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00:00:07,099 --> 00:00:03,770
the perspective in me says that it would

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00:00:08,750 --> 00:00:07,109
be irresponsible science to ignore the

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00:00:10,970 --> 00:00:08,760
evidence for at least some kind of

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00:00:12,620 --> 00:00:10,980
scientific in the good cases of spirit

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00:00:14,690 --> 00:00:12,630
mediumship I'm gonna give you one of

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00:00:18,230 --> 00:00:14,700
many examples of my own experience that

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00:00:19,970 --> 00:00:18,240
convinced me I actually give messages in

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00:00:22,700 --> 00:00:19,980
spiritualist churches and sometimes in

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00:00:24,529 --> 00:00:22,710
public services in Lilydale in New York

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00:00:26,480 --> 00:00:24,539
that's a spiritualist community near

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00:00:28,400 --> 00:00:26,490
Buffalo but I'm chicken because I always

12
00:00:30,080 --> 00:00:28,410
doubt that I can do it so I asked my

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00:00:32,840 --> 00:00:30,090

spirit guide time for you to roll your

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00:00:35,810 --> 00:00:32,850

eyes I asked my spirit guide to give me

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00:00:38,060 --> 00:00:35,820

messages before I go and you know like

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00:00:39,860 --> 00:00:38,070

why not while I'm still in the bathtub

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00:00:42,650 --> 00:00:39,870

so I'll have something to say when I get

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00:00:44,420 --> 00:00:42,660

there one time I got two rather detailed

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00:00:47,000 --> 00:00:44,430

messages and wrote them down before it

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00:00:48,770 --> 00:00:47,010

went I didn't want to like have my mind

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00:00:50,660 --> 00:00:48,780

make this up after the fact so I had

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00:00:52,639 --> 00:00:50,670

them written down before I went one list

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00:00:54,799 --> 00:00:52,649

for the littlest girl who's not a baby

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00:00:57,619 --> 00:00:54,809

and told about her skill in music and so

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00:00:59,150 --> 00:00:57,629

on and the other one was for a guy with

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00:01:01,160 --> 00:00:59,160

a beard and I could see him standing

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00:01:02,720 --> 00:01:01,170

there in my mind's eye and told about

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00:01:04,429 --> 00:01:02,730

how his relatives on the other side were

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00:01:06,109 --> 00:01:04,439

holding signs and jumping up and down

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00:01:08,750 --> 00:01:06,119

and telling him he didn't appreciate

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00:01:10,429 --> 00:01:08,760

himself enough when I got to the outdoor

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00:01:12,289 --> 00:01:10,439

service I recognized I could recognize

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00:01:13,820 --> 00:01:12,299

the guy out of the 300 people there and

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00:01:16,340 --> 00:01:13,830

I could easily figure out who was the

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00:01:17,719 --> 00:01:16,350

littlest girl who wasn't a baby but then

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00:01:20,149 --> 00:01:17,729

before I had a chance to give these

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00:01:23,149 --> 00:01:20,159

messages another spirit medium stood up

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00:01:26,149 --> 00:01:23,159

and gave the exact message I was going

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00:01:28,039 --> 00:01:26,159

to give to this guy and then another

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00:01:29,300 --> 00:01:28,049

medium stood up and gave the message to

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00:01:31,789 --> 00:01:29,310

the little girl I was going to give

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00:01:34,850 --> 00:01:31,799

except that she said dance instead of

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00:01:36,200 --> 00:01:34,860

music I was pretty blown away and I

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00:01:38,270 --> 00:01:36,210

thought about the odds of picking the

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00:01:40,190 --> 00:01:38,280

right person out of 300 times doing it a

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00:01:42,140 --> 00:01:40,200

second time like one in 90 thousand

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00:01:44,450 --> 00:01:42,150

times getting a detailed message right

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00:01:46,130 --> 00:01:44,460

one time times getting another detailed

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00:01:48,080 --> 00:01:46,140

message almost exactly right and

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00:01:49,940 --> 00:01:48,090

remember I had many zinger experiences

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00:01:53,660 --> 00:01:49,950
not just this one okay so what's the

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00:01:55,730 --> 00:01:53,670
status of this knowledge from the

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00:01:58,580 --> 00:01:55,740
perspective of normal mainstream science

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00:02:01,459 --> 00:01:58,590
it's totally worthless I never even gave

