50:28,400

resources by slaughtering buffalo or you

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00:50:31,990 --> 00:50:30,480

know burning grain or whatever because

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00:50:33,910 --> 00:50:32,000

you know the belief was that they would

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00:50:36,150 --> 00:50:33,920

burn these offerings and that they would

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00:50:38,069 --> 00:50:36,160

ascend to the other world and feed the

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00:50:39,030 --> 00:50:38,079

the ancestors and they said we don't

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00:50:41,190 --> 00:50:39,040

need them

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00:50:42,390 --> 00:50:41,200

so that's obviously a positive thing for

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00:50:44,710 --> 00:50:42,400

the community

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00:50:46,150 --> 00:50:44,720

so they have you know better resources

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00:50:47,190 --> 00:50:46,160

and they don't have to be wasteful

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00:50:49,670 --> 00:50:47,200

they don't have to hunt as much or

1423

00:50:51,910 --> 00:50:49,680

whatever so that's not necessarily

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00:50:54,470 --> 00:50:51,920

necessarily love explicitly but these

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00:50:55,750 --> 00:50:54,480

are all things that are beneficial to to

1426
00:50:57,750 --> 00:50:55,760
society

1427
00:50:59,190 --> 00:50:57,760
and that's that is really a

1428
00:51:01,430 --> 00:50:59,200
cross-cultural

1429
00:51:03,510 --> 00:51:01,440
consistency that that there's

1430
00:51:05,190 --> 00:51:03,520
you know nobody has told in the other

1431
00:51:07,190 --> 00:51:05,200
world you know

1432
00:51:09,430 --> 00:51:07,200
you need to go back to your body because

1433
00:51:11,109 --> 00:51:09,440
you have to go um

1434
00:51:13,670 --> 00:51:11,119
i don't know do a school shooting that's

1435
00:51:15,270 --> 00:51:13,680
that's that's the uh you know your your

1436
00:51:16,790 --> 00:51:15,280
destiny that you need to fulfill once

1437
00:51:19,510 --> 00:51:16,800
you've done that you can come back you

1438
00:51:21,670 --> 00:51:19,520

know that that doesn't happen

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00:51:23,510 --> 00:51:21,680

i think that you know what full stop

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00:51:24,950 --> 00:51:23,520

right there it's really interesting that

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00:51:27,270 --> 00:51:24,960

that never

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00:51:28,549 --> 00:51:27,280

happens and you can go search

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00:51:31,589 --> 00:51:28,559

jeff long's

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00:51:33,349 --> 00:51:31,599

under f database and you can google

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00:51:36,470 --> 00:51:33,359

search for thousands and thousands of

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00:51:38,790 --> 00:51:36,480

accounts it's never there so kind of

1447

00:51:41,510 --> 00:51:38,800

interesting on that thing and

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00:51:43,829 --> 00:51:41,520

related point to that i guess is the

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00:51:45,910 --> 00:51:43,839

moral imperative question

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00:51:47,589 --> 00:51:45,920

that again you know the accounts that i

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00:51:50,390 --> 00:51:47,599

remember and i want to make sure i'm not

1452

00:51:52,790 --> 00:51:50,400

just kind of cherry picking but

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00:51:57,309 --> 00:51:52,800

so many accounts from so many different

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00:52:00,630 --> 00:51:57,319

traditions including kind of more these

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00:52:02,950 --> 00:52:00,640

non-western cultures where they say you

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00:52:05,750 --> 00:52:02,960

know do good go back and change your

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00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:05,760

wicked ways and be better and be a

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00:52:09,270 --> 00:52:07,440

better man you know kind of thing

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00:52:10,710 --> 00:52:09,280

thoughts on on the moral imperative and

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00:52:12,630 --> 00:52:10,720

do good

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00:52:15,990 --> 00:52:12,640

yeah yeah there's a famous one that i

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00:52:17,270 --> 00:52:16,000

like by um aj ayer who is a materialist

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00:52:19,910 --> 00:52:17,280

philosopher

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00:52:21,589 --> 00:52:19,920

and after he had his nde and came back

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00:52:23,990 --> 00:52:21,599

his wife said you know he's much better

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00:52:24,870 --> 00:52:24,000

since he died he's a much nicer person

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00:52:27,510 --> 00:52:24,880

so

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00:52:29,990 --> 00:52:27,520

but yeah that's that is a pretty

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00:52:31,670 --> 00:52:30,000

universal common thing too and it's

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00:52:34,950 --> 00:52:31,680

again you know bringing back

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00:52:36,309 --> 00:52:34,960

new strictures new ideas and and new

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00:52:38,950 --> 00:52:36,319

you know recommendations for better

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00:52:40,470 --> 00:52:38,960

behavior things like that but it's also

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00:52:41,829 --> 00:52:40,480

a pretty common

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00:52:43,349 --> 00:52:41,839

and this is interesting in light of

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00:52:45,109 --> 00:52:43,359

light of that question

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00:52:46,470 --> 00:52:45,119

pretty commonly are told go back and

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00:52:48,150 --> 00:52:46,480

tell people

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00:52:50,870 --> 00:52:48,160

