

**SOMEWHERE
IN THE
SKIES**



THE BELIEVER
WITH RALPH BLUMENTHAL

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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,589
[Music]

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00:00:14,910 --> 00:00:10,070
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00:00:36,069 --> 00:00:33,840
welcome to somewhere in the skies i am

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00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:36,079
your host ryan sprague and we have

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00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:38,800
a very special guest of the show today

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00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:40,480
we're going to be talking to ralph

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blumenthal the new york times writer the

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00:00:46,549 --> 00:00:44,399
author

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of the new biography on the life and

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00:00:50,310 --> 00:00:48,160
career of john mack

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the believer we're gonna dive into the

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book and everything else that ralph has

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been up to so for the very first time

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ralph thank you for joining me on

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somewhere in the skies a real pleasure

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ryan

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thank you hey i i got the book about um

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i'd say maybe two and a half three weeks

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00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:05,360

ago and i could not

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put it down man i thought i knew

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:09,520

everything about john mack but that

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00:01:13,830 --> 00:01:11,680

clearly was not the case so um

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:13,840

this is gonna be fun thank you thank you

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00:01:18,149 --> 00:01:15,840
for saying that well you know before we

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00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:18,159
i guess before we get to the book i have

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00:01:21,429 --> 00:01:20,080
to ask since this is my first time

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:21,439
actually being able to

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:24,560
to interview you um we gotta start with

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00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:27,040
the 2017 article i know you're probably

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00:01:29,749 --> 00:01:28,960
sick of talking about this at this point

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:29,759
but um

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:32,079
the article heard round the world it

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00:01:36,149 --> 00:01:32,960
changed

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00:01:37,510 --> 00:01:36,159
the entire conversation about ufos in

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00:01:40,149 --> 00:01:37,520
the mainstream

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:40,159

so i'd love maybe if you could just run

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us through your experience with that the

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00:01:45,910 --> 00:01:42,960

process

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of the article how it came about uh how

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you felt about the whole thing

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00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:49,840

when it finally came out yeah could you

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give us the origin story of the

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article sure absolutely uh so i was

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working on the

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00:01:58,709 --> 00:01:56,960

on the john mack book at the time i've

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:58,719

been working on it for actually for 16

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years

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so um i was working on the book and

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leslie kane

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um my colleague in ufo matters and

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distinguished writer herself and now

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with a series on uh

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afterlife experiences on netflix anyway

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she came to me with a great story

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that she had been at a meeting in

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washington dc um with some pentagon

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people

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and others and there was a secret

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pentagon program to monitor ufos which

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00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:32,720

nobody knew about because the government

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was keeping it you know really

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subrosa very secret while pretending of

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course that wasn't really interested in

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ufos

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so this was really exciting leslie came

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to me with a story she was at the

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meeting

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um it was um on the record soon to be on

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00:02:50,550 --> 00:02:47,599

the record

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and we went to the new york times um

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00:02:53,670 --> 00:02:52,160

through my contacts i'd been at the new

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:53,680

york times for 45 years

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and i retired in 2009 and started just

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00:03:00,309 --> 00:02:58,640

contributing to the times

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but i was not on the regular staff but i

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still had a lot of friends among the

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00:03:04,390 --> 00:03:02,720

editors there

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00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:04,400

and i pitched them i said this is an

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00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:05,760

amazing story

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00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:07,440

uh the fact that the pentagon has a

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secret program to monitor ufos

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and the guy in charge of it is quitting

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because he's unhappy

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and um uh and they went for it

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they were all excited um uh

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the important thing is that uh which

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really

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00:03:27,670 --> 00:03:25,920

changed the paradigm as you said uh we

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got this all on the record

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um there were no anonymous sources there

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was nothing

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you know secretive about our reporting

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it was all straightforward

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we had the documentation we had the

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letters the letter resignation

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and uh people talked us on the record so

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we really didn't have much trouble

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getting into new york times because i

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00:03:48,390 --> 00:03:46,720
was experienced in

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what it took to get a story into the

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paper

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the times not only went for it they put

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00:03:56,630 --> 00:03:53,519
it on the front page as you know

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00:03:58,309 --> 00:03:56,640
and it did cause quite a stir

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00:04:00,470 --> 00:03:58,319
because it was the new york times giving

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credence to this phenomenon which had

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long been in the shadows um

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00:04:06,949 --> 00:04:06,319
and um and a lot of things followed from

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00:04:10,229 --> 00:04:06,959
that the

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00:04:13,509 --> 00:04:10,239
the navy videos came out after that uh

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00:04:13,990 --> 00:04:13,519

we got access to actually the first ones

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00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:14,000

came out

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00:04:17,830 --> 00:04:16,400

with with the story itself in december

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2017

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we had actual navy videos of encounters

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with objects i don't know what they are

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00:04:26,710 --> 00:04:24,720

where they come from

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00:04:28,950 --> 00:04:26,720

who's behind the wheel nobody's talking

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about that because nobody knows

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00:04:35,110 --> 00:04:32,160

but it was the first time uh really

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it took um it established that ufos were

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real

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that they were not figments of

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imagination they were not meta

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metaphysical metaphorical

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you know objects whatever uh which

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people were debating for a long time

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uh now people like you and experts in

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00:04:52,629 --> 00:04:49,759

the field know

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that they've had a reality to them for a

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long time

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but but scientists have been hard to

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convince

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uh there have been a lot of skeptics out

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there as you know who kept saying well

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we don't know what they are and are they

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real and if they're real why don't we

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see them land on the white house lawn

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and all that stuff

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um so we were able to show conclusively

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that

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at least our government thinks they're

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real um

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and navy pilots who encountered them

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think they're real

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and um so that was the story of that and

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then since then we've come up with some

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other stories uh

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interviewing the pilots um we got other

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videos

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and uh and that's been the story with

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the new york times

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00:05:34,629 --> 00:05:33,120
yeah it's been quite a journey and um i

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00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:34,639
definitely i have a listener question

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for you towards the end here

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about one of those follow-up articles

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but um before we get to that

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00:05:44,390 --> 00:05:42,479
uh you're right this this completely

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00:05:46,230 --> 00:05:44,400
changed i think the landscape

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of this topic when it comes to the the

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public overall like you said us in the

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ufo field you know we've

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we've known ufos exist it's those

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next harder questions like you said what

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are they where do they come from what

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are the motivations what do they

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represent

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and i think that's what our government

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is now you know

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trying to dig and look into just like

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you guys are at the times and

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in civilian journalists and researchers

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as well so um it's exciting yeah well

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they want to know what the technology is

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because right remember first of all if

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another

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adversary nation let's say has this

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technology we're in a lot of trouble now

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it does not appear to be the case

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that anybody has this technology any

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other earthly power

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because if they did we'd be way behind

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so it is a race not only us the russians

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the chinese

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uh trying to figure out what this

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technology is how do we duplicate it

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how do we reverse engineer it um so

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that's

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probably the next step in in the

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reporting that everybody's chasing

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exactly and so i guess ralph the

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sort of the gap we have here you know

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ufos and the government is one thing

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aliens and possible abductions and close

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encounters

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are another and you know i struggle in

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the ufo field every day of

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this one extreme of nuts and bolts

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scientific study of

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ufos and this whole other side of the

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spectrum

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it is a big leap you're absolutely right

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and you'll notice we did not go there in

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the new york times because the

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the level of uh verification uh is not

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there with with aliens and alien

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abduction it was hard enough to get the

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videos the navy videos of encounters

