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***FREE WILL IN
THE MOMENT***

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00:00:06,470 --> 00:00:04,550
on this episode of skeptico

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00:00:08,870 --> 00:00:06,480
God's rules

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00:00:10,730 --> 00:00:08,880
there are only two rooms you can't tell

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00:00:13,070 --> 00:00:10,740
anybody you're God and you can't mess

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00:00:16,310 --> 00:00:13,080
with free will oh

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00:00:19,670 --> 00:00:16,320
can I ask why yes you can

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00:00:26,929 --> 00:00:22,849
and what they mean for free will

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but what we can do is at every moment of

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every day right now we have a choice to

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00:00:35,389 --> 00:00:32,759
make what am I going to say next how am

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00:00:38,510 --> 00:00:35,399
I going to live my life in the next hour

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00:00:41,330 --> 00:00:38,520
this little nugget of Freedom that we

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00:00:44,209 --> 00:00:41,340

have at every moment of Our Lives

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that first clip was from the movie Bruce

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Almighty

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and the second was from today's guest Dr

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Stafford Betty you're going to meet in a

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minute and I think you're going to like

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him as much as I do he's just done a

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tremendous amount of work on after death

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and he's also a religious scholar and

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very very interesting guy I hope you

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like the interview

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welcome to skeptico where we explore

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00:01:12,289 --> 00:01:09,479

controversial science and spirituality

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00:01:14,270 --> 00:01:12,299

with leading researchers thinkers and

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their critics I'm your host Alex Karis

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today I'm excited and honored to welcome

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Dr Stanford Betty to skeptico

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let me read a little bio here

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Stanford Betty earned a PhD from Fordham

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was a professor of world religions at

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Cal State University Bakersfield for a

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long long time just retired a couple

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00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:35,100

years ago

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he has become one of the country's most

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acclaimed experts

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on the afterlife and you can see

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00:01:48,230 --> 00:01:43,979

numerous books up there if you're

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00:01:51,469 --> 00:01:48,240

looking at this on YouTube in 2011 he

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00:01:53,450 --> 00:01:51,479

published the afterlife unveiled his

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00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,460

most popular book a more recent

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publication have it in Hell unveiled

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2014 is an in-depth description of

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spiritual life with an emphasis on how

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Spirits progress from lower to higher

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planes I'm always talking about whether

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00:02:10,370 --> 00:02:08,459

or not there is a hierarchy to

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Consciousness and always have to throw

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that out there like a question for

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:13,560
people who haven't really looked at the

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00:02:17,270 --> 00:02:15,360
evidence here's a guy who's looked at

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00:02:19,130 --> 00:02:17,280
the evidence and says man there's a lot

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00:02:22,430 --> 00:02:19,140
of evidence for a hierarchy who knows

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00:02:24,890 --> 00:02:22,440
but if we're just gonna follow the data

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00:02:26,630 --> 00:02:24,900
Dr Betty's telling you there's a lot of

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00:02:29,869 --> 00:02:26,640
data there we'll get to that more in a

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00:02:33,170 --> 00:02:29,879
minute his 11th book when did you ever

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00:02:36,229 --> 00:02:33,180
become less by dying

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00:02:38,270 --> 00:02:36,239
uh was in 2016. he's written blogs for

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The Huffington Post

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um what else written some novels as well

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00:02:48,710 --> 00:02:45,540

very very nice Raider easy to

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engage with the writing and yet it's

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forceful and powerful he's written a

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number of peer-reviewed Professional

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Publications as well and uh again you

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know the thing I'll touch on just a

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second ago and uh we're gonna make this

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an emphasis or a point to emphasize

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really is

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this is a guy who's touched the lives of

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thousands of students that have crossed

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through his doors over the years with

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the kind of with the kind of evidence

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he's just going to bring forward here

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which you know from listening to the

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show is just good solid

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scientific as close as we can get

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evidence about the afterlife about

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materialism about the mind-body problem

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and as you know but I think one of the

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things we're going to talk about you

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know students they don't even get a fair

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shot at this data it's not like they're

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given oh you know this position and that

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position and they're asked to choose

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like we think students are supposed to

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do

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get a chance at this stuff so I think

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it's really exciting to talk to you

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today and uh Stafford welcome thank you

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00:04:13,190 --> 00:04:10,500

so much for joining me well I'm honored

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and flattered I appreciate that

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um

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I I don't know whether I've had more of

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an impact on my students or more of an

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impact on my readers but um either way

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it's been it's been a good life it's

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been a rewarding career and thank you

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00:04:31,490 --> 00:04:28,020
for uh pointing out my successes

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00:04:35,930 --> 00:04:31,500
whatever limited though they may be well

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00:04:38,270 --> 00:04:35,940
I have a couple of uh kids still left in

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college right now and maybe that's why

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00:04:42,830 --> 00:04:40,560
I'm a specially tuned into

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00:04:44,030 --> 00:04:42,840
the fact that you fought the good fight

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00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:44,040
because

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I just know that the lives of those

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students that you've touched you'll

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00:04:54,290 --> 00:04:52,020
never know you know it's it's just kind

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00:04:56,749 --> 00:04:54,300
of the parent you'll never know you had

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00:04:58,610 --> 00:04:56,759
the impact but college students are not

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00:05:00,830 --> 00:04:58,620

the ones at that time who are going to

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00:05:03,230 --> 00:05:00,840

stand up and say wow this is great it's

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10 years later when the little chicken

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goes off but you know the question I

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want to ask because it's kind of one of

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my

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I just I've just run across this so many

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times I've interviewed so many uh

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religious studies

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folks on the show it's usually in a

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different way because they're kind of

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not really in my opinion engaging with

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the data and I'm kind of forcing that

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engagement with the data but what is it

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what was it like we're both Californians

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what was it like going through the CSU

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system and doing what you did I gotta

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imagine that was like you had to strap

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the armor on every day for that didn't

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you

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what happens um is that I would never I

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was very lucky because I didn't get into

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this afterlife research until I was a

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full Professor all right if I had gotten

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into it earlier I don't think I would

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have ever been promoted I don't know

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that I ever would have been retained but

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you know I had tenure I was a full

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Professor I was being paid top grade for

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a religious studies Professor which is

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not quite business but uh and and I was

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Untouchable and so I was getting away

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with things that a younger Professor

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wouldn't dare to even try to get away

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with namely to prevent to present

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evidence for a spiritual world for

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Spiritual realities

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um that um even in religious studies

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departments are frowned upon because in

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religious studies departments what

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you're supposed to do is to teach what

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religions say about things you're not

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asked to say or to engage in the kind of

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research that says but is it true what

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these religions are saying okay that's a

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philosophical question and that's what

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interested me far more than what maybe

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Hindus or Jews or Christians had to say

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about the afterlife I wanted to know if

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there was an afterlife and that's what

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got me moving in the direction of my

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research and all the books that I've

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written ever since and that's what

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interests you too Alex you know the big

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questions is there an alkaline and what

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follows from that recognition and is it

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scientific to speak of such a thing as

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an afterlife I think it is I think as a

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matter of fact most people who consider

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themselves scientists are not really

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because they don't even look at the

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evidence a scientist is going to look at

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evidence from everywhere and most

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scientists when they come across a book

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like mine they just that's just that's

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just nonsense that's pseudoscience uh

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and so I've had to deal with that

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attitude all my life or at least for the

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last 20 years

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how did you get started what is a little

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bit more on on your background early on

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and and how did you come to

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be interested in this stuff in the first

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place

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well I was raised at Roman Catholic

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um and I was a very religious spiritual

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type of kid and then that's really got

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me to think by the time I was 10 I was

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wondering you know what is purgatory

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really like I was sort of horrified at

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the descriptions that were given and I

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worried about the afterlife and what it

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meant I worried a lot about it as a

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matter of fact and it kept me quite

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chaste for many many years right on

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through high school it's probably the

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latest version you'll ever get to know

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you know

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um and then of course it all fell apart

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I realized that um that the Catholicism

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did not have the answers that I was

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looking for it got a few things right

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and I'm not unhappy about the way I was

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brought up but by the time I was 25 and

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came back from Vietnam and read Bertrand

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Russell I was done I had lost my faith I

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didn't believe in God anymore I was very

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troubled that there might not be any

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evidence for God

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or for an afterlife very troubled by

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that uh and and I decided to go to

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Fordham to see if there were any answers

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that I could get from you know the

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professionals and that's when I really

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began to grow spiritually and uh

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academically uh and intellectually I

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began to study the religions of the east

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of India in particular Hinduism and

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Buddhism I found different kinds of

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answers began to suspect that there was

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something about these religions that

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were good and that they had that they

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got it right okay but it wasn't until

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1975 when I came across that wonderful

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book uh Life After Life by Raymond Moody

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uh about the near-death experience that

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I began to see my faith begin to

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reassemble itself that was critical for

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me because I realized that there was

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scientific evidence for an afterlife and

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even uh there was evidence suggesting

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that there was some higher being of

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light some transcendental being that

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these uh near-death experiences we're

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we're making contact with and that was

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the beginning of my later research I got

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away from all of the necessary articles

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that I had to publish in order to get

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promoted uh began to do what was really

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interesting to me and that was what I

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have written these books about about the

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afterlife about what it's really like

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what the evidence for it is so that's

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that's a quick background Alex

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that's fantastic I'm glad you went

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through that I'm particularly interested

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in two parts of that one I I think the

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the near-death experience science part

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from anyone who pays attention it's a

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game changer it was for me

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it was and but I I I always pause why in

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trying to understand why it isn't that

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way for more people and in particular I

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guess I'd go back to you in the academic

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world you know the resistance that you

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face and then uh we'll talk about that

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but then you know I told you in the

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email like uh your books are fantastic

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and for my audience

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they get it uh they get what you're

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writing about and they're going to want

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to go revisit those books as a way for

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further understanding and explaining to

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other people what the evidence is in a

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very well written way I'm also

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interested at the same time in this kind

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of larger process and like I tell you

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level two and level three you know level

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one is the data your books but level two

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is the deception and to me

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there's two ways to understand what you

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00:11:45,889 --> 00:11:42,600

faced at

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00:11:47,990 --> 00:11:45,899

the California state Berkeley is one is

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00:11:49,850 --> 00:11:48,000

just people are closed-minded don't like

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00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:49,860

to change their opinion you know it's

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00:11:55,910 --> 00:11:53,279

the Thomas you know uh one funeral

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00:11:57,470 --> 00:11:55,920

at a time kind of thing but why is that

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00:11:59,030 --> 00:11:57,480

why what let me just start with that

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00:12:03,230 --> 00:11:59,040

first question and not Babble on too

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00:12:05,449 --> 00:12:03,240

much why does Stafford see this and

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00:12:07,550 --> 00:12:05,459

immediately go I need to investigate

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00:12:09,410 --> 00:12:07,560

this this would change everything I need

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00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:09,420

to investigate this and I just will add

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00:12:13,490 --> 00:12:10,800

you you know who else I found like that

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00:12:16,009 --> 00:12:13,500

like all the really legit super smart

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00:12:19,670 --> 00:12:16,019

people that I respect like uh Dr Jeffrey

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00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:19,680

long same thing right he's going through

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00:12:25,610 --> 00:12:22,800

he's going into his medical practice uh

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00:12:28,550 --> 00:12:25,620

he runs across these cases of people

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00:12:30,590 --> 00:12:28,560

having near-death experiences on the

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00:12:32,329 --> 00:12:30,600

table report to the doctor the doctor

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00:12:33,650 --> 00:12:32,339

has to write it down in the journal and

295

00:12:35,690 --> 00:12:33,660

say I don't know what happened here but

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00:12:37,670 --> 00:12:35,700

this is unexplainable and he goes man I

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00:12:39,710 --> 00:12:37,680

gotta investigate this and he brings it

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00:12:41,389 --> 00:12:39,720

up to his colleagues in his colleague I

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00:12:43,009 --> 00:12:41,399

ain't touching that I want to get I want

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00:12:45,290 --> 00:12:43,019

to get my career around I want to do all

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00:12:49,069 --> 00:12:45,300

the rest is done what what is it about

302

00:12:51,889 --> 00:12:49,079

you that made you feel like this is

303

00:12:54,769 --> 00:12:51,899

something that I can't just forget about

304

00:12:56,930 --> 00:12:54,779

and go on with my life you know uh

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00:12:58,970 --> 00:12:56,940

that's a good question it makes me

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00:13:03,170 --> 00:12:58,980

wonder if there was something in my

307

00:13:05,389 --> 00:13:03,180

previous life that um but you might say

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00:13:07,190 --> 00:13:05,399

catapulted me in this direction I really

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00:13:09,590 --> 00:13:07,200

don't know that's a mysterious question

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00:13:12,470 --> 00:13:09,600

but I'm certainly my interests are not

311

00:13:14,629 --> 00:13:12,480

those of my high school buddies

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00:13:16,670 --> 00:13:14,639

um not at all uh I mean with a few

313

00:13:19,009 --> 00:13:16,680

exceptions

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00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:19,019

um it's easier I mean it's it's more

315

00:13:25,129 --> 00:13:21,120

mysterious to answer the question in the

316

00:13:27,350 --> 00:13:25,139

other way why aren't people who are in

317

00:13:29,710 --> 00:13:27,360

high school and are you know beginning

318

00:13:33,350 --> 00:13:29,720

to question things and beginning to

319

00:13:35,930 --> 00:13:33,360

religion I don't know about that why do

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00:13:38,269 --> 00:13:35,940