about your experience and that there is

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00:52:53,349 --> 00:52:50,880

another world and that you know teach

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00:52:56,230 --> 00:52:53,359

them about the afterlife essentially

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00:52:58,549 --> 00:52:56,240

so that's almost seen as um

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00:53:00,470 --> 00:52:58,559

you know a moral imperative thing to do

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00:53:02,309 --> 00:53:00,480

that people need to learn

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00:53:03,270 --> 00:53:02,319

about these kinds of experiences and

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00:53:04,710 --> 00:53:03,280

maybe

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00:53:06,950 --> 00:53:04,720

you know going back to what i was saying

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00:53:09,030 --> 00:53:06,960

earlier that you know the one thing we

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00:53:11,109 --> 00:53:09,040

have in common is we're all going to die

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00:53:13,030 --> 00:53:11,119

maybe that's the kind of thing that

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00:53:15,829 --> 00:53:13,040

people need to hear that um there is

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00:53:17,030 --> 00:53:15,839

this something beyond this this current

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00:53:18,309 --> 00:53:17,040

world

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00:53:20,950 --> 00:53:18,319

that um

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00:53:22,390 --> 00:53:20,960

you know we're all going to

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00:53:23,589 --> 00:53:22,400

i don't know

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00:53:24,710 --> 00:53:23,599

think about what you're doing now

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00:53:26,390 --> 00:53:24,720

because

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00:53:27,589 --> 00:53:26,400

we're going to be going to another

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00:53:31,670 --> 00:53:27,599

um

1501

00:53:34,230 --> 00:53:31,680

metamorphosis at a later date

1502

00:53:35,109 --> 00:53:34,240

so gregory what do you think about

1503

00:53:37,670 --> 00:53:35,119

the

1504

00:53:40,309 --> 00:53:37,680

technology angle to this because as a

1505

00:53:43,109 --> 00:53:40,319

lot of people have pointed out

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00:53:44,950 --> 00:53:43,119

it seems to us that we have more indie

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00:53:46,870 --> 00:53:44,960

ears around than ever before because we

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00:53:49,270 --> 00:53:46,880

have this advanced medical technology

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00:53:50,870 --> 00:53:49,280

that allows us to resuscitate people i

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00:53:52,630 --> 00:53:50,880

think that's kind of undeniable you

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00:53:54,630 --> 00:53:52,640

can't really get around that

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00:53:58,950 --> 00:53:54,640

how are you processing that in this

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00:54:02,630 --> 00:54:00,710

is there some limitation to the message

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00:54:04,390 --> 00:54:02,640

coming through that

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00:54:06,309 --> 00:54:04,400

you know is being

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00:54:08,549 --> 00:54:06,319

helped along by

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00:54:10,069 --> 00:54:08,559

technology i'm just i can't get

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00:54:10,950 --> 00:54:10,079

comfortable with that but that seems to

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00:54:12,390 --> 00:54:10,960

be

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00:54:13,670 --> 00:54:12,400

somewhere some of the data's leading

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00:54:15,670 --> 00:54:13,680

what do you think

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00:54:18,230 --> 00:54:15,680

you mean that take the people brought

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00:54:20,790 --> 00:54:18,240

back from with technology

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00:54:22,549 --> 00:54:20,800

are having more limited experiences or

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00:54:23,990 --> 00:54:22,559

not not more limited just there's more

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00:54:25,270 --> 00:54:24,000

of them so

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00:54:28,309 --> 00:54:25,280

what does it mean that there's more

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00:54:31,109 --> 00:54:28,319

near-death experiences now than there

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00:54:32,390 --> 00:54:31,119

were 50 years ago and one do we think

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00:54:33,829 --> 00:54:32,400

that's true

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00:54:35,910 --> 00:54:33,839

and then two

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00:54:37,670 --> 00:54:35,920

what would possibly you know back to

1533

00:54:39,750 --> 00:54:37,680

what you're saying about you know go

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00:54:41,910 --> 00:54:39,760

tell the people you know is there a way

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00:54:43,349 --> 00:54:41,920

of go tell the people you know we we

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00:54:45,990 --> 00:54:43,359

give them those paddles and then they'll

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00:54:48,069 --> 00:54:46,000

come back and more people tell people

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00:54:50,150 --> 00:54:48,079

yeah now that that is a

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00:54:52,309 --> 00:54:50,160

a good point and

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00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:52,319

you know when i say like i found 70

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00:54:56,950 --> 00:54:54,960

examples of native american ndes

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00:54:57,829 --> 00:54:56,960

70 might seem like a lot because before

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00:54:59,430 --> 00:54:57,839

that

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00:55:01,510 --> 00:54:59,440

people only knew about five or ten of

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00:55:04,150 --> 00:55:01,520

them were acknowledged

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00:55:05,150 --> 00:55:04,160

um but that's over a period of you know

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00:55:08,950 --> 00:55:05,160

from

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00:55:10,870 --> 00:55:08,960

1589 to the 1940s or something

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00:55:12,870 --> 00:55:10,880

so 70 over that amount of time it really

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00:55:14,710 --> 00:55:12,880

isn't that many when you have probably

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00:55:16,470 --> 00:55:14,720
hundreds a day