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with these objects

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tic tacs so-called some of them resemble

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giant tic tacs

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um so you know we try to stick very

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closely to the

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to the to the facts what we can verify

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and not in areas of speculation people

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are always asking me to speculate

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well what do you think they are what do

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you think where do you think they come

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from or what do you think and i i don't

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speculate i mean i'm just trying to get

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people to talk on the record and figure

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it out and report what we know

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so there is a big leap and the book of

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course deals with aliens and alien

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abduction

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uh because that's what john mack was

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concerned with he

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if you want to know a little bit about

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as you say the new generation may not be

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up on john mack uh give us an idea of

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who he was if you don't mind and

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i guess how you uh got involved in

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writing all about him

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okay so first of all john mack was a

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harvard psychiatrist very

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esteemed uh he had written a biography

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of lawrence of arabia

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um which won a pulitzer prize um

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you know he went to the movies like

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everybody else to see the movie lawrence

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arabia

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and unlike everybody else he decided i'm

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going to learn about this guy and see

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what makes him tick

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so he studied lawrence went to england

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and tracked down lawrence's family and

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uh you know recreated did a whole

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psychological workup of lawrence of

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arabia t.e lawrence

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and wrote a book that was a masterpiece

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for a surprise so

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he was very highly regarded he was a

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peace activist he

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he met with the assa arafat in um in the

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middle east to try to you know

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establish a peace with the palestinians

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and the israelis

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he protested nuclear weapons he did a

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lot of

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things very well grounded on planet

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earth um

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and then through a series of

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circumstances which i can go into later

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if we have time

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uh he became aware that people were

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reporting

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encounters with alien beings they were

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seeing ufos

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they remembered either under hypnosis or

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even

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often without hypnosis uh recounting

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these strange meetings with alien beings

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who

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captured them captivated them took them

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aboard spaceships for

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bizarre experiments sometimes

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reproduction

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uh related um to create a hybrid race of

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you know hybrid babies crazy stuff i

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mean really

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extraordinary not not grounded in our

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00:09:57,750 --> 00:09:54,720

reality

285

00:09:59,910 --> 00:09:57,760

as as we can you know understand um

286

00:10:01,990 --> 00:09:59,920

and he was taken by this he was a

287

00:10:04,790 --> 00:10:02,000

psychiatrist so he knew

288

00:10:05,750 --> 00:10:04,800

um when people were making stuff up and

289

00:10:08,230 --> 00:10:05,760

when people were

290

00:10:09,509 --> 00:10:08,240

lying to him and certainly he knew when

291

00:10:13,269 --> 00:10:09,519

people were crazy

292

00:10:16,069 --> 00:10:13,279

uh and he he concluded pretty quickly

293

00:10:18,550 --> 00:10:16,079

that these people were not mentally ill

294

00:10:21,110 --> 00:10:18,560

uh they were uh they came from the broad

295

00:10:23,829 --> 00:10:21,120

cross section of humanity they were even

296

00:10:26,389 --> 00:10:23,839

young children as young as two who told

297

00:10:29,750 --> 00:10:26,399

them flying up to the sky you know with

298

00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:29,760

being taken up by uh alien little men

299

00:10:33,430 --> 00:10:32,079

to their spaceship and you can't say

300

00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:33,440

that these children were

301
00:10:37,670 --> 00:10:35,760
affected by the cultural milieu or

302
00:10:40,870 --> 00:10:37,680
movies or books that they read

303
00:10:42,389 --> 00:10:40,880
um so he was taken by all this some of

304
00:10:44,310 --> 00:10:42,399
these people had

305
00:10:45,590 --> 00:10:44,320
scars on their body they didn't remember

306
00:10:48,870 --> 00:10:45,600
getting um

307
00:10:51,110 --> 00:10:48,880
in life ever uh there were indications

308
00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:51,120
that wherever they saw a ufo landed

309
00:10:56,230 --> 00:10:54,240
sometimes there were physical remnants

310
00:10:58,389 --> 00:10:56,240
the ground was different it measured

311
00:11:00,949 --> 00:10:58,399
somewhat differently on various

312
00:11:04,150 --> 00:11:00,959
you know in various tests grass didn't

313
00:11:07,269 --> 00:11:04,160

grow properly afterwards there anyway

314

00:11:10,389 --> 00:11:07,279

for all these reasons and many others um

315

00:11:12,069 --> 00:11:10,399

he came away believing that what these

316

00:11:13,910 --> 00:11:12,079

people encountered was true

317

00:11:15,190 --> 00:11:13,920

on some level probably these people were

318

00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:15,200

suffering from some

319

00:11:19,750 --> 00:11:18,000

new form of mental illness but in the

320

00:11:21,590 --> 00:11:19,760

past four years i've worked now

321

00:11:23,509 --> 00:11:21,600

with approximately 90 people who've had

322

00:11:25,350 --> 00:11:23,519

these experiences

323

00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:25,360

and they tell a very similar story and

324

00:11:29,829 --> 00:11:27,279

initially at least in the

325

00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:29,839

early years they hadn't been in

326

00:11:33,110 --> 00:11:31,360

communication with each other

327

00:11:34,550 --> 00:11:33,120

they were deeply distressed by their

328

00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:34,560

experiences the experiences were

329

00:11:39,670 --> 00:11:36,959

reported in great detail

330

00:11:41,990 --> 00:11:39,680

they were complex narratives of being

331

00:11:45,030 --> 00:11:42,000

taken by alien beings into ufos

332

00:11:47,509 --> 00:11:45,040

on beams of light

333

00:11:48,949 --> 00:11:47,519

they they were embarrassed ashamed to

334

00:11:52,389 --> 00:11:48,959

come forward about it

335

00:11:55,269 --> 00:11:52,399

uh and you think these were wild dreams

336

00:11:56,150 --> 00:11:55,279

very solid people healthy mentally

337

00:11:59,430 --> 00:11:56,160

healthy

338

00:12:01,350 --> 00:11:59,440

people and the only thing i knew that

339

00:12:03,110 --> 00:12:01,360

behaves like that is real experience

340

00:12:03,910 --> 00:12:03,120

this is not the way dreams behave this

341

00:12:05,430 --> 00:12:03,920

is not the way

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00:12:07,750 --> 00:12:05,440

mental illness behaves it's not the way

343

00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:07,760

fantasy behaves some kind of real

344

00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:09,120

experience is occurring to these people

345

00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:11,519

but if this is a real experience that is

346

00:12:15,990 --> 00:12:13,920

some kind of entities beings

347

00:12:16,629 --> 00:12:16,000

intelligences are entering our world and

348

00:12:18,629 --> 00:12:16,639

affecting

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00:12:19,990 --> 00:12:18,639

hundreds of thousands perhaps millions

350

00:12:21,509 --> 00:12:20,000

of people according to polls

351
00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:21,519
then this is something really worth