they just jettison the whole thing throw

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00:13:39,949 --> 00:13:38,279

the baby out with the bath water and

322

00:13:41,810 --> 00:13:39,959

just get on with life without even

323

00:13:42,889 --> 00:13:41,820

thinking about the implications of what

324

00:13:45,590 --> 00:13:42,899

they've done

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00:13:47,990 --> 00:13:45,600

that is strange but I'll tell you what a

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00:13:51,230 --> 00:13:48,000

large part has to do with they are made

327

00:13:52,490 --> 00:13:51,240

to feel by their teachers

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00:13:55,250 --> 00:13:52,500

um

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00:13:58,910 --> 00:13:55,260

and by others who have had an impact on

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00:14:01,550 --> 00:13:58,920

their lives that it is simply smart to

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00:14:03,829 --> 00:14:01,560

stand with those scientists it's just

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00:14:06,170 --> 00:14:03,839

smart all right and these scientists are

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00:14:09,470 --> 00:14:06,180

telling the world that you know religion

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00:14:11,629 --> 00:14:09,480

is ah yes or it's for it's for you might

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00:14:13,610 --> 00:14:11,639

say weak people or maybe it's better for

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00:14:16,730 --> 00:14:13,620

women than for men these kinds of

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00:14:19,910 --> 00:14:16,740

prejudice are are being heard and and

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00:14:21,710 --> 00:14:19,920

and you know a smart 17 year old is just

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00:14:23,449 --> 00:14:21,720

going to be seduced by this way of

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00:14:25,790 --> 00:14:23,459

thinking they want to be thought of as

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00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:25,800

smart and so they dump their religion

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00:14:29,810 --> 00:14:28,560

and often for very good reasons

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00:14:31,550 --> 00:14:29,820

um their religions have been very

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00:14:34,250 --> 00:14:31,560

disappointing

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00:14:37,069 --> 00:14:34,260

um Christianity for example has many

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00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:37,079

strange dogmas that really don't fit a

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00:14:42,050 --> 00:14:39,600

scientific worldview at all

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00:14:46,129 --> 00:14:42,060

um and and so they just decide that

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00:14:48,470 --> 00:14:46,139

religion is just not true and so they

350

00:14:51,350 --> 00:14:48,480

throw the the baby out which is the

351
00:14:54,410 --> 00:14:51,360
afterlife which they think of as being a

352
00:14:57,350 --> 00:14:54,420
religious doctor print rather than a

353
00:14:59,090 --> 00:14:57,360
scientifically supported Doctrine they

354
00:15:01,970 --> 00:14:59,100
just throw it out because it's part of

355
00:15:04,910 --> 00:15:01,980
religion and they might miss the thought

356
00:15:06,829 --> 00:15:04,920
of an afterlife but not enough to worry

357
00:15:08,870 --> 00:15:06,839
about it any further doing any reading

358
00:15:10,490 --> 00:15:08,880
about it to even be curious about than

359
00:15:13,310 --> 00:15:10,500
your death experience that they may have

360
00:15:16,189 --> 00:15:13,320
heard of but you know they've simply

361
00:15:18,829 --> 00:15:16,199
been seduced and they have learned to be

362
00:15:20,150 --> 00:15:18,839
comfortable with their pessimistic

363
00:15:22,790 --> 00:15:20,160

worldview

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00:15:25,490 --> 00:15:22,800

with their hopeless view of what happens

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00:15:28,069 --> 00:15:25,500

at death with all of the bleakness that

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00:15:29,810 --> 00:15:28,079

that uh that that that that implies and

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00:15:32,269 --> 00:15:29,820

they basically sacrifice a lot of

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00:15:34,610 --> 00:15:32,279

happiness that comes with a more

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00:15:37,970 --> 00:15:34,620

optimistic world view because they've

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00:15:40,370 --> 00:15:37,980

been just sucked into this supposedly

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00:15:42,050 --> 00:15:40,380

scientific world view where the smart

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00:15:45,470 --> 00:15:42,060

people hang out

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00:15:47,509 --> 00:15:45,480

I'm an econoclast and contrary and in

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00:15:49,189 --> 00:15:47,519

that way too and it's like it seems

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00:15:50,629 --> 00:15:49,199

obvious you know like who are the what

376

00:15:53,150 --> 00:15:50,639

are the big picture questions who am I

377

00:15:54,769 --> 00:15:53,160

why am I here so why do I want to uh

378

00:15:57,230 --> 00:15:54,779

settle on that but I think the way that

379

00:15:59,110 --> 00:15:57,240

you phrased it is different than I've

380

00:16:02,629 --> 00:15:59,120

heard and I think it's very very

381

00:16:04,490 --> 00:16:02,639

compelling as a possible explanation it

382

00:16:06,410 --> 00:16:04,500

will never be explored because no one

383

00:16:08,449 --> 00:16:06,420

wants to really go there in terms of

384

00:16:11,030 --> 00:16:08,459

feeling like maybe we have all been

385

00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:11,040

duped in that way and maybe culture and

386

00:16:15,290 --> 00:16:12,480

there's but there's some questions there

387

00:16:17,629 --> 00:16:15,300

that I really want to I want to dive

388

00:16:19,790 --> 00:16:17,639

into and you kind of made it two

389

00:16:21,829 --> 00:16:19,800

questions I just had one and now you've

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00:16:24,170 --> 00:16:21,839

kind of divided it but the first

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00:16:27,230 --> 00:16:24,180

question is you know what really kind of

392

00:16:29,569 --> 00:16:27,240

changed things for me is when I started

393

00:16:32,210 --> 00:16:29,579

understanding some of the more secret

394

00:16:35,269 --> 00:16:32,220

black budget that then our exposed

395

00:16:38,449 --> 00:16:35,279

programs that were being run about

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00:16:40,850 --> 00:16:38,459

Consciousness in the 50s in the 60s in

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00:16:43,910 --> 00:16:40,860

the 70s oh yeah and it's clear from

398

00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:43,920

these programs that they had no

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00:16:49,490 --> 00:16:47,040

illusions of this Consciousness is an

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00:16:52,069 --> 00:16:49,500

illusion you're a biological robot in a

401
00:16:53,629 --> 00:16:52,079
meaningless Universe this nihilism that

402
00:16:55,610 --> 00:16:53,639
you're talking about they were way past

403
00:16:57,350 --> 00:16:55,620
that right they were looking they

404
00:16:59,569 --> 00:16:57,360
presupposed that there were these

405
00:17:02,090 --> 00:16:59,579
extended Realms they even did things

406
00:17:04,069 --> 00:17:02,100
like try to you know reach the Demonic

407
00:17:06,169 --> 00:17:04,079
realm can we do that can we weaponize

408
00:17:09,530 --> 00:17:06,179
that they were certainly doing remote

409
00:17:13,390 --> 00:17:09,540
viewing which is a complete end run on

410
00:17:15,890 --> 00:17:13,400
materialism so to me it's almost

411
00:17:18,650 --> 00:17:15,900
impossible for me to see that as

412
00:17:20,449 --> 00:17:18,660
anything other than a social engineering

413
00:17:22,549 --> 00:17:20,459

project which is to kind of take

414

00:17:25,789 --> 00:17:22,559

Academia and say okay we want you to

415

00:17:28,069 --> 00:17:25,799

continue to run with this meme this

416

00:17:29,390 --> 00:17:28,079

narrative tell people that they're a

417

00:17:32,330 --> 00:17:29,400

biological robot in a meaningless

418

00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:32,340

Universe because that has some

419

00:17:37,190 --> 00:17:34,799

advantages to us like you just described

420

00:17:40,010 --> 00:17:37,200

mainly it makes people more

421

00:17:41,930 --> 00:17:40,020

just kind of manageable they're kind of

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00:17:43,970 --> 00:17:41,940

lost they're kind of known so they just

423

00:17:46,549 --> 00:17:43,980

kind of we kind of hurt them more easily

424

00:17:49,010 --> 00:17:46,559

but the what do you think about that

425

00:17:52,190 --> 00:17:49,020

isn't that isn't that an important point

426

00:17:56,270 --> 00:17:52,200

that they weren't uh the The Cutting

427

00:17:59,890 --> 00:17:56,280

Edge inside the big machine wasn't at

428

00:18:03,710 --> 00:17:59,900

all even contemplating this uh

429

00:18:06,470 --> 00:18:03,720

materialism this there's no extended

430

00:18:08,570 --> 00:18:06,480

realm there's no afterlife you know I'll

431

00:18:10,250 --> 00:18:08,580

just put a Capstone on that I might edit

432

00:18:13,430 --> 00:18:10,260

this out because I told the story so

433

00:18:16,490 --> 00:18:13,440

many times but have you ever heard of a

434

00:18:19,909 --> 00:18:16,500

guy named Joe mcmonagle

435

00:18:23,090 --> 00:18:19,919

German Monaco you know I don't think so

436

00:18:25,789 --> 00:18:23,100

he was a he was a remote viewer for the

437

00:18:28,130 --> 00:18:25,799

Stargate program he was remote viewer a

438

00:18:30,770 --> 00:18:28,140

secret spy number zero zero zero but

439

00:18:33,830 --> 00:18:30,780

here's his story he was actually a real

440

00:18:35,090 --> 00:18:33,840

spy East Germany West Germany he was on

441

00:18:38,630 --> 00:18:35,100

the border there he's working for the

442

00:18:41,870 --> 00:18:38,640

Army and he has a Stafford he has an nde

443

00:18:43,430 --> 00:18:41,880

in a restaurant in right on the East

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00:18:46,310 --> 00:18:43,440

German West German border he was

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00:18:48,789 --> 00:18:46,320

poisoned by the East Germans so he dies

446

00:18:51,650 --> 00:18:48,799

and he's stumbling out of the restaurant

447

00:18:53,750 --> 00:18:51,660

and his buddies grab him and they throw

448

00:18:57,049 --> 00:18:53,760

him in a Jeep and boom he's outside of

449

00:18:59,049 --> 00:18:57,059

his body and he's looking down and you

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00:19:01,850 --> 00:18:59,059

know the whole thing the ambulance

451
00:19:05,150 --> 00:19:01,860
he has a full-blown near-death

452
00:19:08,690 --> 00:19:05,160
experience goes and visits the afterlife

453
00:19:11,690 --> 00:19:08,700
has a remarkable spiritually

454
00:19:14,690 --> 00:19:11,700
transformative experience he wakes up

455
00:19:17,029 --> 00:19:14,700
and there are his got his handlers you

456
00:19:19,190 --> 00:19:17,039
know the Spy hands you know okay what

457
00:19:20,630 --> 00:19:19,200
happened you know and he goes he was

458
00:19:21,710 --> 00:19:20,640
afraid to tell him what happened you

459
00:19:23,210 --> 00:19:21,720
know because they wanted to know what

460
00:19:24,890 --> 00:19:23,220
happened in terms of how did you get

461
00:19:27,110 --> 00:19:24,900
poisoned what were you working on and

462
00:19:29,150 --> 00:19:27,120
he's like I just had most profound

463
00:19:32,630 --> 00:19:29,160

experience in my life so that's kind of

464

00:19:35,930 --> 00:19:32,640

what's happening for me but fast forward

465

00:19:41,270 --> 00:19:35,940

he goes on in his army career and now

466

00:19:42,650 --> 00:19:41,280

he's tapped to do this uh psychic spying

467

00:19:46,010 --> 00:19:42,660

thing where they put these guys in a

468

00:19:49,549 --> 00:19:46,020

room and say go look in Russia and see

469

00:19:52,610 --> 00:19:49,559

if you can see the subs by your mind but

470

00:19:54,710 --> 00:19:52,620

in his job interview he said is either

471

00:19:56,870 --> 00:19:54,720

Russell targ or how put off I forget who

472

00:19:59,630 --> 00:19:56,880

is interviewing they pull out they

473

00:20:03,169 --> 00:19:59,640

unseal his secret file and they pull out

474

00:20:05,630 --> 00:20:03,179

what Raymond Moody's book they pull out

475

00:20:08,930 --> 00:20:05,640

Raymond Moody's book a near-death

476
00:20:12,650 --> 00:20:08,940
experience and what that means to me is

477
00:20:15,049 --> 00:20:12,660
these guys were already tapped into the

478
00:20:18,110 --> 00:20:15,059
fact that there is this extended realm

479
00:20:20,390 --> 00:20:18,120
there is this afterlife of course and

480
00:20:22,669 --> 00:20:20,400
they didn't know how it plays in with

481
00:20:25,130 --> 00:20:22,679
the Demonic part they didn't know how it

482
00:20:27,909 --> 00:20:25,140
played in with the ESP part but they

483
00:20:31,370 --> 00:20:27,919
were they were not they were way past

484
00:20:34,010 --> 00:20:31,380
what's all the professors in the

485
00:20:36,110 --> 00:20:34,020
religious department at you know Cal

486
00:20:37,850 --> 00:20:36,120
State Department at the philosophy

487
00:20:39,950 --> 00:20:37,860
Department yeah they're they're not

488
00:20:42,230 --> 00:20:39,960

they're not they're not even considering

489

00:20:45,110 --> 00:20:42,240

that so it's a game it's a game let's

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00:20:47,450 --> 00:20:45,120

have Academia keep peddling this

491

00:20:50,810 --> 00:20:47,460

nihilism so we can go off and

492

00:20:52,850 --> 00:20:50,820

investigate what's really going on in

493

00:20:55,610 --> 00:20:52,860

these extended Realms what do you think

494

00:20:58,490 --> 00:20:55,620

about all that well why would I don't

495

00:21:00,590 --> 00:20:58,500

know what the motive would would be

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00:21:06,289 --> 00:21:03,169