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00:55:19,109 --> 00:55:16,480
uh happening now so

1553
00:55:20,870 --> 00:55:19,119
yeah conceivably um you know it would be

1554
00:55:22,390 --> 00:55:20,880
nice if if

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00:55:24,309 --> 00:55:22,400
this culture

1556
00:55:26,309 --> 00:55:24,319
were open enough

1557
00:55:27,910 --> 00:55:26,319
for people who have nds to be able to

1558
00:55:29,670 --> 00:55:27,920
come back and

1559
00:55:31,589 --> 00:55:29,680
feel safe talking about them but i think

1560
00:55:32,470 --> 00:55:31,599
there's still a stigma about that so i

1561
00:55:33,430 --> 00:55:32,480
think

1562
00:55:35,510 --> 00:55:33,440
um

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00:55:36,309 --> 00:55:35,520

any of those figures are probably skewed

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00:55:38,069 --> 00:55:36,319

by

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00:55:39,430 --> 00:55:38,079

the idea that um a lot of people are

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00:55:40,549 --> 00:55:39,440

just too afraid to talk about them

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00:55:41,670 --> 00:55:40,559

because they're going to be seen as

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00:55:42,789 --> 00:55:41,680

crazy

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00:55:44,390 --> 00:55:42,799

um

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00:55:46,549 --> 00:55:44,400

and you know

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00:55:48,950 --> 00:55:46,559

given psych drugs or whatever

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00:55:50,309 --> 00:55:48,960

um ostracized by their community and

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00:55:51,910 --> 00:55:50,319

even you know that's also a factor

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00:55:54,230 --> 00:55:51,920

cross-culturally because

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00:55:58,150 --> 00:55:54,240

in um some of the

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00:55:59,829 --> 00:55:58,160
micronesian and australian and african

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00:56:02,309 --> 00:55:59,839
tribal accounts

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00:56:04,789 --> 00:56:02,319
there was a sort of hostility to people

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00:56:06,470 --> 00:56:04,799
seeming to come back to life

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00:56:09,349 --> 00:56:06,480
so uh you know in our

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00:56:10,470 --> 00:56:09,359
in western cultures generally speaking

1582
00:56:12,470 --> 00:56:10,480
uh if

1583
00:56:13,910 --> 00:56:12,480
one of our loved ones died and came back

1584
00:56:15,589 --> 00:56:13,920
we'd be rushing to their side and

1585
00:56:17,109 --> 00:56:15,599
everyone would be you know crying in

1586
00:56:18,150 --> 00:56:17,119
tears of joy and saying this is a

1587
00:56:19,910 --> 00:56:18,160
miracle

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00:56:21,990 --> 00:56:19,920

uh but in some other cultures they would

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00:56:25,349 --> 00:56:22,000

be seen as like you know uh oh

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00:56:26,950 --> 00:56:25,359

um yeah he's demonic yeah yeah a zombie

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00:56:29,109 --> 00:56:26,960

has come back to life where this person

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00:56:31,750 --> 00:56:29,119

must be possessed by sorcery and they're

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00:56:34,230 --> 00:56:31,760

a threat to the community and yeah we

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00:56:36,549 --> 00:56:34,240

need to put a stop to that and and

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00:56:39,190 --> 00:56:36,559

another interesting thing about that is

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00:56:41,430 --> 00:56:39,200

one of the reasons there are so few ndes

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00:56:43,750 --> 00:56:41,440

in uh those cultures aside from the fact

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00:56:45,270 --> 00:56:43,760

that they they might be be killed if if

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00:56:46,390 --> 00:56:45,280

they come back is that they would

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00:56:47,829 --> 00:56:46,400

actually go to

1601
00:56:49,750 --> 00:56:47,839
to quite

1602
00:56:52,470 --> 00:56:49,760
you know extreme measures to prevent

1603
00:56:54,150 --> 00:56:52,480
people from coming back so if somebody

1604
00:56:55,910 --> 00:56:54,160
you know when during a burial they would

1605
00:56:58,390 --> 00:56:55,920
bind their hands and feet you'd put

1606
00:57:01,190 --> 00:56:58,400
stones on top of the grave so it's just

1607
00:57:03,829 --> 00:57:01,200
the opposite of you know the modern

1608
00:57:05,430 --> 00:57:03,839
medical advances that bring about more

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00:57:07,030 --> 00:57:05,440
resuscitations so it would be

1610
00:57:08,950 --> 00:57:07,040
interesting if you know

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00:57:10,829 --> 00:57:08,960
different cultures around the world are

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00:57:13,430 --> 00:57:10,839
starting to get access to this kind of

1613
00:57:15,910 --> 00:57:13,440

technology and we get more and more ndes

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00:57:18,789 --> 00:57:15,920

from you know smaller cultures and you

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00:57:20,630 --> 00:57:18,799

know thailand and tibet and

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00:57:22,710 --> 00:57:20,640

arab countries and whatever you know

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00:57:24,950 --> 00:57:22,720

they're very few muslim indies known for

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00:57:26,230 --> 00:57:24,960

example so

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00:57:27,670 --> 00:57:26,240

hopefully that will you know that will

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00:57:29,430 --> 00:57:27,680

be one of the

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00:57:30,789 --> 00:57:29,440

the positive effects of the of these

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00:57:32,630 --> 00:57:30,799

technologies

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00:57:33,670 --> 00:57:32,640

and and just returning to that one

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00:57:35,190 --> 00:57:33,680

second

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00:57:37,270 --> 00:57:35,200

but you don't make

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00:57:38,829 --> 00:57:37,280
anything of the fact that that

