

MATERIALIST SOOTHING

595-RICHARD-GREGO

SK=PTIKO
science & spirituality



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00:00:03,949 --> 00:00:01,010

[Music]

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00:00:06,950 --> 00:00:03,959

um this episode is skeptical

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00:00:09,790 --> 00:00:06,960

show about self-soothing she needs to

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00:00:11,930 --> 00:00:09,800

learn how to self-soo she's what

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00:00:13,249 --> 00:00:11,940

herself let's just sing a song We'll

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00:00:18,990 --> 00:00:13,259

sing a song

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00:00:19,000 --> 00:00:23,470

[Music]

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maybe she's hungry I'm gonna feed her hi

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00:00:31,730 --> 00:00:28,859

come on let's go eat come on

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00:00:35,030 --> 00:00:31,740

and how if it was never really a good

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:35,040

idea in child rooming it probably isn't

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00:00:39,889 --> 00:00:36,960

a good truth seeking slash personal

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00:00:42,229 --> 00:00:39,899

development strategy either

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Sean Carroll is writing books about the

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meaning of life he's a complete

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materialist Sam Harris is is a guru now

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right I mean he's a pop culture sort of

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Guru but people come to him with answers

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about the meaning of life and what is it

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00:00:59,810 --> 00:00:57,719

if you're a physicalist you can't really

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acknowledge morality you can't really

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acknowledge aesthetic quality you can't

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00:01:06,109 --> 00:01:04,260

really acknowledge literature art you

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00:01:08,289 --> 00:01:06,119

can't acknowledge the meaning of life I

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00:01:11,270 --> 00:01:08,299

mean it's ruled out in advance

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00:01:13,789 --> 00:01:11,280

I don't want to change my beliefs to

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00:01:15,890 --> 00:01:13,799

whatever extent my life is livable it

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00:01:19,310 --> 00:01:15,900

rests on the fact that I'm constantly

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00:01:22,130 --> 00:01:19,320

seeking to be soothed to be comforted by

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00:01:24,710 --> 00:01:22,140

that voice inside my head manipulated in

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00:01:26,030 --> 00:01:24,720

a way that makes me feel okay and the

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00:01:29,149 --> 00:01:26,040

last thing I want to do is take that

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00:01:31,429 --> 00:01:29,159

leap and say there's something more that

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00:01:33,410 --> 00:01:31,439

first clip was from the movie Life as We

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:33,420

Know It And the second was from our

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guest Dr Richard grego who was nice

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00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:39,420

enough to join me on this kind of trip

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00:01:45,410 --> 00:01:42,720

true Memory Lane rebooted by some new

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stuff that's come out rich is a terrific

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00:01:50,149 --> 00:01:47,820

guy and a great guest to the show really

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00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:50,159

really smart appreciate what he brings

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00:01:57,350 --> 00:01:53,280

to this conversation I hope you enjoy it

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00:01:59,630 --> 00:01:57,360

okay Dr Rich gregory is back rich is

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00:02:01,370 --> 00:01:59,640

Professor philosophy and cultural

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00:02:02,469 --> 00:02:01,380

history Florida State College

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:02,479

Jacksonville

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00:02:06,709 --> 00:02:06,000

and a really really cool friend of the

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00:02:10,190 --> 00:02:06,719

show

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00:02:12,890 --> 00:02:10,200

so rich emailed me about a month ago and

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00:02:14,809 --> 00:02:12,900

what what ensued after that was I think

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00:02:16,369 --> 00:02:14,819
a really cool conversation that we had

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00:02:19,729 --> 00:02:16,379
that

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00:02:22,910 --> 00:02:19,739
kind of morphed into this show maybe

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00:02:25,970 --> 00:02:22,920
Rich you want to tell folks about uh

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00:02:29,150 --> 00:02:25,980
this guy who you interviewed and then I

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00:02:31,010 --> 00:02:29,160
subsequently interviewed on skeptico and

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00:02:33,229 --> 00:02:31,020
then we'll tell them about this new book

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00:02:37,089 --> 00:02:33,239
that he has out

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00:02:41,089 --> 00:02:37,099
okay sure I interviewed Alexander Maria

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00:02:43,070 --> 00:02:41,099
Alameda or who's a really uh impressive

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00:02:44,869 --> 00:02:43,080
I at least I find him very impressive

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00:02:46,729 --> 00:02:44,879
guys what you really you can tell me

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00:02:49,009 --> 00:02:46,739

what you think Alex but for me he's what

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00:02:50,930 --> 00:02:49,019

you really are looking for in a great

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00:02:52,369 --> 00:02:50,940

research scientist

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um especially when it comes to a

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controversial issue

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um that

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00:03:01,430 --> 00:02:59,700

other other scientists tend to judge

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00:03:03,650 --> 00:03:01,440

unfairly

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00:03:05,570 --> 00:03:03,660

um so and and again he's been a

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00:03:08,330 --> 00:03:05,580

near-death researcher for a long time as

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00:03:10,729 --> 00:03:08,340

you said I interviewed him for the for

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skeptical actually at a long time a

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00:03:15,229 --> 00:03:12,440

while ago now at the American

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00:03:17,449 --> 00:03:15,239

Psychological Association conference I

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00:03:19,309 --> 00:03:17,459

believe in Orlando he was doing a panel

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00:03:21,710 --> 00:03:19,319

discussion with several other

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leading lights since including I think

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Stanley kriener

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00:03:27,350 --> 00:03:25,739

and another guy philosopher can't

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00:03:29,570 --> 00:03:27,360

remember that's great so let me just

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00:03:31,850 --> 00:03:29,580

interject to put an exclamation point on

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00:03:34,910 --> 00:03:31,860

what you said so totally legit guy he's

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00:03:37,729 --> 00:03:34,920

going to apa the biggest conference for

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psychologists he's a medical doctor and

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he happens in a very kind of open

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Brazilian way where they're not kind of

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closed down to some of this

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crazy materialism he's like hey there's

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a lot of stuff going on in the world you

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00:03:53,570 --> 00:03:51,900

know I mean we have John of God you know

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00:03:56,449 --> 00:03:53,580

here in our backyard we have other

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00:03:58,670 --> 00:03:56,459

spiritual stuff going on so I need to go

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00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:58,680

out and Observe and Report as a doctor

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00:04:02,509 --> 00:04:00,480

and as somebody who publishes in

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00:04:06,890 --> 00:04:02,519

peer-reviewed papers like you're saying

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00:04:09,589 --> 00:04:06,900

this is what I do baby I do science so

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00:04:12,589 --> 00:04:09,599

you interviewed him it was really great

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00:04:15,189 --> 00:04:12,599

and then he came out with another book I

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00:04:18,830 --> 00:04:15,199
interviewed him really great and then

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:18,840
tell me about this book that he has that

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00:04:23,330 --> 00:04:21,120
you pinged me on in your email

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00:04:25,249 --> 00:04:23,340
yeah well when I originally interviewed

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00:04:26,990 --> 00:04:25,259
him at the conference it was in regard

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00:04:29,030 --> 00:04:27,000
to a book that he had done in

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00:04:30,590 --> 00:04:29,040
conjunction with a number of other

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00:04:32,990 --> 00:04:30,600
really interesting

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00:04:35,090 --> 00:04:33,000
um people in that field called frontiers

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00:04:37,370 --> 00:04:35,100
of the mind-body relationship I believe

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00:04:40,550 --> 00:04:37,380
and that's what their panel was about

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00:04:42,409 --> 00:04:40,560
um however I I just noticed

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00:04:45,230 --> 00:04:42,419

um because I happen to be reviewing a

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00:04:49,070 --> 00:04:45,240

book for Springer press for somebody

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00:04:50,810 --> 00:04:49,080

else that he had a book out a new

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00:04:52,670 --> 00:04:50,820

relatively new I think it came out last

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00:04:53,990 --> 00:04:52,680

year called the science of life after

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00:04:55,730 --> 00:04:54,000

death

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00:04:57,710 --> 00:04:55,740

um which is just what it's called about

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00:05:01,129 --> 00:04:57,720

it's and it's very focused it's a great

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00:05:03,770 --> 00:05:01,139

book very brief under 100 Pages where he

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00:05:05,870 --> 00:05:03,780

really summarizes the latest a lot of

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00:05:09,230 --> 00:05:05,880

the latest research and more importantly

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it's both its implications and the

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reasons why the scientific Community

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still

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00:05:19,189 --> 00:05:17,280

has not for whatever reason uh chosen to

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00:05:20,749 --> 00:05:19,199

take it seriously well buddy that's

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00:05:23,689 --> 00:05:20,759

exactly what we're going to talk about

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00:05:25,430 --> 00:05:23,699

today because you know you so you ping

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00:05:26,990 --> 00:05:25,440

me on that and then I said great let's

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00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:27,000

get him back on let's talk about this

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00:05:32,510 --> 00:05:28,680

and then the more we talked we're like

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00:05:35,450 --> 00:05:32,520

you know we don't really want to talk to

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him about this because in a way he's a

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fantastic guy and I love talking to him

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but in a way it gets in the it misses

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the point this is a check the box kind

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of book of course Consciousness survives

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death the the problem is the way that

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00:05:56,330 --> 00:05:53,940

we've uh been trained to understand this

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00:05:58,969 --> 00:05:56,340

very limited idea of Consciousness and

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00:06:00,409 --> 00:05:58,979

then how it plays out in these questions

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00:06:03,590 --> 00:06:00,419

of

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survival so where I want to shift it and

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we'll shift it right away to maybe a

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00:06:07,670 --> 00:06:06,180

video

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and I was looking you know who do we

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want to talk about this and then I I

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kind of thought what pop to mine is the

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00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:15,360
Antichrist of Neuroscience and afterlife

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00:06:20,510 --> 00:06:18,479
Dr Sam Harris now you know the

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00:06:22,670 --> 00:06:20,520
interesting thing about Sam Harris is

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00:06:24,469 --> 00:06:22,680
that I point out to people is I have a

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00:06:26,870 --> 00:06:24,479
video clip I'm going to play in just a

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00:06:29,990 --> 00:06:26,880
minute and it's a few years old but it's

157
00:06:32,710 --> 00:06:30,000
great because it's really where he lives

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00:06:35,689 --> 00:06:32,720
and it's where he lives to this day but

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00:06:38,029 --> 00:06:35,699
if you're just perusing the power you're

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00:06:39,350 --> 00:06:38,039
after you're not gonna find that you're

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00:06:42,710 --> 00:06:39,360
gonna find like this clip I'm playing

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00:06:45,170 --> 00:06:42,720
here from Joe Rogan or you're going to