352
00:12:24,389 --> 00:12:22,800
looking at so that's what i've been

353
00:12:26,069 --> 00:12:24,399
trying to do is get people at least

354
00:12:27,750 --> 00:12:26,079
look at it think about it something

355
00:12:28,629 --> 00:12:27,760
happened to these people he didn't know

356
00:12:30,470 --> 00:12:28,639
what it was

357
00:12:33,509 --> 00:12:30,480
nobody know to this day nobody knows

358
00:12:37,509 --> 00:12:33,519
what it is what the phenomenon entails

359
00:12:39,910 --> 00:12:37,519
but um that doesn't mean

360
00:12:41,829 --> 00:12:39,920
something didn't happen somehow on some

361
00:12:44,870 --> 00:12:41,839
level that we don't understand anyway

362
00:12:47,750 --> 00:12:44,880
so that's john mack and then he wrote

363
00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:47,760

two best-selling books uh he went on

364

00:12:51,430 --> 00:12:48,720

oprah

365

00:12:51,990 --> 00:12:51,440

uh he met with the dalai lama to discuss

366

00:12:55,509 --> 00:12:52,000

his

367

00:12:58,230 --> 00:12:55,519

theories he really got around and then

368

00:13:00,230 --> 00:12:58,240

um when he was about to turn 75 years

369

00:13:02,230 --> 00:13:00,240

old he went to london

370

00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:02,240

for a conference on on lawrence of

371

00:13:08,150 --> 00:13:03,600

arabia he was

372

00:13:10,470 --> 00:13:08,160

being you know uh lionized for his book

373

00:13:11,910 --> 00:13:10,480

years later and he got run over by a

374

00:13:12,870 --> 00:13:11,920

drunk driver in london you look he

375

00:13:14,710 --> 00:13:12,880

looked the wrong way

376

00:13:16,470 --> 00:13:14,720

and it was not a conspiracy it was not

377

00:13:17,829 --> 00:13:16,480

an assassination a lot of people thought

378

00:13:18,629 --> 00:13:17,839

ah they're getting him out of the way

379

00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:18,639

you know

380

00:13:21,670 --> 00:13:21,200

he got bumped off um not true i checked

381

00:13:25,030 --> 00:13:21,680

the

382

00:13:27,110 --> 00:13:25,040

reporting

383

00:13:28,150 --> 00:13:27,120

that's my business you know hard nose

384

00:13:30,710 --> 00:13:28,160

reporting

385

00:13:32,310 --> 00:13:30,720

so anyway so that was the trajectory of

386

00:13:35,990 --> 00:13:32,320

his life basically

387

00:13:39,189 --> 00:13:36,000

um and um i was fascinated by

388

00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:39,199

by his story that he that a uh eminent

389

00:13:42,790 --> 00:13:39,920

scientist

390

00:13:45,509 --> 00:13:42,800

a physician a psychiatrist would get so

391

00:13:48,310 --> 00:13:45,519

taken with this question of aliens

392

00:13:49,990 --> 00:13:48,320

so that was my interest how i you know

393

00:13:51,350 --> 00:13:50,000

got into it i mean i picked up one of

394

00:13:52,949 --> 00:13:51,360

the books one day

395

00:13:55,110 --> 00:13:52,959

uh i was the new york times

396

00:13:57,829 --> 00:13:55,120

correspondent in texas

397

00:13:58,150 --> 00:13:57,839

and um and i was reporting on texas and

398

00:14:20,629 --> 00:13:58,160

i

399

00:14:22,949 --> 00:14:20,639

very famous he

400

00:14:24,710 --> 00:14:22,959

as i said he'd been on oprah he'd been

401
00:14:26,069 --> 00:14:24,720
written up countless times including by

402
00:14:29,509 --> 00:14:26,079
the new york times

403
00:14:31,590 --> 00:14:29,519
um and i said i gotta call this guy up

404
00:14:32,790 --> 00:14:31,600
and get an interview and just then he

405
00:14:34,629 --> 00:14:32,800
was run over

406
00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:34,639
so that you know that that put an end to

407
00:14:39,350 --> 00:14:36,399
the wall uh

408
00:14:40,389 --> 00:14:39,360
that's how i got into it interesting now

409
00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:40,399
um

410
00:14:44,069 --> 00:14:43,360
so you decide to write this book and you

411
00:14:47,269 --> 00:14:44,079
start digging

412
00:14:48,710 --> 00:14:47,279
into you know his personal files i

413
00:14:51,990 --> 00:14:48,720

assume talking to friends

414

00:14:53,269 --> 00:14:52,000

colleagues family members um i guess the

415

00:14:56,069 --> 00:14:53,279

big question

416

00:14:56,949 --> 00:14:56,079

as many of us in the ufo field get ralph

417

00:15:00,550 --> 00:14:56,959

is um

418

00:15:01,670 --> 00:15:00,560

how did his family react to him getting

419

00:15:04,069 --> 00:15:01,680

involved in this

420

00:15:05,269 --> 00:15:04,079

uh his colleagues i would imagine that

421

00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:05,279

was pretty

422

00:15:11,829 --> 00:15:08,320

interesting um in terms of you know

423

00:15:12,949 --> 00:15:11,839

his responsibilities as a responsible

424

00:15:15,189 --> 00:15:12,959

psychiatrist

425

00:15:17,430 --> 00:15:15,199

also working at harvard and then this

426

00:15:19,509 --> 00:15:17,440

whole other life he was leading in this

427

00:15:21,110 --> 00:15:19,519

alien abduction thing so yeah can you

428

00:15:23,030 --> 00:15:21,120

give us a little idea of how he was

429

00:15:24,069 --> 00:15:23,040

perceived by those around him a lot of

430

00:15:26,230 --> 00:15:24,079

people couldn't

431

00:15:28,230 --> 00:15:26,240

understand what he was doing i mean his

432

00:15:29,749 --> 00:15:28,240

colleagues at harvard a lot of them who

433

00:15:32,710 --> 00:15:29,759

liked him personally

434

00:15:33,829 --> 00:15:32,720

uh thought he'd done off the deep end um

435

00:15:36,150 --> 00:15:33,839

you know science is

436

00:15:37,509 --> 00:15:36,160

is a conventional science is a pretty

437

00:15:39,990 --> 00:15:37,519

close field and

438

00:15:42,310 --> 00:15:40,000

head people have to they feel they have

439

00:15:44,550 --> 00:15:42,320

to follow a well-trodden path

440

00:15:47,110 --> 00:15:44,560

they can't be too out there you know

441

00:15:49,990 --> 00:15:47,120

science is as closed-minded often

442

00:15:51,110 --> 00:15:50,000

as every other field in terms of uh not

443

00:15:52,949 --> 00:15:51,120

being open to

444

00:15:54,230 --> 00:15:52,959

to new discoveries remember there were

445

00:15:56,150 --> 00:15:54,240

people who refused to look through

446

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:56,160

galileo's telescope

447

00:15:59,509 --> 00:15:57,600

you know he invited him he said look

448

00:16:00,949 --> 00:15:59,519

what i'm seeing and now we're not going

449

00:16:02,710 --> 00:16:00,959

to look because you know we don't

450

00:16:03,670 --> 00:16:02,720

believe it well we have that counterpart

451
00:16:07,269 --> 00:16:03,680
today

452
00:16:10,470 --> 00:16:07,279
so um a lot of his colleagues at harvard

453
00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:10,480
thought um he was he'd lost it