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00:02:03,050 --> 00:02:01,469
those messages but a researcher using a

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00:02:05,690 --> 00:02:03,060
phenomenological approach could

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00:02:07,730 --> 00:02:05,700
interview me and compare my subjective

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:07,740
experiences to those of other mediums

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00:02:13,380 --> 00:02:09,360
which of course is what we did in our

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00:02:15,120 --> 00:02:13,390
book in conclusion

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00:02:17,370 --> 00:02:15,130
I'm arguing for the usefulness of

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00:02:20,490 --> 00:02:17,380
phenomenological methods but I also see

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00:02:22,410 --> 00:02:20,500

that be it's great to combine objective

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00:02:24,570 --> 00:02:22,420

and phenomenological actually Gary

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00:02:26,760 --> 00:02:24,580

Schwartz does this to some extent you

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00:02:28,740 --> 00:02:26,770

can see it in his book or he where he

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00:02:31,710 --> 00:02:28,750

talks about his mediums own feelings in

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00:02:34,350 --> 00:02:31,720

the afterlife experience experiments and

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00:02:36,840 --> 00:02:34,360

I this might be a synchronicity the day

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00:02:40,440 --> 00:02:36,850

after I prepared this talk what do you

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00:02:41,610 --> 00:02:40,450

know I got the latest issue of JSC and

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00:02:43,740 --> 00:02:41,620

what do you know there's a

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00:02:48,140 --> 00:02:43,750

phenomenological study of eight mediums

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00:02:50,880 --> 00:02:48,150

by rock by shell and Gary Schwartz I

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00:02:53,370 --> 00:02:50,890

also think we should keep after the

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00:02:54,830 --> 00:02:53,380

search for physical mechanisms looking

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00:02:57,090 --> 00:02:54,840

at the brain maybe as a quantum computer

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00:02:58,740 --> 00:02:57,100

setting up non-local connections between

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00:03:02,130 --> 00:02:58,750

brain and mind we need multiple

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00:03:04,040 --> 00:03:02,140

methodologies for the mysterious and if

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00:03:05,910 --> 00:03:04,050

you'd like to be part of my new

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:05,920

sociology of science study of

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00:03:11,490 --> 00:03:08,800

consciousness and survival please see my

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00:03:13,830 --> 00:03:11,500

half page ad in the program we could at

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00:03:15,060 --> 00:03:13,840

least do a short email interview or

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00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:15,070

maybe I'll see you next year this is

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00:03:18,630 --> 00:03:16,480

going to take me years I'm doing a

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00:03:30,539 --> 00:03:18,640

documentary and a book I love doing long

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00:03:40,750 --> 00:03:30,549

projects thank you okay we have a bit of

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00:03:47,440 --> 00:03:44,680

diksha this is great because it seems to

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00:03:51,339 --> 00:03:47,450

me that so much of what is usually

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00:03:54,820 --> 00:03:51,349

called consciousness can be explained as

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00:03:56,800 --> 00:03:54,830

epiphenomena of the brain and I think

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00:03:58,240 --> 00:03:56,810

that that the the term gets bandied

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00:04:00,460 --> 00:03:58,250

about way way too much

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00:04:02,290 --> 00:04:00,470

but this literally lands on things that

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00:04:05,940 --> 00:04:02,300

I'm interested in in particular the

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00:04:09,699 --> 00:04:05,950

evidence for reincarnation mediumship

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00:04:11,890 --> 00:04:09,709

several other things that just strongly

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00:04:13,870 --> 00:04:11,900

suggest there's either survival or

101
00:04:17,819 --> 00:04:13,880
there's imprinting into the environment

102
00:04:20,979 --> 00:04:17,829
of someone's consciousness or living

103
00:04:25,120 --> 00:04:20,989
death activities something like that and

104
00:04:29,260 --> 00:04:25,130
I think rather than explore more

105
00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:29,270
evidence with mediums how much of your

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00:04:35,200 --> 00:04:32,240
activities are trying to figure out what

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00:04:36,850 --> 00:04:35,210
the mechanism might be or to parse the

108
00:04:42,430 --> 00:04:36,860
kinds of information that you're getting

109
00:04:44,170 --> 00:04:42,440
back as opposed to validating just

110
00:04:45,640 --> 00:04:44,180
validating the phenomenon itself and

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00:04:48,760 --> 00:04:45,650
proving that there's something real I