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00:06:47,330 --> 00:06:45,180

find Clips like this one from the very

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excellent Lex Friedman who is totally

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waffling on this issue too totally

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00:06:53,390 --> 00:06:51,539

misses the point but you know he's going

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00:06:54,950 --> 00:06:53,400

to ask him directly Sam what's the

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meaning of life get up without any

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00:07:00,830 --> 00:06:58,080

explanation what is the meaning of life

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00:07:02,990 --> 00:07:00,840

and I'll I'll spare you because he goes

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on 10 minutes and he doesn't answer it

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of course he doesn't answer it and the

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reason relates back to what we're going

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00:07:13,550 --> 00:07:11,220

to talk about today versus almeida's

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book and this whole topic of Survival Of

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00:07:18,170 --> 00:07:15,419
Consciousness and the best way I think

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00:07:21,170 --> 00:07:18,180
for us to get there is for me to play a

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00:07:23,809 --> 00:07:21,180
another Sam Harris clip the best Sam

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00:07:26,570 --> 00:07:23,819
Harris Club let me play that science is

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00:07:28,550 --> 00:07:26,580
not in in principle committed to the

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00:07:30,350 --> 00:07:28,560
idea that there's no afterlife or that

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00:07:34,550 --> 00:07:30,360
the the mind is identical to the brain

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00:07:38,210 --> 00:07:34,560
right or that materialism is true

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00:07:40,850 --> 00:07:38,220
science is completely open to whatever

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00:07:42,950 --> 00:07:40,860
in fact is true and if it's true that

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the Consciousness is being run like

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00:07:49,010 --> 00:07:47,160
software on the brain and can by virtue

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00:07:51,230 --> 00:07:49,020

of ectoplasm or something else we don't

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00:07:52,370 --> 00:07:51,240

understand can be dissociated from the

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brain of death

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that would be part of our growing

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scientific understanding of the world if

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we could Discover it now and there's

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there are ways we could in fact discover

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that if it were true the problem is

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there are very good reasons to think

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it's not true and we know this from now

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150 years of Neurology where you damage

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areas of the brain and faculties are

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lost and they're clearly it's not that

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everyone with brain damage is perf has

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their soul perfectly intact they just

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can't get the words out this is that you

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everything about your mind can be

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damaged by damaging the brain and what

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we're being asked to consider is that

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00:08:33,469 --> 00:08:31,379
you damage one part of the brain and the

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mind something about the mind and

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00:08:38,449 --> 00:08:35,880
subjectivity is lost you damage another

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00:08:40,670 --> 00:08:38,459
and and yet more is lost and yet if you

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damage the whole thing at death

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00:08:45,949 --> 00:08:43,500
we can rise off the brain with all our

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00:08:47,750 --> 00:08:45,959

faculties intact recognizing grandma and

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speaking English

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okay so that's great and you got all

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that right Rich that all came through

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sure okay the million things we can talk

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about and this is kind of old school

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skeptical stuff but we're going to bring

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it up to date because it's really really

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I think current particularly with what

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we've gone through in the last year in

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terms of what it means to surrender

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science to the quote-unquote authorities

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00:09:16,670 --> 00:09:14,040

to the expert to the we are science

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00:09:18,949 --> 00:09:16,680

we'll tell you what science is and the

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first thing I point out and I want you

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to comment on this because in particular

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Rich what's great about talking to you

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is you have this strong philosophy

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background and you think like a

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00:09:33,350 --> 00:09:30,540

philosopher but you also think like a

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00:09:35,750 --> 00:09:33,360

scientist we would expect the same from

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00:09:38,389 --> 00:09:35,760

Dr Sam Harris and let's by the way not

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00:09:41,389 --> 00:09:38,399

forget that his brand is atheist that is

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his brand right so he's you got to

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remember he's not going to switch his

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position because he's built this kind of

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brand and his other brand is neural

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science he's a neuroscientist right so

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those are the two things but right off

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the bat what does he do with science

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what does he say about science one he

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misses the basic skeptical 101. science

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is a method it's not a position

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statement what does he say at the

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beginning science says this science is

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this I am science yeah do you want to

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just even build off of that comment on

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that

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yeah I don't know I mean you know I tend

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to you know a cultural historian too I

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just tend to look at that view of

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science now and maybe the

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institutionalization of it like that as

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similar to the you know the church and

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scholasticism in the 500 years ago um

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it's it's sort of the the you know where

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they and it's easy for us to look at it

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that way because we can all look back

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500 years and be critical of the of the

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Catholic church in the 1500s

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um and Scholastic philosophy and the

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Scholastic world view as being reductive

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and and

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um and controlling and domineering and

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authoritarian and monolithic and I think

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that's Sam Harris represents that Trend

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now and I think in science today

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scientism being the scholasticism of the

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modern era

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um so you haven't an institution that

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that now is desperate to control in a

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00:11:20,210 --> 00:11:17,760

very reductive way this really reductive

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00:11:22,370 --> 00:11:20,220

narrative about what real all reality is

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00:11:24,170 --> 00:11:22,380

and what you're allowed to admit what

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00:11:25,730 --> 00:11:24,180

you're allowed to say or not say or what

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00:11:29,090 --> 00:11:25,740

will allow what you're allowed to

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00:11:30,590 --> 00:11:29,100

investigate for that matter but well I I

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00:11:32,810 --> 00:11:30,600

think we also got to point out that he

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00:11:35,269 --> 00:11:32,820

does it in a very uh subtle way here and

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00:11:38,389 --> 00:11:35,279

again this is a few years old and his

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00:11:40,610 --> 00:11:38,399

new stick is even more smooth and has

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00:11:43,069 --> 00:11:40,620

these you know very meditative kind of

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00:11:44,449 --> 00:11:43,079

things but but he's sliding off of I

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00:11:47,690 --> 00:11:44,459

really want to drill into the science

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00:11:50,569 --> 00:11:47,700

thing because number one he says science

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00:11:53,030 --> 00:11:50,579

doesn't say this science and he equates

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00:11:54,949 --> 00:11:53,040

science with materialism he doesn't he

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00:11:57,170 --> 00:11:54,959

doesn't even introduce the basics of

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00:12:00,170 --> 00:11:57,180

science is what we're going to go out

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00:12:02,449 --> 00:12:00,180

and observe we are going to observe the

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00:12:04,069 --> 00:12:02,459

world he seems to be completely

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00:12:06,650 --> 00:12:04,079

bypassing

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00:12:09,290 --> 00:12:06,660

what we were talking about in the book

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00:12:12,170 --> 00:12:09,300

with Almeida which is anyone can go out

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00:12:14,509 --> 00:12:12,180

and say gee we've observed a lot of

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00:12:17,090 --> 00:12:14,519

cases where Consciousness seems to

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00:12:18,829 --> 00:12:17,100

survive death is he referencing any of

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00:12:21,190 --> 00:12:18,839

those is he referencing near-death

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00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:21,200

experience after death communication

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00:12:27,290 --> 00:12:24,180

medium communication is he referencing

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00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:27,300

any Out of Body Experience reincarnation

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00:12:32,930 --> 00:12:30,720

these are all observed phenomena that we

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00:12:34,850 --> 00:12:32,940

can acknowledge at least because people

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00:12:37,250 --> 00:12:34,860

are doing research on him and Publishing

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00:12:39,069 --> 00:12:37,260

peer-reviewed papers on them yeah and he

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00:12:41,449 --> 00:12:39,079

could say there are all these

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00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:41,459

observations out there that we need to

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00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:43,200

somehow wrap our arms around and figure

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00:12:47,629 --> 00:12:46,079

out he's he's not doing any of that go

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00:12:49,490 --> 00:12:47,639

back and listen carefully to what he

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00:12:51,949 --> 00:12:49,500

said and this is philosophy right

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00:12:54,470 --> 00:12:51,959

because what he is doing is taking a

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00:12:56,569 --> 00:12:54,480

philosophical approach he's not talking

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00:12:59,329 --> 00:12:56,579

about observed evidence or

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00:13:01,370 --> 00:12:59,339

experimentation falsification he's

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00:13:04,370 --> 00:13:01,380

saying I'm going to make an inference

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00:13:06,110 --> 00:13:04,380

here about if you know the brain is

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00:13:07,910 --> 00:13:06,120

damaged do your memory is damaged

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00:13:10,310 --> 00:13:07,920

therefore if the whole brain is damaged

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00:13:13,310 --> 00:13:10,320

then there couldn't possibly it's like

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00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:13,320

oh what about what about the beta what

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00:13:17,569 --> 00:13:15,839

about the data over here any thoughts on

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00:13:19,610 --> 00:13:17,579

that yeah which is supposed to be what

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00:13:22,970 --> 00:13:19,620

science is all about right I mean and

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00:13:24,590 --> 00:13:22,980

and and in fact the it seems to me

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00:13:26,930 --> 00:13:24,600

especially in terms of near-death

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00:13:29,329 --> 00:13:26,940

experience the majority of scientists

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00:13:30,829 --> 00:13:29,339

who actually go out and do what you're

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00:13:33,410 --> 00:13:30,839

prescribing

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00:13:36,129 --> 00:13:33,420

find EX you know we their conclusions

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00:13:39,170 --> 00:13:36,139

are exactly the opposite of Sam Harris

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00:13:42,590 --> 00:13:39,180

as well as ever as well as most of the

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00:13:44,810 --> 00:13:42,600

other sort of con I don't know what nde

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00:13:45,710 --> 00:13:44,820

debunkers if that's the right word I

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00:13:48,170 --> 00:13:45,720

don't know

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00:13:49,850 --> 00:13:48,180

um but and and you being from as

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00:13:51,710 --> 00:13:49,860

familiar with the literature as you are

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00:13:54,710 --> 00:13:51,720

in fact probably much more than than

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00:13:57,350 --> 00:13:54,720

obviously much more than a Sam Harris

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00:13:59,449 --> 00:13:57,360

um I'm sure you can attest to that are

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00:14:03,590 --> 00:13:59,459

there are there that many people who've

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00:14:06,829 --> 00:14:03,600

really researched the phenomenon who

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00:14:09,110 --> 00:14:06,839

come to the conclusion that

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00:14:10,430 --> 00:14:09,120

you know all these dismissive any of

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00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:10,440

these dismissive conclusions it's

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00:14:16,069 --> 00:14:13,440

hypoxia it's it's an illusion it's you

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00:14:18,290 --> 00:14:16,079

know whatever is that the case I don't

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00:14:20,930 --> 00:14:18,300

think so is it yeah no that's that's not

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00:14:23,269 --> 00:14:20,940

on the table and as you and I are are

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00:14:27,290 --> 00:14:23,279

kind of alluding to here you know the

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00:14:30,710 --> 00:14:27,300

next level of this is to one really hone

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00:14:33,170 --> 00:14:30,720

in on what the topic is because the

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00:14:37,009 --> 00:14:33,180

topic is really about Consciousness yes

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00:14:39,470 --> 00:14:37,019

and survival is just the survival of

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00:14:41,509 --> 00:14:39,480

