



# PAUL THIGPEN

“They Are All God’s Children:  
Insights from Catholic Theology  
on UAP and Nonhuman  
Intelligence”



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[Music]

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be here my

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[Applause]

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goodness the last time I was in San

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Francisco some years ago uh giving a

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paper of the American Academy of

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00:00:43,910 --> 00:00:41,760

religion and it was about this time of

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00:00:45,549 --> 00:00:43,920

day on the second or third day of the

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00:00:49,790 --> 00:00:45,559

conference everyone's feeling a little

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00:00:52,110 --> 00:00:49,800

drowsy maybe from lunch and uh an older

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00:00:54,510 --> 00:00:52,120

Professor came to the podium and had a

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00:00:55,950 --> 00:00:54,520

stack of notes like this and he put it

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00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:55,960

down he had glasses and he was taking

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00:01:02,430 --> 00:00:59,760

them on and off saying where to begin

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,440

where where to begin and a lone voice

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00:01:06,870 --> 00:01:04,640

cried out from the back of the room as

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00:01:10,310 --> 00:01:06,880

close to the end as

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00:01:13,630 --> 00:01:10,320

possible so I'll do my best

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00:01:16,830 --> 00:01:13,640

today Pope St John Paul II visited a

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00:01:18,749 --> 00:01:16,840

parish in Rome in November 1999 and

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there he had a brief but significant

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exchange with a child who was attending

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00:01:26,510 --> 00:01:24,240

the event a young girl asked him Holy

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00:01:30,310 --> 00:01:26,520

Father are there any

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00:01:32,670 --> 00:01:30,320

aliens now the saint did not respond no

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00:01:36,350 --> 00:01:32,680

that is contrary to the Catholic faith

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00:01:39,630 --> 00:01:36,360

he did not say we don't know or even if

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00:01:43,910 --> 00:01:39,640

they exist then instead he replied to

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00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:43,920

the girl simply always remember they are

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00:01:49,510 --> 00:01:46,320

children of God as we

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00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:49,520

are I embrace that sentiment

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00:01:54,030 --> 00:01:51,600

wholeheartedly the whole Foundation as

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00:01:56,590 --> 00:01:54,040

we know seeks to be a center for UAP

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00:01:59,149 --> 00:01:56,600

research especially with regard to that

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00:02:01,870 --> 00:01:59,159

subject's implications for the future of

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00:02:03,630 --> 00:02:01,880

humity institutions and Endeavors and

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00:02:05,789 --> 00:02:03,640

among the fields to be examined as

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00:02:07,550 --> 00:02:05,799

religion I'm so grateful then to the

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00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:07,560

Symposium organizers to have been

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00:02:13,229 --> 00:02:10,319

invited here to say a few words about

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00:02:15,830 --> 00:02:13,239

the implications of UAP for a religious

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tradition and institution that numbers

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an estimated 1.3 billion adherent

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adherence and I mean of course the

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00:02:25,990 --> 00:02:23,920

Catholic Church surely such a large and

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ancient institution could have an

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enormous influence on how not only its

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00:02:32,790 --> 00:02:30,560

own members but also so followers of

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other faiths might respond to the

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00:02:38,190 --> 00:02:35,840

development of our understanding of UAP

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so today I'd like to offer for your

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consideration a perspective on UAP and

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non-human intelligence based on insights

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from Catholic history and Catholic

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theology first a few words about where

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I'm coming from my interest in UFOs

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became more than 60 years ago when I was

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an elementary school child I was reading

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project blue book reports and all kinds

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00:03:02,390 --> 00:02:59,560

of things I became an atheist at the age

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of 12 became a Christian again at 18

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finally after earning three degrees in

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## Theology and religious studies at Yale

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and Emer universities I became Catholic

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30 years ago and that church has been my

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spiritual home ever since when I view

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the topic of UAP in N then not

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surprisingly I see it through the lens

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of my Catholic faith and in viewing this

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particular topic I found that that lens

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to be refreshing and consoling but also

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surprising and even you might say

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adventurous because of all the

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possibilities that it opens up I wrote

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this book two years ago entitled

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extraterrestrial intelligence and the

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Catholic faith are we alone in the

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universe with God and the angels that

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subtitle is imported the Catholic

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tradition has always affirmed the

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existence of at least one variety of nhi

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the Angels both the Fallen ones the good

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ones and the evil ones so in the book

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and in today's thoughts when I speak of

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nhi I'm going to refer specifically to

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non-human specifically non- Angelic

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intelligence because we take the Angels

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and Demons for granted their existence

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is is for us a given and I've written

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books about that as well I should also

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note that the focus of this

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book is on ETI because much of the

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public conversation when I was writing

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it uh was focused on ETI and in an

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appendix about UAP I noted speculations

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that they might represent something

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other than extraterrestrial creatures

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with some insights about that

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possibility as well from the Catholic

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tradition since the publication of the

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book of course as you all know the

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increasingly common use of the term nhi

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instead of eiti reflects a corresponding

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shift in the public

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conversation toward broader

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possibilities so if I should ever have

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the opportunity for a new edition of the

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book that shift would be reflected in

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that addition as well the thesis of the

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book is simple our argue that the

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Christian faith as traditionally held by

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the Catholic Church would not be

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undermined by the publicly confirmed

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Discovery or disclosure or encounter

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with extraterrestrial intelligence or I

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would add now other forms of non-human

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non- Angelic intelligence such new

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information would of course raise

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questions about how best to interpret

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certain certain biblical passages and

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church doctrines and how we might relate

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wisely to the nhi we would discover but

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I conclude that the new scientific

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knowledge of this sort could be

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accommodated with Integrity within the

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broad doctrinal and devotional framework

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of this ancient faith for this reason

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then I'm I'm confident that whatever the

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reality may turn out to be the Catholic

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church can embrace the truth and the

