



1  
00:00:07,730 --> 00:00:06,349  
and the right hand was cut off this is

2  
00:00:11,060 --> 00:00:07,740  
the back of the head of a young girl in

3  
00:00:13,459 --> 00:00:11,070  
Nigeria from the ebo tribe who remember

4  
00:00:17,150 --> 00:00:13,469  
the life of a man who had had brain

5  
00:00:19,220 --> 00:00:17,160  
surgery for intracranial tumor and she

6  
00:00:20,890 --> 00:00:19,230  
was born with this remarkable scar in

7  
00:00:23,120 --> 00:00:20,900  
the back of her head

8  
00:00:25,490 --> 00:00:23,130  
again these birthmarks these birth

9  
00:00:29,740 --> 00:00:25,500  
defects make no sense in terms of what

10  
00:00:36,040 --> 00:00:32,690  
paul von ward who was not associated

11  
00:00:38,930 --> 00:00:36,050  
with our group claims to have found

12  
00:00:41,240 --> 00:00:38,940  
amazing similarities in the facial

13  
00:00:43,910 --> 00:00:41,250

geometry of people who remember a past

14

00:00:48,020 --> 00:00:43,920

life and the person they claimed to have

15

00:00:50,569 --> 00:00:48,030

been in a past life and he is matched up

16

00:00:53,689 --> 00:00:50,579

photographs of the present person and

17

00:00:56,750 --> 00:00:53,699

the past life person he's developed six

18

00:00:59,229 --> 00:00:56,760

biometric ratios that he claims are more

19

00:01:02,619 --> 00:00:59,239

similar in these matched pairs than with

20

00:01:06,170 --> 00:01:02,629

control subjects

21

00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:06,180

the difficulty with Von Ward's data is

22

00:01:10,969 --> 00:01:08,159

that these measurements were not done

23

00:01:12,980 --> 00:01:10,979

blindly Vaughn Ward himself made the

24

00:01:16,670 --> 00:01:12,990

measurements on the subjects and on the

25

00:01:19,160 --> 00:01:16,680

photos of the deceased persons so what

26  
00:01:22,670 --> 00:01:19,170  
we would like to do is try to replicate

27  
00:01:24,980 --> 00:01:22,680  
his findings in a blind manner that is

28  
00:01:28,789 --> 00:01:24,990  
have one person make the measurements on

29  
00:01:30,050 --> 00:01:28,799  
the subject have a different person make

30  
00:01:33,230 --> 00:01:30,060  
the measurements unfroze with the

31  
00:01:35,960 --> 00:01:33,240  
deceased person and then a third person

32  
00:01:37,700 --> 00:01:35,970  
who doesn't know which is which see if

33  
00:01:40,670 --> 00:01:37,710  
they can match up the correct person

34  
00:01:42,020 --> 00:01:40,680  
with a deceased one of the problems

35  
00:01:44,330 --> 00:01:42,030  
we're going to have those we have a very

36  
00:01:46,910 --> 00:01:44,340  
limited sample of photographs of the

37  
00:01:49,690 --> 00:01:46,920  
deceased person most of these are in

38  
00:01:54,980 --> 00:01:49,700

remote areas in underdeveloped countries

39

00:01:58,429 --> 00:01:54,990

but we do have some the second

40

00:02:00,679 --> 00:01:58,439

hypothesis about survival is that people

41

00:02:04,520 --> 00:02:00,689

who are now deceased are still surviving

42

00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:04,530

in some form and we have lots of

43

00:02:08,540 --> 00:02:05,759

evidence that contributes to this

44

00:02:10,639 --> 00:02:08,550

hypothesis most commonly are interactive

45

00:02:13,369 --> 00:02:10,649

apparitions and these are not talking

46

00:02:13,800 --> 00:02:13,379

about ghosts in haunted houses that just

47

00:02:15,290 --> 00:02:13,810

wander

48

00:02:18,360 --> 00:02:15,300

and don't talk to I'm talking about

49

00:02:21,570 --> 00:02:18,370

visions apparitions that interact and

50

00:02:23,940 --> 00:02:21,580

respond meaningfully with you these

51  
00:02:26,610 --> 00:02:23,950  
often occur around the time of the death

52  
00:02:28,350 --> 00:02:26,620  
of the person who's dead and they will