Consciousness is really just the

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00:14:43,550 --> 00:14:41,519

ultimate test it's the ultimate test

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00:14:45,590 --> 00:14:43,560

right because we can bat around you know

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00:14:48,410 --> 00:14:45,600

the observer effect and all this other

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00:14:51,470 --> 00:14:48,420

stuff yeah but when you say hey man that

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00:14:53,389 --> 00:14:51,480

dude died and he was in a body bag and

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00:14:57,170 --> 00:14:53,399

yet he was able to observe what was

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00:14:59,150 --> 00:14:57,180

going on and report it in detail in a

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00:15:00,530 --> 00:14:59,160

way that we have other eyewitnesses that

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00:15:03,110 --> 00:15:00,540

say that well how would you know that

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00:15:04,970 --> 00:15:03,120

how would that so we get from a

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00:15:06,410 --> 00:15:04,980

near-death experience standpoint we get

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00:15:07,790 --> 00:15:06,420

there but as a lot of other people have

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00:15:09,590 --> 00:15:07,800

pointed out you get there a number of

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00:15:11,210 --> 00:15:09,600

other ways you go to University of

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00:15:14,030 --> 00:15:11,220

Virginia and get all that reincarnation

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00:15:16,430 --> 00:15:14,040

research and it's just you know you

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00:15:20,329 --> 00:15:16,440

can't you can't just sidestep well you

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00:15:25,310 --> 00:15:20,339

can sidestep it but ultimately the

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00:15:28,069 --> 00:15:25,320

reason why science can't swallow this

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00:15:30,889 --> 00:15:28,079

is because as it relates to

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00:15:32,750 --> 00:15:30,899

Consciousness and the position they've

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00:15:35,689 --> 00:15:32,760

taken and this will be a little bit of a

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00:15:38,449 --> 00:15:35,699

trip down memory lane but this is kind

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00:15:41,150 --> 00:15:38,459

of fun for me to remind folks what's

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00:15:42,829 --> 00:15:41,160

really behind the Sam Harris kind of

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00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:42,839

mindset and now what's really kind of

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00:15:46,310 --> 00:15:43,920

this

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00:15:48,170 --> 00:15:46,320

limited hangout kind of thing in a way

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00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:48,180

when he talks about you know he seemed

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00:15:53,329 --> 00:15:51,600

meaning of life and meditation and you

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00:15:56,269 --> 00:15:53,339

know what are you really and all this

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00:15:58,850 --> 00:15:56,279

stuff hey bro from a science standpoint

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00:16:01,310 --> 00:15:58,860

it comes down to one thing it comes down

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00:16:03,230 --> 00:16:01,320

to Consciousness yeah okay let me play

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00:16:05,509 --> 00:16:03,240

this clip

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00:16:07,550 --> 00:16:05,519

but you can say something about the

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00:16:10,129 --> 00:16:07,560

question which you really would wish to

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00:16:12,490 --> 00:16:10,139

know the answer to right and I mean for

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00:16:18,110 --> 00:16:12,500

me it would be what what's Consciousness

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00:16:24,949 --> 00:16:21,430

Scott Richie you know what I think

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00:16:27,949 --> 00:16:24,959

but what I think on this is uh

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00:16:31,610 --> 00:16:27,959

Consciousness has kind of baffled us for

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00:16:33,650 --> 00:16:31,620

a while okay and evidence that we

401
00:16:37,490 --> 00:16:33,660
haven't a clue about what Consciousness

402
00:16:39,230 --> 00:16:37,500
is is drawn from the in from the fact of

403
00:16:41,509 --> 00:16:39,240
how many books are published on the

404
00:16:45,050 --> 00:16:41,519
topic right we're not really continuing

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00:16:48,410 --> 00:16:45,060
to publish books not really on like

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00:16:51,170 --> 00:16:48,420
Newtonian physics it's done all right so

407
00:16:52,910 --> 00:16:51,180
so the fact that people keep publishing

408
00:16:54,230 --> 00:16:52,920
books on Consciousness is the evidence

409
00:16:56,030 --> 00:16:54,240
we don't know anything about it because

410
00:16:58,730 --> 00:16:56,040
if we knew all about it you wouldn't

411
00:17:00,110 --> 00:16:58,740
have to keep publishing so so what I

412
00:17:04,250 --> 00:17:00,120
wonder

413
00:17:07,730 --> 00:17:04,260

Richard is

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00:17:11,630 --> 00:17:09,470

there really is no such thing as

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00:17:13,130 --> 00:17:11,640

Consciousness at all and that there's

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00:17:14,689 --> 00:17:13,140

some other understanding of the

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00:17:17,689 --> 00:17:14,699

functioning of the human brain that

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00:17:26,289 --> 00:17:17,699

renders that question obsolete medical

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00:17:32,450 --> 00:17:29,810

what is so funny about that of course

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00:17:34,730 --> 00:17:32,460

that last voice was Bill Nye the Science

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00:17:42,650 --> 00:17:34,740

Guy who was up there with him too he was

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00:17:47,409 --> 00:17:44,810

idea that maybe Consciousness is not

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00:17:50,810 --> 00:17:47,419

there it's probably the weirdest

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00:17:53,690 --> 00:17:50,820

stupidest idea ever conceived by human

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00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:53,700

thought I mean where does thought take

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00:17:59,750 --> 00:17:56,640

place it takes place in Consciousness so

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00:18:02,090 --> 00:17:59,760

here we have Consciousness uh

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00:18:04,730 --> 00:18:02,100

speculating about the possibility that

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00:18:07,730 --> 00:18:04,740

Consciousness does not exist and it may

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00:18:10,789 --> 00:18:07,740

not be there I mean the very thought is

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00:18:12,650 --> 00:18:10,799

is that in your face contradiction and

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00:18:14,710 --> 00:18:12,660

the fact that something like this is not

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00:18:18,230 --> 00:18:14,720

only seriously entertained but even

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00:18:22,190 --> 00:18:18,240

verbalized by a person with the public

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00:18:23,650 --> 00:18:22,200

exposure of the gentleman we just saw is

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00:18:27,470 --> 00:18:23,660

is uh

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00:18:30,350 --> 00:18:27,480

uh a worrying sign of cultural sickness

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00:18:33,289 --> 00:18:30,360

okay so that first quote or that first

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00:18:36,770 --> 00:18:33,299

clip was obviously uh Dr Neil deGrasse

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00:18:40,150 --> 00:18:36,780

Tyson and the second was me yucking it

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00:18:45,169 --> 00:18:40,160

up with Dr Bernardo Castro about just

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00:18:47,150 --> 00:18:45,179

how absurd that is and I think he does a

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00:18:50,990 --> 00:18:47,160

great job of it so I don't need to go

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00:18:55,850 --> 00:18:51,000

over it again but I juxtapose that with

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00:18:59,690 --> 00:18:55,860

Sam Harris's clip because Sam Harris is

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00:19:02,090 --> 00:18:59,700

saying the exact same thing he's just

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00:19:04,250 --> 00:19:02,100

putting it in a different rapper he's

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00:19:07,430 --> 00:19:04,260

saying well Consciousness can really

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00:19:09,770 --> 00:19:07,440

only be tied to the brain so therefore

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00:19:12,950 --> 00:19:09,780

there's no way we could even imagine

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00:19:15,770 --> 00:19:12,960
philosophy philosophy philosophy that

452
00:19:19,730 --> 00:19:15,780
Consciousness could survive bodily death

453
00:19:23,390 --> 00:19:19,740
enter in our friend Dr Alexander in

454
00:19:25,130 --> 00:19:23,400
Brazil who says hey well I'm sorry I

455
00:19:27,650 --> 00:19:25,140
just reviewed the best evidence we have

456
00:19:29,690 --> 00:19:27,660
and it completely contradicts what

457
00:19:32,390 --> 00:19:29,700
you're saying by every means we have of

458
00:19:34,669 --> 00:19:32,400
evaluating it yeah what did you think of

459
00:19:36,590 --> 00:19:34,679
that that little absolutely and I like I

460
00:19:39,890 --> 00:19:36,600
said I love that Rogues gallery of

461
00:19:42,230 --> 00:19:39,900
you've got the Lawrence Krauss and Sam

462
00:19:44,510 --> 00:19:42,240
Harris and Bill Nye the Science Guy was

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00:19:47,510 --> 00:19:44,520

great and he had

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00:19:50,330 --> 00:19:47,520

um Neil deGrasse Tyson and um and and I

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00:19:53,870 --> 00:19:50,340

love you know castrov's response to that

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00:19:57,770 --> 00:19:53,880

he's he's never at a loss for um an

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00:20:00,289 --> 00:19:57,780

acerbic response to nonsense but um in

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00:20:02,750 --> 00:20:00,299

nonsense is the key word because uh what

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00:20:04,549 --> 00:20:02,760

Bernardo is saying here which is

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00:20:06,409 --> 00:20:04,559

difficult for people to hear because I

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00:20:08,510 --> 00:20:06,419

know you know I run into this all the

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00:20:11,450 --> 00:20:08,520

time in kind of the don't suffer fools

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00:20:13,789 --> 00:20:11,460

gladly kind of thing but it's like this

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00:20:15,950 --> 00:20:13,799

is how you know you're unacademic you're

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00:20:19,310 --> 00:20:15,960

an intellectual you're a scholar this is

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00:20:22,070 --> 00:20:19,320

how you guys talk it is it's not a blood

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00:20:25,070 --> 00:20:22,080

sport but it's like hey we got to get to

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00:20:27,950 --> 00:20:25,080

the truth so we don't you know we just

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00:20:31,370 --> 00:20:27,960

kind of put it out there and say that's

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00:20:33,650 --> 00:20:31,380

silly it's nonsense no I don't know I I

481

00:20:36,470 --> 00:20:33,660

think I'm kind of as flummoxed as you

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00:20:38,450 --> 00:20:36,480

and I'm I'm constantly I'm even writing

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00:20:40,669 --> 00:20:38,460

you know some scholar you know my own

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00:20:43,190 --> 00:20:40,679

scholarly papers and looking at the the

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00:20:44,690 --> 00:20:43,200

research and um and reading the

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00:20:48,049 --> 00:20:44,700

scholarship all the time I just don't

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00:20:49,850 --> 00:20:48,059

get it I I think to some extent you know

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00:20:51,590 --> 00:20:49,860