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Catholic faith itself will serve to

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00:05:54,590 --> 00:05:51,240  
illuminate and interpret what science or

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00:05:56,070 --> 00:05:54,600  
experience will reveal to us seems to me

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00:05:58,590 --> 00:05:56,080  
that for religious Believers to

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00:06:01,870 --> 00:05:58,600  
assimilate what they may learn from uh

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00:06:04,110 --> 00:06:01,880  
about UAP and nhi they need someone from

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00:06:05,790 --> 00:06:04,120  
within their own tradition to show how

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00:06:08,070 --> 00:06:05,800

that new knowledge might fit into a

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traditional framework that's why I wrote

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the book as Peter mentioned I'm now a

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retired professor of religious studies

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in theology my specific field of

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theology is called historical theology

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that means my approach to theological

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issues includes a survey of the history

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of the theological conversation about

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the matter it's basically intellectual

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history in a church setting looking for

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insights from earlier cultures and

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thinkers and how the topic has developed

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through the centuries this approach is

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especially well fitted to Catholic

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theology because tradition which

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literally means that which has been

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handed down plays an immense role in

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00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:47,720  
Catholic self- understanding for this

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00:06:52,350 --> 00:06:49,599  
reason the book divides naturally into

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two parts the first part is an

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historical survey of the notion of

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00:06:58,189 --> 00:06:56,400  
extraterrestrial intelligence in

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00:06:59,830 --> 00:06:58,199  
Catholic and then more broadly Christian

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thought the second second is a

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00:07:04,629 --> 00:07:02,560

theological analysis of the issues in

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light of that history and some of its

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implications for Christian belief now I

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had originally planned to stop there but

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my publisher and editor a couple years

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ago both insisted that my readers would

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want to know my thoughts as well about

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the more focused subject and related

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00:07:21,629 --> 00:07:19,479

subject of UAP even though that was not

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the primary concern of the book so I

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wrote a 6,000 word appendix at the end

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that focuses on UAP and I'm glad I did

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even though that's the part of the book

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that is got me into the most trouble

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with some of my readers it's ironic I

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consider myself a rather traditional

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catholic and the primary intended

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audience for many of the books and

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articles I've written over the past 30

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years are also more traditional

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Catholics yet a few of my readers are

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now condemning this book as contrary to

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Catholic tradition well the irony is

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that I'm I'm actually drawing deeply

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from the tradition to make a place for

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such a discovery certain important

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aspects of the tradition that I'm trying

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to recover have been largely forgotten

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or eclipsed and they need to be

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recalled someone recently said to me

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Paul you spend so much time on this

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topic has it become an obsession and I

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replied immediately no not an obsession

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it feels more like a mission a mission

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of Discovery to explore to encounter to

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share what I find to invite others to

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join me on the path to Discovery to

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boldly go where no man has ever gone

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before nah that was another man's

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mission in fact what I what I've learned

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as an historical Theologian and a

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theologian who Roots his analysis in

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Christian intellectual history is that

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I'm not in New Territory at all these

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00:08:44,949 --> 00:08:42,640  
matters have been debated and these

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00:08:46,670 --> 00:08:44,959  
possibilities have been raised for many

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00:08:49,230 --> 00:08:46,680  
centuries Now by some of the best and

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00:08:51,670 --> 00:08:49,240  
best known Minds in Christian history

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00:08:53,870 --> 00:08:51,680  
not just theologians and church leaders

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00:08:55,550 --> 00:08:53,880  
but also philosophers scientists

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00:08:58,550 --> 00:08:55,560

Scholars and other fields literary

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figures political leaders Mystics and

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even Canon

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Saints now in offering a Catholic

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perspective I set out from a reality

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that is I think essential in Foundation

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to understanding a Catholic vision of

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the cosmos and its possibilities a

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reality that touches on every other

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aspect of that Vision that Vision may

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seem a little alien to some of you to

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use the

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word but and that's okay but if you will

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just walk with me for for a minute and I

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want to lay out kind of the foundation

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of what I see as a Catholic vision of

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the cosmos the most important

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key to all the rest it's this that a

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self-existent infinite

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Eternal

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00:09:47,190 --> 00:09:42,839  
unchanging all powerful all wise all

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00:09:50,829 --> 00:09:47,200  
knowing God has created out of nothing

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00:09:53,870 --> 00:09:50,839  
all things that exist and sustains all

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00:09:55,230 --> 00:09:53,880  
things that existed and governs all

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things that

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exist the cosmos reflects to a certain

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extent the wisdom and power and and even

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beauty of The God Who crafted it as

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hamar usually does but he is not a part

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of the cosmos nor simply is it a part of

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him he is the Creator and it is the

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creation he's Transcendent over his

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creation and yet at the same time he is

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imminent as well utterly close to his

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creation close to every person every

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Quantum every

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Galaxy this God Is Not An impersonal

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energy like the forest in Star Wars

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he is personal he is all loving he is in

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himself love a trinity of persons who

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have existed in a community of perfect

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love from before all time he has created

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human beings as creatures with one

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nature possessing two aspects a material

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body that is now subject to death and an

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immaterial spirit that is Immortal he

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has created these human beings in his

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00:10:58,509 --> 00:10:56,079  
own image as persons with a rational

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intellect and a free will who can know

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him and love him in return who can know

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and love others as

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well keep walking with me just another

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minute he knows everything about each

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one of us he even has as Jesus once said

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the hairs of our head counted in my case

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he ran out of hairs to count a long time

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ago but his desire for us is that we

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would choose to live with him in perfect

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Joy forever after we leave this world as

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00:11:26,590 --> 00:11:23,200

we know it and enter into eternity with

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00:11:28,670 --> 00:11:26,600

him now if that's the starting place for

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00:11:31,590 --> 00:11:28,680