in other words wouldn't it be better if

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00:21:09,650 --> 00:21:06,299

uh if these more enlightened individuals

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00:21:11,990 --> 00:21:09,660

could could could reach uh Academia and

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00:21:14,330 --> 00:21:12,000

begin to convert professors of

500

00:21:15,710 --> 00:21:14,340

philosophy and science to bring them

501
00:21:18,289 --> 00:21:15,720
around to

502
00:21:20,270 --> 00:21:18,299
um a more spiritual more enlightened

503
00:21:21,950 --> 00:21:20,280
worldview wouldn't it be better to work

504
00:21:24,350 --> 00:21:21,960
with them rather than you know working

505
00:21:27,190 --> 00:21:24,360
around them it seems to me that you're

506
00:21:31,490 --> 00:21:27,200
suggesting that um that's what they do

507
00:21:33,890 --> 00:21:31,500
they don't want to be working alongside

508
00:21:35,750 --> 00:21:33,900
of academics they simply want to do

509
00:21:38,090 --> 00:21:35,760
their thing and let these silly

510
00:21:39,950 --> 00:21:38,100
academics do their thing

511
00:21:41,570 --> 00:21:39,960
uh is that what you're saying uh Alex

512
00:21:43,669 --> 00:21:41,580
I'm not sure I'm following you there

513
00:21:47,270 --> 00:21:43,679

well I think that's where they that's

514

00:21:51,169 --> 00:21:47,280

where the evidence to me clearly clearly

515

00:21:53,570 --> 00:21:51,179

Falls because again I mean what we know

516

00:21:56,330 --> 00:21:53,580

is that like there's another you've

517

00:21:59,510 --> 00:21:56,340

heard of MK Ultra right

518

00:22:02,810 --> 00:21:59,520

uh no oh I don't keep up with these

519

00:22:04,370 --> 00:22:02,820

movements well MK Ultra was the

520

00:22:05,810 --> 00:22:04,380

classified but then they released a

521

00:22:08,270 --> 00:22:05,820

bunch of documents on it on the Mind

522

00:22:10,789 --> 00:22:08,280

controls stuff that they were doing so

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00:22:13,310 --> 00:22:10,799

they were giving people LSD without them

524

00:22:15,230 --> 00:22:13,320

knowing it they were also doing like the

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00:22:17,630 --> 00:22:15,240

remote viewing and and that stuff has

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00:22:19,070 --> 00:22:17,640

come out it there's there were lawsuits

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00:22:20,930 --> 00:22:19,080

Freedom of Information but they were

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00:22:23,029 --> 00:22:20,940

doing horrible things the other thing

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00:22:25,490 --> 00:22:23,039

they were doing another project MK often

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00:22:28,490 --> 00:22:25,500

they were actually trying to

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00:22:29,950 --> 00:22:28,500

connect with demonic beings and they

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00:22:32,810 --> 00:22:29,960

were like well let's go get

533

00:22:35,810 --> 00:22:32,820

demonologists and see if you can bring

534

00:22:39,110 --> 00:22:35,820

forth you know those spirits and it was

535

00:22:42,230 --> 00:22:39,120

all under the guise of well if we don't

536

00:22:45,710 --> 00:22:42,240

do it the Russians will do it uh you

537

00:22:47,930 --> 00:22:45,720

want the Russians to be managing Satan

538

00:22:50,990 --> 00:22:47,940

or do you want to manage Satan yeah I

539

00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:51,000

mean it is this military kind of view of

540

00:22:56,750 --> 00:22:54,240

things that can kind of justify anything

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00:22:59,210 --> 00:22:56,760

and and weaponize anything and we were

542

00:23:02,390 --> 00:22:59,220

also we're also concerned because in the

543

00:23:04,850 --> 00:23:02,400

the Korean War you know we were we were

544

00:23:08,090 --> 00:23:04,860

like wow our our kids are being

545

00:23:10,490 --> 00:23:08,100

brainwashed you know our kids are being

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00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:10,500

brainwashed and look at what these

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00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:12,000

soldiers are doing and we even after

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00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:13,440

World War II or like these Japanese

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00:23:18,169 --> 00:23:16,080

they're like robots they're brainwashed

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00:23:20,570 --> 00:23:18,179

so we got to be able to brainwash our

551
00:23:24,470 --> 00:23:20,580
own soldiers or see and all this was

552
00:23:28,310 --> 00:23:24,480
just the the the milieu in which it was

553
00:23:30,730 --> 00:23:28,320
seemed smart to look at what's going on

554
00:23:34,190 --> 00:23:30,740
in the mind and that led them to this

555
00:23:37,610 --> 00:23:34,200
extended Consciousness kind of thing and

556
00:23:39,710 --> 00:23:37,620
this interest in the afterlife but and

557
00:23:42,289 --> 00:23:39,720
then inside the government then there's

558
00:23:44,149 --> 00:23:42,299
also this Christian faction who is like

559
00:23:47,029 --> 00:23:44,159
the Christian faction if you talk to the

560
00:23:49,310 --> 00:23:47,039
guys who did the Stargate program the

561
00:23:51,409 --> 00:23:49,320
remote viewing program okay like you

562
00:23:53,570 --> 00:23:51,419
talked to Joe mcmonagle what he'll say

563
00:23:55,909 --> 00:23:53,580

is hey part of the reason we got shut

564

00:23:58,549 --> 00:23:55,919

down is because some right-wing

565

00:24:01,070 --> 00:23:58,559

Conservative Christian

566

00:24:02,750 --> 00:24:01,080

Congress folks got in there and said oh

567

00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:02,760

my God shut this down this is all

568

00:24:09,230 --> 00:24:05,760

demonic and now you have the people

569

00:24:12,110 --> 00:24:09,240

inside that program saying you you can't

570

00:24:14,330 --> 00:24:12,120

just be like black or white you know we

571

00:24:16,250 --> 00:24:14,340

have to figure out what's going on here

572

00:24:19,669 --> 00:24:16,260

before we just shut the whole thing down

573

00:24:21,770 --> 00:24:19,679

and call it demonic but I don't know do

574

00:24:23,450 --> 00:24:21,780

you shut the whole thing down and call

575

00:24:26,390 --> 00:24:23,460

it demonic but if you're not familiar

576

00:24:28,310 --> 00:24:26,400

with with any of that then this kind of

577

00:24:29,930 --> 00:24:28,320

is a conversation that doesn't doesn't

578

00:24:32,390 --> 00:24:29,940

really get so far but that is our

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00:24:34,130 --> 00:24:32,400

history that's what we've done so I'm

580

00:24:35,750 --> 00:24:34,140

making the leap in saying that that is a

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00:24:39,830 --> 00:24:35,760

possible explanation for why you have

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00:24:44,090 --> 00:24:39,840

this incredibly illogical divide among

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00:24:45,409 --> 00:24:44,100

uh among Academia and interesting I

584

00:24:48,770 --> 00:24:45,419

never would have thought of that I

585

00:24:50,630 --> 00:24:48,780

always thought that um but I had a a

586

00:24:53,930 --> 00:24:50,640

good understanding of what was happening

587

00:24:55,190 --> 00:24:53,940

around me and and to me so this is this

588

00:24:57,890 --> 00:24:55,200

is something that I had to think about

589

00:25:01,970 --> 00:24:57,900

it does sound to me though that these

590

00:25:03,890 --> 00:25:01,980

folks were in many cases uh doing the

591

00:25:05,210 --> 00:25:03,900

right thing for the wrong reason

592

00:25:08,210 --> 00:25:05,220

um

593

00:25:10,490 --> 00:25:08,220

but anyway uh but this is what do you

594

00:25:12,230 --> 00:25:10,500

mean what do you mean by that uh it

595

00:25:14,390 --> 00:25:12,240

seems to me

596

00:25:16,250 --> 00:25:14,400

you know what I should put this around

597

00:25:20,750 --> 00:25:16,260

they're doing the wrong thing for the

598

00:25:23,810 --> 00:25:20,760

right reason they uh they subjected uh

599

00:25:26,570 --> 00:25:23,820

they started out idealistically wanting

600

00:25:28,190 --> 00:25:26,580

to uh look into such things as

601
00:25:30,230 --> 00:25:28,200
demonology which is something worth

602
00:25:32,930 --> 00:25:30,240
looking into in my opinion I've looked

603
00:25:36,289 --> 00:25:32,940
into it but then it became something

604
00:25:36,970 --> 00:25:36,299
malevolent uh as it developed

605
00:25:41,930 --> 00:25:36,980
um

606
00:25:43,909 --> 00:25:41,940
and so as I now right because it seems

607
00:25:46,669 --> 00:25:43,919
to me that they were doing the right

608
00:25:48,769 --> 00:25:46,679
thing for the uh the wrong thing not I'm

609
00:25:50,810 --> 00:25:48,779
confused about that actually how to put

610
00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:50,820
this but you might correct me on this

611
00:25:56,570 --> 00:25:55,440
Alex I I um I uh I I don't see the

612
00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:56,580
connection

613
00:26:04,010 --> 00:26:00,960

movement which has apparently been shut

614

00:26:06,950 --> 00:26:04,020

down now completely uh with oh it's not

615

00:26:09,590 --> 00:26:06,960

shut down okay so the the Congress the

616

00:26:11,090 --> 00:26:09,600

the Christian Congress people did not

617

00:26:12,529 --> 00:26:11,100

get their way they wanted to shut it

618

00:26:14,810 --> 00:26:12,539

down but they didn't succeed is that

619

00:26:17,390 --> 00:26:14,820

what you're saying well we'll never

620

00:26:19,130 --> 00:26:17,400

we'll never know but history would

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00:26:21,830 --> 00:26:19,140

suggest that

622

00:26:24,289 --> 00:26:21,840

black programs like that are never shut

623

00:26:26,210 --> 00:26:24,299

down they're just you know they play the

624

00:26:27,769 --> 00:26:26,220

shell game you know I'll I'll kind of

625

00:26:30,710 --> 00:26:27,779

Bring It Well closer to home you know

626

00:26:32,750 --> 00:26:30,720

you wrote an article uh I think for

627

00:26:35,269 --> 00:26:32,760

bakersfield.com

628

00:26:38,630 --> 00:26:35,279

a few years ago when Charles Manson

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00:26:40,250 --> 00:26:38,640

right yeah right oh yeah and it was

630

00:26:42,230 --> 00:26:40,260

interesting because it was like the the

631

00:26:46,430 --> 00:26:42,240

you know it was Charlie Manson going to

632

00:26:48,710 --> 00:26:46,440

heaven I I tell you know Google

633

00:26:52,450 --> 00:26:48,720

Google right now I'll pause and I'll cut

634

00:26:57,289 --> 00:26:52,460

it out you know was uh Charles Manson

635

00:27:00,590 --> 00:26:57,299

part of the MK Ultra program oh my gosh

636

00:27:02,870 --> 00:27:00,600

he was what he was yeah so they were

637

00:27:04,310 --> 00:27:02,880

giving him an LSD they were and then

638

00:27:06,769 --> 00:27:04,320

there's this other program that came out

639

00:27:09,529 --> 00:27:06,779

sub project uh 39 where they were going

640

00:27:12,169 --> 00:27:09,539

into the Michigan prison system and

641

00:27:15,230 --> 00:27:12,179

getting serial killers and seeing if

642

00:27:17,630 --> 00:27:15,240

they could mind control and weaponize

643

00:27:19,370 --> 00:27:17,640

and again all this stuff

644

00:27:21,110 --> 00:27:19,380

if you think about it from one

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00:27:23,810 --> 00:27:21,120

perspective

646

00:27:25,430 --> 00:27:23,820

you think about okay

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00:27:29,149 --> 00:27:25,440

would you

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00:27:31,070 --> 00:27:29,159

do you want your government looking into

649

00:27:33,169 --> 00:27:31,080

demonology

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00:27:34,610 --> 00:27:33,179

this is back to your point and the so

651

00:27:36,950 --> 00:27:34,620

your first reaction would be like hell

652

00:27:38,750 --> 00:27:36,960

no I don't want them you know summoning

653

00:27:41,269 --> 00:27:38,760

demons and doing the rest of this stuff

654

00:27:43,010 --> 00:27:41,279

but then just like you did you look

655

00:27:46,250 --> 00:27:43,020

through it further and you go well

656

00:27:48,409 --> 00:27:46,260

do I want them not looking I mean do I

657

00:27:50,990 --> 00:27:48,419

don't I want them to kind of know if

658

00:27:54,049 --> 00:27:51,000

their job is to protect me don't I want

659

00:27:56,630 --> 00:27:54,059

them to know as much as they can about

660

00:27:59,090 --> 00:27:56,640

how we should come down on that if it's

661

00:28:02,630 --> 00:27:59,100

done responsibly absolutely if it's done

662

00:28:04,789 --> 00:28:02,640

by people like me who have looked at the

663

00:28:07,310 --> 00:28:04,799

evidence in depth

664

00:28:09,470 --> 00:28:07,320

um by all means I just don't see that

665

00:28:11,210 --> 00:28:09,480

that's happening I can't even imagine

666

00:28:13,669 --> 00:28:11,220

that happening at the governmental level

667

00:28:16,990 --> 00:28:13,679

so I agree yeah

668

00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:17,000

I mean but we do it's very obvious to me

669

00:28:24,950 --> 00:28:22,080

uh that that we we live in a world where

670

00:28:26,870 --> 00:28:24,960

there are demonic influences

671

00:28:29,090 --> 00:28:26,880

where there are

672

00:28:30,430 --> 00:28:29,100

um what's the right word

673

00:28:34,070 --> 00:28:30,440

um

674

00:28:35,990 --> 00:28:34,080

Spirits afloat in our world

675

00:28:38,210 --> 00:28:36,000

um Earth Balance Spirits I think that's

676

00:28:40,010 --> 00:28:38,220

the term that we use now who are

677

00:28:43,850 --> 00:28:40,020

inflicting a great deal of mischief and

678

00:28:46,190 --> 00:28:43,860

damage on on vulnerable people who don't

679

00:28:47,930 --> 00:28:46,200

know what's really happening to them who

680

00:28:50,149 --> 00:28:47,940

are being controlled or at least being

681

00:28:52,490 --> 00:28:50,159

influenced by demonic influences all

682

00:28:54,110 --> 00:28:52,500

around them I have no doubt about that I

683

00:28:55,430 --> 00:28:54,120

think a lot of schizophrenics as a

684

00:29:00,950 --> 00:28:55,440

matter of fact

685

00:29:04,029 --> 00:29:00,960

um are are being hounded uh by by these

686

00:29:06,350 --> 00:29:04,039

demonic uh beings I I think

687

00:29:07,549 --> 00:29:06,360

psychiatrists have it all wrong I don't

688

00:29:09,649 --> 00:29:07,559

think that the voices that

689

00:29:11,210 --> 00:29:09,659

schizophrenics hear

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00:29:13,010 --> 00:29:11,220