53  
00:02:33,870 --> 00:02:28,360  
communicate meaningful things to the

54  
00:02:35,130 --> 00:02:33,880  
person who's having the vision there

55  
00:02:37,530 --> 00:02:35,140  
have been some attempts in recent years

56  
00:02:41,040 --> 00:02:37,540  
to try to induce these communications

57  
00:02:42,150 --> 00:02:41,050  
with interactive visions Raymond Moody

58  
00:02:43,979 --> 00:02:42,160  
who coined the term near-death

59  
00:02:47,120 --> 00:02:43,989  
experience developed what he called the

60  
00:02:50,789 --> 00:02:47,130  
psychomanteum which is essentially a

61  
00:02:53,699 --> 00:02:50,799  
sensory deprivation room in which after

62  
00:02:56,759 --> 00:02:53,709  
an elaborate ritual people go into this

63  
00:02:59,940 --> 00:02:56,769

room and try to invoke a vision of the

64

00:03:02,309 --> 00:02:59,950

deceased and in some cases with some

65

00:03:05,910 --> 00:03:02,319

good facilitators people do have these

66

00:03:07,860 --> 00:03:05,920

interactive visions there's a

67

00:03:11,360 --> 00:03:07,870

psychologist in the VA system of Albert

68

00:03:14,030 --> 00:03:11,370

Caen who was using EMDR to treat

69

00:03:16,589 --> 00:03:14,040

veterans with post-traumatic stress and

70

00:03:18,599 --> 00:03:16,599

he found serendipitously that some of

71

00:03:22,110 --> 00:03:18,609

them as he was doing this would have

72

00:03:24,599 --> 00:03:22,120

visions of their fallen comrades that

73

00:03:26,460 --> 00:03:24,609

interacted with them and this turned out

74

00:03:29,220 --> 00:03:26,470

to be so therapeutic for the vets that

75

00:03:31,949 --> 00:03:29,230

he started trying to induce it using

76  
00:03:33,750 --> 00:03:31,959  
EMDR and suggestion and in fact has

77  
00:03:35,280 --> 00:03:33,760  
claimed a fair amount of success in

78  
00:03:37,199 --> 00:03:35,290  
getting the introduced these visions

79  
00:03:40,640 --> 00:03:37,209  
which are interactive and communicate in

80  
00:03:45,300 --> 00:03:43,140  
then we have communication through

81  
00:03:47,340 --> 00:03:45,310  
mediums and you've heard this excellent

82  
00:03:50,099 --> 00:03:47,350  
presentation from Julie I won't repeat

83  
00:03:52,050 --> 00:03:50,109  
what she said I will tell you though

84  
00:03:55,410 --> 00:03:52,060  
that our lab Emily Kelly and our

85  
00:03:57,690 --> 00:03:55,420  
division has replicated this work with

86  
00:04:00,990 --> 00:03:57,700  
slightly different technology and found

87  
00:04:02,610 --> 00:04:01,000  
equally impressive results this is

88  
00:04:08,220 --> 00:04:02,620

madonna's you know by Gary Schwartz is

89

00:04:11,640 --> 00:04:08,230

lab by our lab by a group in Scotland

90

00:04:13,229 --> 00:04:11,650

Archie Roy and Tricia Ritchie so it's

91

00:04:17,699 --> 00:04:13,239

been replicated in several places now in

92

00:04:19,830 --> 00:04:17,709

the last couple of decades Julie told

93

00:04:21,449 --> 00:04:19,840

you about the elaborate controls we try

94

00:04:24,360 --> 00:04:21,459

to put in to make sure that the medium

95

00:04:28,790 --> 00:04:24,370

isn't getting sensory cues from the

96

00:04:31,770 --> 00:04:28,800

sitter or using super sight from the

97

00:04:33,930 --> 00:04:31,780

there's another type of data from

98

00:04:36,719 --> 00:04:33,940

mediumship sittings that eliminates that

99

00:04:42,300 --> 00:04:36,729

possibility and that's what's called a

100

00:04:45,390 --> 00:04:42,310

drop in communicator these are allegedly

101  
00:04:48,180 --> 00:04:45,400  
deceased people who come to a mediumship

102  
00:04:50,219 --> 00:04:48,190  
session a seance and no one in the room

103  
00:04:55,860 --> 00:04:50,229  
knew of the medium nor the sitters knows

104  
00:04:57,900 --> 00:04:55,870  