Catholics some of us in our vision of

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00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:31,600

the Cosmos John Paul's brief answer to

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00:11:34,470 --> 00:11:33,600

that little girl's question makes

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00:11:36,670 --> 00:11:34,480

perfect

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00:11:39,750 --> 00:11:36,680

sense are there any

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00:11:41,550 --> 00:11:39,760

aliens always remember they are children

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00:11:44,350 --> 00:11:41,560

of God as we

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00:11:46,030 --> 00:11:44,360

are every form of life that exists

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00:11:48,269 --> 00:11:46,040

throughout the Universe intelligent and

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00:11:51,509 --> 00:11:48,279

otherwise every species that we will

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00:11:55,870 --> 00:11:51,519

ever discover and encounter is not just

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00:11:59,110 --> 00:11:55,880

a being or an entity it is a creature it

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00:12:03,350 --> 00:11:59,120

is created by God sustained by God

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00:12:05,230 --> 00:12:03,360

governed by God known and loved by God

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00:12:07,470 --> 00:12:05,240

even so our present knowledge of God is

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00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:07,480

limited and even flawed because our

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00:12:12,710 --> 00:12:10,800

species has become Fallen broken and

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00:12:16,629 --> 00:12:12,720

that lamentable condition has dimmed and

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00:12:18,590 --> 00:12:16,639

distorted our sight we need healing we

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00:12:20,990 --> 00:12:18,600

need restoration and

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00:12:22,670 --> 00:12:21,000

elevation nevertheless this God loves

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00:12:25,350 --> 00:12:22,680

everything that he has made even when it

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00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:25,360

has fallen even when it is broken as we

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00:12:29,590 --> 00:12:27,680

human beings are on this planet the

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00:12:30,990 --> 00:12:29,600

Catholic writer GK Chester and once quip

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00:12:32,269 --> 00:12:31,000

that the one Catholic Doctrine that's

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00:12:34,870 --> 00:12:32,279

confirmed every day in the news

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00:12:38,389 --> 00:12:34,880

headlines is the doctrine of original

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00:12:40,990 --> 00:12:38,399

sin seems we can't get away from

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00:12:43,910 --> 00:12:41,000

it and that seems to be sadly today as

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00:12:45,790 --> 00:12:43,920

much the case as it ever has been but

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00:12:47,750 --> 00:12:45,800

this great hope and consolation this God

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00:12:50,230 --> 00:12:47,760

has loved him us so much that he's

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00:12:52,509 --> 00:12:50,240

revealed himself to us he himself has

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00:12:55,710 --> 00:12:52,519

entered his creation visited this tiny

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00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:55,720

messy blue Speck in the cosmos by

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00:13:00,870 --> 00:12:58,160

becoming one of us to save us from

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00:13:01,910 --> 00:13:00,880

ourselves to heal us and recreate us and

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00:13:04,710 --> 00:13:01,920

to conquer

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00:13:06,910 --> 00:13:04,720

death that God man for Catholics is

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00:13:08,470 --> 00:13:06,920

Jesus Christ and if we can embrace the

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00:13:11,230 --> 00:13:08,480

truth about who we are and how

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00:13:12,670 --> 00:13:11,240

desperately we need healing embrace it

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00:13:14,910 --> 00:13:12,680

not only with our minds but with our

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00:13:18,829 --> 00:13:14,920

hearts and our whole lives then the

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00:13:20,470 --> 00:13:18,839

truth will truly set us free so for me

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00:13:22,870 --> 00:13:20,480

that's the heart that's the foundation

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00:13:25,069 --> 00:13:22,880

of the Catholic vision of the cosmos it

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00:13:28,310 --> 00:13:25,079

tells us certain Essentials about who

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00:13:31,150 --> 00:13:28,320

God is what the cosmos is who we are and

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00:13:33,829 --> 00:13:31,160

what we can be but it also sets

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00:13:36,189 --> 00:13:33,839

precedence and opens up possibilities

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00:13:37,430 --> 00:13:36,199

for the kinds of non-human intelligence

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00:13:40,710 --> 00:13:37,440

that we might encounter through our

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00:13:41,949 --> 00:13:40,720

serious study of UAP my book surveys

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00:13:43,670 --> 00:13:41,959

many of those

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00:13:44,910 --> 00:13:43,680

possibilities now I should not that

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00:13:47,629 --> 00:13:44,920

there are Catholics who would challenge

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00:13:50,110 --> 00:13:47,639

my position uh most of whom simply deny

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00:13:52,509 --> 00:13:50,120

altogether that nhi other than angels

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00:13:55,150 --> 00:13:52,519

can exist they insist that the Catholic

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00:13:57,269 --> 00:13:55,160

Church rejects such a possibility some

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00:13:59,790 --> 00:13:57,279

of their objections uh Merit rather

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00:14:01,189 --> 00:13:59,800

simple responses for example one common

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00:14:04,269 --> 00:14:01,199

objection is that the Bible never

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00:14:06,790 --> 00:14:04,279

mentions or explicitly references nhi

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00:14:09,550 --> 00:14:06,800

other than angels and I answer of course

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00:14:12,670 --> 00:14:09,560

that the de the Bible never

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00:14:14,990 --> 00:14:12,680

references microbes or molecules or

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00:14:16,870 --> 00:14:15,000

dinosaurs or duck bill platypi however

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00:14:19,269 --> 00:14:16,880

you say that yeah we know that these

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00:14:21,150 --> 00:14:19,279

things really exist so the scripture has

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00:14:23,550 --> 00:14:21,160

not been given to us as an exist

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00:14:25,030 --> 00:14:23,560

exhaustive catalog of everything that is

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00:14:26,550 --> 00:14:25,040

now that's just one of the more simple

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00:14:29,670 --> 00:14:26,560

responses to objections but others

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00:14:31,470 --> 00:14:29,680

involve a rather complex hermeneutical

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00:14:33,790 --> 00:14:31,480  
and Theological analysis of the