I think people like Rupert sheldrick you

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00:20:53,930 --> 00:20:51,600

know as a long time fan here a long time

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00:20:56,390 --> 00:20:53,940

guest here has pointed this out to you

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00:20:57,970 --> 00:20:56,400

that to some extent the scientific

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00:21:02,150 --> 00:20:57,980

community

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00:21:04,730 --> 00:21:02,160

has loosened its death grip desperate

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00:21:08,150 --> 00:21:04,740

death grip on materialism correct I mean

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00:21:10,549 --> 00:21:08,160

and now even a Sam Harris I think

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00:21:13,310 --> 00:21:10,559

um is starting to talk about things like

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00:21:16,270 --> 00:21:13,320

pan psychism and all these Escape Routes

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00:21:18,770 --> 00:21:16,280

they have where they can try to still be

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00:21:21,110 --> 00:21:18,780

physicalists but pretend they're not

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00:21:24,049 --> 00:21:21,120

right and and uh open the door just

501
00:21:26,029 --> 00:21:24,059
enough to let some other stuff in

502
00:21:30,710 --> 00:21:26,039
um so that they they do they don't sound

503
00:21:32,750 --> 00:21:30,720
completely ridiculous but um I I just

504
00:21:34,909 --> 00:21:32,760
don't know I read this stuff and I and

505
00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:34,919
this is why I guess I've lingered on

506
00:21:39,950 --> 00:21:37,440
this topic so long and haven't gone your

507
00:21:41,810 --> 00:21:39,960
route is sort of the skeptical 2.0 route

508
00:21:44,149 --> 00:21:41,820
and just said listen we've got this

509
00:21:46,070 --> 00:21:44,159
question settled now any reasonable

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00:21:48,230 --> 00:21:46,080
person can look over the evidence for

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00:21:50,870 --> 00:21:48,240
themselves let's see where it leads us

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00:21:52,370 --> 00:21:50,880
let's get beyond the debate over whether

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00:21:54,529 --> 00:21:52,380

there's such a thing as Consciousness

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00:21:56,570 --> 00:21:54,539

and all this ridiculous stuff

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00:21:58,970 --> 00:21:56,580

um I keep going back to it because

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00:22:01,190 --> 00:21:58,980

everybody in people in my field are

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00:22:03,289 --> 00:22:01,200

still insisting no matter what arguments

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00:22:06,049 --> 00:22:03,299

you come up with no matter how you

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00:22:08,210 --> 00:22:06,059

critique their arguments they're still

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00:22:10,370 --> 00:22:08,220

insisting the kind of things you're

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00:22:12,230 --> 00:22:10,380

hearing from Sam Harris in that video

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00:22:14,330 --> 00:22:12,240

you said something really interesting

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00:22:16,610 --> 00:22:14,340

there Rich that I think we should jump

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00:22:19,130 --> 00:22:16,620

onto next and that is the loosening of

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00:22:21,049 --> 00:22:19,140

the grip of materialism although I would

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00:22:24,190 --> 00:22:21,059

say I don't think it's a loosening the

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00:22:26,810 --> 00:22:24,200

grip as much as it is kind of

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00:22:29,390 --> 00:22:26,820

re-aiming at the target of retargeting

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in a different way and I think the next

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00:22:35,930 --> 00:22:32,039

article that you sent me is a perfect

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00:22:38,690 --> 00:22:35,940

example of that so tell folks about this

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00:22:40,250 --> 00:22:38,700

article that you sent me yeah it's a

533

00:22:43,190 --> 00:22:40,260

great article I like it's written for

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00:22:45,710 --> 00:22:43,200

the public in aeon magazine by some

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00:22:48,890 --> 00:22:45,720

leading public intellectual kind of

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00:22:50,690 --> 00:22:48,900

scientific figures and uh who are both

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00:22:52,430 --> 00:22:50,700

physicists and then a couple of them

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00:22:54,830 --> 00:22:52,440

have been guests on the show I think at

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00:22:57,649 --> 00:22:54,840

least right is Evan thomp Thompson or

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00:23:00,230 --> 00:22:57,659

Thomas what's his name Evan Thompson one

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00:23:02,090 --> 00:23:00,240

of those yeah and uh he's just like we

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00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:02,100

you know he's a psychologist who yeah

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00:23:07,730 --> 00:23:05,039

Marcelo bleiser Adam Frank are two

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really popular physicists right now and

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00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:09,840

I mean by popular I mean in the in the

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popular culture right now you hear a lot

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about hear a lot from them and Evan

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Thompson certainly is as a psychologist

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um I just you know again the the article

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uh talks about the need for science

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00:23:29,090 --> 00:23:26,280
again to expand its purview

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00:23:32,990 --> 00:23:29,100
from Simply

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00:23:36,049 --> 00:23:33,000
looking at reality from a third person

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00:23:37,970 --> 00:23:36,059
lens to more at least of a first person

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00:23:39,830 --> 00:23:37,980
lens they have no idea how to do that

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00:23:42,529 --> 00:23:39,840
but they want to stay they they want to

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00:23:44,330 --> 00:23:42,539
say that as scientists when we're

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00:23:46,789 --> 00:23:44,340
talking about reality in general we can

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00:23:49,250 --> 00:23:46,799
no longer and only validate a third

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00:23:52,789 --> 00:23:49,260
person perspective abstract scientific

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00:23:54,529 --> 00:23:52,799
perspective on reality we need to admit

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00:23:56,990 --> 00:23:54,539
that there's such a thing as a first

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00:23:58,730 --> 00:23:57,000

person perspective and yet all three of

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00:24:00,649 --> 00:23:58,740

those guys and I'm not really sure about

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Evan Thompson but I think all three of

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those guys are pretty much they're

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physicalists I would consider them

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00:24:11,330 --> 00:24:08,340

physicalists and I have no idea how you

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00:24:12,409 --> 00:24:11,340

would reconcile those two those two

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00:24:13,909 --> 00:24:12,419

parameters

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I think that the

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00:24:19,190 --> 00:24:16,320

just to add one more thing I think the

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00:24:21,110 --> 00:24:19,200

the Contemporary physicalists who are

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being the most honest and and putting

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00:24:25,669 --> 00:24:22,860

forth the best argument now that they

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00:24:27,430 --> 00:24:25,679

can come up with are the olymp the guys

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00:24:30,289 --> 00:24:27,440

that are called The Limited

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eliminativists or illusionists sometimes

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they call themselves

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um who just sort of bite the bullet and

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00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:36,900

they say Consciousness is an illusion I

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00:24:41,870 --> 00:24:39,600

don't know how that works either but

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00:24:43,430 --> 00:24:41,880

that's another new argument that's sort

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00:24:45,710 --> 00:24:43,440

of doubling down on the traditional

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00:24:48,110 --> 00:24:45,720

materialist argument the other the other

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00:24:50,810 --> 00:24:48,120

strategy is to do what these three guys

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00:24:52,669 --> 00:24:50,820

have done and say well we also we're not

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00:24:55,610 --> 00:24:52,679

really we don't believe in scientism

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00:24:57,710 --> 00:24:55,620

anymore we believe in naturalism so we

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00:24:59,930 --> 00:24:57,720

admit that people have things like lived

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00:25:01,370 --> 00:24:59,940

experience and you can find meaning in

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00:25:03,590 --> 00:25:01,380

life even though life really is

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00:25:05,990 --> 00:25:03,600

meaningless because all it is is a bunch

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00:25:08,570 --> 00:25:06,000

of physical forces and Abstract

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00:25:10,490 --> 00:25:08,580

quantities in motion but but we like

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00:25:12,409 --> 00:25:10,500

that that's the strategy I think that's

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00:25:15,110 --> 00:25:12,419

the significance of that article as far

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00:25:18,409 --> 00:25:15,120

as I'm concerned I would agree so what

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00:25:19,850 --> 00:25:18,419

they're trying to do is to like they've

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00:25:21,830 --> 00:25:19,860

done a million times before with other

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00:25:24,169 --> 00:25:21,840
things they're they're trying to have it

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00:25:26,029 --> 00:25:24,179
both ways right so from a philosophical

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00:25:28,430 --> 00:25:26,039
standpoint they're trying to reach down

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00:25:29,990 --> 00:25:28,440
and embrace you and say we got you and

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00:25:31,909 --> 00:25:30,000
then from a scientific standpoint

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00:25:34,430 --> 00:25:31,919
they're saying hey there's this new

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00:25:37,610 --> 00:25:34,440
thing out there called experience yeah

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00:25:39,230 --> 00:25:37,620
no splash there is such a thing as Human

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00:25:42,830 --> 00:25:39,240
Experience yeah but then they're careful

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00:25:45,470 --> 00:25:42,840
in the r article to say as you just said

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00:25:47,090 --> 00:25:45,480
to walk the line and say hey this

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00:25:49,370 --> 00:25:47,100
doesn't mean I'm down with anything

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00:25:51,590 --> 00:25:49,380

Supernatural or anything outside of

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00:25:54,169 --> 00:25:51,600

physics which of course is complete

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00:25:56,510 --> 00:25:54,179

nonsense because the problem with

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00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:56,520

Consciousness the problem with

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00:26:02,090 --> 00:25:59,039

Consciousness is not an illusion which

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00:26:05,090 --> 00:26:02,100

is obvious it is proven by Consciousness

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00:26:08,269 --> 00:26:05,100

surviving debt is that it does mean that

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00:26:11,090 --> 00:26:08,279

science is fundamentally incomplete in

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00:26:13,750 --> 00:26:11,100

its understanding so when you science

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00:26:15,430 --> 00:26:13,760

can no longer talk about things like

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00:26:17,690 --> 00:26:15,440