this person these are unusual they

105  
00:05:00,570 --> 00:04:57,910  
provide great evidence because you can't

106  
00:05:01,700 --> 00:05:00,580  
get the information by normal means but

107  
00:05:05,399 --> 00:05:01,710  
they're rare

108  
00:05:08,330 --> 00:05:05,409  
however in Stevenson found more than 66

109  
00:05:12,330 --> 00:05:08,340  
Oh of these in the published literature

110  
00:05:15,320 --> 00:05:12,340  
let me give you an example in a small

111  
00:05:18,809 --> 00:05:15,330  
village of about 5,000 people in Tuscany

112  
00:05:22,080 --> 00:05:18,819  
there was a day laborer who in his 20s

113  
00:05:24,990 --> 00:05:22,090

developed mediumship abilities and he

114

00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:25,000

used to give seances he didn't charge

115

00:05:29,189 --> 00:05:27,280

for them ten local villagers would come

116

00:05:31,770 --> 00:05:29,199

one of them would take VirB verbatim

117

00:05:35,330 --> 00:05:31,780

notes and it would have these seances

118

00:05:37,499 --> 00:05:35,340

periodically and at one point a

119

00:05:40,499 --> 00:05:37,509

communicator appeared at one of these

120

00:05:43,230 --> 00:05:40,509

seances and said his name was Giuseppe

121

00:05:48,450 --> 00:05:43,240

Riccardi and he was a Roman Catholic

122

00:05:51,659 --> 00:05:48,460

priest in Canton Ohio no one the room

123

00:05:54,300 --> 00:05:51,669

knew of this fellow he said that he had

124

00:05:59,779 --> 00:05:54,310

been shot with a revolver by one of his

125

00:06:05,700 --> 00:06:03,420

father Riccardi appeared in a couple of

126

00:06:08,580 --> 00:06:05,710

more seances over the pier in the next

127

00:06:10,529 --> 00:06:08,590

couple of years and all the times he

128

00:06:14,700 --> 00:06:10,539

appeared no one in the room had ever

129

00:06:16,439 --> 00:06:14,710

heard of father Ricardo at one of these

130

00:06:18,930 --> 00:06:16,449

seances there was an Italian researcher

131

00:06:22,439 --> 00:06:18,940

present who wrote to Ian Stevenson and

132

00:06:24,680 --> 00:06:22,449

said this guy says he lived in Ohio can

133

00:06:27,749 --> 00:06:24,690

you track down whether he really did

134

00:06:30,120 --> 00:06:27,759

well we didn't have a date of death so

135

00:06:33,659 --> 00:06:30,130

it wasn't easy but one of our research

136

00:06:36,839 --> 00:06:33,669

assistants contacted the archdiocese in

137

00:06:40,800 --> 00:06:36,849

Youngstown Ohio and confirmed that there

138

00:06:43,379 --> 00:06:40,810

was a Giuseppe Riccardi who had been the

139

00:06:44,879 --> 00:06:43,389

parish priest in Canton Ohio for four

140

00:06:48,589 --> 00:06:44,889

years before he was shot by a

141

00:06:52,040 --> 00:06:48,599

parishioner he had just finished Mass

142

00:06:55,529 --> 00:06:52,050

everyone left and one woman came in

143

00:06:58,680 --> 00:06:55,539

pointed a gun at him and said a few

144

00:07:01,740 --> 00:06:58,690

words and then shot him he lived long

145

00:07:05,129 --> 00:07:01,750

enough to ask her why don't you do this

146

00:07:08,459 --> 00:07:05,139

and by what he said to the medium she

147

00:07:09,959 --> 00:07:08,469

gave an answer he didn't understand now

148

00:07:11,370 --> 00:07:09,969

that we had the date of death from the

149

00:07:13,800 --> 00:07:11,380

Archdiocese he went to the newspapers

150

00:07:16,019 --> 00:07:13,810

and we found reports in several Ohio

151  
00:07:18,499 --> 00:07:16,029  
newspapers about this confirming the

152  
00:07:20,909 --> 00:07:18,509  
details of it

153  
00:07:23,370 --> 00:07:20,919  
so everything that the medium came up

154  
00:07:25,230 --> 00:07:23,380  
with an Italy turned out to be true we

155  
00:07:27,450 --> 00:07:25,240  
then contacted the researcher in Italy

156  
00:07:29,159 --> 00:07:27,460  