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scripture and certain official doctrinal

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00:14:37,069 --> 00:14:35,360  
statements of the church this is

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00:14:39,269 --> 00:14:37,079  
obviously not the time or place to talk

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00:14:41,470 --> 00:14:39,279  
of those but if you would like to look

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00:14:43,509 --> 00:14:41,480  
further the details are in the book in

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00:14:45,629 --> 00:14:43,519  
addition to such arguments I I cite in

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00:14:47,550 --> 00:14:45,639  
the historical part the supporting

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00:14:49,829 --> 00:14:47,560  
teachings of various theologians and

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00:14:52,230 --> 00:14:49,839  
Saints who've been highly regarded in

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00:14:54,470 --> 00:14:52,240  
the Catholic tradition the existence of

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00:14:56,470 --> 00:14:54,480  
nhi is of course not proven by what they

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00:14:58,829 --> 00:14:56,480

say but it does demonstrate to

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00:15:00,749 --> 00:14:58,839

contemporary Catholics that multiple

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00:15:03,310 --> 00:15:00,759

historical figures who were recognized

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00:15:05,710 --> 00:15:03,320

as holy and wise and faithful to the

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00:15:09,550 --> 00:15:05,720

Catholic tradition either thought that

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00:15:11,150 --> 00:15:09,560

nhi is possible or even insisted that it

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00:15:13,389 --> 00:15:11,160

does exist and we're talking about

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00:15:15,230 --> 00:15:13,399

something Beyond Angels these figures

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00:15:17,790 --> 00:15:15,240

stretch across multiple centuries and

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00:15:19,990 --> 00:15:17,800

cultures just a few of them are St

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Augustine the great African Theologian

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of the ancient Church St Jerome known as

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00:15:26,269 --> 00:15:24,120

the fourth Century father of biblical

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00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:26,279

scholarship the 19th century German

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Mystic blessed an Catherine emrich who

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visions of eiti the 20th century Italian

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capin frier St peo of Petro Chino known

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and beloved by millions as Padre Pio and

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00:15:42,910 --> 00:15:40,279

judging from his reply to that young

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00:15:45,309 --> 00:15:42,920

girl St John Paul II as

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00:15:48,350 --> 00:15:45,319

well we should note that the fascinating

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00:15:50,790 --> 00:15:48,360

history of nhi in this conversation in

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00:15:53,230 --> 00:15:50,800

Christian circles reveals that medieval

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00:15:55,509 --> 00:15:53,240

cosmologists tended to take for granted

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00:15:57,629 --> 00:15:55,519

much of the cosmology of

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00:15:59,509 --> 00:15:57,639

Aristotle he was the ancient Greek of

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course pre-christian Phil philosopher

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00:16:02,749 --> 00:16:00,720

and he taught that the Earth is the

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00:16:04,829 --> 00:16:02,759

center of the cosmos and the sun and

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00:16:06,550 --> 00:16:04,839

moon and stars move around it the

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00:16:09,189 --> 00:16:06,560

planets as they call them earned that

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00:16:11,230 --> 00:16:09,199

special name because the word means

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00:16:13,710 --> 00:16:11,240

literally Wanderers and they were

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00:16:15,430 --> 00:16:13,720

considered stars that somehow wandered

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00:16:18,269 --> 00:16:15,440

from the path of the other fix stars

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00:16:20,509 --> 00:16:18,279

that moved together across the sky so

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00:16:23,230 --> 00:16:20,519

there was no room in this cosmology for

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00:16:26,110 --> 00:16:23,240

Rocky balls other than the Earth itself

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00:16:28,550 --> 00:16:26,120  
which living beings could inhabit now

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00:16:30,389 --> 00:16:28,560  
assuming this pre-christian theology

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00:16:33,150 --> 00:16:30,399  
debates about eiti in particular in

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00:16:35,550 --> 00:16:33,160  
those early centuries up until this

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00:16:37,590 --> 00:16:35,560  
medieval times were quite limited eiti

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00:16:40,509 --> 00:16:37,600  
had no place to live except perhaps the

407  
00:16:42,749 --> 00:16:40,519  
moon but even Aristotle and Plato well

408  
00:16:44,710 --> 00:16:42,759  
as well had posited that the Stars

409  
00:16:48,230 --> 00:16:44,720  
themselves could be intelligent animate

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00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:48,240  
beings physical bodies moved by Souls so

411  
00:16:52,829 --> 00:16:50,160  
we could say that despite his cosmology

412  
00:16:55,710 --> 00:16:52,839  
in that sense even Aristotle allowed for

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00:16:57,470 --> 00:16:55,720

a certain kind of ETI the great medieval

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00:16:58,990 --> 00:16:57,480

Catholic Theologian and philosopher St

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Thomas aquinus

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00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:02,199

adopted and adapted much of Aristotle's

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00:17:07,630 --> 00:17:04,799

cosmology and he noted as well the idea

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00:17:09,350 --> 00:17:07,640

of animated Stars so he too affirmed the

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00:17:11,630 --> 00:17:09,360

possibility of a kind of non-human

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00:17:13,949 --> 00:17:11,640

intelligence other than Angels then once

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00:17:16,990 --> 00:17:13,959

the Arisa and Cosmos was found to be

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00:17:20,069 --> 00:17:17,000

wanting and not really a

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00:17:21,909 --> 00:17:20,079

part inherently of Catholic teaching and

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00:17:23,949 --> 00:17:21,919

Catholic and other Christian theologians

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00:17:25,789 --> 00:17:23,959

began to hammer out their various

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00:17:27,990 --> 00:17:25,799

positions on ETI in particular that

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00:17:30,830 --> 00:17:28,000

barrier was no longer there among them

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00:17:32,549 --> 00:17:30,840

was Nichol of kusak a 15th century

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00:17:34,590 --> 00:17:32,559