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00:57:41,109 --> 00:57:38,839
technology has

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00:57:42,710 --> 00:57:41,119
advanced i mean back to this thing

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00:57:44,150 --> 00:57:42,720
there's this moving target right there's

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00:57:45,510 --> 00:57:44,160
this new death experience science

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00:57:47,910 --> 00:57:45,520
there's this increased awareness there's

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00:57:51,030 --> 00:57:47,920
this cultural change and now boom at the

1633
00:57:52,710 --> 00:57:51,040
same time this technology emerges that

1634
00:57:55,430 --> 00:57:52,720
is suddenly

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00:57:56,789 --> 00:57:55,440
you know making this much more

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00:57:58,470 --> 00:57:56,799
prevalent so there's a lot of people

1637
00:58:00,549 --> 00:57:58,480
that jump to some kind of

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00:58:02,470 --> 00:58:00,559

metaphysical conclusions about that i

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00:58:05,190 --> 00:58:02,480

don't necessarily want to go there but i

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00:58:08,150 --> 00:58:05,200

don't want to limit the possibility is a

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00:58:09,430 --> 00:58:08,160

reason why the technologies advanced at

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00:58:11,589 --> 00:58:09,440

this time

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00:58:12,870 --> 00:58:11,599

i say you mean yeah wow i don't know

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00:58:14,789 --> 00:58:12,880

yeah i mean that's

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00:58:16,470 --> 00:58:14,799

i wouldn't even know how to how to go

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00:58:18,870 --> 00:58:16,480

about

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00:58:20,710 --> 00:58:18,880

addressing a question like that because

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00:58:22,390 --> 00:58:20,720

to me it opens up too many

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00:58:23,750 --> 00:58:22,400

cans and worms because

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00:58:24,870 --> 00:58:23,760

who's uh

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00:58:26,390 --> 00:58:24,880
who would be

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00:58:29,190 --> 00:58:26,400
responsible

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00:58:31,109 --> 00:58:29,200
for in introducing that technology to us

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00:58:32,309 --> 00:58:31,119
you know who is determining that there's

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00:58:34,549 --> 00:58:32,319
a reason

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00:58:36,710 --> 00:58:34,559
and all that kind of

1657
00:58:38,789 --> 00:58:36,720
that yeah there's too many things to

1658
00:58:39,829 --> 00:58:38,799
accept before they'd be willing to go

1659
00:58:42,710 --> 00:58:39,839
there

1660
00:58:44,630 --> 00:58:42,720
fair enough and i think as anyone who

1661
00:58:46,309 --> 00:58:44,640
reads the book we'll see

1662
00:58:47,670 --> 00:58:46,319
you are really

1663
00:58:49,109 --> 00:58:47,680

you know rolling your sleeves up and

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00:58:50,630 --> 00:58:49,119

digging into these

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00:58:52,549 --> 00:58:50,640

tough issues

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00:58:54,950 --> 00:58:52,559

surrounding that but you're not going to

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00:58:57,910 --> 00:58:54,960

be kind of pushed into

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00:58:59,750 --> 00:58:57,920

wild speculation that ventures beyond

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00:59:01,670 --> 00:58:59,760

where your data is taking you and that's

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00:59:04,150 --> 00:59:01,680

what we're looking for

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00:59:06,069 --> 00:59:04,160

from your excellent work yeah

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00:59:08,309 --> 00:59:06,079

thanks yeah i loved in the last

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00:59:11,109 --> 00:59:08,319

interview we did how your headline for

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00:59:15,030 --> 00:59:11,119

it was something like you know gregory

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00:59:18,630 --> 00:59:16,870