and said now we here's the date which

157  
00:07:32,760 --> 00:07:29,169  
has happened go back and check the

158  
00:07:34,800 --> 00:07:32,770  
Italian newspapers no account had

159  
00:07:36,749 --> 00:07:34,810  
appeared in the newspapers that were

160  
00:07:40,079 --> 00:07:36,759  
circulating in the small village in

161  
00:07:43,950 --> 00:07:40,089  
Tuscany they eventually found one report

162  
00:07:47,149 --> 00:07:43,960  
in newspaper in Rome that did report the

163  
00:07:49,589 --> 00:07:47,159

death of father Giuseppe Riccardi and

164

00:07:54,570 --> 00:07:49,599

the newspaper account placed it in

165

00:07:56,100 --> 00:07:54,580

Canton China which is that 20 times the

166

00:07:58,769 --> 00:07:56,110

size of Canton Ohio so it's less of a

167

00:08:00,959 --> 00:07:58,779

mistake so it's unlikely that this

168

00:08:06,600 --> 00:08:00,969

medium had gotten the information by any

169

00:08:09,540 --> 00:08:06,610

normal means one other way you might be

170

00:08:12,810 --> 00:08:09,550

able to differentiate supersized um

171

00:08:15,269 --> 00:08:12,820

survival is by evidence of strong

172

00:08:18,079 --> 00:08:15,279

motivation on the part of the deceased

173

00:08:20,010 --> 00:08:18,089

the discarnate to communicate and

174

00:08:23,519 --> 00:08:20,020

there's another remarkable

175

00:08:26,249 --> 00:08:23,529

drop in communicator that lan and

176

00:08:29,120 --> 00:08:26,259

Erlander Hamilton from Iceland studied

177

00:08:32,130 --> 00:08:29,130

they were doing studies of the

178

00:08:35,550 --> 00:08:32,140

professional Icelandic medium hoffstein

179

00:08:39,899 --> 00:08:35,560

bjornsen and at one of your instance

180

00:08:42,839 --> 00:08:39,909

meet seances a character appeared and

181

00:08:44,400 --> 00:08:42,849

said that he had been buried without his

182

00:08:46,610 --> 00:08:44,410

leg that had been dismembered shortly

183

00:08:49,780 --> 00:08:46,620

before death and he wanted the lake

184

00:08:51,250 --> 00:08:49,790

buried with the body

185

00:08:52,870 --> 00:08:51,260

no one in the room knew what he was

186

00:08:56,980 --> 00:08:52,880

talking about no one recognized the

187

00:09:00,240 --> 00:08:56,990

story this discarnate this alleged

188

00:09:03,400 --> 00:09:00,250

discarnate reappeared many times in

189

00:09:05,860 --> 00:09:03,410

different hafsteinn bjornsen seances

190

00:09:08,620 --> 00:09:05,870

with different sitters present and none

191

00:09:10,810 --> 00:09:08,630

of them ever recognized the story but

192

00:09:14,590 --> 00:09:10,820

eventually he gave enough detail that

193

00:09:17,470 --> 00:09:14,600

they're able to find the leg and bury it

194

00:09:19,930 --> 00:09:17,480

in the anonymous graveyard in the church

195

00:09:23,980 --> 00:09:19,940

that he claimed was his after that

196

00:09:26,380 --> 00:09:23,990

happened he never appeared again that

197

00:09:32,370 --> 00:09:26,390

suggests some motivation on the part of

198

00:09:37,240 --> 00:09:35,500

okay we also have evidence from

199

00:09:38,440 --> 00:09:37,250

instrumental transcommunication what

200

00:09:40,600 --> 00:09:38,450

used to be called electronic voice

201

00:09:43,150 --> 00:09:40,610

phenomena these are situations in which

202

00:09:44,740 --> 00:09:43,160

an alleged incarnates seems to be

203

00:09:47,020 --> 00:09:44,750

communicating through some mechanical

204

00:09:49,060 --> 00:09:47,030

device now if you lived electromagnetic

205

00:09:51,970 --> 00:09:49,070

like a telephone or television or a

206

00:09:53,650 --> 00:09:51,980

radio or a computer one of the

207

00:09:56,290 --> 00:09:53,660

difficulties with this research is that

208

00:09:58,980 --> 00:09:56,300

the signals usually come through on top