German Theologian philosopher and

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astronomer there were lots of Catholic

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00:17:37,750 --> 00:17:36,000

astronomers and there still are the

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Vatican observatories most of them

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00:17:42,310 --> 00:17:40,240

Jesuits he insisted that the Earth was

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not the center of the universe and this

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was some time before the Declarations of

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cicus in that regard he insisted that

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00:17:50,710 --> 00:17:48,280

there are other planets like Earth and

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00:17:52,470 --> 00:17:50,720

that celestial bodies could be inhabited

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00:17:55,270 --> 00:17:52,480

he even speculated about the nature of

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00:17:57,510 --> 00:17:55,280

their intelligent inhabitants Nicholas

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00:17:59,510 --> 00:17:57,520

thus openly promoted ideas that in his

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time a whole generation ation before the

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00:18:04,110 --> 00:18:02,039

capern Revolution were considered to be

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00:18:06,470 --> 00:18:04,120

quite radical in their break from the

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00:18:08,990 --> 00:18:06,480

prevailing Aristotelian philosophical

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00:18:11,590 --> 00:18:09,000

tradition so how did the Catholic Church

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00:18:14,789 --> 00:18:11,600

respond to such a man well Nicholas

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00:18:17,950 --> 00:18:14,799

akusa was appointed as a cardinal a

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Papal legot a Papal adviser and a

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00:18:22,669 --> 00:18:20,200

participant in The ecumenical council of

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00:18:24,350 --> 00:18:22,679  
Basil these appointments all suggest

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00:18:26,789 --> 00:18:24,360  
that within the Catholic church he was

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00:18:29,029 --> 00:18:26,799  
respected and embraced by authorities at

454  
00:18:30,950 --> 00:18:29,039  
the very highest level

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00:18:32,630 --> 00:18:30,960  
to summarize then what is the first

456  
00:18:35,070 --> 00:18:32,640  
implication of the Catholic Vision as I

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00:18:36,950 --> 00:18:35,080  
presented here simply this nhi can

458  
00:18:39,870 --> 00:18:36,960  
indeed exist and God is created every

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00:18:43,390 --> 00:18:39,880  
form of nhi that does exist he knows it

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00:18:45,230 --> 00:18:43,400  
he loves it he has a purpose for it then

461  
00:18:47,830 --> 00:18:45,240  
other implications arise from that one

462  
00:18:50,669 --> 00:18:47,840  
given that Foundation if God has indeed

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00:18:52,190 --> 00:18:50,679

created other forms of nhi what are the

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00:18:55,110 --> 00:18:52,200

possibilities for what we might call

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00:18:57,909 --> 00:18:55,120

their spiritual status that is are they

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00:18:59,710 --> 00:18:57,919

too made in God's image what is their

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00:19:02,510 --> 00:18:59,720

knowledge of God and their response to

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00:19:05,510 --> 00:19:02,520

him what kind of ultimate Destiny or

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00:19:08,590 --> 00:19:05,520

destines plural does he offer them and

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00:19:10,510 --> 00:19:08,600

if there are variety of forms of nhi

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00:19:13,029 --> 00:19:10,520

those questions may have varying answers

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00:19:14,590 --> 00:19:13,039

according to the species which leads

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00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:14,600

immediately to another implication what

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00:19:19,590 --> 00:19:17,200

is their moral status are they Fallen

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00:19:21,830 --> 00:19:19,600

broken as we are the fact that they're

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00:19:23,750 --> 00:19:21,840

all God's children doesn't guarantee

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00:19:26,230 --> 00:19:23,760

that they will all be friendly some

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00:19:28,510 --> 00:19:26,240

could be hostile or exploitative after

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00:19:30,070 --> 00:19:28,520

all all human beings are God children

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00:19:32,950 --> 00:19:30,080

too but just look around at how we're

481

00:19:36,430 --> 00:19:32,960

treating each other we're Fallen we're

482

00:19:37,830 --> 00:19:36,440

broken and they may be fallen too I

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00:19:39,630 --> 00:19:37,840

should note here that some of my books

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Catholic critics feel certain that UAP

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00:19:44,909 --> 00:19:42,600

across the board represents Fallen nhi

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00:19:47,149 --> 00:19:44,919

specifically Fallen Angels or what we

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00:19:49,149 --> 00:19:47,159

would call demons I do agree that

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00:19:51,669 --> 00:19:49,159

certain UAP encounters demonstrate

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00:19:53,750 --> 00:19:51,679

parallels to traditional accounts of

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00:19:55,950 --> 00:19:53,760

diabolical activity so some aspects of

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00:19:58,710 --> 00:19:55,960

the phenomena that we're observing May

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00:20:00,510 --> 00:19:58,720

well be demonic I think for example of

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00:20:02,510 --> 00:20:00,520

the Apparently malevolent hitchhiker

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phenomenon associated with Skinwalker

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00:20:06,510 --> 00:20:04,880

Ranch maybe maybe it's the same thing

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00:20:08,430 --> 00:20:06,520

but most of what we encounter in U

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00:20:11,070 --> 00:20:08,440

studies I don't have to tell you doesn't

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00:20:12,950 --> 00:20:11,080

fit that profile instead I think it's

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more likely as many observers think that

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00:20:18,750 --> 00:20:16,000

we're dealing with a variety of nhi some

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00:20:21,230 --> 00:20:18,760  
of which may have no direct relationship

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00:20:24,029 --> 00:20:21,240  
to the others another possibility could