Supernatural

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00:26:19,610 --> 00:26:17,700

the whole meaning of science is that we

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00:26:21,890 --> 00:26:19,620

can measure things in this natural world

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00:26:23,510 --> 00:26:21,900

and now you're starting so as soon as

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00:26:27,169 --> 00:26:23,520

you start talking about things outside

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00:26:29,269 --> 00:26:27,179

the natural world you put super on it or

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00:26:32,149 --> 00:26:29,279

you can put some extra other term on it

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00:26:34,789 --> 00:26:32,159

but you're outside of of that range

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00:26:37,669 --> 00:26:34,799

do you see the same contradiction I do

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00:26:39,710 --> 00:26:37,679

in this idea of

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00:26:42,409 --> 00:26:39,720

lived experience

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00:26:43,490 --> 00:26:42,419

if Consciousness is ultimately an

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00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:43,500

illusion

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00:26:49,549 --> 00:26:47,760

yeah I mean I I you know Sean Carroll is

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00:26:52,130 --> 00:26:49,559

writing books about the meaning of life

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00:26:53,690 --> 00:26:52,140

he's a complete materialist right I

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00:26:56,029 --> 00:26:53,700

think you had him on the show about it

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00:26:59,149 --> 00:26:56,039

right and

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00:27:01,250 --> 00:26:59,159

um you know Sam Harris is is is a guru

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00:27:03,289 --> 00:27:01,260

now right I mean he's a pop culture sort

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00:27:05,090 --> 00:27:03,299

of Guru but people come to him with

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00:27:08,570 --> 00:27:05,100

answers about the meaning of life and

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00:27:10,070 --> 00:27:08,580

what is it and and to me I I if you're a

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00:27:12,370 --> 00:27:10,080

physicalist

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00:27:14,450 --> 00:27:12,380

one of the main thing I mean you you

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00:27:18,590 --> 00:27:14,460

can't really

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00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:18,600

acknowledge aesthetic quality you can't

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00:27:22,850 --> 00:27:20,880

really acknowledge literature art you

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00:27:24,289 --> 00:27:22,860
can't acknowledge the meaning of life if

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00:27:26,450 --> 00:27:24,299
there is such a thing now they don't

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00:27:28,789 --> 00:27:26,460
think I mean it's ruled out in advance

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00:27:32,330 --> 00:27:28,799
from your perspective as a guy

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00:27:34,669 --> 00:27:32,340
philosophy cultural history why is that

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00:27:37,010 --> 00:27:34,679
obvious to you and I but they've

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00:27:38,510 --> 00:27:37,020
obscured it in terms of they make it

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00:27:41,090 --> 00:27:38,520
sound like well what do you mean Rich no

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00:27:44,690 --> 00:27:41,100
of course you can yeah yeah

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00:27:46,190 --> 00:27:44,700
um I don't know I mean your guess is as

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00:27:48,230 --> 00:27:46,200
good as mine because you've interrogated

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00:27:50,930 --> 00:27:48,240
these guys on the same thing right the

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00:27:52,730 --> 00:27:50,940

Apostles of the established religion of

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00:27:54,710 --> 00:27:52,740

scientism and physicalism have said it

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00:27:58,490 --> 00:27:54,720

best themselves right Richard Dawkins

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00:28:00,110 --> 00:27:58,500

says that we're biological robots robots

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00:28:01,730 --> 00:28:00,120

don't have any sense of meaning they

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00:28:03,110 --> 00:28:01,740

don't have any Consciousness they don't

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00:28:05,390 --> 00:28:03,120

have any sense of morality they don't

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00:28:08,450 --> 00:28:05,400

choose they don't have free will he also

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00:28:10,850 --> 00:28:08,460

said that the world as we see it is not

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00:28:12,710 --> 00:28:10,860

only pointless but it's

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00:28:16,370 --> 00:28:12,720

um everything that you would expect if

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00:28:19,789 --> 00:28:16,380

his reductive consent conception of

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00:28:23,570 --> 00:28:19,799

evolution is true purposeless pitiless

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00:28:25,430 --> 00:28:23,580

cold indifferent cruel which again I

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00:28:26,870 --> 00:28:25,440

suppose the cruel part isn't a word that

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00:28:28,610 --> 00:28:26,880

he could really admit because you can't

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00:28:31,669 --> 00:28:28,620

even have you can't even have good or

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00:28:33,710 --> 00:28:31,679

evil as you've pointed out in a realm

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00:28:36,529 --> 00:28:33,720

without Consciousness or meaning

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00:28:37,909 --> 00:28:36,539

so I have no idea I think that's what

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00:28:40,850 --> 00:28:37,919

that me I think

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00:28:43,070 --> 00:28:40,860

again in the great the great gift that

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00:28:46,430 --> 00:28:43,080

science has given us is to be is to

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00:28:49,490 --> 00:28:46,440

allow people who want to approach

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00:28:53,330 --> 00:28:49,500

questions about experience in that

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00:28:55,549 --> 00:28:53,340

reductive abstract way mechanistic way

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00:29:00,169 --> 00:28:55,559

that science allows you to

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00:29:02,210 --> 00:29:00,179

to proceed to look at questions and only

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00:29:04,909 --> 00:29:02,220

look at them through that narrow lens

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00:29:08,590 --> 00:29:04,919

but and and that narrow lens allows you

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00:29:12,529 --> 00:29:08,600

by virtue of its reductive simplistic

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00:29:15,590 --> 00:29:12,539

abstract nature to control and

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00:29:19,730 --> 00:29:15,600

manipulate the world and the environment

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00:29:21,409 --> 00:29:19,740

in very effective ways that you can't if

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00:29:22,430 --> 00:29:21,419

you admit all these other things into

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00:29:24,610 --> 00:29:22,440

the picture

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00:29:27,230 --> 00:29:24,620

but that's the scientific picture

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00:29:28,850 --> 00:29:27,240

necessitates if it's a physicalist one

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00:29:33,190 --> 00:29:28,860
that you

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00:29:35,750 --> 00:29:33,200
you rule out in advance anything

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00:29:37,430 --> 00:29:35,760
associated with consciousness

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00:29:40,490 --> 00:29:37,440
and you know the way I always put it is

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00:29:43,789 --> 00:29:40,500
science requires our ability to measure

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00:29:45,470 --> 00:29:43,799
right that's it and if we're going to

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00:29:48,169 --> 00:29:45,480
say that Consciousness is this other

708
00:29:50,750 --> 00:29:48,179
player in this game but we can't really

709
00:29:53,269 --> 00:29:50,760
wrap our arms around it Neil deGrasse

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00:29:55,070 --> 00:29:53,279
Tyson was fumbling to say then we're

711
00:29:56,810 --> 00:29:55,080
saying that everything we do over here

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00:29:59,389 --> 00:29:56,820
we can't really measure because there's

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00:30:00,710 --> 00:29:59,399

an asterisk by all our measurements that

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00:30:02,690 --> 00:30:00,720

says we couldn't really account for

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00:30:04,549 --> 00:30:02,700

Consciousness well you know what's out

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00:30:06,529 --> 00:30:04,559

there but we couldn't really account for

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00:30:08,930 --> 00:30:06,539

it and that's really uncomfortable and

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00:30:11,870 --> 00:30:08,940

so I think what's really kind of cool

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00:30:14,029 --> 00:30:11,880

but I love how you brought this to the

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00:30:15,950 --> 00:30:14,039

table for this discussion is this idea

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00:30:18,289 --> 00:30:15,960

of how they're now trying to sneak in

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this lived experience so when you see

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00:30:24,169 --> 00:30:21,360

somebody say lived experience know that

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00:30:25,970 --> 00:30:24,179

what they're really saying is

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00:30:27,769 --> 00:30:25,980

you're a biological robot in a

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00:30:29,870 --> 00:30:27,779

meaningless universe and I'm going to

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00:30:33,049 --> 00:30:29,880

condescendingly Pat you on the head and

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00:30:35,590 --> 00:30:33,059

say you have the illusion of having some

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00:30:38,870 --> 00:30:35,600

form of experience but I'm not really

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00:30:39,950 --> 00:30:38,880

acknowledging that do you think let me

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00:30:42,049 --> 00:30:39,960

ask you because this is something we

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00:30:43,250 --> 00:30:42,059

talked about prior to in anticipation of

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00:30:46,549 --> 00:30:43,260

this

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00:30:50,149 --> 00:30:46,559

of where you wanted to go with it anyway

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00:30:52,010 --> 00:30:50,159

but do you think that those guys you

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00:30:53,990 --> 00:30:52,020

know who are again there's such

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important public intellectuals they

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00:30:59,930 --> 00:30:56,279

influence millions of people they speak

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00:31:02,570 --> 00:30:59,940

for the ethos of our intellectual and

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00:31:05,269 --> 00:31:02,580

popular culture do you think those guys

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00:31:07,669 --> 00:31:05,279

meaning the Dawkins and the Sam Harris's

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00:31:09,950 --> 00:31:07,679

and the Sean carrolls

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do you think that they are actually

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00:31:14,269 --> 00:31:11,460

secretly

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00:31:17,090 --> 00:31:14,279

they're so cynical that they're smarter

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00:31:19,909 --> 00:31:17,100

than what they're actually saying

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00:31:22,130 --> 00:31:19,919

or do you think they really believe in

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some kind of convoluted way that you can

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have a meaningless universe but also

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00:31:27,950 --> 00:31:26,460

have meaning at the same time

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this is the question I've really

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00:31:31,430 --> 00:31:29,640

wrestled with for a long time and I

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00:31:34,669 --> 00:31:31,440

think I've loved it for the longest time

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00:31:36,710 --> 00:31:34,679

for years because I really didn't

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00:31:38,269 --> 00:31:36,720

believe in my heart of hearts that

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00:31:40,730 --> 00:31:38,279

someone could wrap their head around it

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I thought they were I thought they were

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00:31:44,930 --> 00:31:42,960

front man I thought they were playing

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and I don't think that anymore and I

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think it boils down to three things

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00:31:52,610 --> 00:31:49,260

and I think they're really important to

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differentiate the first is just a

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00:31:57,710 --> 00:31:55,260

personal you know what I mean we have

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00:31:59,810 --> 00:31:57,720

per we all have personal beliefs that

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00:32:01,909 --> 00:31:59,820

we've built up because they make us feel

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00:32:03,830 --> 00:32:01,919

comfortable they make us feel like who

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00:32:05,690 --> 00:32:03,840

we are they make us feel like we

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00:32:07,610 --> 00:32:05,700

understand the world at least a little

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00:32:09,889 --> 00:32:07,620

bit where we can kind of function in it

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00:32:12,950 --> 00:32:09,899

and when someone comes along and wants

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00:32:15,289 --> 00:32:12,960

to change that the reaction is

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00:32:17,090 --> 00:32:15,299

really strange in some ways you know

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00:32:19,070 --> 00:32:17,100

this is the the religious kind of thing

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00:32:20,810 --> 00:32:19,080

and the fundamentalist kind of thing

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00:32:23,269 --> 00:32:20,820

it's the cultish thing but it's also

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just the kind of every day I get up and

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00:32:27,169 --> 00:32:25,020

I eat the same breakfast and I go to the

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00:32:31,490 --> 00:32:27,179

gym at the same time and it's I want to

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00:32:34,549 --> 00:32:31,500

feel comfortable I get it I'm there but

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when that comes into your job as a