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00:04:50,560 --> 00:04:48,770
live vicariously I'm a sociologist so

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00:04:53,020 --> 00:04:50,570

when I did my study of UFOs it was

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00:04:55,480 --> 00:04:53,030

actually a study of UFO researchers 91

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00:04:58,090 --> 00:04:55,490

UFO researchers and that's what I'm

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00:04:59,950 --> 00:04:58,100

doing now in my recent study is I want

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00:05:02,440 --> 00:04:59,960

to study the sociology of science how

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00:05:04,270 --> 00:05:02,450

people create this knowledge about

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00:05:05,980 --> 00:05:04,280

consciousness so I'm fascinated with

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00:05:08,379 --> 00:05:05,990

everything I mean everything from the

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00:05:09,760 --> 00:05:08,389

tubercles in them in the neurons or

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00:05:12,129 --> 00:05:09,770

whatever it is but I can't do that

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00:05:14,350 --> 00:05:12,139

myself but I'm I'm gonna talk about it

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00:05:18,060 --> 00:05:14,360

I'm gonna be like John Horgan and and

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00:05:20,290 --> 00:05:18,070

you know kind of a journalist of science

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00:05:21,960 --> 00:05:20,300

by bringing all these perspectives

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00:05:23,560 --> 00:05:21,970

together it's really amazing if

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00:05:26,560 --> 00:05:23,570

fascinating and see what these different

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00:05:28,920 --> 00:05:26,570

people are saying about consciousness so

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00:05:33,129 --> 00:05:28,930

yes but I can't do it myself yes

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00:05:34,930 --> 00:05:33,139

rosemarie Pilkington here yeah I'm so

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00:05:36,730 --> 00:05:34,940

glad to see more people getting into

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00:05:40,120 --> 00:05:36,740

this field which most people here know

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00:05:43,330 --> 00:05:40,130

is my favorite field to be in right now

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00:05:44,850 --> 00:05:43,340

I'm more interested in physical it's the

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00:05:50,529 --> 00:05:44,860

same thing

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00:05:51,880 --> 00:05:50,539

asking mediums who of course they're

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00:05:53,980 --> 00:05:51,890

going to think that what they're getting

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00:05:54,660 --> 00:05:53,990

is from spirit but there's really no

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00:05:58,110 --> 00:05:54,670

proof of

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00:05:59,700 --> 00:05:58,120

that and right I don't like the term

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00:06:04,200 --> 00:05:59,710

super side okay

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00:06:11,220 --> 00:06:04,210

no being right my sai abilities yeah if

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00:06:15,690 --> 00:06:11,230

yeah if all the things this conference

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00:06:18,240 --> 00:06:15,700

are true there's no limit as to time or

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00:06:20,630 --> 00:06:18,250

place or whatever so what you are

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00:06:23,370 --> 00:06:20,640

getting for instance when you picked up

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00:06:28,340 --> 00:06:23,380

these pre cognitions I think they are

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00:06:33,630 --> 00:06:28,350

could easily be understand that yeah

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00:06:35,730 --> 00:06:33,640

right yeah it reminded me something you

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00:06:37,680 --> 00:06:35,740

said of Eileen Garrett when she was

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00:06:39,300 --> 00:06:37,690

asked because she would go into trance

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00:06:42,510 --> 00:06:39,310

and produce he's fantastic

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00:06:44,720 --> 00:06:42,520

right thing she would take on the

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00:06:48,090 --> 00:06:44,730

personalities of people produce a

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00:06:49,590 --> 00:06:48,100

channel people whatever right and they

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00:06:51,060 --> 00:06:49,600

said do you believe that there is an

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00:06:53,460 --> 00:06:51,070

afterlife and that you're really in

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00:06:55,710 --> 00:06:53,470

communication and she said on Monday

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00:06:58,710 --> 00:06:55,720

Wednesday and Friday I believe yep on

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00:07:01,380 --> 00:06:58,720

Tuesday Thursday Saturday I don't

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00:07:02,820 --> 00:07:01,390

believe in on Sunday exactly she's one

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00:07:05,340 --> 00:07:02,830

of the hundred and twenty two mediums in

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00:07:08,160 --> 00:07:05,350

my database yes right yeah thank you

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00:07:10,230 --> 00:07:08,170

uh yeah I'm actually I'm as interested

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00:07:13,650 --> 00:07:10,240

in why people think certain things is

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00:07:15,450 --> 00:07:13,660

evidence for survival as I am in the

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00:07:18,140 --> 00:07:15,460

question of survival I mean I'm

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00:07:20,070 --> 00:07:18,150

interested in everything including that

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00:07:26,570 --> 00:07:20,080