503  
00:20:26,950 --> 00:20:24,039  
a species of nonhuman non- Angelic

504  
00:20:28,590 --> 00:20:26,960  
intelligence be unfallen never having

505  
00:20:31,190 --> 00:20:28,600  
descended into the disorder order and

506  
00:20:34,870 --> 00:20:31,200  
darkness that our species knows all too

507  
00:20:36,270 --> 00:20:34,880  
well are some species one way and some

508  
00:20:38,510 --> 00:20:36,280  
the other could there be species that

509  
00:20:40,669 --> 00:20:38,520  
has a mixed moral status as the Angels

510  
00:20:43,710 --> 00:20:40,679  
do with some of them fallen and some of

511  
00:20:45,630 --> 00:20:43,720  
them unfallen if they are Fallen with

512  
00:20:48,310 --> 00:20:45,640  
God's activity in human history to offer

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00:20:50,270 --> 00:20:48,320

salvation through Jesus Christ somehow

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00:20:52,430 --> 00:20:50,280

have consequences or open up

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possibilities for other species and a

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kind of ripple effect or my God have an

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altogether different plan for saving

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other alien species if they need

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salvation my God even have taken on

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00:21:07,669 --> 00:21:04,760

their nature as well as ours and become

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00:21:09,710 --> 00:21:07,679

one of them in order to heal them as he

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00:21:12,549 --> 00:21:09,720

has done for us might he do that even

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for an unfallen race simply in order to

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draw near to them in

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00:21:20,710 --> 00:21:17,640

Friendship such possibilities have been

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00:21:22,909 --> 00:21:20,720  
dated uh debated by centuries among

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00:21:24,310 --> 00:21:22,919  
Christians the possibilities go on and

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00:21:26,870 --> 00:21:24,320  
on and starting with a simple

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00:21:28,190 --> 00:21:26,880  
acknowledgement of their existence as

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00:21:30,310 --> 00:21:28,200  
viewed from the perspective of the

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00:21:32,789 --> 00:21:30,320  
Catholic tradition and in light of the

532  
00:21:34,789 --> 00:21:32,799  
Precedence we can already see in the

533  
00:21:36,870 --> 00:21:34,799  
existence of the of humankind and the

534  
00:21:38,350 --> 00:21:36,880  
angels I survey many of these

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00:21:40,149 --> 00:21:38,360  
possibilities in my book beginning with

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00:21:41,630 --> 00:21:40,159  
Catholic and other Christian figures

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throughout history who've taken one

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00:21:47,669 --> 00:21:44,760

position or another now in this light I

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00:21:49,070 --> 00:21:47,679

think we can see how uh questions about

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how Catholics would interact with the

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aliens if we discovered them or

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encountered them uh can only be answered

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00:22:00,350 --> 00:21:58,320

once we actually have the experience so

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00:22:03,190 --> 00:22:00,360

I think for instance uh a question I

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00:22:06,710 --> 00:22:03,200

often get is would you baptize an

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00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:06,720

alien so uh my answer is um well you

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00:22:11,230 --> 00:22:09,039

know uh as with most hypothetical

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00:22:14,269 --> 00:22:11,240

questions so much depends on the

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00:22:17,710 --> 00:22:14,279

specifics of the hypothesis so let's say

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00:22:21,590 --> 00:22:17,720

for example uh we were living a a real

551  
00:22:24,510 --> 00:22:21,600  
life version of the movie Signs where

552  
00:22:27,669 --> 00:22:24,520  
you have aliens that are invading and

553  
00:22:29,630 --> 00:22:27,679  
are hostile and die upon contact with

554  
00:22:32,630 --> 00:22:29,640  
water

555  
00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:32,640  
in that case I'd say yes baptize them

556  
00:22:42,029 --> 00:22:40,230  
away so I do express my opinions there

557  
00:22:43,590 --> 00:22:42,039  
about in the book which of these

558  
00:22:45,830 --> 00:22:43,600  
possibilities seem more likely to me

559  
00:22:46,950 --> 00:22:45,840  
than others so for example contrary to

560  
00:22:49,590 --> 00:22:46,960  
some writers who think that the

561  
00:22:52,029 --> 00:22:49,600  
Brokenness of sin is inevitable in every

562  
00:22:53,669 --> 00:22:52,039  
intelligent species I have the hope that

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00:22:55,590 --> 00:22:53,679

a species might actually exist that has

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00:22:57,789 --> 00:22:55,600

never fallen as we have and what could

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00:22:59,390 --> 00:22:57,799

we learn from them oh my goodness and

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00:23:01,149 --> 00:22:59,400

I'm in Good Company in that regard the

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00:23:02,070 --> 00:23:01,159

celebrated 20th century Saint I just

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00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:02,080

mentioned

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00:23:07,350 --> 00:23:05,039

padrio uh the capin frier said

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00:23:09,510 --> 00:23:07,360

emphatically the Lord did not limit his

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00:23:12,190 --> 00:23:09,520

glory to this small Earth on other

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00:23:15,510 --> 00:23:12,200

planets other beings exist who did not

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00:23:17,390 --> 00:23:15,520

sin and fall as we have now given the

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00:23:19,990 --> 00:23:17,400

padrio was famous for his god-given

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00:23:21,750 --> 00:23:20,000

ability to know things that are normally

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00:23:24,230 --> 00:23:21,760

unknowable for the rest of us we could

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00:23:27,350 --> 00:23:24,240

do a whole lecture on that we cannot so

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00:23:28,630 --> 00:23:27,360

easily dismiss his Claim about ETI even

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00:23:31,029 --> 00:23:28,640

though I think some possibilities for

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00:23:32,990 --> 00:23:31,039

NHS are less probable than others I

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00:23:34,190 --> 00:23:33,000

still allow for them the very few

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00:23:36,149 --> 00:23:34,200

possibilities I would rule out

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00:23:37,630 --> 00:23:36,159

altogether one would be the claim that

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00:23:40,510 --> 00:23:37,640

there are intelligent species that God

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00:23:43,669 --> 00:23:40,520

did not create that he does not sustain

586

00:23:44,830 --> 00:23:43,679

or know or love or govern now the faith

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00:23:47,510 --> 00:23:44,840

of the Catholic Church leaves

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00:23:49,630 --> 00:23:47,520

considerable room for mystery and for

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00:23:52,149 --> 00:23:49,640