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00:32:38,870 --> 00:32:36,779

scientist or philosopher you get what

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00:32:41,690 --> 00:32:38,880

you get which is what we see

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the second element of it I think is

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professional you know what I mean you

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00:32:48,529 --> 00:32:47,159

can't talk we know this you know all the

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00:32:51,950 --> 00:32:48,539

skeptical shows I've done where somebody

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says hey man it was my job and you know

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00:32:56,870 --> 00:32:54,000

my boss said the head of the department

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00:33:00,049 --> 00:32:56,880

said you published that again you can

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00:33:02,330 --> 00:33:00,059

find someplace else to go bang your

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00:33:05,810 --> 00:33:02,340

shingle and work as a professor which

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00:33:07,789 --> 00:33:05,820

isn't easy right so you just learn to

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00:33:09,529 --> 00:33:07,799

kind of get along and what's the most

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00:33:12,110 --> 00:33:09,539

important thing

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but the third one and this is my

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00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:14,340

frustration with so many of the people I

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00:33:17,630 --> 00:33:15,840

talk to in our community in the

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00:33:18,590 --> 00:33:17,640

community we're familiar with is the

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deception

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there are people who it is their job to

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obscure to confuse to mislead if you

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00:33:31,549 --> 00:33:29,159

will they don't even have to mislead all

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00:33:33,470 --> 00:33:31,559

they have to do is confuse to keep the

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momentum going like we've seen you know

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00:33:37,070 --> 00:33:34,860

you talk about the near-death experience

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00:33:39,049 --> 00:33:37,080

when that thing first hit you know let's

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00:33:40,370 --> 00:33:39,059

talk about the Evan Alexander thing and

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all of a sudden the pushback was

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00:33:44,149 --> 00:33:42,240

immediate and came from all these angles

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00:33:45,970 --> 00:33:44,159

and it's on the front of the magazines

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00:33:48,649 --> 00:33:45,980

and all this and he was debunked

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00:33:51,350 --> 00:33:48,659

organized systematic there is something

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behind that and when I talk to you know

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near-death experienced researchers who

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are at universities and say do you see

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00:34:01,130 --> 00:33:59,519

that and they kind of chuckle and they

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00:34:03,950 --> 00:34:01,140

kind of sneer and they kind of

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00:34:07,009 --> 00:34:03,960

condescendingly go well no I mean there

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00:34:08,990 --> 00:34:07,019

isn't any real deception well of course

820

00:34:11,810 --> 00:34:09,000

there is all you have to do is you have

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00:34:13,010 --> 00:34:11,820

to look other places and that's where I

822

00:34:15,349 --> 00:34:13,020

thought you know at the beginning I said

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00:34:19,369 --> 00:34:15,359

you look at what happened in the last

824

00:34:21,589 --> 00:34:19,379

year and and how they claimed made all

825

00:34:23,570 --> 00:34:21,599

these false claims about science that

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00:34:25,730 --> 00:34:23,580

have now been proven false and they

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00:34:28,609 --> 00:34:25,740

claim that they were science that is how

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00:34:31,490 --> 00:34:28,619

the game is played on as it was revealed

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00:34:34,730 --> 00:34:31,500

to us to think that that game to some

830

00:34:37,129 --> 00:34:34,740

extent isn't being played over here on

831

00:34:38,089 --> 00:34:37,139

the Consciousness thing I think is just

832

00:34:41,629 --> 00:34:38,099

naive

833

00:34:43,609 --> 00:34:41,639

what do you think yeah I I I I let me

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00:34:46,129 --> 00:34:43,619

ask you this because

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00:34:48,230 --> 00:34:46,139

I get you and and the last few

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00:34:49,970 --> 00:34:48,240

interviews I'd say of the last six or

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00:34:52,250 --> 00:34:49,980

seven interviews shows you've done on

838

00:34:55,129 --> 00:34:52,260

skeptico I think have really with a few

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00:34:58,250 --> 00:34:55,139

people in particular have really I

840

00:35:01,670 --> 00:34:58,260

thought addressed that and drawn a lot

841

00:35:03,770 --> 00:35:01,680

of these disparate areas where you where

842

00:35:05,329 --> 00:35:03,780

you recognize this going on together I

843

00:35:07,490 --> 00:35:05,339

thought I don't know if you agree but I

844

00:35:09,770 --> 00:35:07,500

I thought they were particularly good

845

00:35:10,609 --> 00:35:09,780

um made me think a lot about

846

00:35:15,170 --> 00:35:10,619

um

847

00:35:16,730 --> 00:35:15,180

about this I I just I I look around and

848

00:35:19,069 --> 00:35:16,740

I think even with say the science

849

00:35:20,810 --> 00:35:19,079

recently about a lot of these recent

850

00:35:22,310 --> 00:35:20,820

issues that you you've addressed on

851
00:35:25,670 --> 00:35:22,320
skeptico

852
00:35:28,130 --> 00:35:25,680
um and you see that you know the

853
00:35:30,710 --> 00:35:28,140
you know that yeah really within the the

854
00:35:34,990 --> 00:35:30,720
space of a year these these claims are

855
00:35:40,370 --> 00:35:38,270
ridiculously it is wrong or inconsistent

856
00:35:42,290 --> 00:35:40,380
are the reason that the people who are

857
00:35:43,490 --> 00:35:42,300
making them even though even even in

858
00:35:45,890 --> 00:35:43,500
those situations not even about

859
00:35:47,690 --> 00:35:45,900
Consciousness are those people just

860
00:35:49,670 --> 00:35:47,700
doing that because they're supposed to

861
00:35:52,010 --> 00:35:49,680
sound authoritative and they're and they

862
00:35:53,510 --> 00:35:52,020
and they're supposed to sound like they

863
00:35:55,190 --> 00:35:53,520

like they know what they're talking

864

00:35:56,990 --> 00:35:55,200

about and they're pretty sure and there

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00:35:59,210 --> 00:35:57,000

are all kinds of political forces sort

866

00:36:00,530 --> 00:35:59,220

of forcing them and pressuring them to

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00:36:02,930 --> 00:36:00,540

maybe

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00:36:06,410 --> 00:36:02,940

sound more sure of their theories than

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00:36:08,150 --> 00:36:06,420

they are or is it even more diabolical

870

00:36:10,069 --> 00:36:08,160

than that that's what I'm wondering is

871

00:36:12,890 --> 00:36:10,079

is it that or does it depend on the

872

00:36:14,810 --> 00:36:12,900

field I don't know or um does it or do

873

00:36:16,730 --> 00:36:14,820

they really are they being deceptive

874

00:36:19,130 --> 00:36:16,740

because they just want to be deceptive

875

00:36:21,530 --> 00:36:19,140

for evil purposes for lack of a better

876

00:36:23,270 --> 00:36:21,540

word well you know it's interesting

877

00:36:24,710 --> 00:36:23,280

because I I thought I was with you right

878

00:36:27,770 --> 00:36:24,720

there until the end and then I think it

879

00:36:29,990 --> 00:36:27,780

gets tricky because I I really

880

00:36:31,550 --> 00:36:30,000

appreciate that you saw that in those

881

00:36:33,710 --> 00:36:31,560

shows because I think when you step

882

00:36:35,930 --> 00:36:33,720

outside of our little world here which

883

00:36:37,310 --> 00:36:35,940

is the which is the real game the game

884

00:36:39,829 --> 00:36:37,320

that you and I are playing does

885

00:36:43,069 --> 00:36:39,839

Consciousness survive death is the gain

886

00:36:44,569 --> 00:36:43,079

because it's ultimately who are you why

887

00:36:47,569 --> 00:36:44,579

are you here it's the most fundamental

888

00:36:49,730 --> 00:36:47,579

questions we can ask and to get pulled

889

00:36:53,870 --> 00:36:49,740

into you know all this other stuff of

890

00:36:56,690 --> 00:36:53,880

current events or the UFO stuff or you

891

00:36:59,390 --> 00:36:56,700

know anything about the Health crisis

892

00:37:00,230 --> 00:36:59,400

that went on you know it is really to

893

00:37:02,450 --> 00:37:00,240

kind of miss the point because which

894

00:37:05,150 --> 00:37:02,460

really want to know is

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00:37:07,250 --> 00:37:05,160

is there more to me and then I can start

896

00:37:09,470 --> 00:37:07,260

dealing with you know what is my

897

00:37:11,990 --> 00:37:09,480

relationship to that greater and I think

898

00:37:13,910 --> 00:37:12,000

as we're saying you can only do that if

899

00:37:15,470 --> 00:37:13,920

you step over that line and get into

900

00:37:17,690 --> 00:37:15,480

Consciousness but the good thing about

901
00:37:19,790 --> 00:37:17,700
going in those other areas is it kind of

902
00:37:21,589 --> 00:37:19,800
reveals some things that we can know

903
00:37:24,650 --> 00:37:21,599
about the deceptive element and there's

904
00:37:27,410 --> 00:37:24,660
two things I think at play one is there

905
00:37:29,930 --> 00:37:27,420
are people who can be convinced along

906
00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:29,940
that professional line that it is in

907
00:37:35,030 --> 00:37:32,400
everyone's best interest for them to be

908
00:37:36,650 --> 00:37:35,040
deceptive and come on we all kind of

909
00:37:38,569 --> 00:37:36,660
play the game and you know you didn't

910
00:37:40,730 --> 00:37:38,579
tell the car dealer this or you know

911
00:37:42,770 --> 00:37:40,740
whatever when I filled out my mortgage

912
00:37:45,109 --> 00:37:42,780
application of course I didn't exactly

913
00:37:46,790 --> 00:37:45,119

you know do this we all know there's a

914

00:37:48,650 --> 00:37:46,800

gray area so if I'm going to play that

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00:37:52,069 --> 00:37:48,660

gray area am I really that different

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00:37:53,329 --> 00:37:52,079

from from anyone else there's that and I

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00:37:55,130 --> 00:37:53,339

think that can be really really

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00:37:58,069 --> 00:37:55,140

confusing to us who are trying to figure

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00:38:01,130 --> 00:37:58,079

out who is Sam Harris is he real is Neil

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00:38:04,670 --> 00:38:01,140

deGrasse Tyson is he real or is he a

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00:38:07,970 --> 00:38:04,680

psyop because second part of it is the

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00:38:09,470 --> 00:38:07,980

people who that is their job so you know

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00:38:11,530 --> 00:38:09,480

the Michael Wallach interview I did Bob

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00:38:15,530 --> 00:38:11,540

you go and you come out of it you go

925

00:38:18,770 --> 00:38:15,540

wait a minute maybe that is this guy's

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00:38:20,150 --> 00:38:18,780

job he is a professional because we know

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00:38:23,390 --> 00:38:20,160

we have we know we have more of them

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00:38:25,910 --> 00:38:23,400

than ever any time in history people

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00:38:28,250 --> 00:38:25,920

whose job it is to control the narrative

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00:38:31,370 --> 00:38:28,260

to be part of the social engineering

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00:38:35,690 --> 00:38:31,380

project so again I think the hard thing

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00:38:38,089 --> 00:38:35,700

for people in our field to grasp is to

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00:38:40,069 --> 00:38:38,099

even consider that that might be at play

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00:38:43,970 --> 00:38:40,079

and when I bring it up to folks and they

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00:38:46,510 --> 00:38:43,980

go oh they Snicker they sneer that oh my

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00:38:49,849 --> 00:38:46,520