um are coming from within I think

691

00:29:15,830 --> 00:29:13,020

they're coming from without I think that

692

00:29:18,289 --> 00:29:15,840

these people are being attacked by

693

00:29:19,789 --> 00:29:18,299

invisible forces it's interesting

694

00:29:21,649 --> 00:29:19,799

because if you really listen to what

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00:29:24,110 --> 00:29:21,659

they say and not what the psychiatrists

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00:29:26,269 --> 00:29:24,120

who interpret what they should be saying

697

00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:26,279

if you listen to what they say if you

698

00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:28,080

give them a chance they will say yeah

699

00:29:32,269 --> 00:29:29,520

these voices don't seem to be coming

700

00:29:33,470 --> 00:29:32,279

from me they come from other some some

701
00:29:35,510 --> 00:29:33,480
other source

702
00:29:37,909 --> 00:29:35,520
Psychiatry incidentally is opening

703
00:29:39,769 --> 00:29:37,919
itself uh more and more to this

704
00:29:42,049 --> 00:29:39,779
possibility

705
00:29:44,810 --> 00:29:42,059
um I know because I was invited to a

706
00:29:47,210 --> 00:29:44,820
conference and I presented a paper on

707
00:29:48,950 --> 00:29:47,220
this very topic and there was tremendous

708
00:29:52,669 --> 00:29:48,960
interest and openness I thought I'd be

709
00:29:54,950 --> 00:29:52,679
roasted not at all I was championed so

710
00:29:56,510 --> 00:29:54,960
there are so many psychiatrists who have

711
00:29:59,169 --> 00:29:56,520
seen

712
00:30:03,289 --> 00:29:59,179
um the the Strange

713
00:30:05,690 --> 00:30:03,299

Behaviors of some of their clients

714

00:30:08,090 --> 00:30:05,700

that make them think there's just this

715

00:30:10,190 --> 00:30:08,100

isn't quite human these these kids can

716

00:30:12,110 --> 00:30:10,200

do things that just aren't quite human

717

00:30:14,990 --> 00:30:12,120

there seem to be something else going on

718

00:30:16,850 --> 00:30:15,000

here and I think there is in many cases

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00:30:20,149 --> 00:30:16,860

I'm inclined to think that most

720

00:30:20,810 --> 00:30:20,159

schizophrenia is is basically

721

00:30:23,750 --> 00:30:20,820

um

722

00:30:25,789 --> 00:30:23,760

due to to these voices these terrible

723

00:30:28,610 --> 00:30:25,799

voices that are just constantly hounding

724

00:30:30,769 --> 00:30:28,620

them you know kill yourself you're

725

00:30:33,049 --> 00:30:30,779

you're just a piece of crap you'll never

726

00:30:36,049 --> 00:30:33,059

succeed in this world terrible things

727

00:30:39,049 --> 00:30:36,059

that these kids usually teenage boys

728

00:30:41,510 --> 00:30:39,059

oftentimes oftentimes are being told

729

00:30:44,269 --> 00:30:41,520

which leads many to Suicide or at least

730

00:30:45,950 --> 00:30:44,279

suicide attempts and very few

731

00:30:48,169 --> 00:30:45,960

psychiatrists know what to do about

732

00:30:51,289 --> 00:30:48,179

these kids except just to sedate them

733

00:30:54,169 --> 00:30:51,299

with terrible side effects they become

734

00:30:56,990 --> 00:30:54,179

sort of zombie-like the kids hate that

735

00:30:59,990 --> 00:30:57,000

stuff and they won't take the medicine

736

00:31:02,389 --> 00:31:00,000

um so I mean yeah it would be great to

737

00:31:04,970 --> 00:31:02,399

understand more about the Demonic world

738

00:31:08,350 --> 00:31:04,980

and how it is impacting our world here

739

00:31:11,450 --> 00:31:08,360

and now invisibly and

740

00:31:13,909 --> 00:31:11,460

unsuspectingly unsuspectedly by so many

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00:31:15,590 --> 00:31:13,919

of the people who should know what to do

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00:31:18,169 --> 00:31:15,600

about this

743

00:31:20,990 --> 00:31:18,179

totally agree I want to know more about

744

00:31:23,510 --> 00:31:21,000

what your research has told you about

745

00:31:25,190 --> 00:31:23,520

some of those Realms and how it fits

746

00:31:27,769 --> 00:31:25,200

into the hierarchy of Consciousness

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00:31:29,389 --> 00:31:27,779

thing we're talking about but I want to

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00:31:31,070 --> 00:31:29,399

kind of digress for just a second and

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00:31:33,409 --> 00:31:31,080

talk about confirm what you're saying

750

00:31:36,350 --> 00:31:33,419

like one of the guys I interviewed is a

751
00:31:39,549 --> 00:31:36,360
guy named Dr Tom zinzer and he was a

752
00:31:41,630 --> 00:31:39,559
psychiatrist in Grand Rapids Michigan

753
00:31:44,090 --> 00:31:41,640
it is a therapist thing around a

754
00:31:45,409 --> 00:31:44,100
psychiatrist psychologist and he was

755
00:31:48,649 --> 00:31:45,419
doing

756
00:31:50,330 --> 00:31:48,659
lot of those guys they kind of burn out

757
00:31:52,490 --> 00:31:50,340
you know just doing

758
00:31:57,289 --> 00:31:52,500
listening to people's problems and stuff

759
00:31:58,490 --> 00:31:57,299
like that so one day in the lunchroom

760
00:32:00,409 --> 00:31:58,500
um

761
00:32:03,049 --> 00:32:00,419
one of the women who worked there just

762
00:32:05,389 --> 00:32:03,059
as kind of a part-time said hey Dr

763
00:32:08,990 --> 00:32:05,399

zinser I kind of heard you talking about

764

00:32:10,070 --> 00:32:09,000

the Monroe Institute you know and kind

765

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

of these

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00:32:16,070 --> 00:32:12,720

I am getting this kind of channeled

767

00:32:18,950 --> 00:32:16,080

information from this spirit guide do

768

00:32:21,470 --> 00:32:18,960

you think you'd ever want to talk and uh

769

00:32:24,649 --> 00:32:21,480

so here's a guy who's kind of reached

770

00:32:27,529 --> 00:32:24,659

his end professionally like I'm not even

771

00:32:30,350 --> 00:32:27,539

sure I'm interested in still doing this

772

00:32:32,570 --> 00:32:30,360

and I am interested in these kind of

773

00:32:34,669 --> 00:32:32,580

alternative things maybe like you you

774

00:32:36,350 --> 00:32:34,679

know when you hit nde he's like I'm

775

00:32:37,690 --> 00:32:36,360

going to give it a shot you know right

776

00:32:41,210 --> 00:32:37,700

so

777

00:32:43,549 --> 00:32:41,220

he has this experience with this Spirit

778

00:32:47,330 --> 00:32:43,559

and the spirit starts telling him

779

00:32:49,789 --> 00:32:47,340

specific things about clients he says

780

00:32:51,529 --> 00:32:49,799

you got one of your clients David and

781

00:32:54,710 --> 00:32:51,539

you've been treating it this way but

782

00:32:57,289 --> 00:32:54,720

what it really is is Spirit interference

783

00:32:59,510 --> 00:32:57,299

from his mother

784

00:33:00,470 --> 00:32:59,520

and even though his mother is trying to

785

00:33:05,570 --> 00:33:00,480

do

786

00:33:08,510 --> 00:33:05,580

other side she needs to move on and and

787

00:33:11,450 --> 00:33:08,520

he's now at a he's at a crossroads right

788

00:33:13,610 --> 00:33:11,460

he's like what do I do with this you

789

00:33:16,970 --> 00:33:13,620

know do I go on with my practice the way

790

00:33:19,310 --> 00:33:16,980

that it is or do I you know so he

791

00:33:22,430 --> 00:33:19,320

decides to go off reservation and he but

792

00:33:25,130 --> 00:33:22,440

he does it in a very methodical way in

793

00:33:26,930 --> 00:33:25,140

keeping with his training you know and

794

00:33:30,470 --> 00:33:26,940

tries to say within the protocol okay

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00:33:33,470 --> 00:33:30,480

but lo and behold over and over and over

796

00:33:35,630 --> 00:33:33,480

again he discovers exactly what you're

797

00:33:39,230 --> 00:33:35,640

saying is that the spirit guide who's

798

00:33:41,870 --> 00:33:39,240

telling him is 100 right it is the

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00:33:45,529 --> 00:33:41,880

mother in this case in another case it

800

00:33:49,669 --> 00:33:45,539

is a very negative uh malevolent entity

801
00:33:51,110 --> 00:33:49,679
that wants to do just no I'd say

802
00:33:53,450 --> 00:33:51,120
Mischievous but that's not strong enough

803
00:33:55,850 --> 00:33:53,460
words they want to destroy someone they

804
00:33:57,350 --> 00:33:55,860
want to you know they want to pulse they

805
00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:57,360
want to create those blockages that

806
00:34:02,330 --> 00:34:00,480
keeps that person from Divinity because

807
00:34:06,889 --> 00:34:02,340
that's what's on the other side of this

808
00:34:09,589 --> 00:34:06,899
thing so with that tell us

809
00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:09,599
tell us what youth how you think some of

810
00:34:13,790 --> 00:34:11,520
that stuff breaks down because this is

811
00:34:15,649 --> 00:34:13,800
the kind of important stuff that that we

812
00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:15,659
really need to get to this is the level

813
00:34:19,849 --> 00:34:17,760

three stuff like okay there is a

814

00:34:23,149 --> 00:34:19,859

hierarchy of Consciousness what is your

815

00:34:25,490 --> 00:34:23,159

research in a particular folks this is a

816

00:34:28,970 --> 00:34:25,500

guy who's like don't you do you read

817

00:34:30,470 --> 00:34:28,980

Sanskrit or or uh I I was a Sanskrit

818

00:34:33,470 --> 00:34:30,480

scholar and and

819

00:34:34,669 --> 00:34:33,480

um translator and interpreter uh many

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00:34:37,730 --> 00:34:34,679

years ago

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00:34:38,930 --> 00:34:37,740

um and I I wrote my first book as a

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00:34:41,450 --> 00:34:38,940

matter of fact my first published book

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00:34:44,329 --> 00:34:41,460

was was a translation and commentary on

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00:34:45,829 --> 00:34:44,339

a Sanskrit on a 16th century Hindu

825

00:34:49,010 --> 00:34:45,839

philosopher

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00:34:51,710 --> 00:34:49,020

um those talents have um you might say

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00:34:54,290 --> 00:34:51,720

cool considerably since then so I'm not

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00:34:56,149 --> 00:34:54,300

a sanskritist anymore I do more

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00:34:57,410 --> 00:34:56,159

important and I think more interesting

830

00:34:59,329 --> 00:34:57,420

things like what we're talking about

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00:35:01,609 --> 00:34:59,339

right now I just wanted to make sure

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00:35:03,950 --> 00:35:01,619

that I give people a heads up that when

833

00:35:06,829 --> 00:35:03,960

we say you're a professor of world

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00:35:09,710 --> 00:35:06,839

religions right what goes with that is

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00:35:12,829 --> 00:35:09,720

is truly this level of scholarship I

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00:35:15,890 --> 00:35:12,839

mean you know cross all these cultures

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00:35:18,349 --> 00:35:15,900

you've investigated this thing so back

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00:35:21,109 --> 00:35:18,359

to this issue how are you understanding

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00:35:24,710 --> 00:35:21,119

this hierarchy of Consciousness how are

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00:35:27,170 --> 00:35:24,720

you distilling it all down into how you

841

00:35:28,609 --> 00:35:27,180

think some of this stuff works I think I

842

00:35:31,250 --> 00:35:28,619

follow you I think I see what you're

843

00:35:34,910 --> 00:35:31,260

getting at maybe not but we'll see

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00:35:38,089 --> 00:35:34,920

um I think that the Supreme

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00:35:40,210 --> 00:35:38,099

uh gift that comes to us from the

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00:35:41,990 --> 00:35:40,220