Discovery but its fundamental framework

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00:23:53,630 --> 00:23:52,159

is not vague it has a certain distinct

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00:23:56,870 --> 00:23:53,640

sharp Vivid

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00:23:59,390 --> 00:23:56,880

firm Contour within which the mystery

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00:24:01,110 --> 00:23:59,400

unfolds some may think that such

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00:24:03,029 --> 00:24:01,120

solidity makes the Catholic faith

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00:24:05,710 --> 00:24:03,039

fragile something that would shatter

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00:24:08,230 --> 00:24:05,720

like a grass vessel glass vessel if it

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00:24:10,909 --> 00:24:08,240

were forced to expand to accommodate new

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00:24:13,110 --> 00:24:10,919

discovered realities such as NH hii but

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00:24:15,310 --> 00:24:13,120

as I've suggested Henry history seems to

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00:24:17,310 --> 00:24:15,320

prove otherwise the Catholic faith

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00:24:19,950 --> 00:24:17,320  
showed itself capable of accommodating

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00:24:21,269 --> 00:24:19,960  
for example the cernic revolution as we

603  
00:24:23,390 --> 00:24:21,279  
said when it realized that certain

604  
00:24:24,870 --> 00:24:23,400  
common but flawed assumptions about

605  
00:24:26,149 --> 00:24:24,880  
cosmology had actually been borrowed

606  
00:24:28,549 --> 00:24:26,159  
from the pre-christian philosopher

607  
00:24:30,789 --> 00:24:28,559  
Aristotle they weren't in essential part

608  
00:24:33,269 --> 00:24:30,799  
of the Catholic faith even so that truth

609  
00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:33,279  
had to be carefully discovered discerned

610  
00:24:38,510 --> 00:24:36,480  
and uncovered a process that required a

611  
00:24:40,710 --> 00:24:38,520  
recovery of elements of the Christian

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00:24:42,710 --> 00:24:40,720  
tradition that had been forgotten or

613  
00:24:45,070 --> 00:24:42,720

obscured and I believe that we have a

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00:24:46,510 --> 00:24:45,080

similar situation today you see the

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00:24:48,149 --> 00:24:46,520

firmness of the Catholic faith doesn't

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00:24:51,110 --> 00:24:48,159

make it a fragile vessel it's more like

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00:24:53,870 --> 00:24:51,120

a tree with firm Contours that give it a

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00:24:56,070 --> 00:24:53,880

solid and distinctive shape yet also

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00:24:57,789 --> 00:24:56,080

with considerable room for growth it's

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00:24:59,149 --> 00:24:57,799

like a Mighty Oak tree that began as a

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00:25:01,669 --> 00:24:59,159

an acorn and has grown over the

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00:25:03,430 --> 00:25:01,679

centuries by interacting with the

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00:25:05,990 --> 00:25:03,440

surrounding landscape to deepen its

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00:25:08,389 --> 00:25:06,000

roots to spread out its branches a

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00:25:11,549 --> 00:25:08,399

process that continues today the reality

626  
00:25:13,549 --> 00:25:11,559  
of this tree's DNA as you might call it

627  
00:25:15,870 --> 00:25:13,559  
is present with it from the beginning

628  
00:25:18,149 --> 00:25:15,880  
and it still manifests itself in new

629  
00:25:21,070 --> 00:25:18,159  
ways today that are newly grown yet

630  
00:25:23,510 --> 00:25:21,080  
keeping with its original unchanging gen

631  
00:25:25,149 --> 00:25:23,520  
genetic composition even if the massive

632  
00:25:27,230 --> 00:25:25,159  
Oak looks quite different from the tiny

633  
00:25:29,909 --> 00:25:27,240  
Acorn it's the same organism the

634  
00:25:31,950 --> 00:25:29,919  
phenotype more completely expressing the

635  
00:25:33,669 --> 00:25:31,960  
genotype my study of this matter has

636  
00:25:35,470 --> 00:25:33,679  
been long and labored and I need to

637  
00:25:36,870 --> 00:25:35,480  
finish soon but I'm now convinced that

638  
00:25:40,110 --> 00:25:36,880

this great tree of the Catholic and The

639

00:25:42,430 --> 00:25:40,120

Wider Christian faith has within its DNA

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00:25:45,389 --> 00:25:42,440

the potential to draw from a compelling

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00:25:48,029 --> 00:25:45,399

confirmation of non-human intelligence a

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00:25:49,909 --> 00:25:48,039

new Vitality growing new branches and

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00:25:52,029 --> 00:25:49,919

new roots that expand and extend its

644

00:25:54,070 --> 00:25:52,039

distinctive shape while remaining

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00:25:56,549 --> 00:25:54,080

essentially the same organization it's

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00:25:59,190 --> 00:25:56,559

always been but to do so Catholics must

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00:26:01,269 --> 00:25:59,200

recover these certain eleps ele elements

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00:26:03,909 --> 00:26:01,279

at the same time I think we've had to to

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00:26:05,710 --> 00:26:03,919

a degree a failure of imagination what

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00:26:08,190 --> 00:26:05,720

we need is an imagination that is more

651  
00:26:10,230 --> 00:26:08,200  
worthy of delving into the complexity

652  
00:26:12,630 --> 00:26:10,240  
and the Grandeur the riches and the

653  
00:26:15,149 --> 00:26:12,640  
surprises of this awesome reality that

654  
00:26:17,710 --> 00:26:15,159  
we inhabit given to us by a loving God

655  
00:26:19,510 --> 00:26:17,720  
to be our transitory Dwelling Place this

656  
00:26:21,870 --> 00:26:19,520  
glorious Cosmos stretching out from

657  
00:26:23,669 --> 00:26:21,880  
quanta to galaxies and everything in

658  
00:26:26,269 --> 00:26:23,679  
between and everything

659  
00:26:28,870 --> 00:26:26,279  
Beyond and in addition just to get past

660  
00:26:30,590 --> 00:26:28,880  
the issue of whichever NH as possible

661  
00:26:33,190 --> 00:26:30,600  
more Catholics and other Christians need

662  
00:26:35,350 --> 00:26:33,200  
to do a deep dive into the journalistic

663  
00:26:37,870 --> 00:26:35,360

and historical and scientific research

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00:26:39,470 --> 00:26:37,880