God that couldn't be in play in

937

00:38:51,589 --> 00:38:49,859

reincarnation research in near-death

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00:38:54,770 --> 00:38:51,599

experience research

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00:38:55,730 --> 00:38:54,780

naive of course it's a big it's a big

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00:38:59,690 --> 00:38:55,740

game

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00:39:00,650 --> 00:38:59,700

yeah I I I'm I'm with you there even

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00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:00,660

though

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00:39:05,170 --> 00:39:04,320

and I can see why people like the the

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00:39:08,750 --> 00:39:05,180

the

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00:39:10,609 --> 00:39:08,760

large majority of Scholars who are just

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00:39:12,530 --> 00:39:10,619

you know putting their nose to the

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00:39:15,170 --> 00:39:12,540

grindstone and

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00:39:16,910 --> 00:39:15,180

you know only thinking in terms in the

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00:39:18,230 --> 00:39:16,920

in the academic bubble that they're

950

00:39:19,790 --> 00:39:18,240

working in

951
00:39:23,030 --> 00:39:19,800
um where you you know you learn the

952
00:39:25,430 --> 00:39:23,040
lingo and you understand how ideas are

953
00:39:27,050 --> 00:39:25,440
expressed and you have this General sort

954
00:39:28,849 --> 00:39:27,060
of Paradigm you know you're working

955
00:39:31,130 --> 00:39:28,859
within in terms of

956
00:39:33,950 --> 00:39:31,140
where you go with your Inc where you can

957
00:39:35,870 --> 00:39:33,960
and can't go with your inquiry and stuff

958
00:39:38,690 --> 00:39:35,880
you can see how the large majority of

959
00:39:40,849 --> 00:39:38,700
those people who I guess are the ones

960
00:39:43,010 --> 00:39:40,859
who who um are

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00:39:44,510 --> 00:39:43,020
I guess those are the the people who

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00:39:47,329 --> 00:39:44,520
we're talking about I mean the average

963
00:39:49,609 --> 00:39:47,339

college professor who never you know

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00:39:51,589 --> 00:39:49,619

becomes famous but he's teaching tons of

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00:39:54,589 --> 00:39:51,599

thousands of students right all the time

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00:39:56,510 --> 00:39:54,599

and influencing them in terms of things

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00:39:57,170 --> 00:39:56,520

like Consciousness

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00:39:59,390 --> 00:39:57,180

um

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00:40:03,010 --> 00:39:59,400

I can see why they would never even

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00:40:05,750 --> 00:40:03,020

really think about

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00:40:07,550 --> 00:40:05,760

maybe even question the the received

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00:40:10,550 --> 00:40:07,560

wisdom that Consciousness is physical

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00:40:13,609 --> 00:40:10,560

somehow and never really think outside

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00:40:15,770 --> 00:40:13,619

that box or challenge it seriously so

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00:40:17,690 --> 00:40:15,780

they'd never even get to the point where

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00:40:19,910 --> 00:40:17,700

they're saying well why would anybody

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00:40:22,010 --> 00:40:19,920

why wouldn't why would anybody who knows

978

00:40:23,210 --> 00:40:22,020

this is must who must know this is

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00:40:25,490 --> 00:40:23,220

ridiculous

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00:40:27,470 --> 00:40:25,500

lie about it

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00:40:29,390 --> 00:40:27,480

um I just think you know most people are

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00:40:31,910 --> 00:40:29,400

just oblivious I guess it's like you

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00:40:34,010 --> 00:40:31,920

know the levels of um of recovery from

984

00:40:35,810 --> 00:40:34,020

substance abuse the first thing to know

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00:40:38,030 --> 00:40:35,820

is how ignorant you know how bad your

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00:40:40,010 --> 00:40:38,040

how bad off you are and and people who

987

00:40:42,470 --> 00:40:40,020

are really bad at the lowest level don't

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00:40:44,030 --> 00:40:42,480

even know they have a problem yet and I

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00:40:46,069 --> 00:40:44,040

get the impression that the large

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00:40:48,230 --> 00:40:46,079

majority of people in our intellectual

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00:40:50,510 --> 00:40:48,240

and popular culture they don't even know

992

00:40:53,150 --> 00:40:50,520

there's a problem and I guess you would

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00:40:55,250 --> 00:40:53,160

say that is largely because the people

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00:40:57,050 --> 00:40:55,260

who do know there's a problem

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00:41:00,109 --> 00:40:57,060

don't want them to know there's a

996

00:41:02,690 --> 00:41:00,119

problem and feed them crap and keep them

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00:41:05,089 --> 00:41:02,700

distracted and and keep them scared if

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00:41:08,690 --> 00:41:05,099

that's necessary is that what sort of

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00:41:11,230 --> 00:41:08,700

where you where the Alex Securus

1000

00:41:15,650 --> 00:41:11,240

um sort of world view on that

1001
00:41:17,510 --> 00:41:15,660
is better more or less I mean I do think

1002
00:41:20,630 --> 00:41:17,520
it's interesting we didn't play a lot of

1003
00:41:22,630 --> 00:41:20,640
the clip but to listen to Joe Rogan who

1004
00:41:25,670 --> 00:41:22,640
I think is tremendous on a lot of things

1005
00:41:27,950 --> 00:41:25,680
limited hangout man yeah limited hangout

1006
00:41:30,829 --> 00:41:27,960
you're listening to Sam Harris Lex

1007
00:41:34,250 --> 00:41:30,839
Friedman yeah Friedman I'm all over the

1008
00:41:36,530 --> 00:41:34,260
AI stuff limited hangout listen to what

1009
00:41:39,290 --> 00:41:36,540
these guys take Sam Harris as an example

1010
00:41:41,089 --> 00:41:39,300
we could have five other people that

1011
00:41:42,829 --> 00:41:41,099
would fit the bill including the people

1012
00:41:46,310 --> 00:41:42,839
you mentioned Sean Carroll Neil grass

1013
00:41:48,950 --> 00:41:46,320

Tyson more more current people but it's

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00:41:52,970 --> 00:41:48,960

always the message never gets to this

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00:41:56,030 --> 00:41:52,980

point it the discussion never reaches uh

1016

00:41:58,970 --> 00:41:56,040

this level in terms of how this is a

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00:42:01,250 --> 00:41:58,980

socially engineered how this might be

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00:42:03,530 --> 00:42:01,260

how this might be socially engineered

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00:42:06,410 --> 00:42:03,540

why it would have certain advantages

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00:42:09,290 --> 00:42:06,420

what would be the advantages to doing it

1021

00:42:11,750 --> 00:42:09,300

a certain way right and and and I agree

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00:42:15,170 --> 00:42:11,760

and you know that it's obvious it's well

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00:42:18,710 --> 00:42:15,180

I it seems to me it's obvious why it

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00:42:21,130 --> 00:42:18,720

would be great if you wanted to have a

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00:42:24,890 --> 00:42:21,140

population that was easy to to control

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00:42:27,349 --> 00:42:24,900

and to exploit in various ways to have

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00:42:31,310 --> 00:42:27,359

that myth be the one you perpetuate as

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00:42:34,910 --> 00:42:31,320

your as your you know your social ethos

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00:42:38,510 --> 00:42:35,930

you know

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00:42:41,150 --> 00:42:38,520

I've been indoctrinated by your show for

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00:42:43,970 --> 00:42:41,160

long enough that that I'm I'm I'm where

1032

00:42:46,370 --> 00:42:43,980

you know where your show is heading in

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00:42:47,750 --> 00:42:46,380

terms of I got that I mean I think

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00:42:51,589 --> 00:42:47,760

that's

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00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:51,599

pretty obvious that it's obvious that

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00:42:57,130 --> 00:42:54,240

there you know there's probably a in

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00:42:59,809 --> 00:42:57,140

some sense and and I don't know how a

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00:43:01,250 --> 00:42:59,819

deliberate effort to keep people

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00:43:03,349 --> 00:43:01,260

dumb

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00:43:05,150 --> 00:43:03,359

um so that they can be exploited easily

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00:43:08,630 --> 00:43:05,160

I mean it's pretty obvious in a lot of

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00:43:11,270 --> 00:43:08,640

ways but then why why do they who wants

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00:43:12,650 --> 00:43:11,280

to do that and why is yet another level

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00:43:15,589 --> 00:43:12,660

right

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00:43:17,270 --> 00:43:15,599

it is it wants to do this keeping people

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00:43:20,030 --> 00:43:17,280

dumb I mean who could you put your

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00:43:23,569 --> 00:43:20,040

finger on and say a handful of corporate

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00:43:25,730 --> 00:43:23,579