heavens from God from the Creator

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00:35:44,870 --> 00:35:42,000

however you want to speak about

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00:35:48,290 --> 00:35:44,880

alternate reality is free will

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00:35:50,569 --> 00:35:48,300

and um without free will

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00:35:53,030 --> 00:35:50,579

nothing of any interest

851
00:35:55,490 --> 00:35:53,040
could ever happen from the point of view

852
00:35:58,670 --> 00:35:55,500
of the Creator or from the point of view

853
00:36:01,370 --> 00:35:58,680
of you and me it's free will which makes

854
00:36:05,089 --> 00:36:01,380
life so interesting

855
00:36:07,030 --> 00:36:05,099
and yet creates all the problems because

856
00:36:09,950 --> 00:36:07,040
there's so many people who abuse it

857
00:36:11,750 --> 00:36:09,960
misuse it I did for a while as a young

858
00:36:14,030 --> 00:36:11,760
man and

859
00:36:17,329 --> 00:36:14,040
um but many people make a career of it

860
00:36:19,609 --> 00:36:17,339
and they become serious kill they become

861
00:36:21,410 --> 00:36:19,619
I mean what you see all around what I

862
00:36:25,069 --> 00:36:21,420
see all around me are just lazy people

863
00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:25,079

who do no serious reading who just go

864

00:36:30,650 --> 00:36:27,359

restaurant hopping for the rest of their

865

00:36:32,690 --> 00:36:30,660

lives and and are just they they don't

866

00:36:35,569 --> 00:36:32,700

give a thought to the ultimate meaning

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00:36:38,870 --> 00:36:35,579

of things but there are others who

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00:36:41,569 --> 00:36:38,880

simply are malevolent and take great joy

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00:36:44,630 --> 00:36:41,579

in I don't say joy in the right way

870

00:36:48,550 --> 00:36:44,640

that's perhaps not Joy but who basically

871

00:36:52,190 --> 00:36:48,560

are so selfish are so not clued into

872

00:36:55,310 --> 00:36:52,200

the need to be a servant for the good of

873

00:36:57,950 --> 00:36:55,320

humankind they basically become part of

874

00:37:00,290 --> 00:36:57,960

the dark side they go over to the dark

875

00:37:02,630 --> 00:37:00,300

side our prisons are filled with people

876

00:37:04,849 --> 00:37:02,640

living on the dark side

877

00:37:07,550 --> 00:37:04,859

our neighborhoods have many people

878

00:37:10,790 --> 00:37:07,560

living on the dark side but you know

879

00:37:13,910 --> 00:37:10,800

what that's the way it has to be because

880

00:37:16,609 --> 00:37:13,920

if there isn't any freedom there's no

881

00:37:19,010 --> 00:37:16,619

point to anything there is nothing

882

00:37:22,609 --> 00:37:19,020

important that any of us will ever do if

883

00:37:25,130 --> 00:37:22,619

we're just robots who are programmed to

884

00:37:28,310 --> 00:37:25,140

to do this or that to be good or bad

885

00:37:29,810 --> 00:37:28,320

quote to be good or bad so hey Stafford

886

00:37:31,370 --> 00:37:29,820

can I ask you a specifically a question

887

00:37:33,950 --> 00:37:31,380

that you you're probably well versed in

888

00:37:36,410 --> 00:37:33,960

you know I I really think uh Michael

889

00:37:38,630 --> 00:37:36,420

Singer I was really drawn to his

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00:37:40,130 --> 00:37:38,640

interpretation of some of this I love

891

00:37:41,990 --> 00:37:40,140

what some of the western people have

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00:37:43,849 --> 00:37:42,000

done with some of the Eastern stuff but

893

00:37:44,990 --> 00:37:43,859

he's really taken the idea of the

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00:37:47,930 --> 00:37:45,000

samskara

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00:37:50,870 --> 00:37:47,940

and he's really kind of given it I think

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00:37:52,790 --> 00:37:50,880

a better understanding he was raised

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00:37:54,890 --> 00:37:52,800

Jewish but he's a secular guy kind of

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00:37:58,010 --> 00:37:54,900

thing but it's like

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00:38:00,109 --> 00:37:58,020

it's the blockages you know it's the or

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00:38:02,870 --> 00:38:00,119

it's the blockages that

901
00:38:04,670 --> 00:38:02,880
are created in this ordinary way and I

902
00:38:06,710 --> 00:38:04,680
love the way he gives the example of you

903
00:38:12,589 --> 00:38:06,720
know the guys driving along the street

904
00:38:14,870 --> 00:38:12,599
and he sees his freaking girlfriend in a

905
00:38:16,250 --> 00:38:14,880
Corvette with this guy and they're

906
00:38:18,109 --> 00:38:16,260
having a great time and they're driving

907
00:38:21,230 --> 00:38:18,119
and he's like

908
00:38:24,349 --> 00:38:21,240
he's freaking out and the next time he

909
00:38:26,810 --> 00:38:24,359
sees a Corvette he freaks out again even

910
00:38:29,030 --> 00:38:26,820
though he comes to find out it wasn't

911
00:38:31,069 --> 00:38:29,040
his girlfriend it just kind of looked

912
00:38:33,770 --> 00:38:31,079
like his girlfriend so there's something

913
00:38:36,410 --> 00:38:33,780

that didn't even happen and yet it

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00:38:38,329 --> 00:38:36,420

creates this blockage that gets

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00:38:39,829 --> 00:38:38,339

triggered over and over again and to me

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00:38:41,690 --> 00:38:39,839

I just think I can relate to that I

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00:38:43,730 --> 00:38:41,700

think everyone can relate to that on a

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00:38:46,310 --> 00:38:43,740

personal level is that now I have

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00:38:48,589 --> 00:38:46,320

something and it's there and I keep

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00:38:50,089 --> 00:38:48,599

hitting it and I keep hitting it and I

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00:38:52,069 --> 00:38:50,099

don't know what to do with it and I

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00:38:54,050 --> 00:38:52,079

don't know how to get rid of it and I

923

00:38:55,870 --> 00:38:54,060

just gotta wonder if that guy's sitting

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00:38:58,849 --> 00:38:55,880

in prison

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00:39:01,069 --> 00:38:58,859

isn't somewhat of a victim of a

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00:39:04,250 --> 00:39:01,079

situation he's created

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00:39:07,430 --> 00:39:04,260

with his own free will but he's created

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00:39:09,470 --> 00:39:07,440

in terms of What's blocking him from

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00:39:12,170 --> 00:39:09,480

that light that's always shining that

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00:39:14,150 --> 00:39:12,180

light never went out it's just it's not

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00:39:16,190 --> 00:39:14,160

that he was drawn to the darkness

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00:39:18,650 --> 00:39:16,200

because he had to deal with the little

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00:39:20,930 --> 00:39:18,660

situation and now he's stuck what do you

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00:39:23,569 --> 00:39:20,940

think of how that how that fits with

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00:39:25,670 --> 00:39:23,579

your understanding of this that's a

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00:39:29,329 --> 00:39:25,680

great analysis and I think that that

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00:39:31,810 --> 00:39:29,339

most of the people in prison and I I've

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00:39:35,450 --> 00:39:31,820

been to prisons and taught meditation

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00:39:37,190 --> 00:39:35,460

and uh my sense is that basically

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00:39:38,510 --> 00:39:37,200

they're victims they're victims of

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00:39:40,550 --> 00:39:38,520

poverty

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00:39:43,310 --> 00:39:40,560

um they they're victims of poor

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00:39:45,170 --> 00:39:43,320

education of poor parenting and they

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00:39:47,690 --> 00:39:45,180

really didn't and they don't know how to

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00:39:50,450 --> 00:39:47,700

to improve themselves you improve

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00:39:52,910 --> 00:39:50,460

yourself by constantly reading by just

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00:39:56,329 --> 00:39:52,920

challenging yourself to have new

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00:39:58,849 --> 00:39:56,339

experiences to grow this is what this is

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00:40:02,089 --> 00:39:58,859

what the the heavens want us to do is to

950

00:40:05,510 --> 00:40:02,099

is to grow our souls these people have

951
00:40:07,670 --> 00:40:05,520
no clue what that even means uh it's not

952
00:40:10,430 --> 00:40:07,680
because they lack pretty well it's that

953
00:40:14,150 --> 00:40:10,440
as you put it their Free Will is blocked

954
00:40:17,450 --> 00:40:14,160
it's not being activated anymore it's

955
00:40:21,349 --> 00:40:17,460
stuck and how do you get people like

956
00:40:24,470 --> 00:40:21,359
that to unstick I don't know and most

957
00:40:27,230 --> 00:40:24,480
people don't succeed ever at it but all

958
00:40:30,530 --> 00:40:27,240
you can say is that some do and some

959
00:40:33,050 --> 00:40:30,540
make great strides towards goodness and

960
00:40:35,329 --> 00:40:33,060
service it's possible

961
00:40:37,849 --> 00:40:35,339
um but you know as long as there is Free

962
00:40:40,910 --> 00:40:37,859
Will there will be there will be the

963
00:40:43,130 --> 00:40:40,920

misuse of it and um apparently the

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00:40:45,109 --> 00:40:43,140

Creator thinks that it's it's worth it

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00:40:47,390 --> 00:40:45,119

it's worth it just so that some may

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00:40:50,329 --> 00:40:47,400

struggle higher and develop themselves

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00:40:52,370 --> 00:40:50,339

and eventually after future incarnations

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00:40:55,190 --> 00:40:52,380

maybe these people will get a chance to

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00:40:57,710 --> 00:40:55,200

start over and might say reassemble

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00:41:01,069 --> 00:40:57,720

their capacity for free will I do

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00:41:02,510 --> 00:41:01,079

believe in reincarnation I I'm not a

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00:41:06,170 --> 00:41:02,520

great fan of that Doctrine I don't have

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00:41:08,450 --> 00:41:06,180

any memories but my reading of the

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00:41:10,910 --> 00:41:08,460

research by

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00:41:13,970 --> 00:41:10,920

um by Ian Stevenson

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00:41:16,670 --> 00:41:13,980

uh just convinces me that there are many

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00:41:18,109 --> 00:41:16,680

people who have in fact remembered their

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00:41:19,730 --> 00:41:18,119

previous lives and it makes me wonder

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00:41:21,710 --> 00:41:19,740

maybe I had one too and I just don't

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00:41:24,710 --> 00:41:21,720

remember it I suspect that's true of all

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00:41:26,810 --> 00:41:24,720

of us who are down here trying again you

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00:41:29,150 --> 00:41:26,820

know we flunked the course maybe last

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00:41:31,550 --> 00:41:29,160

time around and now we're giving a fresh

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00:41:33,410 --> 00:41:31,560

start okay and that's great and I can't

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00:41:38,810 --> 00:41:33,420

think of any better way to run a world

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00:41:41,270 --> 00:41:38,820

if you leave a person in to a life of

987

00:41:44,210 --> 00:41:41,280

indefinite duration and that person is

988

00:41:46,130 --> 00:41:44,220

stuck at the age of 18. you know that

989

00:41:48,650 --> 00:41:46,140

person will never change over a thousand

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00:41:50,930 --> 00:41:48,660

years so it's better just to let that

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00:41:52,970 --> 00:41:50,940

poor soul start over again with

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00:41:55,190 --> 00:41:52,980

different parenting different education

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00:41:58,010 --> 00:41:55,200

and hope that this time they get it

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00:42:02,329 --> 00:41:58,020

better I think that's what's going on uh

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00:42:04,130 --> 00:42:02,339

at the level of you might say uh the

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00:42:08,390 --> 00:42:04,140

Creator I think that's the Creator's

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00:42:11,810 --> 00:42:08,400

plan he wants us to grow into our full

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00:42:14,030 --> 00:42:11,820

Divinity into our full capacity by using

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00:42:16,849 --> 00:42:14,040

our Free Will right by educating

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00:42:19,430 --> 00:42:16,859

ourselves by striving by doing difficult

1001
00:42:21,589 --> 00:42:19,440
things like self-sacrifice this is what

1002
00:42:24,109 --> 00:42:21,599
I see as the meaning of life

1003
00:42:26,569 --> 00:42:24,119
and that that just inspires me to try

1004
00:42:28,670 --> 00:42:26,579
harder to write better and to write more

1005
00:42:31,130 --> 00:42:28,680
frequently and just be a better person

1006
00:42:33,710 --> 00:42:31,140
to my wife and you know it's not easy

1007
00:42:35,630 --> 00:42:33,720
being human not for me not for anybody

1008
00:42:37,370 --> 00:42:35,640
but it's a heck of a lot easier for me

1009
00:42:39,829 --> 00:42:37,380
than it is for the poor staff in prison

1010
00:42:41,930 --> 00:42:39,839
uh you know Dr Betty one of the things

1011
00:42:43,609 --> 00:42:41,940
that I really appreciate I've heard some

1012
00:42:47,630 --> 00:42:43,619
of your lectures and some of your

1013
00:42:49,609 --> 00:42:47,640

interviews is the nuanced kind of subtle

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00:42:51,970 --> 00:42:49,619

approach you sometimes take to some of

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00:42:54,109 --> 00:42:51,980

this stuff like the whole uh

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00:42:57,170 --> 00:42:54,119

transcendental materialism thing I think

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00:42:58,910 --> 00:42:57,180

is is very interesting from a

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00:43:00,829 --> 00:42:58,920

philosophical standpoint and how it

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00:43:03,470 --> 00:43:00,839

plays to that but I think it also plays

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00:43:05,089 --> 00:43:03,480