into UAP as we've been looking at today

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00:26:41,710 --> 00:26:39,480

that's been achieved over the years is

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00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:41,720

rapidly expanding we need to discern

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00:26:46,389 --> 00:26:44,559

carefully of course but so many critics

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00:26:48,590 --> 00:26:46,399

simply suffer from a lack of awareness

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00:26:51,070 --> 00:26:48,600

of the compelling evidence that does

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00:26:52,310 --> 00:26:51,080

exist above all I'll end with this I

671

00:26:54,590 --> 00:26:52,320

believe it's time for Catholics and

672

00:26:57,710 --> 00:26:54,600

other Christians to turn again to the

673

00:27:00,070 --> 00:26:57,720

god of the Book of Job in the Bible who

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00:27:02,510 --> 00:27:00,080

Thunders out of the Whirlwind and

675

00:27:06,389 --> 00:27:02,520

replied to job's presumptuous

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00:27:10,110 --> 00:27:06,399

musings where were you he

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00:27:13,350 --> 00:27:10,120

asked when I laid the foundation of the

678

00:27:15,830 --> 00:27:13,360

Earth tell me if you have understanding

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00:27:18,190 --> 00:27:15,840

can you bind the chain of the ples or

680

00:27:19,590 --> 00:27:18,200

loose the cords of Orion do you know the

681

00:27:22,990 --> 00:27:19,600

ordinances of the

682

00:27:25,430 --> 00:27:23,000

heavens we must admit we don't we can't

683

00:27:27,710 --> 00:27:25,440

we know oh so little of what God has

684

00:27:29,149 --> 00:27:27,720

done and appointed for the universe the

685

00:27:31,389 --> 00:27:29,159

creator of the cosmos holds more

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00:27:32,950 --> 00:27:31,399

mysteries in his hands than we can ever

687

00:27:35,830 --> 00:27:32,960

fathom and at the present we are merely

688

00:27:37,230 --> 00:27:35,840

as job job says in the same account

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00:27:40,710 --> 00:27:37,240

we're just touching he says the

690

00:27:42,269 --> 00:27:40,720

outskirts of God's ways in short we we

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00:27:44,990 --> 00:27:42,279

need to recover our sense of wonder

692

00:27:47,830 --> 00:27:45,000

which I like to Define as humility in

693

00:27:49,990 --> 00:27:47,840

the face of mystery humility in the face

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00:27:51,830 --> 00:27:50,000

of mystery finally scientists have done

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00:27:54,310 --> 00:27:51,840

so much to help Christians deepen and

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00:27:57,190 --> 00:27:54,320

broaden and enrich our vision of the con

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00:27:59,669 --> 00:27:57,200

Cosmos we're grateful and we feel

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00:28:01,549 --> 00:27:59,679

obliged IG to return the favor the

699

00:28:03,350 --> 00:28:01,559

strictly materialist vision of reality

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00:28:05,389 --> 00:28:03,360

that has been tried and found

701  
00:28:07,310 --> 00:28:05,399  
wanting because there are Realms of

702  
00:28:09,549 --> 00:28:07,320  
reality that cannot be understood

703  
00:28:12,029 --> 00:28:09,559  
exclusively in terms of matter and

704  
00:28:13,590 --> 00:28:12,039  
energy and even the story the history so

705  
00:28:15,870 --> 00:28:13,600  
to speak of the matter and energy that

706  
00:28:18,070 --> 00:28:15,880  
we do understand has itself spiritual

707  
00:28:19,870 --> 00:28:18,080  
Dimensions that must be accounted for if

708  
00:28:23,110 --> 00:28:19,880  
we're to discover not just the what and

709  
00:28:26,029 --> 00:28:23,120  
when and where and how of the cosmos but

710  
00:28:27,669 --> 00:28:26,039  
the all important why I've got to end

711  
00:28:29,350 --> 00:28:27,679  
I'll leave you one Whimsical image to

712  
00:28:32,269 --> 00:28:29,360  
ponder in the biblical Book of

713  
00:28:35,750 --> 00:28:32,279

Revelation St John envisions he says

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00:28:38,470 --> 00:28:35,760

every creature in heaven and on Earth

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00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:38,480

praising God in the Exquisite Joy of his

716

00:28:42,950 --> 00:28:40,880

eternal presence we know that humans and

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00:28:45,950 --> 00:28:42,960

angels are there might some ETI and

718

00:28:47,549 --> 00:28:45,960

other inhi be included in that Vision

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00:28:50,430 --> 00:28:47,559

well Jesus once said in my father's

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00:28:52,029 --> 00:28:50,440

house are many rooms speaking of Heaven

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00:28:54,630 --> 00:28:52,039

perhaps one day we might just enter the

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00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:54,640

Gates of Heaven and find to our surprise

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00:28:58,830 --> 00:28:56,960

and Delight that in some of those many

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00:29:01,990 --> 00:28:58,840

rooms

725

00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:02,000

there are those who present who might

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00:29:06,750 --> 00:29:04,240

look something like the crowd of

727

00:29:07,909 --> 00:29:06,760

creatures in the tatooing Cantina in

728

00:29:11,110 --> 00:29:07,919

Star

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00:29:14,269 --> 00:29:11,120

Wars what a glorious occasion for