454
00:16:13,509 --> 00:16:12,800
um but he had quite a few friends also

455
00:16:16,949 --> 00:16:13,519
who

456
00:16:19,509 --> 00:16:16,959
uh respected him as a scholar and

457
00:16:20,550 --> 00:16:19,519
thought he must be on to something his

458
00:16:24,150 --> 00:16:20,560
family

459
00:16:27,590 --> 00:16:24,160
um you know also didn't always share his

460
00:16:30,470 --> 00:16:27,600
um enthusiasm for this field his wife

461
00:16:31,189 --> 00:16:30,480
his long-suffering wife sally uh put up

462
00:16:33,590 --> 00:16:31,199
with a lot

463
00:16:35,110 --> 00:16:33,600

including max interest in other women

464

00:16:38,790 --> 00:16:35,120

which i go into in the book

465

00:16:42,550 --> 00:16:38,800

he was a pretty freewheeling spirit

466

00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:42,560

um loved humanity loved women loved

467

00:16:45,590 --> 00:16:45,120

life loved a lot of things and got him

468

00:16:48,389 --> 00:16:45,600

into

469

00:16:50,470 --> 00:16:48,399

a bit of trouble with his marriage but

470

00:16:53,590 --> 00:16:50,480

she supported his work because she

471

00:16:55,749 --> 00:16:53,600

she realized he was um he was serious

472

00:16:57,269 --> 00:16:55,759

um but his family couldn't make much of

473

00:16:59,749 --> 00:16:57,279

you know what he was doing

474

00:17:00,389 --> 00:16:59,759

so he had battles on a lot of fronts

475

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:00,399

including

476

00:17:04,069 --> 00:17:02,639

particularly with harvard um with

477

00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:04,079

superiors at harvard who thought

478

00:17:08,470 --> 00:17:06,880

he was giving harvard a bad name right

479

00:17:10,309 --> 00:17:08,480

and put him under investigation

480

00:17:11,750 --> 00:17:10,319

but i mean as i point out in in the book

481

00:17:14,789 --> 00:17:11,760

the believer

482

00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:14,799

harvard has a long history of um

483

00:17:19,669 --> 00:17:16,959

engaging with fringe subjects i mean

484

00:17:23,110 --> 00:17:19,679

william james the father of psychology

485

00:17:25,270 --> 00:17:23,120

was investigating seances and ectoplasm

486

00:17:26,710 --> 00:17:25,280

and you know all kinds of weird stuff a

487

00:17:30,310 --> 00:17:26,720

hundred years ago

488

00:17:32,230 --> 00:17:30,320

um now of course we have avi loeb

489

00:17:33,750 --> 00:17:32,240

uh the harvard astronomer who's

490

00:17:35,590 --> 00:17:33,760

reporting on this object

491

00:17:37,510 --> 00:17:35,600

uh nobody knows what it is or was it

492

00:17:39,029 --> 00:17:37,520

passed through our solar system

493

00:17:40,789 --> 00:17:39,039

and it might have been a man you know

494

00:17:45,110 --> 00:17:40,799

not man-made but

495

00:17:49,029 --> 00:17:48,630

um harvard's going through it again in a

496

00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:49,039

way

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00:17:54,070 --> 00:17:52,960

but i mean uh um so harvard superiors at

498

00:17:57,110 --> 00:17:54,080

the time were

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00:17:58,870 --> 00:17:57,120

were quite uh put off with mack's

500

00:18:00,470 --> 00:17:58,880

research and they thought that he was a

501
00:18:02,870 --> 00:18:00,480
little too enthusiastic

502
00:18:04,870 --> 00:18:02,880
which he was he got caught up he was

503
00:18:05,590 --> 00:18:04,880
very passionate and the title passion is

504
00:18:08,950 --> 00:18:05,600
in my

505
00:18:13,669 --> 00:18:08,960
in the title of my book um so

506
00:18:14,390 --> 00:18:13,679
um they wanted him to be more um

507
00:18:17,029 --> 00:18:14,400
judicious

508
00:18:18,710 --> 00:18:17,039
somehow more uh distant from his

509
00:18:20,630 --> 00:18:18,720
subjects and that wasn't his style he

510
00:18:23,350 --> 00:18:20,640
threw himself into everything he did

511
00:18:25,270 --> 00:18:23,360
and he kind of admitted this um when he

512
00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:25,280
was under investigation by harvard

513
00:18:28,870 --> 00:18:28,000

but that didn't take away from his his

514

00:18:31,750 --> 00:18:28,880

rigorous

515

00:18:32,710 --> 00:18:31,760

methods he interviewed people uh studied

516

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:32,720

them he

517

00:18:35,830 --> 00:18:34,080

you know tried to see what other

518

00:18:36,630 --> 00:18:35,840

explanations there might be for this he

519

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:36,640

was not

520

00:18:41,190 --> 00:18:39,440

close-minded uh he really was open and

521

00:18:43,430 --> 00:18:41,200

he attended a lot of conferences where

522

00:18:44,710 --> 00:18:43,440

these ideas were batted around because

523

00:18:46,470 --> 00:18:44,720

people are always trying to figure out

524

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:46,480

what the hell is anyway

525

00:18:50,310 --> 00:18:48,960

but harvard in the end uh found he was

526

00:18:53,430 --> 00:18:50,320

doing nothing really wrong

527

00:18:55,830 --> 00:18:53,440

he was a little too enthusiastic um but

528

00:18:56,630 --> 00:18:55,840

he was not committing any breaches of

529

00:19:00,870 --> 00:18:56,640

you know

530

00:19:03,510 --> 00:19:00,880

rules and they basically exonerated him

531

00:19:04,870 --> 00:19:03,520

and wonderful lawyers defending him he

532

00:19:08,230 --> 00:19:04,880

had danny sheehan

533

00:19:09,430 --> 00:19:08,240

who had investigated the iran contra

534

00:19:11,190 --> 00:19:09,440

scandal in the government he

535

00:19:13,430 --> 00:19:11,200

investigated the ku klux klan he

536

00:19:14,390 --> 00:19:13,440

investigated karen silkwood's story

537

00:19:17,430 --> 00:19:14,400

about how

538

00:19:18,870 --> 00:19:17,440

she was possibly assassinated at her at

539

00:19:21,350 --> 00:19:18,880

her nuclear plant

540

00:19:23,350 --> 00:19:21,360

um he was a he was a you know a really

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00:19:26,470 --> 00:19:23,360

red-hot lawyer and the other lawyer was

542

00:19:27,190 --> 00:19:26,480

eric mcleish who investigated the roman

543

00:19:29,510 --> 00:19:27,200

catholic

544

00:19:30,630 --> 00:19:29,520

priest scandal he broke that story

545

00:19:34,070 --> 00:19:30,640

basically

546

00:19:35,110 --> 00:19:34,080

um you know that was became the movie

547

00:19:37,430 --> 00:19:35,120

spotlight

548

00:19:39,510 --> 00:19:37,440

so mack had big lawyers who were very

549

00:19:43,270 --> 00:19:39,520

aggressive and they made harvard

550

00:19:44,950 --> 00:19:43,280

you know uh true or trying to prove

551
00:19:46,710 --> 00:19:44,960
charges against mac which they couldn't

552
00:19:48,470 --> 00:19:46,720
do

553
00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,480
wow yeah and i know you know there's