Into The Reincarnation thing because

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00:43:07,910 --> 00:43:05,099

that data isn't

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00:43:10,910 --> 00:43:07,920

clear there's a lot of

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00:43:13,010 --> 00:43:10,920

contradictions you know there too and

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00:43:14,390 --> 00:43:13,020

even in the Free Will so I got a bunch

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00:43:17,710 --> 00:43:14,400

of questions there the first one would

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00:43:19,970 --> 00:43:17,720

be how do you process the

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00:43:22,069 --> 00:43:19,980

experiences that we've heard I'm sure

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00:43:24,349 --> 00:43:22,079

you've heard them many many times of

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00:43:26,329 --> 00:43:24,359

near-death experience where the Free

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00:43:29,630 --> 00:43:26,339

Will seems to

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00:43:32,510 --> 00:43:29,640

be in flux you know it's like

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00:43:34,490 --> 00:43:32,520

do you have it's not your time

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00:43:37,430 --> 00:43:34,500

I don't I don't I don't want it to not

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00:43:39,710 --> 00:43:37,440

be my time I want to stay I don't want

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00:43:42,650 --> 00:43:39,720

to go back well they're not they're not

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00:43:44,450 --> 00:43:42,660

exercising free will or then you are

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00:43:46,790 --> 00:43:44,460

going to go back you you don't have to

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00:43:48,770 --> 00:43:46,800

go back oh I'm gonna go back to be with

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00:43:52,069 --> 00:43:48,780

my family okay but your son's gonna die

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00:43:54,910 --> 00:43:52,079

in 10 years I mean what's good where's

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00:43:57,770 --> 00:43:54,920

the free you know we got all these

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00:44:00,710 --> 00:43:57,780

paradoxical no matter how we process it

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00:44:03,170 --> 00:44:00,720

at least from our perspective so don't

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00:44:04,970 --> 00:44:03,180

you have to kind of be careful with the

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00:44:07,609 --> 00:44:04,980

free will oh you do Alex thank you very

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00:44:11,450 --> 00:44:07,619

much for that I do not want to imply

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00:44:15,050 --> 00:44:11,460

that we have the free will of an angel

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00:44:18,290 --> 00:44:15,060

or of God himself or herself our Free

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00:44:20,809 --> 00:44:18,300

Will is very limited by circumstances uh

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00:44:24,170 --> 00:44:20,819

what makes us interesting though is

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00:44:26,390 --> 00:44:24,180

where we can use it now we can't decide

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00:44:28,069 --> 00:44:26,400

oh I want to fly I'll flap my arms and

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00:44:30,410 --> 00:44:28,079

I'll fly there are all kinds of

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00:44:32,329 --> 00:44:30,420

restrictions we can't determine whether

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00:44:33,890 --> 00:44:32,339

or not we're going to survive the

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00:44:38,030 --> 00:44:33,900

near-death experience what's going to

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00:44:41,390 --> 00:44:38,040

happen but what we can do is you know at

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00:44:43,490 --> 00:44:41,400

every moment of every day right now we

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00:44:46,430 --> 00:44:43,500

have a choice to make what am I going to

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00:44:49,250 --> 00:44:46,440

say next how am I going to

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00:44:52,010 --> 00:44:49,260

um live my life in the next hour am I

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00:44:54,290 --> 00:44:52,020

just gonna crash and be lazy and and

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00:44:58,250 --> 00:44:54,300

just be stupid am I going to be cruel

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00:45:01,069 --> 00:44:58,260

there are always this little bit of what

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00:45:03,650 --> 00:45:01,079

makes us who we are this little nugget

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00:45:06,410 --> 00:45:03,660

of Freedom that we have at every moment

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00:45:08,210 --> 00:45:06,420

of our lives but that doesn't mean that

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00:45:10,190 --> 00:45:08,220

most of our Lives aren't controlled by

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00:45:13,550 --> 00:45:10,200

circumstances completely beyond our

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00:45:15,950 --> 00:45:13,560

control absolutely I agree totally

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00:45:17,870 --> 00:45:15,960

well I don't know if you agree I think

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00:45:20,990 --> 00:45:17,880

you added something there that's an

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00:45:24,470 --> 00:45:21,000

awesome piece absolutely awesome in that

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00:45:27,349 --> 00:45:24,480

we can directly experience our Free Will

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00:45:29,089 --> 00:45:27,359

in the moment is what I hear you saying

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00:45:32,750 --> 00:45:29,099

that's all you know

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00:45:35,809 --> 00:45:32,760

but connect that for us if you will

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00:45:38,510 --> 00:45:35,819

to your thinking about this larger issue

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00:45:40,910 --> 00:45:38,520

of free will because I think it does

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00:45:42,890 --> 00:45:40,920

it does create kind of an intellectual

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00:45:47,150 --> 00:45:42,900

stumbling block again it's like well

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00:45:49,550 --> 00:45:47,160

then I get you I get you Dr Betty be in

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00:45:53,710 --> 00:45:49,560

the moment be here now but what about

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00:45:58,250 --> 00:45:53,720

these bigger picture things how do those

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00:45:59,990 --> 00:45:58,260

interact with my localized free will

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00:46:01,970 --> 00:46:00,000

okay what do you give me an example of

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00:46:04,430 --> 00:46:01,980

what you mean by these bigger things

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00:46:06,230 --> 00:46:04,440

that uh well do you you wrote about you

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00:46:07,970 --> 00:46:06,240

wrote about the war in the Ukraine and

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00:46:10,910 --> 00:46:07,980

we have completely different views some

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00:46:12,530 --> 00:46:10,920

people are political I know like Jeffrey

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00:46:15,410 --> 00:46:12,540

mishlov he has some kind of wacky

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00:46:17,270 --> 00:46:15,420

political I'm so apolitical I don't

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00:46:20,030 --> 00:46:17,280

understand why I don't understand how

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00:46:22,490 --> 00:46:20,040

anyone could look at the world and think

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00:46:25,790 --> 00:46:22,500

that God is you know it's like the God

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00:46:29,450 --> 00:46:25,800

is on our side or God needs our help or

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00:46:31,430 --> 00:46:29,460

any of that that is just you you

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00:46:33,650 --> 00:46:31,440

can't get away from it I think we're

1100

00:46:35,569 --> 00:46:33,660

playing I think we're in some different

1101
00:46:37,430 --> 00:46:35,579
game that we have to understand at a

1102
00:46:40,490 --> 00:46:37,440
different level and I don't think it's

1103
00:46:42,349 --> 00:46:40,500
helpful to think about things from a

1104
00:46:46,490 --> 00:46:42,359
political standpoint I think it's it's

1105
00:46:48,109 --> 00:46:46,500
really unhelpful uh but you can connect

1106
00:46:49,370 --> 00:46:48,119
it to what I'm talking about

1107
00:46:52,609 --> 00:46:49,380
well

1108
00:46:56,210 --> 00:46:52,619
um what I try to do is to see things

1109
00:46:59,690 --> 00:46:56,220
from uh the point of view of the Creator

1110
00:47:02,150 --> 00:46:59,700
and I'm talking about the creator of you

1111
00:47:04,609 --> 00:47:02,160
know the entire universe

1112
00:47:07,790 --> 00:47:04,619
um I'm talking about the

1113
00:47:09,950 --> 00:47:07,800

trillion galaxies that we now know are

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00:47:12,650 --> 00:47:09,960

part of the Universe

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00:47:13,730 --> 00:47:12,660

um God created that that's what I'm

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00:47:15,650 --> 00:47:13,740

assuming

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00:47:17,030 --> 00:47:15,660

that something created that we can call

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00:47:18,470 --> 00:47:17,040

it God or we can call it the Creator

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00:47:22,250 --> 00:47:18,480

call it whatever you want to I think

1120

00:47:25,730 --> 00:47:22,260

there's a mind and a power uh behind

1121

00:47:28,670 --> 00:47:25,740

that creation behind the appearance of

1122

00:47:30,710 --> 00:47:28,680

the universe as we know it behind all of

1123

00:47:34,430 --> 00:47:30,720

those galaxies that all popped in or

1124

00:47:37,250 --> 00:47:34,440

began to evolve 13.8 billion years ago

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00:47:40,490 --> 00:47:37,260

I think that that that God has a plan

1126
00:47:41,950 --> 00:47:40,500
for uh people like us and I think that

1127
00:47:45,410 --> 00:47:41,960
there are probably

1128
00:47:48,109 --> 00:47:45,420
just probably Millions if not billions

1129
00:47:50,569 --> 00:47:48,119
of planets where there are people who

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00:47:53,450 --> 00:47:50,579
can make decisions and make their world

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00:47:55,309 --> 00:47:53,460
better or worse by the way they use

1132
00:47:57,410 --> 00:47:55,319
their wills and God looks at these

1133
00:47:59,809 --> 00:47:57,420
worlds with tremendous interest and

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00:48:03,109 --> 00:47:59,819
Fascination and you might even say hope

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00:48:06,470 --> 00:48:03,119
that the decisions are being made well

1136
00:48:08,809 --> 00:48:06,480
by a majority of people on that planet

1137
00:48:11,210 --> 00:48:08,819
in order to save the planet from

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00:48:12,950 --> 00:48:11,220

destruction I don't see any evidence for

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00:48:15,230 --> 00:48:12,960

that all the evidence all the evidence

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00:48:18,170 --> 00:48:15,240

for that points in the other direction I

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00:48:22,910 --> 00:48:18,180

don't see how you connect the localized

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00:48:25,730 --> 00:48:22,920

free will to any kind of random

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00:48:27,890 --> 00:48:25,740

understanding of a plan I mean that's

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00:48:29,870 --> 00:48:27,900

what launches us into the the Christian

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00:48:32,809 --> 00:48:29,880

thing as a social engineering project

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00:48:35,030 --> 00:48:32,819

not as uh you know as as you've

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00:48:37,609 --> 00:48:35,040

described in last email you know it's

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00:48:39,230 --> 00:48:37,619

not about this historical if it's about

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00:48:41,829 --> 00:48:39,240

the historical figure then we're having

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00:48:44,870 --> 00:48:41,839

a different discussion if it's about

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00:48:46,609 --> 00:48:44,880
extended Consciousness and our localized

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00:48:48,290 --> 00:48:46,619
free will then we're having another

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00:48:50,089 --> 00:48:48,300
discussion that's the discussion that

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00:48:51,829 --> 00:48:50,099
we're having it's not the first one this

1155
00:48:54,170 --> 00:48:51,839
is not about Christianity or who Jesus

1156
00:48:57,470 --> 00:48:54,180
was uh it's just

1157
00:48:59,569 --> 00:48:57,480
the way I try to imagine and I am a

1158
00:49:02,329 --> 00:48:59,579
profound Optimist I don't see any reason

1159
00:49:04,069 --> 00:49:02,339
not to be an optimist you have to choose

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00:49:06,170 --> 00:49:04,079
uh you can put your faith in an

1161
00:49:08,390 --> 00:49:06,180
optimistic worldview or in a pessimistic

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00:49:09,890 --> 00:49:08,400
worldview or you might say in an

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00:49:13,010 --> 00:49:09,900

ambiguous worldview

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00:49:17,809 --> 00:49:13,020

uh I simply choose to to be an optimist

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00:49:19,430 --> 00:49:17,819

and to see uh the unfolding of world

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00:49:24,349 --> 00:49:19,440

history

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00:49:28,550 --> 00:49:24,359

um as a a as going somewhere uh

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00:49:31,190 --> 00:49:28,560

that we can make good by choosing wisely

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00:49:33,410 --> 00:49:31,200

and even heroically I think we have that

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00:49:35,569 --> 00:49:33,420

capacity I don't see I don't see that

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00:49:37,609 --> 00:49:35,579

being done right now Alex don't get me

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00:49:39,530 --> 00:49:37,619

wrong but I think that that's the

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00:49:41,329 --> 00:49:39,540

challenge that we all have and I think

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00:49:43,970 --> 00:49:41,339

that's the challenge that God wants us

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00:49:46,790 --> 00:49:43,980

all to choose we want to make the world

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00:49:48,650 --> 00:49:46,800
better in whatever small way we can you

1177
00:49:50,630 --> 00:49:48,660
don't agree why is that no I don't agree

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00:49:55,130 --> 00:49:50,640
because I I think there is a disconnect

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00:49:56,870 --> 00:49:55,140
there and I I like like I'm so with you

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00:50:00,050 --> 00:49:56,880
on this right so I want people to

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00:50:02,630 --> 00:50:00,060
understand we're picking on little

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00:50:04,069 --> 00:50:02,640
topics that we can in because in the

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00:50:07,250 --> 00:50:04,079
bigger picture

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00:50:09,650 --> 00:50:07,260
like what you've had to face at

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00:50:11,329 --> 00:50:09,660
California State University Bakersfield

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00:50:14,089 --> 00:50:11,339
in terms of

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00:50:17,089 --> 00:50:14,099
the nitwit world religion folks that

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00:50:19,670 --> 00:50:17,099

will not you know I I interview guy and

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00:50:23,270 --> 00:50:19,680

he's not a nitwit he's a super smart guy

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00:50:25,069 --> 00:50:23,280

and I I really admire him but he's an

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00:50:26,390 --> 00:50:25,079

Ohio State University named Dr Hugh

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00:50:29,329 --> 00:50:26,400

Urban and he had written this book on

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00:50:33,050 --> 00:50:29,339