Dave lighter here

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00:07:30,600 --> 00:07:26,580

do you use meditation as part of your

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00:07:33,000 --> 00:07:30,610

psychic ability me my my little poor

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00:07:34,500 --> 00:07:33,010

little me spirit medium yes I do okay

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00:07:37,710 --> 00:07:34,510

yes I do

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00:07:40,620 --> 00:07:37,720

have you ever interrupted meditation and

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00:07:42,270 --> 00:07:40,630

seen what the effect is it doesn't seem

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00:07:45,060 --> 00:07:42,280

to matter very much because I can go in

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00:07:47,100 --> 00:07:45,070

just like that now now my wife who's

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00:07:48,720 --> 00:07:47,110

really a spirit medium I mean really I

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00:07:51,540 --> 00:07:48,730

mean if I can do it anybody can do it

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00:07:53,100 --> 00:07:51,550

really but she is very serious about

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00:07:54,930 --> 00:07:53,110

meditating a half hour ahead of time

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00:07:57,090 --> 00:07:54,940

before she does her a professional

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00:07:58,620 --> 00:07:57,100

mediumship but you know one of the nice

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00:08:00,780 --> 00:07:58,630

things about her book is we've got like

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00:08:02,730 --> 00:08:00,790

what percentage of people meditate what

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00:08:04,650 --> 00:08:02,740

per sentence what percentage had spirit

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00:08:06,570 --> 00:08:04,660

guides who were male versus female in

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00:08:08,290 --> 00:08:06,580

the 19th century compared to the 20th

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00:08:10,270 --> 00:08:08,300

century nobody's got a data

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00:08:11,619 --> 00:08:10,280

like that but you can look for stuff

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00:08:16,379 --> 00:08:11,629

like that and find out what people think

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00:08:18,909 --> 00:08:16,389

about those modalities thank you the

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00:08:22,990 --> 00:08:18,919

evidence which is often considered most

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00:08:25,029 --> 00:08:23,000

convincing for the actual existence of

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00:08:28,059 --> 00:08:25,039

these people after death sorry

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00:08:32,680 --> 00:08:28,069

Iman sputters right here right after

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00:08:34,959 --> 00:08:32,690

death is that the mediums will behave

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00:08:37,180 --> 00:08:34,969

like their personalities yes take on

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00:08:38,709 --> 00:08:37,190

some of the characters my wife does okay

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00:08:41,139 --> 00:08:38,719

I was gonna ask you that especially in

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00:08:42,790 --> 00:08:41,149

China especially in China they're much

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00:08:44,710 --> 00:08:42,800

more likely to go into deeper trance in

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00:08:46,840 --> 00:08:44,720

China the mediums don't like to do that

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00:08:49,720 --> 00:08:46,850

these days mostly in the United States

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00:08:51,550 --> 00:08:49,730

but yeah oh yeah and my wife would look

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00:08:53,290 --> 00:08:51,560

at her arms to look at this rash I'm

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00:08:56,500 --> 00:08:53,300

getting and the guy says that's the rash

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00:08:58,120 --> 00:08:56,510

my grandfather had you got it you know

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00:09:00,699 --> 00:08:58,130

and then but she doesn't talk like

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00:09:03,550 --> 00:09:00,709

people or imitate other things but

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00:09:08,170 --> 00:09:03,560

she'll get feelings yeah that that's

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00:09:10,990 --> 00:09:08,180

quite fascinating to me um I know that

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00:09:13,389 --> 00:09:11,000

Raymond Moody had people gazing in black

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00:09:14,920 --> 00:09:13,399

mirrors to see their departed ones I

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00:09:16,900 --> 00:09:14,930

wondered if you had done any work like

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00:09:18,160 --> 00:09:16,910

we've been trying people we've tried

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00:09:19,449 --> 00:09:18,170

that in Lilydale there are a number of

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00:09:20,769 --> 00:09:19,459

people who've done their own little

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00:09:23,949 --> 00:09:20,779

psycho man themes and we haven't got