554
00:19:51,029 --> 00:19:50,160
even points in the book where you

555
00:19:53,430 --> 00:19:51,039
pointed out

556
00:19:55,430 --> 00:19:53,440
people like like mac's stepmother saying

557
00:19:57,110 --> 00:19:55,440
never run away from a fight and it's

558
00:19:59,110 --> 00:19:57,120
it's small things like that ralph in the

559
00:19:59,430 --> 00:19:59,120
book that really caught my attention

560
00:20:03,190 --> 00:19:59,440
that

561
00:20:04,789 --> 00:20:03,200
give mack this uh this humanity

562
00:20:07,430 --> 00:20:04,799
that we don't have to see you know many

563
00:20:09,110 --> 00:20:07,440

of us see him in these interviews on

564

00:20:12,630 --> 00:20:09,120

oprah or you know the

565

00:20:13,909 --> 00:20:12,640

the famous rua zimbabwe documentary

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00:20:16,470 --> 00:20:13,919

videos which i'd love to get your

567

00:20:19,270 --> 00:20:16,480

opinion on in a minute here but um

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00:20:20,789 --> 00:20:19,280

i guess were there any of the actual

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00:20:22,870 --> 00:20:20,799

abduction stories

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00:20:24,390 --> 00:20:22,880

in the book that you cover uh that

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00:20:27,350 --> 00:20:24,400

really stood out to you

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00:20:29,110 --> 00:20:27,360

so one that like you know you just

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00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:29,120

couldn't wrap your mind around

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00:20:35,190 --> 00:20:32,320

you know there's so many yeah but

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00:20:36,950 --> 00:20:35,200

um one of the ones that stands out uh i

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00:20:38,390 --> 00:20:36,960

mean you can't really talk about mac by

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00:20:40,789 --> 00:20:38,400

the way without talking about bud

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00:20:42,870 --> 00:20:40,799

hopkins who was the one

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00:20:44,230 --> 00:20:42,880

involved and bud was a real pioneer bud

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00:20:47,590 --> 00:20:44,240

was involved in

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00:20:50,870 --> 00:20:47,600

alien abduction uh investigation before

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john mack he was an artist um who

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00:20:54,230 --> 00:20:52,320

through a whole series of circumstances

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00:20:55,110 --> 00:20:54,240

he spotted a ufo once and he got

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00:20:57,190 --> 00:20:55,120

interested

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00:20:58,470 --> 00:20:57,200

he taught himself hypnosis which is not

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00:21:01,110 --> 00:20:58,480

always the best thing

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00:21:02,630 --> 00:21:01,120

for a non-professional anyway he did his

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00:21:05,669 --> 00:21:02,640

own investigations

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00:21:07,990 --> 00:21:05,679

and um he came up with

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00:21:08,950 --> 00:21:08,000

uh some phenomenal stories because he he

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00:21:10,549 --> 00:21:08,960

interviewed people

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00:21:12,470 --> 00:21:10,559

you know coming forward with these

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00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:12,480

abduction stories and

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00:21:17,990 --> 00:21:16,080

um um he by the way

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00:21:19,270 --> 00:21:18,000

basically invented the concept of

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00:21:22,789 --> 00:21:19,280

missing time

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00:21:26,789 --> 00:21:22,799

uh people who uh you know encounter

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00:21:29,590 --> 00:21:26,799

a ufo uh you know alien beings

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00:21:31,430 --> 00:21:29,600

and then can account for you know uh two

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00:21:32,710 --> 00:21:31,440
or three hours of missing time they

602
00:21:34,230 --> 00:21:32,720
arrive home late

603
00:21:36,149 --> 00:21:34,240
and they don't know why they were

604
00:21:37,110 --> 00:21:36,159
delayed and then later it comes back to

605
00:21:39,909 --> 00:21:37,120
them that they

606
00:21:40,310 --> 00:21:39,919
had all these experiences on a ship and

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00:21:42,870 --> 00:21:40,320
um

608
00:21:44,870 --> 00:21:42,880
they were subject to experiments and all

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00:21:46,549 --> 00:21:44,880
so these stories come to them later but

610
00:21:48,230 --> 00:21:46,559
the missing time is common and that and

611
00:21:48,870 --> 00:21:48,240
bud hopkins sort of investigated that

612
00:21:52,149 --> 00:21:48,880
anyway

613
00:21:55,830 --> 00:21:52,159

but bud's most famous case probably

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00:21:59,430 --> 00:21:55,840
was the linda cortille so-called

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00:22:01,190 --> 00:21:59,440
case the brooklyn bridge i left

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00:22:03,909 --> 00:22:01,200
just thinking about the name the

617

00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:03,919
brooklyn bridge abduction

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00:22:07,029 --> 00:22:05,760
i know considering you and i both live

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00:22:09,350 --> 00:22:07,039
in new york this case

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00:22:13,830 --> 00:22:09,360
it's just like right yeah it's amazing

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00:22:17,590 --> 00:22:16,630
that i mean that case has never been

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00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:17,600
solved

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00:22:24,070 --> 00:22:20,880
um it's it's a mystery to this day

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00:22:25,990 --> 00:22:24,080
but basically um uh they were

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00:22:27,750 --> 00:22:26,000
supposed they were witnesses we don't

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00:22:28,630 --> 00:22:27,760

know who exactly they were but some have

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00:22:30,870 --> 00:22:28,640

come forward

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00:22:33,350 --> 00:22:30,880

who saw a woman being levitated out of

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00:22:34,149 --> 00:22:33,360

her 11th story window over the brooklyn

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00:22:36,310 --> 00:22:34,159

bridge

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00:22:38,230 --> 00:22:36,320

from her apartment and going into a

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00:22:41,430 --> 00:22:38,240

spaceship being escorted by

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00:22:43,270 --> 00:22:41,440

three little beings and the people and

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00:22:44,390 --> 00:22:43,280

traffic came to a stop on the brooklyn

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00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:44,400

bridge and

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00:22:48,390 --> 00:22:46,159

i mean there's all kinds of accounts and

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00:22:51,430 --> 00:22:48,400

and bud wrote a whole book about this

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00:22:55,110 --> 00:22:51,440

um the problem is there were two people

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00:22:57,909 --> 00:22:55,120

um two security guards who basically

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00:22:59,270 --> 00:22:57,919

uh told bud the story originally the

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00:23:01,510 --> 00:22:59,280

original witnesses

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00:23:02,390 --> 00:23:01,520

and bud could never track them down to

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00:23:05,110 --> 00:23:02,400

the point where

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00:23:06,789 --> 00:23:05,120

he knew who they were he he got videos

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00:23:09,029 --> 00:23:06,799

from them audio tapes

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00:23:11,029 --> 00:23:09,039

he got letters from them but he was

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00:23:11,909 --> 00:23:11,039

never able to find out who they were who

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00:23:13,830 --> 00:23:11,919

actually

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00:23:15,350 --> 00:23:13,840

saw this now later you know different

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00:23:16,390 --> 00:23:15,360

witnesses have come forward and said

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00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:16,400
they saw this on

652
00:23:21,270 --> 00:23:18,720
but the case had some holes in it but it

653
00:23:23,510 --> 00:23:21,280
was really the most extraordinary story

654
00:23:25,029 --> 00:23:23,520
you could ever imagine because we who

655
00:23:26,789 --> 00:23:25,039
live in new york know the brooklyn

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00:23:29,110 --> 00:23:26,799
bridge and we can imagine

657
00:23:30,870 --> 00:23:29,120
you know what it would be like to see uh

658
00:23:33,669 --> 00:23:30,880
someone levitating out of their

659
00:23:35,669 --> 00:23:33,679
you know 11th floor window into the arms

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00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:35,679
of three aliens into a spaceship that

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00:23:38,870 --> 00:23:36,480
then

662
00:23:40,310 --> 00:23:38,880
flies over the brooklyn bridge and over

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00:23:41,110 --> 00:23:40,320

the east river and plunges into the

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00:23:43,430 --> 00:23:41,120

river

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00:23:44,950 --> 00:23:43,440

now even for new york ralph that's

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00:23:48,549 --> 00:23:44,960

that's pretty crazy right

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00:23:50,230 --> 00:23:48,559

well yeah that case is insane um

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00:23:52,630 --> 00:23:50,240

i mean as you know ryan there's a lot of

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00:23:55,750 --> 00:23:52,640

stories about underwater craft

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00:23:57,029 --> 00:23:55,760

and yeah um you know the the ufo

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00:24:00,070 --> 00:23:57,039

phenomenon

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00:24:02,870 --> 00:24:00,080

um is not limited to the skies

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00:24:04,470 --> 00:24:02,880

there are many accounts including um

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00:24:07,510 --> 00:24:04,480

navy accounts that we

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00:24:09,990 --> 00:24:07,520

have reported in the new york times um

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00:24:11,990 --> 00:24:10,000
of objects going into the water or