i'm not deliberately trying to wrangle

1676

00:59:20,470 --> 00:59:18,640

but i am you know

1677

00:59:22,150 --> 00:59:20,480

i i will pretty much come up with you

1678

00:59:24,309 --> 00:59:22,160

know the opposite argument for for

1679

00:59:26,950 --> 00:59:24,319

whatever or not our opposite argument

1680

00:59:29,510 --> 00:59:26,960

but i can i'm willing to see both sides

1681

00:59:31,349 --> 00:59:29,520

of of kind of any argument so

1682

00:59:33,510 --> 00:59:31,359

which in a way you know it does

1683

00:59:35,349 --> 00:59:33,520

frustrate people because people want to

1684

00:59:36,789 --> 00:59:35,359

say oh the cross-cultural similarity

1685

00:59:37,829 --> 00:59:36,799

doesn't that just mean it's a dying

1686

00:59:40,069 --> 00:59:37,839

brain

1687

00:59:41,430 --> 00:59:40,079

and no that's not really the case and

1688

00:59:43,109 --> 00:59:41,440

other people say well doesn't that mean

1689

00:59:44,390 --> 00:59:43,119

that you know there's a universal

1690

00:59:47,030 --> 00:59:44,400

afterlife and it's all the same

1691

00:59:47,910 --> 00:59:47,040

spirituality no it's not that either you

1692

00:59:50,390 --> 00:59:47,920

know

1693

00:59:53,109 --> 00:59:50,400

well gregory the the the underlying

1694

00:59:55,430 --> 00:59:53,119

ethos of this show is inquiry to

1695

00:59:57,190 --> 00:59:55,440

perpetuate doubt

1696

01:00:00,549 --> 00:59:57,200

so you're right at home here buddy let

1697

01:00:01,670 --> 01:00:00,559

me tell you it's uh thanks alex yeah

1698

01:00:03,430 --> 01:00:01,680

and but

1699

01:00:06,630 --> 01:00:03,440

at the same time because i always like

1700

01:00:09,829 --> 01:00:06,640

jumping over on the other side too

1701

01:00:11,430 --> 01:00:09,839

i appreciate the intellectual

1702

01:00:13,510 --> 01:00:11,440

agnostic

1703

01:00:15,030 --> 01:00:13,520

openness you know

1704

01:00:16,710 --> 01:00:15,040

but like what i always say from a

1705

01:00:19,910 --> 01:00:16,720

spiritual perspective none of us are

1706

01:00:21,270 --> 01:00:19,920

agnostic we wake up every day and that

1707

01:00:24,549 --> 01:00:21,280

little voice inside our head is

1708

01:00:27,030 --> 01:00:24,559

yammering away and we're going to decide

1709

01:00:28,549 --> 01:00:27,040

what our relationship is with that

1710

01:00:30,069 --> 01:00:28,559

consciousness and that is our

1711

01:00:30,870 --> 01:00:30,079

spirituality

1712

01:00:33,990 --> 01:00:30,880

so

1713

01:00:37,270 --> 01:00:34,000

any insights into

1714

01:00:40,069 --> 01:00:37,280

how you are processing that from uh

1715

01:00:41,750 --> 01:00:40,079

from a personal spiritual perspective

1716

01:00:43,990 --> 01:00:41,760

yeah that's a great question because i

1717

01:00:45,829 --> 01:00:44,000

like the mormon example i gave earlier

1718

01:00:47,750 --> 01:00:45,839

um with the whole predestiny thing it's

1719

01:00:48,789 --> 01:00:47,760

just like i don't even want to go there

1720

01:00:50,069 --> 01:00:48,799

you know

1721

01:00:51,349 --> 01:00:50,079

i don't i don't like the idea of

1722

01:00:53,510 --> 01:00:51,359

predestiny

1723

01:00:54,710 --> 01:00:53,520

or or these kind of you know quantum

1724

01:00:55,589 --> 01:00:54,720

physics

1725

01:00:57,349 --> 01:00:55,599

type

1726

01:00:58,309 --> 01:00:57,359

explanations for an afterlife or for a

1727

01:01:00,470 --> 01:00:58,319

soul

1728

01:01:03,030 --> 01:01:00,480

it's just you know it's

1729

01:01:05,030 --> 01:01:03,040

it takes me outside of the you know

1730

01:01:07,670 --> 01:01:05,040

historical humanities cross-cultural

1731

01:01:09,510 --> 01:01:07,680

stuff and it's interesting but yeah it's

1732

01:01:11,270 --> 01:01:09,520

difficult i i just know i come with my

1733

01:01:13,829 --> 01:01:11,280

own biases another one is you probably

1734

01:01:16,069 --> 01:01:13,839

know anthony peake and his his idea that

1735

01:01:18,309 --> 01:01:16,079

we're reliving our own lives over and

1736

01:01:20,150 --> 01:01:18,319

over the groundhog day kind of thing and

1737

01:01:22,309 --> 01:01:20,160

i you know it's really interesting his

1738

01:01:25,109 --> 01:01:22,319

work is is interesting

1739

01:01:28,069 --> 01:01:25,119

but i just don't want to you know my

1740

01:01:29,190 --> 01:01:28,079

mind just thinks no don't want to do it

1741

01:01:31,270 --> 01:01:29,200

so i don't know if it's just that i

1742

01:01:33,589 --> 01:01:31,280

don't like the idea or that you know it

1743

01:01:34,630 --> 01:01:33,599

doesn't correspond with um