Scientology and I had him on and he was

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00:50:35,630 --> 00:50:33,060

able to say well yes I can establish for

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00:50:38,569 --> 00:50:35,640

you or that that Jack Parsons and L Ron

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00:50:40,550 --> 00:50:38,579

Hubbard really were in the desert in

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00:50:43,490 --> 00:50:40,560

trying to do the working to bring forth

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00:50:45,470 --> 00:50:43,500

the Antichrist but it doesn't matter if

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00:50:47,390 --> 00:50:45,480

that's real or not it only matters if

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00:50:51,589 --> 00:50:47,400

they believe that it's real and I was

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00:50:55,370 --> 00:50:51,599
like hold up bro no it what matters

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00:50:58,549 --> 00:50:55,380
first and foremost is if there's any

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00:51:00,230 --> 00:50:58,559
possibility that that's real if there's

1204
00:51:01,970 --> 00:51:00,240
any possibility that there's some

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00:51:04,250 --> 00:51:01,980
extended realm and that there's

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00:51:06,230 --> 00:51:04,260
something like the Antichrist and that

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00:51:09,470 --> 00:51:06,240
that affects our world that's what's

1208
00:51:12,710 --> 00:51:09,480
most important don't kid yourself but

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00:51:15,530 --> 00:51:12,720
but he's at a university in a world

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00:51:17,630 --> 00:51:15,540
religion studies department where the

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00:51:19,910 --> 00:51:17,640
head of the department is atheist right

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00:51:22,430 --> 00:51:19,920
so I think a lot a lot of people don't

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00:51:24,650 --> 00:51:22,440

appreciate that a lot of these guys are

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00:51:27,890 --> 00:51:24,660

atheists and Atheism is such a failed

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00:51:29,990 --> 00:51:27,900

proposition it fails intellectually and

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00:51:32,390 --> 00:51:30,000

it fails experimentally because it's

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00:51:34,190 --> 00:51:32,400

built us not on the idea that everything

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00:51:36,770 --> 00:51:34,200

is measurable by your brain and stuff

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00:51:38,809 --> 00:51:36,780

like that which is falsified all over

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00:51:41,270 --> 00:51:38,819

the place but it's also falsified

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00:51:43,190 --> 00:51:41,280

philosophically in that why are you

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00:51:45,650 --> 00:51:43,200

getting up in the morning and not

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00:51:48,530 --> 00:51:45,660

putting a gun to your head yeah you know

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00:51:50,990 --> 00:51:48,540

yeah it fails existing actually and

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00:51:54,349 --> 00:51:51,000

emotionally I quite agree okay let's

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00:51:57,589 --> 00:51:54,359

agree that this world basically is not

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00:51:59,990 --> 00:51:57,599

on a trajectory toward Improvement let's

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00:52:02,150 --> 00:52:00,000

agree that it's not necessarily on a

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00:52:06,470 --> 00:52:02,160

project a trajectory in the opposite

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00:52:08,990 --> 00:52:06,480

direction let's just agree that uh it's

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00:52:11,990 --> 00:52:09,000

wonderful that we die and that we go

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00:52:14,329 --> 00:52:12,000

into a realm where there is more alike

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00:52:17,390 --> 00:52:14,339

where there is more happiness where

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00:52:19,490 --> 00:52:17,400

there is more prosperity and uh where

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00:52:20,690 --> 00:52:19,500

there is but even that I mean Stafford

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00:52:22,250 --> 00:52:20,700

wouldn't you agree that that is someone

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00:52:25,309 --> 00:52:22,260

of a choice too as you point out and

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00:52:27,770 --> 00:52:25,319

you're right when you die you are

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00:52:30,710 --> 00:52:27,780

somewhat propelled by what you've done

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00:52:33,230 --> 00:52:30,720

here so you may die and go and not

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00:52:35,630 --> 00:52:33,240

choose which is a kind of bad choice and

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00:52:37,430 --> 00:52:35,640

a good reason to read your books and to

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00:52:39,349 --> 00:52:37,440

understand that there is a choice to be

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00:52:41,390 --> 00:52:39,359

made there and go towards the light

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00:52:43,849 --> 00:52:41,400

don't be seduced to go towards the

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00:52:46,549 --> 00:52:43,859

darkness but even that's a choice yeah

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00:52:49,309 --> 00:52:46,559

it is a choice and and uh so I'm not

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00:52:52,790 --> 00:52:49,319

terribly concerned about about the the

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00:52:56,150 --> 00:52:52,800

direction of of the world I I definitely

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00:52:59,210 --> 00:52:56,160

don't believe in post-humanism I think

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00:53:01,609 --> 00:52:59,220
transhumanism is a mistake okay I think

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00:53:05,809 --> 00:53:01,619
that basically we're just going to sort

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00:53:08,329 --> 00:53:05,819
of grumble along you know and but we

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00:53:11,690 --> 00:53:08,339
will die and when we die then a more

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00:53:13,730 --> 00:53:11,700
interesting World confronts us and uh

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00:53:16,849 --> 00:53:13,740
and and that's where I get my optimism

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00:53:19,490 --> 00:53:16,859
from essentially that that there this is

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00:53:22,430 --> 00:53:19,500
just this is just a staging area it's a

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00:53:25,130 --> 00:53:22,440
kind of a kindergarten and the worlds

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00:53:27,790 --> 00:53:25,140
will become more advanced uh the more we

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00:53:31,309 --> 00:53:27,800
live and The More We Choose Wisely

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00:53:34,010 --> 00:53:31,319
they're out there and and all of the

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00:53:36,230 --> 00:53:34,020

research that I do tells me that it's

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00:53:38,329 --> 00:53:36,240

not just the astral World which is which

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00:53:41,569 --> 00:53:38,339

is awaiting us when we die there are

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00:53:43,370 --> 00:53:41,579

worlds beyond that which go up

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00:53:46,130 --> 00:53:43,380

um and there is there's a whole

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00:53:48,650 --> 00:53:46,140

hierarchy of of Worlds more spiritual

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00:53:50,809 --> 00:53:48,660

worlds worlds that are closer to the

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00:53:52,190 --> 00:53:50,819

source to put it that way where things

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00:53:54,170 --> 00:53:52,200

will be better understood where there

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00:53:56,690 --> 00:53:54,180

will be more joy

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00:53:58,609 --> 00:53:56,700

um I agree with you maybe that's more to

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00:54:01,250 --> 00:53:58,619

the point like I was going to throw

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00:54:03,349 --> 00:54:01,260

global warming on the table as an

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00:54:06,349 --> 00:54:03,359

example which we could do numerous ones

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00:54:09,530 --> 00:54:06,359

like politics and you know uh is it

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00:54:12,410 --> 00:54:09,540

better to have a more free and Equitable

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00:54:14,390 --> 00:54:12,420

world and then people get into quibbling

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00:54:16,430 --> 00:54:14,400

over what that means and you know

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00:54:18,829 --> 00:54:16,440

shouldn't we save the planet from

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00:54:20,450 --> 00:54:18,839

destruction and you know I hate to tell

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00:54:22,490 --> 00:54:20,460

you this but God really does need our

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00:54:24,290 --> 00:54:22,500

help and reduce your carbon footprint

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00:54:27,710 --> 00:54:24,300

and all the rest of that I think the

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00:54:30,710 --> 00:54:27,720

connection there is very very

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00:54:33,650 --> 00:54:30,720

suspect in in my opinion in terms of

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00:54:37,430 --> 00:54:33,660

coming down one way or another what I

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00:54:39,950 --> 00:54:37,440

think is interesting is taking the the

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00:54:42,049 --> 00:54:39,960

evidence and the the hard work that

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00:54:44,150 --> 00:54:42,059

you've done and that people can tap into

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00:54:46,430 --> 00:54:44,160

because again that's what we're talking

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00:54:49,190 --> 00:54:46,440

about with your books we're talking

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00:54:50,750 --> 00:54:49,200

about a number of different ways that

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00:54:53,930 --> 00:54:50,760

you've gone about

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00:54:56,630 --> 00:54:53,940

kind of bringing forth information on

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00:54:59,569 --> 00:54:56,640

from different cultures from different

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00:55:02,809 --> 00:54:59,579

methods from different means of getting

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00:55:06,349 --> 00:55:02,819

to the bottom of what we should most

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00:55:07,970 --> 00:55:06,359

reasonably believe and to me I'd go one

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00:55:11,750 --> 00:55:07,980

step further what I think this is about

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00:55:13,730 --> 00:55:11,760

is is Shifting the burden of proof and I

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00:55:16,270 --> 00:55:13,740

think what the collection of your books

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00:55:19,069 --> 00:55:16,280

have done is shift the burden of proof

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00:55:21,410 --> 00:55:19,079

onto the shoulders of those who do not

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00:55:23,329 --> 00:55:21,420

accept the evidence for the afterlife

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00:55:25,370 --> 00:55:23,339

now it's up to them it's like you've

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00:55:27,230 --> 00:55:25,380

done your job now they have to show that

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00:55:28,849 --> 00:55:27,240

that's otherwise but the other point I

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00:55:32,270 --> 00:55:28,859

was going to make is

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00:55:35,690 --> 00:55:32,280

I don't think it's about you know if God

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00:55:38,150 --> 00:55:35,700

cares about the Ukrainian War but I do

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00:55:40,069 --> 00:55:38,160

think it's about like one thing you put

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your finger on I think we can go

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00:55:45,829 --> 00:55:43,319

directly a through line from your books

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00:55:49,130 --> 00:55:45,839

to looking at transhumanism

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00:55:52,450 --> 00:55:49,140

and we can say huh I can kind of make

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00:55:56,450 --> 00:55:52,460

some inferences now about whether or not

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00:55:59,210 --> 00:55:56,460

transhumanism is a good idea I can make

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00:56:02,450 --> 00:55:59,220

some inferences about whether crowleyism

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00:56:05,450 --> 00:56:02,460

and this satanic luciferian do what thou

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00:56:08,690 --> 00:56:05,460

will stuff is really a good kind of

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00:56:10,549 --> 00:56:08,700

cultural value so those are the places I

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00:56:12,770 --> 00:56:10,559

would go but at the same time there's

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00:56:14,390 --> 00:56:12,780

some other places I'd say I don't think

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I'd take

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00:56:18,890 --> 00:56:16,260

you where you're going but that's just

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00:56:20,089 --> 00:56:18,900

my opinion what do you think about do

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00:56:21,710 --> 00:56:20,099

you get the broader sense of what I'm

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00:56:23,750 --> 00:56:21,720

saying about what we can do with your

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00:56:26,089 --> 00:56:23,760

research and what I think maybe we

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00:56:27,349 --> 00:56:26,099

should be reluctant about doing with

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00:56:30,770 --> 00:56:27,359

your research

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00:56:34,549 --> 00:56:30,780

it does seem to me uh Alex that that you

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00:56:36,829 --> 00:56:34,559

you really need to go back to the source

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00:56:38,630 --> 00:56:36,839

metaphys the metaphysical source of the

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00:56:40,670 --> 00:56:38,640

universe it seems to me that you want to

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00:56:42,410 --> 00:56:40,680

go back that far

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00:56:44,270 --> 00:56:42,420

um you've challenged me to do that in

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00:56:46,609 --> 00:56:44,280

some of the um words that you used

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00:56:49,609 --> 00:56:46,619

leading up to this uh to this interview

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00:56:54,470 --> 00:56:49,619

it made me think about what is the

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00:56:57,410 --> 00:56:54,480

ultimate design of the uh Master of the

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Universe for all of the planets that are

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00:57:03,829 --> 00:57:00,480

filled with people like us what does

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00:57:06,609 --> 00:57:03,839

that being want us to do

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00:57:09,650 --> 00:57:06,619

it's not as if this being needs our help

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00:57:13,390 --> 00:57:09,660

for his own satisfaction I think that

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00:57:16,190 --> 00:57:13,400

what God would want us to do is to make

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00:57:18,650 --> 00:57:16,200

environments that are conducive to human

1351
00:57:19,790 --> 00:57:18,660
happiness or to the happiness of three

1352
00:57:22,250 --> 00:57:19,800
beings

1353
00:57:23,990 --> 00:57:22,260
I think that that God looks upon that

1354
00:57:25,970 --> 00:57:24,000
with tremendous interest to see if

1355
00:57:29,450 --> 00:57:25,980
they're if we're capable of it are we

1356
00:57:32,390 --> 00:57:29,460
capable uh in uh in some wonderful way

1357
00:57:35,990 --> 00:57:32,400
of making good choices

1358
00:57:38,390 --> 00:57:36,000
um maybe not but um uh and and maybe

1359
00:57:41,329 --> 00:57:38,400
many of the planets have destroyed

1360
00:57:42,950 --> 00:57:41,339
themselves in the in in the course of um

1361
00:57:46,069 --> 00:57:42,960
of cosmic history I wouldn't be at all

1362
00:57:48,290 --> 00:57:46,079
surprised and we may do that too but I

1363
00:57:50,510 --> 00:57:48,300

think if that happens there's always

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00:57:53,150 --> 00:57:50,520

this other world that will be propelled

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00:57:55,190 --> 00:57:53,160

to the the physical world the physical

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00:57:57,290 --> 00:57:55,200

environment is not the only environment

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00:57:59,390 --> 00:57:57,300

there are these spiritual environments

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00:58:01,670 --> 00:57:59,400

that we're all being catapulted to when

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00:58:03,710 --> 00:58:01,680

we die like it or not that's going to

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00:58:06,410 --> 00:58:03,720

happen we're going to find ourselves in

1371

00:58:09,109 --> 00:58:06,420

an astral Zone uh where there will be

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00:58:11,450 --> 00:58:09,119

different kinds of choices to make and

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00:58:13,190 --> 00:58:11,460

different kinds of outcomes and there

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00:58:16,130 --> 00:58:13,200

will be hellish zones as well as

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00:58:18,890 --> 00:58:16,140