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00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:12,000
coming out of the water

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00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:15,279
uh and operating in in that medium

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00:24:18,470 --> 00:24:17,039
you know the water which really blows

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00:24:20,149 --> 00:24:18,480
your mind you can sort of imagine

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00:24:20,789 --> 00:24:20,159
something up in the sky you know like a

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00:24:23,830 --> 00:24:20,799
plane

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00:24:26,789 --> 00:24:23,840
but operating underwater um

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00:24:27,269 --> 00:24:26,799
uh you know very very strange so anyway

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00:24:30,710 --> 00:24:27,279
that's

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00:24:33,909 --> 00:24:30,720
one of the crazy you know cases that um

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00:24:36,070 --> 00:24:33,919
that um obsessed mac and and

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00:24:37,990 --> 00:24:36,080

bud hopkins and and everybody else who's

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00:24:40,789 --> 00:24:38,000

ever you know looked into it

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00:24:41,350 --> 00:24:40,799

correct me if i'm wrong uh bud was kind

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00:24:45,190 --> 00:24:41,360

of

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00:24:46,870 --> 00:24:45,200

uh max i guess entrance into this whole

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00:24:48,230 --> 00:24:46,880

topic you know i know they met up in new

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00:24:49,990 --> 00:24:48,240

york at one point

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00:24:52,390 --> 00:24:50,000

started corresponding and that kind of

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00:24:54,230 --> 00:24:52,400

got back on the path he led but

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00:24:56,310 --> 00:24:54,240

ralph i know in the book you kind of

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00:24:58,549 --> 00:24:56,320

show that just because they

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00:24:59,350 --> 00:24:58,559

had a similar interest and whatnot they

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00:25:01,909 --> 00:24:59,360

had very

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00:25:03,510 --> 00:25:01,919

different views on you know a lot of

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00:25:04,549 --> 00:25:03,520

what was going on they butted heads a

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00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:04,559

lot is that right

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00:25:10,630 --> 00:25:07,760

it did they did um bud hopkins

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00:25:12,710 --> 00:25:10,640

and a third member of their group david

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00:25:15,830 --> 00:25:12,720

jacobs who was a professor at temple

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00:25:16,630 --> 00:25:15,840

university who became a really a noted

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00:25:19,590 --> 00:25:16,640

historian

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00:25:21,510 --> 00:25:19,600

on ufos he wrote a book in the 70s

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00:25:23,110 --> 00:25:21,520

called the ufo controversy in america

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00:25:25,669 --> 00:25:23,120

that became a bestseller

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00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:25,679

and he really traced the history of ufo

713

00:25:29,590 --> 00:25:26,320

sightings

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00:25:32,789 --> 00:25:29,600

a real scholar in the field and he also

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00:25:34,549 --> 00:25:32,799

he was attracted to to the

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00:25:37,029 --> 00:25:34,559

questions of alien abduction through bud

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00:25:41,269 --> 00:25:37,039

hopkins and ended up

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00:25:43,909 --> 00:25:41,279

using hypnosis to investigate his own

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00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:43,919

you know cases of people he he attracted

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00:25:48,870 --> 00:25:46,080

and collected

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00:25:49,909 --> 00:25:48,880

but um as i point out in the book in the

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00:25:53,590 --> 00:25:49,919

in the believer

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00:25:57,430 --> 00:25:53,600

um hopkins and jacobs

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00:25:59,190 --> 00:25:57,440

seemed much more uh wedded to the idea

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00:26:00,789 --> 00:25:59,200

that these were these were real events

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00:26:04,870 --> 00:26:00,799

that they happened in

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00:26:08,230 --> 00:26:04,880

a reality that we have to you know uh

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00:26:10,070 --> 00:26:08,240

you know uh accept a physical reality

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00:26:13,269 --> 00:26:10,080

they were real events

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00:26:14,470 --> 00:26:13,279

and mac who started off thinking that

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00:26:17,029 --> 00:26:14,480

that may be the case

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00:26:18,870 --> 00:26:17,039

more and more began thinking that it

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00:26:20,710 --> 00:26:18,880

must be happening on some other

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00:26:22,149 --> 00:26:20,720

dim in some other dimension some other

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00:26:25,510 --> 00:26:22,159

plane because

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00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:25,520

um uh it it it's just too

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00:26:29,110 --> 00:26:27,600

hard to accept that it's happening in

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00:26:31,190 --> 00:26:29,120

everyday reality

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00:26:32,390 --> 00:26:31,200

um so they did have a parting of the

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00:26:36,310 --> 00:26:32,400

ways um

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00:26:38,149 --> 00:26:36,320

they reconciled later before mack died

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00:26:39,750 --> 00:26:38,159

and mack always respected you know the

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00:26:42,870 --> 00:26:39,760

research that jacobs and

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00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:42,880

and hopkins had done um but mac we

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00:26:45,909 --> 00:26:44,559

became much more spiritual and

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00:26:47,990 --> 00:26:45,919

philosophical

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00:26:49,350 --> 00:26:48,000

about it and began thinking well there

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00:26:53,750 --> 00:26:49,360

are all these other

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00:26:56,710 --> 00:26:53,760

uh paranormal or anomalous events

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00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:56,720

um that have to be reconciled with this

751
00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:58,240
and that that actually was mac's big

752
00:27:02,950 --> 00:26:59,919
mistake in the beginning

753
00:27:06,710 --> 00:27:02,960
that he focused on you

754
00:27:10,070 --> 00:27:06,720
on alien abductions as something uh

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00:27:15,110 --> 00:27:10,080
you know sing singular let's say

756
00:27:18,149 --> 00:27:15,120
special and um later he began to realize

757
00:27:21,110 --> 00:27:18,159
that it's really only part of a whole

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00:27:23,430 --> 00:27:21,120
uh spectrum of anomalous experiences

759
00:27:23,750 --> 00:27:23,440
that the old hag syndrome for example

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00:27:25,110 --> 00:27:23,760
and

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00:27:27,510 --> 00:27:25,120
basically a lot of people in