1744

01:01:37,510 --> 01:01:34,640

you know the other stuff that i'm

1745

01:01:38,870 --> 01:01:37,520

finding but we all have our limits of

1746

01:01:40,710 --> 01:01:38,880

where we want to go with this stuff

1747

01:01:43,349 --> 01:01:40,720

aliens and ufos is another one for me

1748

01:01:45,670 --> 01:01:43,359

you know i i don't like going to the

1749

01:01:48,549 --> 01:01:45,680

um relationship between there being an

1750

01:01:50,470 --> 01:01:48,559

afterlife and aliens or ayahuasca

1751

01:01:53,109 --> 01:01:50,480

deities being aliens and that that's all

1752

01:01:55,349 --> 01:01:53,119

the same realm as an afterlife

1753

01:01:57,349 --> 01:01:55,359

it takes me a little beyond my uh my

1754

01:01:59,430 --> 01:01:57,359

comfort zone

1755

01:02:01,670 --> 01:01:59,440

but i think you do it in a in a smart

1756

01:02:03,349 --> 01:02:01,680

way because you don't you know shy away

1757

01:02:06,870 --> 01:02:03,359

from like uh

1758

01:02:09,589 --> 01:02:06,880

hallucinogenic kind of experiences in at

1759

01:02:12,789 --> 01:02:09,599

least in terms of mentioning that they

1760

01:02:14,230 --> 01:02:12,799

have to be part of this discussion of

1761

01:02:16,230 --> 01:02:14,240

transformative

1762

01:02:18,390 --> 01:02:16,240

non-ordinary experiences and we don't

1763

01:02:19,910 --> 01:02:18,400

know what that means so that has to be

1764

01:02:22,069 --> 01:02:19,920

on the table as well you know the other

1765

01:02:23,270 --> 01:02:22,079

thing i was going to throw in there that

1766

01:02:25,990 --> 01:02:23,280

is kind of interesting you know when you

1767

01:02:27,349 --> 01:02:26,000

do study the nde even the pre-destiny

1768

01:02:29,029 --> 01:02:27,359

stuff

1769

01:02:30,150 --> 01:02:29,039

it all kind of falls away it's like

1770

01:02:31,109 --> 01:02:30,160

right because there's plenty of accounts

1771

01:02:33,029 --> 01:02:31,119

of people

1772

01:02:34,789 --> 01:02:33,039

well you can choose you can go back or

1773

01:02:36,150 --> 01:02:34,799

you cannot go back so where is this

1774

01:02:37,990 --> 01:02:36,160

buddy

1775

01:02:39,829 --> 01:02:38,000

wait i thought it was all tested you

1776

01:02:42,470 --> 01:02:39,839

know i thought yeah so back to your

1777

01:02:44,230 --> 01:02:42,480

point of like do you have to go back do

1778

01:02:46,069 --> 01:02:44,240

you have to die in that order or you

1779

01:02:48,390 --> 01:02:46,079

know what i mean it's like yeah

1780

01:02:50,069 --> 01:02:48,400

it's very same

1781

01:02:50,870 --> 01:02:50,079

same with reincarnation you know you've

1782

01:02:52,390 --> 01:02:50,880

got

1783

01:02:54,309 --> 01:02:52,400

in the in the indian traditions in

1784

01:02:56,230 --> 01:02:54,319

hinduism and buddhism you don't have

1785

01:02:58,069 --> 01:02:56,240

this idea where you

1786

01:02:59,829 --> 01:02:58,079

choose your next life

1787

01:03:02,230 --> 01:02:59,839

and you know you get to have a preview

1788

01:03:04,470 --> 01:03:02,240

of it basically whereas like in the

1789

01:03:05,829 --> 01:03:04,480

western examples you know they often

1790

01:03:07,910 --> 01:03:05,839

will say that

1791

01:03:10,789 --> 01:03:07,920

and to me

1792

01:03:13,349 --> 01:03:10,799

that's another place where my you know

1793

01:03:15,270 --> 01:03:13,359

it hits my agnostic threshold where

1794

01:03:16,950 --> 01:03:15,280

i feel like i can accept

1795

01:03:19,430 --> 01:03:16,960

the randomness of it

1796

01:03:22,150 --> 01:03:19,440

in in hinduism in buddhism or or the

1797

01:03:23,270 --> 01:03:22,160

sort of general karmic progression that

1798

01:03:24,710 --> 01:03:23,280

you know you're going to get a slightly

1799

01:03:25,910 --> 01:03:24,720

better life if you did a bit better in

1800

01:03:27,670 --> 01:03:25,920

this life

1801

01:03:29,910 --> 01:03:27,680

but i can't accept everyone choosing

1802

01:03:32,150 --> 01:03:29,920

their own lives because then you know

1803

01:03:33,029 --> 01:03:32,160

who chooses to be

1804

01:03:34,630 --> 01:03:33,039

you know

1805

01:03:36,549 --> 01:03:34,640

a victim of

1806

01:03:38,309 --> 01:03:36,559

violence or in the middle of the war and

1807

01:03:39,750 --> 01:03:38,319

who chooses to be the perpetrator of

1808

01:03:41,430 --> 01:03:39,760

that violence or

1809

01:03:43,430 --> 01:03:41,440

so you know it could be that that

1810

01:03:47,109 --> 01:03:43,440

happens and it just really is a totally

1811

01:03:48,950 --> 01:03:47,119

morally a neutral system in the universe