Heavenly zones and zones in between

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00:58:21,410 --> 00:58:18,900

um and I think that that's important to

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00:58:24,589 --> 00:58:21,420

look at that and not to shy away from it

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00:58:26,750 --> 00:58:24,599

like a materialist inevitably does but

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00:58:30,109 --> 00:58:26,760

to look at it and to think about it and

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00:58:31,970 --> 00:58:30,119

to plan for it I I uh am not at all sure

1381

00:58:34,790 --> 00:58:31,980

what my

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00:58:37,370 --> 00:58:34,800

uh Place uh in the afterlife will be

1383

00:58:40,010 --> 00:58:37,380

like I'm really not will I be considered

1384

00:58:41,930 --> 00:58:40,020

to be one of God's angels or will I be

1385

00:58:46,670 --> 00:58:41,940

found to be some sort of a schmuck who

1386

00:58:50,270 --> 00:58:46,680

is you know who who was basically uh uh

1387

00:58:51,950 --> 00:58:50,280

just not clued into who he really is in

1388

00:58:55,370 --> 00:58:51,960

his depth I don't know that it's

1389

00:58:57,349 --> 00:58:55,380

mysterious to me but I do know very sure

1390

00:59:00,410 --> 00:58:57,359

of myself that there is this world

1391

00:59:02,630 --> 00:59:00,420

that's coming quickly and that in all

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00:59:04,849 --> 00:59:02,640

likelihood the things we do in this

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00:59:08,210 --> 00:59:04,859

world will influence at least where we

1394

00:59:10,549 --> 00:59:08,220

start when we die now we're free over

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00:59:12,890 --> 00:59:10,559

there as well Freedom doesn't just end

1396

00:59:14,809 --> 00:59:12,900

right here when we die it continues and

1397

00:59:17,690 --> 00:59:14,819

you can continue to live well or poorly

1398

00:59:22,010 --> 00:59:17,700

selfishly or as a good servant at every

1399

00:59:23,329 --> 00:59:22,020

level uh at every level uh in in all the

1400

00:59:25,250 --> 00:59:23,339

worlds that we will ever come into

1401

00:59:28,010 --> 00:59:25,260

contact with there will be that choice

1402

00:59:31,309 --> 00:59:28,020

that in the moment choice that would be

1403

00:59:34,309 --> 00:59:31,319

challenged to to make wisely and

1404

00:59:36,230 --> 00:59:34,319

generously so that's how I see it I

1405

00:59:38,750 --> 00:59:36,240

think that's awesome I'll tell you as we

1406

00:59:41,510 --> 00:59:38,760

move to wrap things up Stafford I wonder

1407

00:59:43,670 --> 00:59:41,520

share with us uh first of all I have a

1408

00:59:47,150 --> 00:59:43,680

comment on that you know I love your

1409

00:59:49,010 --> 00:59:47,160

unsharedness about what awaits man if

1410

00:59:51,289 --> 00:59:49,020

you weren't if you if that that's like

1411

00:59:53,510 --> 00:59:51,299

real to me that's like anyone who

1412

00:59:55,430 --> 00:59:53,520

doesn't who doesn't walk that line they

1413

00:59:57,849 --> 00:59:55,440

haven't got the message you know what I

1414

01:00:00,589 --> 00:59:57,859

mean trouble that's right

1415

01:00:02,690 --> 01:00:00,599

uh perpetuate doubt you know doubt is

1416

01:00:05,329 --> 01:00:02,700

the most spiritual thing but what what

1417

01:00:09,109 --> 01:00:05,339

is your do you want to share anything

1418

01:00:12,170 --> 01:00:09,119

about what you've learned that you've

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01:00:14,870 --> 01:00:12,180

then incorporated into your spiritual

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01:00:17,089 --> 01:00:14,880

practice and in particular like your

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01:00:19,370 --> 01:00:17,099

daily or your somewhat regular spiritual

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01:00:22,910 --> 01:00:19,380

practice that's and in particular

1423

01:00:25,609 --> 01:00:22,920

something that's come directly out of

1424

01:00:27,710 --> 01:00:25,619

what you've learned because one of the

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01:00:29,089 --> 01:00:27,720

things you've touched on so frequently

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01:00:32,030 --> 01:00:29,099

and I think it's a beautiful thing

1427

01:00:34,670 --> 01:00:32,040

because you're such a scholarly mind and

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01:00:37,309 --> 01:00:34,680

a such a thinker is that you can think

1429

01:00:38,990 --> 01:00:37,319

your way into some of these things of

1430

01:00:41,990 --> 01:00:39,000

course you can feel it and experience it

1431

01:00:44,089 --> 01:00:42,000

but you can also think it so what have

1432

01:00:46,730 --> 01:00:44,099

you thought your way into in terms of

1433

01:00:48,230 --> 01:00:46,740

your spiritual practice I'm thinking of

1434

01:00:51,589 --> 01:00:48,240

Robert sheldrake whom you have

1435

01:00:54,950 --> 01:00:51,599

interviewed uh in the past and he and I

1436

01:00:57,530 --> 01:00:54,960

have very similar outlooks on things

1437

01:00:59,510 --> 01:00:57,540

um he's a prayerful person and he's an

1438

01:01:01,789 --> 01:00:59,520

amazing scientist but he's a deeply

1439

01:01:04,730 --> 01:01:01,799

prayerful person and I try to be I try

1440

01:01:07,430 --> 01:01:04,740

to meditate between 15 and 30 minutes

1441

01:01:10,370 --> 01:01:07,440

every morning when I get up I simply

1442

01:01:13,069 --> 01:01:10,380

require myself to sit down and do what

1443

01:01:15,950 --> 01:01:13,079

is not easy work for me because I am

1444

01:01:18,650 --> 01:01:15,960

easily distracted I love my mind and the

1445

01:01:21,049 --> 01:01:18,660

way it with all the problems that need

1446

01:01:24,950 --> 01:01:21,059

to be solved it's very hard for me to

1447

01:01:27,589 --> 01:01:24,960

sit down and force myself to be quiet to

1448

01:01:29,690 --> 01:01:27,599

really quiet the mind and let that sort

1449

01:01:32,870 --> 01:01:29,700

of inner Divinity sort of well up and

1450

01:01:35,270 --> 01:01:32,880

and and and overtake me and and uh

1451

01:01:40,010 --> 01:01:35,280

Express itself through me but I pray for

1452

01:01:41,750 --> 01:01:40,020

that and I even ask that um you know I

1453

01:01:43,670 --> 01:01:41,760

never asked God for anything

1454

01:01:45,770 --> 01:01:43,680

um I just thank God I thank God for my

1455

01:01:48,829 --> 01:01:45,780

existence that's what God is there to be

1456

01:01:52,370 --> 01:01:48,839

to be for me to be thanked just for the

1457

01:01:55,190 --> 01:01:52,380

incredible blessing of having a life on

1458

01:01:57,170 --> 01:01:55,200

this planet after all these billions of

1459

01:01:59,930 --> 01:01:57,180

years I finally get my chance you know

1460

01:02:04,930 --> 01:01:59,940

I'm delighted to be here but I also need

1461

01:02:07,430 --> 01:02:04,940

help and uh I I ask less are beings

1462

01:02:09,230 --> 01:02:07,440

my heavenly friends I think of them I

1463

01:02:11,030 --> 01:02:09,240

don't know who they are but I have a

1464

01:02:12,589 --> 01:02:11,040

feeling from reading all of the

1465

01:02:14,150 --> 01:02:12,599

literature that I've done for my

1466

01:02:16,630 --> 01:02:14,160

research for the writing of my books

1467

01:02:19,430 --> 01:02:16,640

that we have Spirit guides and Guardians

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01:02:21,710 --> 01:02:19,440

we have Spirit Muses if you're a

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01:02:23,750 --> 01:02:21,720

creative person like myself and these

1470

01:02:27,109 --> 01:02:23,760

are people I reached out to and asked

1471

01:02:29,450 --> 01:02:27,119

for help on a daily basis and whether or

1472

01:02:32,270 --> 01:02:29,460

not I get any help I don't know but it

1473

01:02:33,890 --> 01:02:32,280

won't hurt and and it um it keeps me

1474

01:02:36,950 --> 01:02:33,900

humble

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01:02:40,309 --> 01:02:36,960

um it it makes me aware that that that

1476

01:02:44,089 --> 01:02:40,319

my that my destiny may be to be one of

1477

01:02:46,370 --> 01:02:44,099

these beings to uh to help people who

1478

01:02:48,770 --> 01:02:46,380

reach up to me in a few short years I'll

1479

01:02:51,430 --> 01:02:48,780

be on the other side so I think they're

1480

01:02:54,470 --> 01:02:51,440

they're there really is a window between

1481

01:02:57,470 --> 01:02:54,480

their world and our world and it's open

1482

01:03:00,770 --> 01:02:57,480

most people don't use it most people

1483

01:03:03,589 --> 01:03:00,780

don't look through it but I do and I do

1484

01:03:05,450 --> 01:03:03,599

it not because I was taught that uh when

1485

01:03:08,210 --> 01:03:05,460

I was a kid I do it because my research

1486

01:03:11,150 --> 01:03:08,220

tells me that there are beings who look

1487

01:03:13,789 --> 01:03:11,160

to us and are happy to help us are happy

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01:03:15,950 --> 01:03:13,799

to be remembered by us

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01:03:19,190 --> 01:03:15,960

um our ancestors I remember my mother

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01:03:22,069 --> 01:03:19,200

and father because I'm told that they

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01:03:24,950 --> 01:03:22,079

like to be remembered uh on the other

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01:03:27,950 --> 01:03:24,960

side and so I make a point of doing that

1493

01:03:29,750 --> 01:03:27,960

so I'm very much influenced by the

1494

01:03:31,490 --> 01:03:29,760

research that I've done and that I write

1495

01:03:33,770 --> 01:03:31,500

about in my books

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01:03:35,809 --> 01:03:33,780

there is this sort of almost childlike

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01:03:38,510 --> 01:03:35,819

innocence about some of the things they

1498

01:03:40,430 --> 01:03:38,520

say that I think is important for

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01:03:43,370 --> 01:03:40,440

incorporating into one's spiritual life

1500

01:03:47,450 --> 01:03:43,380

that's awesome Our Guest again has been

1501

01:03:50,569 --> 01:03:47,460

Dr Stafford Betty uh please do check out

1502

01:03:54,410 --> 01:03:50,579

his books his many books great books and

1503

01:03:56,150 --> 01:03:54,420

thanks to him for indulging me in you

1504

01:03:58,730 --> 01:03:56,160

know a conversation that wasn't just

1505

01:03:59,690 --> 01:03:58,740

about these books but that doesn't mean

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01:04:02,270 --> 01:03:59,700

that

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01:04:04,549 --> 01:04:02,280

you can find a bunch of interviews with

1508

01:04:06,950 --> 01:04:04,559

the guy on YouTube and I think you'll be

1509

01:04:10,069 --> 01:04:06,960

drawn into his work but I also think

1510

01:04:12,530 --> 01:04:10,079

just presenting him this way you're

1511

01:04:15,049 --> 01:04:12,540

sharp as ever I don't know I think uh

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01:04:17,450 --> 01:04:15,059

yeah yes he hasn't lost the beat in

1513

01:04:19,490 --> 01:04:17,460

terms of what I think so it's been great

1514

01:04:22,250 --> 01:04:19,500

having you on and I really appreciate

1515

01:04:24,289 --> 01:04:22,260

you joining me Alex I enjoyed it too it

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01:04:26,390 --> 01:04:24,299

was just delightful being with you it

1517

01:04:28,670 --> 01:04:26,400

really was and thank you

1518

01:04:30,829 --> 01:04:28,680

thanks again to Stafford Betty for

1519

01:04:32,990 --> 01:04:30,839

joining me today on skeptico

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01:04:35,870 --> 01:04:33,000

the one question I'd have to tee up from

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01:04:37,069 --> 01:04:35,880

this interview is what do you think of

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01:04:40,490 --> 01:04:37,079

free will

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01:04:44,030 --> 01:04:40,500

and how do we kind of thread that

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01:04:46,970 --> 01:04:44,040

impossible needle that we have localized

1525

01:04:49,510 --> 01:04:46,980

immediate free will but maybe yet

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01:04:52,789 --> 01:04:49,520

sometimes it seems like we don't have

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01:04:54,829 --> 01:04:52,799

Global Free Will I don't know I think

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01:04:57,890 --> 01:04:54,839

that's an impossible contradiction to

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01:04:59,750 --> 01:04:57,900

even contemplate but I'd love to hear

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01:05:02,210 --> 01:04:59,760

your thoughts about it because I love

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01:05:05,030 --> 01:05:02,220

connecting with you all and I love

1532

01:05:07,910 --> 01:05:05,040

hearing what you have to say especially

1533

01:05:11,270 --> 01:05:07,920

if it's smart and if it's new and if it

1534

01:05:13,789 --> 01:05:11,280

allows me to grow so let me hear from

1535

01:05:18,049 --> 01:05:13,799

you skeptical form or however you find

1536

01:05:21,410 --> 01:05:18,059

me until next time take care and bye for

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01:05:21,420 --> 01:05:26,130

foreign