



REMEMBERING
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**SOCIETY
FOR
SCIENTIFIC
EXPLORATION**

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00:00:09,410 --> 00:00:04,249
Bob John passed away last fall in

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00:00:13,249 --> 00:00:09,420
Princeton and personally I have to admit

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00:00:15,440 --> 00:00:13,259
that I am still grieving him for me it

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00:00:20,029 --> 00:00:15,450
was very much like losing my father for

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00:00:24,590 --> 00:00:20,039
a second time however since most of you

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00:00:29,019 --> 00:00:24,600
didn't know him personally I'm going to

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00:00:33,350 --> 00:00:29,029
leave the personal at that and discuss

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00:00:35,930 --> 00:00:33,360
why he was important to everybody really

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00:00:38,479 --> 00:00:35,940
but especially to the members of this

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00:00:45,910 --> 00:00:38,489
professional community both communities

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00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:49,580
the pair lab at Princeton Princeton

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00:00:57,049 --> 00:00:52,879
engineering anomalies research

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00:00:59,479 --> 00:00:57,059

originally started because Bob was

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00:01:03,529 --> 00:00:59,489

living up to a promise made to a student

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00:01:05,780 --> 00:01:03,539

and there was nobody else in Princeton's

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00:01:11,660 --> 00:01:05,790

engineering faculty who was willing to

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00:01:15,820 --> 00:01:11,670

touch the subject of pique or as we

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00:01:18,530 --> 00:01:15,830

called it for most of Bob's career

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00:01:21,370 --> 00:01:18,540

consciousness related anomalies or

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00:01:25,219 --> 00:01:21,380

engineering anomalies

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00:01:27,710 --> 00:01:25,229

sadly the reason pair closed when Bob

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00:01:29,840 --> 00:01:27,720

retired from the University was

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00:01:32,539 --> 00:01:29,850

basically the same there was still

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00:01:40,069 --> 00:01:32,549

nobody else in the engineering faculty

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00:01:43,490 --> 00:01:40,079

willing to touch the subject I am

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00:01:46,249 --> 00:01:43,500
inclined to say that more than anything

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00:01:50,200 --> 00:01:46,259
else this was a demonstration of Bob's

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00:01:54,319 --> 00:01:50,210
integrity that he was not willing to

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00:01:57,560 --> 00:01:54,329
hide from observed truth or lie to

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00:02:01,069 --> 00:01:57,570
himself or anybody else about what he

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00:02:03,920 --> 00:02:01,079
had witnessed he had observed a

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00:02:09,260 --> 00:02:03,930
phenomenon that could not be accounted

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00:02:11,720 --> 00:02:09,270
for in current theories and he felt it

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00:02:14,820 --> 00:02:11,730
needed investigation

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00:02:17,910 --> 00:02:14,830
of course one of the first things that

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00:02:21,090 --> 00:02:17,920
Bob did when starting into this field

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00:02:23,960 --> 00:02:21,100
was to find somebody who could address

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00:02:26,540 --> 00:02:23,970

the psychological and parapsychological

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00:02:30,210 --> 00:02:26,550

aspects of it better than he could and

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00:02:35,790 --> 00:02:30,220

that began a long and very fruitful

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00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:35,800

partnership with Brenda Dunn who is not

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00:02:43,410 --> 00:02:40,720

here at this time partly because of all

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00:02:50,550 --> 00:02:43,420

of the aftermath she is having to deal

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00:02:56,090 --> 00:02:50,560

with as Bob's literary executor the the

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00:03:01,020 --> 00:02:56,100

two of them created a laboratory that in

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00:03:06,720 --> 00:03:01,030

my opinion had a tremendous impact on

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:06,730

the entire field of psychic research to

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00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:08,800

call it by its name without euphemisms

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00:03:18,960 --> 00:03:16,560

and I feel that they had very important

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00:03:21,480 --> 00:03:18,970

insights into the nature of such a

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00:03:27,450 --> 00:03:21,490
program as well as finding important

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00:03:32,370 --> 00:03:27,460
results Bob and Brenda were both very

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00:03:36,720 --> 00:03:32,380
clear that they did not have subjects

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00:03:39,750 --> 00:03:36,730
the people who produced the effects were

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00:03:41,880 --> 00:03:39,760
part of the experiment the experimenters

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00:03:45,210 --> 00:03:41,890
were not on some sort of pedestal above

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00:03:49,260 --> 00:03:45,220
them observing them the focus was on the

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00:03:53,600 --> 00:03:49,270
phenomenon not the people they refused

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00:03:56,730 --> 00:03:53,610
to use the word paranormal at least in

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00:03:58,710 --> 00:03:56,740
internal technical discussions and they

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00:04:02,730 --> 00:03:58,720
tried to break people of the habit of

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00:04:05,340 --> 00:04:02,740
using it publicly as well because it was

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00:04:07,620 --> 00:04:05,350

their very strong contention that

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00:04:10,920 --> 00:04:07,630

whatever this is whatever phenomenon it

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00:04:12,960 --> 00:04:10,930

is we're all here talking about it's

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00:04:17,450 --> 00:04:12,970

normal it is part of the natural

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00:04:22,500 --> 00:04:17,460

capacity of the human mind and body and

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as a consequence of that prenez they

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00:04:27,879 --> 00:04:24,620

also refused to search or

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00:04:31,120 --> 00:04:27,889

Green for special people with special

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00:04:36,100 --> 00:04:31,130

talents they believed very firmly that

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00:04:42,189 --> 00:04:36,110

this was a universal capability their

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00:04:44,560 --> 00:04:42,199

findings to some extent confirmed that

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00:04:47,520 --> 00:04:44,570

although they did find that individuals

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00:04:50,409 --> 00:04:47,530

were very idiosyncratic and different

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00:04:56,770 --> 00:04:50,419

the ability is widespread in the

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00:04:59,320 --> 00:04:56,780

population they did examine remote

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perception as well as the pique that

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first got Bob started and their remote

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00:05:07,629 --> 00:05:05,660

perception studies what would probably

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00:05:13,659 --> 00:05:07,639

be called remote viewing in this

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00:05:22,029 --> 00:05:13,669

community were also very successful and

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00:05:27,129 --> 00:05:22,039

informative I would say that there are

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00:05:29,050 --> 00:05:27,139

other important findings were that the

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effect does seem to be mediated by the

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00:05:34,469 --> 00:05:31,460

subconscious as various people have

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00:05:38,680 --> 00:05:34,479

alluded to many different types of

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00:05:41,560 --> 00:05:38,690

systems show this effect and that it

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that distortions of randomness can also

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happen unconsciously in the vicinity of

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00:05:52,270 --> 00:05:47,270

people and groups experiencing strong

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00:05:56,409 --> 00:05:52,280

emotions so having tried to encapsulate

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00:05:59,529 --> 00:05:56,419

30 years in a few minutes I would like

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00:06:02,260 --> 00:05:59,539

to end by saying that for went that

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00:06:07,029 --> 00:06:02,270

there will be a memorial service for Bob

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00:06:09,310 --> 00:06:07,039

John on July 1st at 1:00 p.m. and the

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00:06:11,110 --> 00:06:09,320

Princeton University Chapel with the

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00:06:13,719 --> 00:06:11,120

reception afterward at the Faculty Club

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00:06:17,830 --> 00:06:13,729

and that anybody who would like to