1812

01:03:52,549 --> 01:03:48,960

but i sort of choose to think like if

1813

01:03:54,069 --> 01:03:52,559

any of this is is real and true then um

1814

01:03:57,109 --> 01:03:54,079

that kind of thing would doesn't really

1815

01:03:59,430 --> 01:03:57,119

make sense to me the choice of of you

1816

01:04:01,910 --> 01:03:59,440

know participating in

1817

01:04:03,750 --> 01:04:01,920

immoral and violent acts

1818

01:04:04,870 --> 01:04:03,760

as as a means to spiritual progression

1819

01:04:07,190 --> 01:04:04,880

you know it's

1820

01:04:09,109 --> 01:04:07,200

it's like a complete it's a twisted kind

1821

01:04:11,270 --> 01:04:09,119

of thing to my mind just me

1822

01:04:12,710 --> 01:04:11,280

i agree and as soon as you say that

1823

01:04:15,190 --> 01:04:12,720

people want to jump in and give you all

1824

01:04:16,390 --> 01:04:15,200

sorts of explanations and particularly

1825

01:04:18,549 --> 01:04:16,400

people who

1826

01:04:20,230 --> 01:04:18,559

claim to be and i'm not denying you know

1827

01:04:21,990 --> 01:04:20,240

people have abilities to connect and

1828

01:04:23,750 --> 01:04:22,000

you're saying the mediumship but then

1829

01:04:25,589 --> 01:04:23,760

when they come in and all the pat

1830

01:04:26,470 --> 01:04:25,599

answers that you know i'm like you i'm

1831

01:04:28,710 --> 01:04:26,480

like

1832

01:04:31,589 --> 01:04:28,720

pause all that stuff

1833

01:04:33,829 --> 01:04:31,599

so dr shashan where

1834

01:04:35,829 --> 01:04:33,839

next where do you go next with this

1835

01:04:38,309 --> 01:04:35,839

important work

1836

01:04:40,630 --> 01:04:38,319

i'm putting together a historical

1837

01:04:42,069 --> 01:04:40,640

anthology of new death experiences which

1838

01:04:43,510 --> 01:04:42,079

is going to be

1839

01:04:45,829 --> 01:04:43,520

just that like a lot of the accounts

1840

01:04:46,630 --> 01:04:45,839

that i talk about in my books

1841

01:04:48,789 --> 01:04:46,640

you know

1842

01:04:50,150 --> 01:04:48,799

just for reasons of space by necessity

1843

01:04:51,990 --> 01:04:50,160

i've had to give you know short

1844

01:04:54,230 --> 01:04:52,000

descriptions of them or

1845

01:04:56,870 --> 01:04:54,240

you know a little extract from them but

1846

01:04:58,789 --> 01:04:56,880

i thought putting together a book of you

1847

01:05:01,510 --> 01:04:58,799

know full verbatim accounts from across

1848

01:05:03,670 --> 01:05:01,520

time would be a fun thing to do

1849

01:05:06,069 --> 01:05:03,680

so that's that's a long project but it's

1850

01:05:09,190 --> 01:05:06,079

a it's kind of making a little progress

1851
01:05:09,990 --> 01:05:09,200
and then eventually i'm gonna do

1852
01:05:11,670 --> 01:05:10,000
uh

1853
01:05:12,870 --> 01:05:11,680
one on um

1854
01:05:15,029 --> 01:05:12,880
kind of sighing because it's such a

1855
01:05:16,309 --> 01:05:15,039
daunting project but uh i've been

1856
01:05:17,750 --> 01:05:16,319
thinking about it a long time but i

1857
01:05:19,510 --> 01:05:17,760
wanna do um

1858
01:05:22,710 --> 01:05:19,520
near-death experiences and classical

1859
01:05:24,309 --> 01:05:22,720
antiquity and kind of looking um

1860
01:05:26,630 --> 01:05:24,319
at all the verbatim accounts that we

1861
01:05:28,950 --> 01:05:26,640
have from from greece and rome but also

1862
01:05:30,309 --> 01:05:28,960
at how they interact with

1863
01:05:32,150 --> 01:05:30,319

the ritual

1864

01:05:33,510 --> 01:05:32,160

side of things so ancient mystery cults

1865

01:05:35,670 --> 01:05:33,520

for example

1866

01:05:38,950 --> 01:05:35,680

in mystery cults you know people would

1867

01:05:41,349 --> 01:05:38,960

enter into these cave-like temples and

1868

01:05:44,069 --> 01:05:41,359

i kind of see them as reenactments of

1869

01:05:46,309 --> 01:05:44,079

ndes a kind of shamanic reenactment

1870

01:05:47,589 --> 01:05:46,319

so it'll be partly that and then also

1871

01:05:50,390 --> 01:05:47,599

how

1872

01:05:52,549 --> 01:05:50,400

ancient early christian ndes kind of fit

1873

01:05:55,109 --> 01:05:52,559

into that world as well

1874

01:05:57,270 --> 01:05:55,119

but that's that's a long way off so but

1875

01:05:58,789 --> 01:05:57,280

i've also i don't know if you

1876

01:05:59,910 --> 01:05:58,799

know about this but i started a new

1877

01:06:02,309 --> 01:05:59,920

imprint

1878

01:06:03,430 --> 01:06:02,319

of white crow books called after worlds

1879

01:06:05,750 --> 01:06:03,440

press

1880

01:06:07,910 --> 01:06:05,760

and that's an exciting venture because i