762
00:27:29,909 --> 00:27:27,520
newfoundland according to the research

763
00:27:33,110 --> 00:27:29,919

by david hufford a great scholar of this

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00:27:35,269 --> 00:27:33,120

field um they would encounter these

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00:27:36,870 --> 00:27:35,279

evil presences that would come upon them

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00:27:39,430 --> 00:27:36,880

at night and sit on their chest and

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00:27:41,269 --> 00:27:39,440

strangle them

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00:27:44,950 --> 00:27:41,279

and it happened to hufford himself the

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00:27:49,029 --> 00:27:44,960

guy who wrote the book a scientist

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00:27:49,830 --> 00:27:49,039

crop circles near-death experiences

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00:27:54,789 --> 00:27:49,840

there's a whole

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00:27:58,549 --> 00:27:54,799

you know uh spectrum of of experiences

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00:28:01,110 --> 00:27:58,559

that um uh are not

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00:28:02,230 --> 00:28:01,120

classic alien abduction whitley strieber

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00:28:05,590 --> 00:28:02,240

for example

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00:28:07,430 --> 00:28:05,600

uh who really was another pioneer in

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00:28:10,389 --> 00:28:07,440

this field with his book communion

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00:28:11,830 --> 00:28:10,399

um his experiences don't match the

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00:28:15,350 --> 00:28:11,840

classic experience they were

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00:28:16,070 --> 00:28:15,360

totally wild and and um you know sort of

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00:28:49,110 --> 00:28:16,080

a

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00:28:52,310 --> 00:28:49,120

topic

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seems to just be so

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00:28:55,990 --> 00:28:54,159

malleable you know you can look at it

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00:28:58,710 --> 00:28:56,000

through every lens like you mentioned

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00:28:59,590 --> 00:28:58,720

spiritually um psychologically

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00:29:01,510 --> 00:28:59,600

historically

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00:29:03,190 --> 00:29:01,520

um and then you know one of the

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00:29:04,389 --> 00:29:03,200

historical aspects ralph i wanted to

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00:29:07,350 --> 00:29:04,399

touch on too

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00:29:07,750 --> 00:29:07,360

um was that part of your book it was

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00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:07,760

almost

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a kind of an interweaving of two

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00:29:15,430 --> 00:29:12,080

different stories the story of john

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00:29:17,110 --> 00:29:15,440

mack and then tracing the history of ufo

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00:29:19,269 --> 00:29:17,120

phenomenon throughout the years

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00:29:20,950 --> 00:29:19,279

and how they kind of intersected so uh

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00:29:22,950 --> 00:29:20,960

i'd love to get your thoughts on

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why did you decide to structure the book

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that way

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00:29:29,190 --> 00:29:27,360

yeah i needed to um i mean people

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who studied the field like yourself for

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00:29:34,310 --> 00:29:30,960

a long time don't need

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00:29:37,590 --> 00:29:34,320

to be reminded of uh kenneth arnold

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00:29:42,310 --> 00:29:37,600

in 1947 and how he spotted you know

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00:29:45,510 --> 00:29:42,320

nine objects over mount rainier um

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00:29:49,029 --> 00:29:45,520

so they're sort of classic stories of

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00:29:50,389 --> 00:29:49,039

of of ufos of roswell for example what

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00:29:52,630 --> 00:29:50,399

happened at roswell or some kind of

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00:29:54,789 --> 00:29:52,640

crash in 1947.

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00:29:56,789 --> 00:29:54,799

a lot of things happened in 1947 by the

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00:29:59,909 --> 00:29:56,799

way it's kind of an interesting year

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00:30:01,669 --> 00:29:59,919

um but um and you know the the

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00:30:03,669 --> 00:30:01,679

the war years and the post-war years are

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00:30:06,389 --> 00:30:03,679

very important but anyway i felt i

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00:30:07,990 --> 00:30:06,399

for people who are not uh conversant

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00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:08,000

with this field

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00:30:14,389 --> 00:30:11,520

um they needed to know some history

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00:30:15,669 --> 00:30:14,399

and the hard thing was frankly to put in

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00:30:18,230 --> 00:30:15,679

enough history

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00:30:19,669 --> 00:30:18,240

so that first of all you didn't want to

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00:30:21,110 --> 00:30:19,679

put in so much history that it would

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00:30:22,470 --> 00:30:21,120

bore people to death

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00:30:25,190 --> 00:30:22,480

because you could write a whole book on

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00:30:28,149 --> 00:30:25,200

you know the origins of the ufo story

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00:30:28,789 --> 00:30:28,159

um so there had to be just enough of it

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to

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00:30:35,830 --> 00:30:32,960

take over the book

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00:30:37,669 --> 00:30:35,840

and and it was kind of grafted on to the

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00:30:39,029 --> 00:30:37,679

mac story because mack himself didn't

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really study

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00:30:45,029 --> 00:30:42,080

um ufo history uh

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00:30:46,630 --> 00:30:45,039

once he got interested in you know alien

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00:30:49,510 --> 00:30:46,640

research etc i think he

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00:30:51,430 --> 00:30:49,520

informed himself but he was not a person

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00:30:53,269 --> 00:30:51,440

who you know got into it after studying

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00:30:54,630 --> 00:30:53,279

the history he studied some of the

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00:30:57,509 --> 00:30:54,640

history after he

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began looking into it um but i felt it

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would it was

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00:31:01,669 --> 00:31:01,200

it was actually hard to to to blend in

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00:31:09,269 --> 00:31:01,679

the

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00:31:12,549 --> 00:31:09,279

ufo abduction um you know in new

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00:31:15,750 --> 00:31:12,559

hampshire in 1965 i believe

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00:31:17,509 --> 00:31:15,760

um that story i had to go into because

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00:31:19,830 --> 00:31:17,519

that's sort of the lodestar

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00:31:21,509 --> 00:31:19,840

of alien abduction that's the story that

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brought alien abduction

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to you know the attention of the world

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00:31:32,310 --> 00:31:29,760

um through the book and later the movie

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00:31:33,190 --> 00:31:32,320

so i had to tell that story uh at some

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00:31:35,509 --> 00:31:33,200

length

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00:31:37,110 --> 00:31:35,519

um so for people who are not familiar

854

00:31:38,470 --> 00:31:37,120

with you know the whole phenomenon i

855

00:31:42,070 --> 00:31:38,480

think they needed to be

856

00:31:44,549 --> 00:31:42,080

told what you know what the origins of

857

00:31:46,310 --> 00:31:44,559

this whole thing are for other people

858

00:31:47,830 --> 00:31:46,320

who know the story well it might be a

859

00:31:48,310 --> 00:31:47,840

bit of a boy well we know that we know

860

00:31:51,590 --> 00:31:48,320

that

861

00:31:52,070 --> 00:31:51,600

but i wanted to you know position the

862

00:31:54,630 --> 00:31:52,080

book

863

00:31:59,350 --> 00:31:54,640

for people who uh who needed to have

864

00:32:03,029 --> 00:32:01,190

what's up guys ryan sprague here and i'm

865

00:32:04,630 --> 00:32:03,039

just dropping in to remind you about our

866

00:32:06,470 --> 00:32:04,640

patreon campaign

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00:32:08,630 --> 00:32:06,480

somewhere in the skies is always free to

868

00:32:09,990 --> 00:32:08,640

consume but it's not free to create

869

00:32:12,950 --> 00:32:10,000

so if you want to help the show on a

870

00:32:14,310 --> 00:32:12,960

monthly basis we have tons of rewards

871

00:32:15,990 --> 00:32:14,320

for you in return

872

00:32:18,950 --> 00:32:16,000

including shout outs on the show and

873

00:32:21,990 --> 00:32:18,960

website bonus content and episodes

874

00:32:24,070 --> 00:32:22,000

and free merch want to be my guest or

875

00:32:25,029 --> 00:32:24,080

pick a topic for the show you can do

876

00:32:26,470 --> 00:32:25,039

that too

877

00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:26,480

so if you'd like to learn more and to

878

00:32:32,789 --> 00:32:30,000

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00:32:33,210 --> 00:32:32,799

summerskies thank you and keep looking

880

00:32:36,549 --> 00:32:33,220

up

881

00:32:40,870 --> 00:32:39,350

yeah and i mean it gives us context of

882

00:32:43,029 --> 00:32:40,880

what we're working with again people are

883

00:32:46,310 --> 00:32:43,039

going to read your book that have never

884

00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:46,320

looked into a ufos or their history

885

00:32:51,669 --> 00:32:49,200

but then the next level of the abduction

886

00:32:54,549 --> 00:32:51,679

phenomenon so i think it does kind of um

887

00:32:55,590 --> 00:32:54,559

it gives the full picture of just how

888

00:32:58,470 --> 00:32:55,600

unbelievably

889

00:32:59,509 --> 00:32:58,480
weird and strange and possibly

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00:33:02,710 --> 00:32:59,519
interconnected this