CEOs and political figures and then

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00:43:27,290 --> 00:43:25,740

beyond them why are they that way is

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00:43:28,309 --> 00:43:27,300

this so who's controlling what they

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00:43:34,430 --> 00:43:28,319

think

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00:43:36,829 --> 00:43:34,440

the whole conversation in a way that is

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00:43:39,230 --> 00:43:36,839

they I don't know that they want it to

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00:43:40,730 --> 00:43:39,240

be derailed but it is a natural part of

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00:43:42,470 --> 00:43:40,740

the thing because I think the answer to

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00:43:44,510 --> 00:43:42,480

that comes in a clip and I'll try and

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00:43:46,849 --> 00:43:44,520

find the clip and paste it in but I

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00:43:49,970 --> 00:43:46,859

don't have it at my fingertips it's from

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00:43:51,849 --> 00:43:49,980

a xcia guy and there is no such thing as

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00:43:55,370 --> 00:43:51,859

xcia guy

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00:43:57,349 --> 00:43:55,380

nonetheless he points out what I've

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00:44:00,790 --> 00:43:57,359

always kind of known and he reveals it

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00:44:04,190 --> 00:44:00,800

and he says it's about confusion

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00:44:06,050 --> 00:44:04,200

that ultimately the whole world is so

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00:44:08,390 --> 00:44:06,060

complex and the social engineering

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00:44:11,510 --> 00:44:08,400

project is so impossible that the best

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00:44:14,150 --> 00:44:11,520

we can hope for in our operations is

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00:44:17,630 --> 00:44:14,160

confusion and confusion is a good thing

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00:44:19,190 --> 00:44:17,640

because if I control the signal and I

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00:44:21,650 --> 00:44:19,200

have a bunch of noise that I can

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00:44:23,569 --> 00:44:21,660

introduce and but I can still get my

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00:44:25,190 --> 00:44:23,579

signal through then I've kind of

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00:44:27,349 --> 00:44:25,200

accomplished because I blocked the other

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00:44:30,710 --> 00:44:27,359

signals that can get through so

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00:44:32,750 --> 00:44:30,720

confusion confusion is a good thing get

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00:44:35,329 --> 00:44:32,760

people on their heels get people

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00:44:38,390 --> 00:44:35,339

thinking atheism get people thinking

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00:44:40,609 --> 00:44:38,400

then occultism and satanic stuff and get

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00:44:42,890 --> 00:44:40,619

people thinking lived experience but

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00:44:44,990 --> 00:44:42,900

there really isn't any real lived

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00:44:49,430 --> 00:44:45,000

experience because conscious divide and

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00:44:51,349 --> 00:44:49,440

Rule and confusion is your friend in in

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00:44:54,290 --> 00:44:51,359

that process

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00:44:56,329 --> 00:44:54,300

are people though who are perpetuating

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00:44:59,329 --> 00:44:56,339

the say I'll just take the you know in

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00:45:02,089 --> 00:44:59,339

my in my area that that I work in the

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00:45:04,130 --> 00:45:02,099

people who are perpetuating

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00:45:07,130 --> 00:45:04,140

you know the the physicalism about

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00:45:09,349 --> 00:45:07,140

Consciousness uh narrative I mean is

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00:45:10,609 --> 00:45:09,359

there any way to trace them to some

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00:45:12,710 --> 00:45:10,619

larger

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00:45:14,930 --> 00:45:12,720

you know their thought and their

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00:45:16,730 --> 00:45:14,940

influence to some larger forces at work

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00:45:18,890 --> 00:45:16,740

I don't think so because I think we have

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00:45:21,230 --> 00:45:18,900

to start with that that almost like that

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00:45:23,569 --> 00:45:21,240

pyramid that we talked about and at the

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00:45:26,030 --> 00:45:23,579

base of the pyramid is I don't want to

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00:45:28,370 --> 00:45:26,040

change my beliefs to whatever extent my

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00:45:31,190 --> 00:45:28,380

life is livable I won't even say great

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00:45:33,950 --> 00:45:31,200

to every extent it's livable it rests on

1101
00:45:36,770 --> 00:45:33,960
the fact that I'm constantly seeking to

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00:45:39,829 --> 00:45:36,780
be soothed to be comforted by that voice

1103
00:45:42,050 --> 00:45:39,839
inside my head manipulated in a way that

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00:45:43,849 --> 00:45:42,060
makes me feel okay and the last thing I

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00:45:46,309 --> 00:45:43,859
want to do is take that leap and say

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00:45:47,630 --> 00:45:46,319
there's something more because Beyond

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00:45:49,309 --> 00:45:47,640
this whole discussion we're having about

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00:45:51,890 --> 00:45:49,319
biological robots in a meaningless

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00:45:53,589 --> 00:45:51,900
universe is some of that Sam Harris

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00:45:56,510 --> 00:45:53,599
stuff that he's

1111
00:45:58,550 --> 00:45:56,520
repurposed in a way but like what is

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00:46:00,230 --> 00:45:58,560
that voice inside your head and why are

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00:46:03,230 --> 00:46:00,240

you listening to it and what does it do

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00:46:05,329 --> 00:46:03,240

and is there an Ultimate voice beyond

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00:46:08,030 --> 00:46:05,339

that voice all these are spiritual

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00:46:10,910 --> 00:46:08,040

questions the barrier to those spiritual

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00:46:13,069 --> 00:46:10,920

questions is the voice is purely a

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00:46:15,829 --> 00:46:13,079

product of your brain right that's a

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00:46:18,410 --> 00:46:15,839

stop that's a full stop but beyond that

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00:46:20,690 --> 00:46:18,420

there's a lot of there's a lot of

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00:46:22,250 --> 00:46:20,700

roadblocks that I don't want to cross

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00:46:24,230 --> 00:46:22,260

you don't want to cross in terms of

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00:46:26,270 --> 00:46:24,240

understanding who we really are how does

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00:46:31,970 --> 00:46:26,280

that how does that hit you in terms of

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00:46:38,089 --> 00:46:35,569

yeah yeah that no makes makes a great

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00:46:40,609 --> 00:46:38,099

deal of sense I I

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00:46:43,190 --> 00:46:40,619

you know I I looked up some uh

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00:46:45,170 --> 00:46:43,200

statistics on on it's just interesting

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00:46:48,410 --> 00:46:45,180

to me that um

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00:46:50,329 --> 00:46:48,420

with respect to beliefs in Consciousness

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00:46:53,210 --> 00:46:50,339

and popular beliefs in Consciousness

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00:46:55,150 --> 00:46:53,220

versus beliefs in the academy and

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00:46:58,609 --> 00:46:55,160

there's almost a

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00:47:03,010 --> 00:46:58,619

diametrically opposed difference between

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00:47:05,809 --> 00:47:03,020

the willingness to accept ideas like

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00:47:09,470 --> 00:47:05,819

extended Consciousness in the general

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00:47:10,730 --> 00:47:09,480

public versus in the academy

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00:47:13,130 --> 00:47:10,740

so

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00:47:15,349 --> 00:47:13,140

um it's interesting if you're gonna if

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00:47:17,329 --> 00:47:15,359

you're gonna be able to participate

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00:47:19,730 --> 00:47:17,339

in the um

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in the high priesthood you really have

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to

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00:47:29,329 --> 00:47:26,700

the party line that it's uh that it's

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promoting because it's about three

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00:47:34,130 --> 00:47:31,500

quarters or even more of the general

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00:47:34,970 --> 00:47:34,140

public tend to be very open to what all

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00:47:37,670 --> 00:47:34,980

these

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00:47:38,450 --> 00:47:37,680

he's you know they're called paranormal

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00:47:41,089 --> 00:47:38,460

right

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00:47:43,910 --> 00:47:41,099

um or parapsychological phenomenon and

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00:47:45,829 --> 00:47:43,920

dimensions of experience

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00:47:48,290 --> 00:47:45,839

um the very fact that they're anything

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00:47:49,849 --> 00:47:48,300

like that is para anything is kind of

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00:47:52,130 --> 00:47:49,859

ridiculous right

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um but but uh among the general public

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is the a 75 80 percent

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um openness to understand to to to the

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00:48:02,870 --> 00:48:00,740

the reality of those of those

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00:48:04,849 --> 00:48:02,880

experiences and that there's some

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00:48:06,950 --> 00:48:04,859

something generally substantive behind

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them whereas in the academy it's just

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the opposite

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00:48:12,770 --> 00:48:10,680

even religious beliefs openness to to

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00:48:15,349 --> 00:48:12,780

religious belief it's I think I don't

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00:48:18,349 --> 00:48:15,359

know something like 75 of people in

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00:48:20,750 --> 00:48:18,359

roughly uh philosophers or atheists

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00:48:22,910 --> 00:48:20,760

professional philosophers and something

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00:48:25,970 --> 00:48:22,920

like 75 to 80 percent of the general

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00:48:28,670 --> 00:48:25,980

public are in some sense religious hey

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Rich before I uh let's just go tell me

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00:48:34,550 --> 00:48:30,540

about this project that you're working

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on yeah infinite discoveries uh as our a

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website that put together really by

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colleagues that Drew me into the project

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that is difficult to Define I invite you

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to visit the site at

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infinitediscoveries.org there are um

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blogs by by ourselves and now we're

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beginning to ask some of our

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contributors and our speakers because we

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also have a YouTube uh a YouTube channel

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that's associated with the with the site

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and we talk about

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current events uh a lot but philosophy

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00:49:11,329 --> 00:49:09,240

history uh the social and Behavioral

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Sciences

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um art Humanities with leading kind of

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00:49:19,430 --> 00:49:17,640

like skeptical with leading thinkers and

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their critics and we consider those

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things on the on that uh that site

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um so feel free to investigate that that

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uh again infinitesdiscoveries.org if

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you're interested in some I don't know

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Cutting Edge thinking and research that

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00:49:37,190 --> 00:49:34,140

we're doing and that other people are

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doing on world affairs and The Human

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Condition I guess that's that that's

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00:49:45,230 --> 00:49:41,940

what the project is really all about

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00:49:46,910 --> 00:49:45,240

awesome well I'm so glad you uh you

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00:49:48,890 --> 00:49:46,920

reached out to me it's always great to

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00:49:50,690 --> 00:49:48,900

talk to you I think we have such a cool

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00:49:52,309 --> 00:49:50,700

connection I appreciate that you know

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00:49:54,230 --> 00:49:52,319

we've kind of connected on the show a

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00:49:56,569 --> 00:49:54,240

number of times in some ways I'm always

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00:49:58,130 --> 00:49:56,579

encouraging people to do like what you

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00:50:00,470 --> 00:49:58,140

did is to kind of reach out and say Hey

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you know I like this and I want to be

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more involved I want to go interviews

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you did even further I just see I tell

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people set up an interview with someone

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you want and we'll do it you took it one

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step further and actually did a couple

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of the news for us and they were great

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they were really good I think there's a

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lot of people out there that have the

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00:50:19,309 --> 00:50:16,619

ability if they're willing to put

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themselves out there as definitely yeah

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a lot of your skeptical viewers I'd love

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00:50:26,569 --> 00:50:23,940

to hear them Corral some people and uh

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into an interview for you or or even

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inquire themselves I agree okay well

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00:50:33,950 --> 00:50:32,040

Rich thanks again and uh we'll talk soon

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00:50:36,109 --> 00:50:33,960

thank you

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00:50:38,329 --> 00:50:36,119

thanks again to Dr Richard grago for

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joining me today on skeptco the one

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question I T up is in light of

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everything that's going on and if I have

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to break that down for you how are we to

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understand folks in prominent positions

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who hold on to the biological robot

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meaningless Universe meme is it as

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simple as self-soothing could that be

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the answer

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as always let me know your thoughts let

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me hear from you engage I'm here I'm not

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too busy I want to talk to you