1881

01:06:08,710 --> 01:06:07,920

get to pretty much publish

1882

01:06:10,870 --> 01:06:08,720

any

1883

01:06:13,190 --> 01:06:10,880

books that i want in this area of

1884

01:06:14,549 --> 01:06:13,200

research so the first one is one i

1885

01:06:17,829 --> 01:06:14,559

mentioned at the beginning uh the

1886

01:06:20,549 --> 01:06:17,839

occupants one about native american ndes

1887

01:06:22,390 --> 01:06:20,559

and shamanism and afterlife beliefs the

1888

01:06:24,069 --> 01:06:22,400

second one is

1889

01:06:26,390 --> 01:06:24,079

by a german scholar you might have run

1890

01:06:27,750 --> 01:06:26,400

across this book to die is gain

1891

01:06:30,230 --> 01:06:27,760

and it was a

1892

01:06:31,510 --> 01:06:30,240

came out the same year as moody's book

1893

01:06:33,750 --> 01:06:31,520

in this country but it was a couple

1894

01:06:36,470 --> 01:06:33,760

years before in germany

1895

01:06:38,390 --> 01:06:36,480

and it's basically he you know

1896

01:06:40,390 --> 01:06:38,400

independently discovered ndes at the

1897

01:06:42,710 --> 01:06:40,400

same time as moody and he has a totally

1898

01:06:44,710 --> 01:06:42,720

different take on it he comes at it from

1899

01:06:47,829 --> 01:06:44,720

the perspective of

1900

01:06:49,829 --> 01:06:47,839

spirituality and theology and philosophy

1901

01:06:51,910 --> 01:06:49,839

and kind of delving deeply into those

1902

01:06:54,309 --> 01:06:51,920

questions about you know what do these

1903

01:06:57,510 --> 01:06:54,319

beliefs mean for our life on earth and

1904

01:07:00,150 --> 01:06:57,520

what do they mean for the future and

1905

01:07:02,870 --> 01:07:00,160

you know the the intertwining of ndes

1906

01:07:05,029 --> 01:07:02,880

with philosophy in the afterlife so

1907

01:07:07,829 --> 01:07:05,039

so that's an exciting project and a

1908

01:07:09,910 --> 01:07:07,839

whole kind of different term i can take

1909

01:07:12,150 --> 01:07:09,920

absolutely so we will look for that

1910

01:07:13,910 --> 01:07:12,160

through uh an imprint of white chrome

1911

01:07:15,829 --> 01:07:13,920

what is your imprint name going to be

1912

01:07:17,670 --> 01:07:15,839

it's called afterworld's press

1913

01:07:18,789 --> 01:07:17,680

afterwards

1914

01:07:19,990 --> 01:07:18,799

great

1915

01:07:21,109 --> 01:07:20,000

well we'll definitely keep an eye out

1916

01:07:22,870 --> 01:07:21,119

for that

1917

01:07:24,710 --> 01:07:22,880

yeah it's been absolutely terrific

1918

01:07:27,109 --> 01:07:24,720

having you on i wish you the best of

1919

01:07:30,150 --> 01:07:27,119

luck with this latest book

1920

01:07:31,589 --> 01:07:30,160

and with of course just your research in

1921

01:07:33,670 --> 01:07:31,599

general it's terrific the name of the

1922

01:07:35,829 --> 01:07:33,680

book again is the next world

1923

01:07:37,109 --> 01:07:35,839

extraordinary experiences of the

1924

01:07:39,349 --> 01:07:37,119

afterlife

1925

01:07:40,549 --> 01:07:39,359

and our guest has been dr gregory

1926

01:07:49,589 --> 01:07:40,559

shushan

1927

01:07:52,069 --> 01:07:49,599

joining me today on skeptico one

1928

01:07:53,829 --> 01:07:52,079

question to tie up from this interview

1929

01:07:55,829 --> 01:07:53,839

what is the importance of the near-death

1930

01:07:59,270 --> 01:07:55,839

experience accounts across culture and

1931

01:08:01,190 --> 01:07:59,280

history that shushan has documented how

1932

01:08:04,630 --> 01:08:01,200

do those fit into the larger and most

1933

01:08:07,750 --> 01:08:04,640

pressing scientific issues we face like

1934

01:08:10,230 --> 01:08:07,760

those featured by yuval harari who we

1935

01:08:11,750 --> 01:08:10,240

played the clip from at the beginning

1936

01:08:13,510 --> 01:08:11,760

let me hear your thoughts love to hear

1937

01:08:15,349 --> 01:08:13,520

from you there's only really one place

1938

01:08:18,309 --> 01:08:15,359

to do it if you want to talk to me skip

1939

01:08:20,470 --> 01:08:18,319

to go for them i've tried kind of going

1940

01:08:22,709 --> 01:08:20,480

in other places but it it it kind of

1941

01:08:25,189 --> 01:08:22,719

never really works out so

1942

01:08:26,950 --> 01:08:25,199

not on facebook not on twitter not on

1943

01:08:29,510 --> 01:08:26,960

youtube really

1944

01:08:30,950 --> 01:08:29,520

but i am on skeptical forum if you ever

1945

01:08:33,349 --> 01:08:30,960

want to chat

1946

01:08:35,910 --> 01:08:33,359

so once again thanks for joining me glad

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