891

00:33:05,029 --> 00:33:02,720
all is but um i guess kind of

892

00:33:06,149 --> 00:33:05,039
wrapping up the book ralph um

893

00:33:07,909 --> 00:33:06,159
specifically

894

00:33:10,070 --> 00:33:07,919
i definitely want people to go read it

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00:33:12,230 --> 00:33:10,080
um without giving too much away

896

00:33:14,549 --> 00:33:12,240
what what do you want people to take

897

00:33:16,870 --> 00:33:14,559
away with the book and sort of the uh

898

00:33:17,830 --> 00:33:16,880
the legacy of john mack you know like i

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00:33:19,990 --> 00:33:17,840
mentioned earlier

900

00:33:21,350 --> 00:33:20,000
we have these small snippets of him and

901
00:33:24,549 --> 00:33:21,360
interviews and everything

902
00:33:26,310 --> 00:33:24,559
so unless you knew him in your life uh

903
00:33:29,269 --> 00:33:26,320
you don't get that full picture of who

904
00:33:32,070 --> 00:33:29,279
this guy was so what legacy do you think

905
00:33:33,269 --> 00:33:32,080
mac really brought that's a really good

906
00:33:36,710 --> 00:33:33,279
question ryan

907
00:33:39,669 --> 00:33:36,720
um well um i think

908
00:33:41,350 --> 00:33:39,679
what i take away from it is a story of

909
00:33:43,110 --> 00:33:41,360
first of all as i say at the end of the

910
00:33:46,950 --> 00:33:43,120
book

911
00:33:50,070 --> 00:33:46,960
mack exemplified the best of our

912
00:33:53,430 --> 00:33:50,080
species meaning the human race

913
00:33:56,710 --> 00:33:53,440

he was a human being who um

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00:33:59,909 --> 00:33:56,720

insisted on following clues uh

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00:34:03,029 --> 00:33:59,919

to a mystery and would not be put off

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00:34:05,190 --> 00:34:03,039

um in that sense he i call him a hero

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00:34:06,630 --> 00:34:05,200

and i think he went on a hero's journey

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00:34:10,310 --> 00:34:06,640

the classic um

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00:34:14,550 --> 00:34:10,320

hero's journey of uh initiation

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00:34:18,149 --> 00:34:14,560

obstacles and uh eventually

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00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:18,159

and reluctance to shoulder the task

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00:34:22,230 --> 00:34:20,720

and finally uh some kind of triumph

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00:34:24,230 --> 00:34:22,240

where he returns with

924

00:34:26,310 --> 00:34:24,240

a gift for humanity which is the

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00:34:28,869 --> 00:34:26,320

knowledge that he acquired

926
00:34:29,909 --> 00:34:28,879
um so in that sense i consider him a

927
00:34:33,990 --> 00:34:29,919
hero

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00:34:43,349 --> 00:34:34,000
he was

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00:34:45,829 --> 00:34:43,359
uh problems with his marriage he

930
00:34:46,710 --> 00:34:45,839
played around with drugs to enhance his

931
00:34:50,149 --> 00:34:46,720
mind

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00:34:53,349 --> 00:34:50,159
um he was not perfect but i think he was

933
00:34:56,790 --> 00:34:53,359
um a model uh for people who

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00:34:57,589 --> 00:34:56,800
encounter a mystery and are determined

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00:35:02,950 --> 00:34:57,599
to

936
00:35:04,870 --> 00:35:02,960
obstacles whatever the ramifications the

937
00:35:07,430 --> 00:35:04,880
penalties he paid a lot of penalties

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00:35:09,109 --> 00:35:07,440

he was laughed at he was ridiculed uh he

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00:35:10,950 --> 00:35:09,119

paid thousands hundreds of thousands of

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00:35:13,990 --> 00:35:10,960

dollars in legal fees

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00:35:17,829 --> 00:35:14,000

during the harvard investigation um

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00:35:20,069 --> 00:35:17,839

but um i think there was something

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00:35:21,109 --> 00:35:20,079

very much admirable about the way he

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00:35:24,230 --> 00:35:21,119

went about

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00:35:25,270 --> 00:35:24,240

uh not turning his back you know on this

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00:35:29,109 --> 00:35:25,280

mystery

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00:35:30,630 --> 00:35:29,119

and because it was it subjected him to

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00:35:33,349 --> 00:35:30,640

the ridicule factor

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00:35:35,190 --> 00:35:33,359

and it was like the third rail you know

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00:35:38,710 --> 00:35:35,200

touching the third rail for

951
00:35:41,109 --> 00:35:38,720
a a a distinguished academician to

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00:35:42,069 --> 00:35:41,119
to take on this field and yet he did it

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00:35:45,030 --> 00:35:42,079
anyway

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00:35:45,349 --> 00:35:45,040
um so i think that's what i take away

955
00:35:52,470 --> 00:35:45,359
and

956
00:35:54,470 --> 00:35:52,480
you know again i i have very little

957
00:35:55,670 --> 00:35:54,480
patience with the so-called skeptics and

958
00:35:57,510 --> 00:35:55,680
debunkers

959
00:35:59,109 --> 00:35:57,520
who think they have the answer to

960
00:36:00,069 --> 00:35:59,119
everything and they know exactly what

961
00:36:01,910 --> 00:36:00,079
this phenomena

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00:36:03,349 --> 00:36:01,920
is you know it's mental illness or it's

963
00:36:05,190 --> 00:36:03,359

sleep apnea

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00:36:06,470 --> 00:36:05,200

and all these things have can be

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00:36:09,750 --> 00:36:06,480

debunked they have an answer

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00:36:11,349 --> 00:36:09,760

it's not sleep apnea necessarily because

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00:36:12,550 --> 00:36:11,359

a lot of it doesn't happen during sleep

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00:36:14,630 --> 00:36:12,560

people are awake

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00:36:16,470 --> 00:36:14,640

not you know a function that doesn't

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00:36:17,109 --> 00:36:16,480

come out through hypnosis because people

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00:36:20,230 --> 00:36:17,119

have

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00:36:22,550 --> 00:36:20,240

conscious memories of these things um

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00:36:23,510 --> 00:36:22,560

it's not a cultural artifact because

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00:36:26,470 --> 00:36:23,520

little children

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00:36:28,550 --> 00:36:26,480

have this you know so you can mack was

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00:36:30,790 --> 00:36:28,560

very meticulous in knocking down

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00:36:32,470 --> 00:36:30,800

all these uh straw men that were being

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00:36:33,990 --> 00:36:32,480

put up by the so-called skeptics who are

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00:36:35,510 --> 00:36:34,000

not really skeptical because

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00:36:37,349 --> 00:36:35,520

they don't approach it with an open mind

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00:36:39,030 --> 00:36:37,359

they're just determined to knock this

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00:36:40,310 --> 00:36:39,040

down so i would say

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00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:40,320

that if you're going to go into this

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00:36:45,670 --> 00:36:42,720

field the first thing you owe it

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00:36:47,349 --> 00:36:45,680

is to devote some time to reading the

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00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:47,359

literature

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00:36:52,550 --> 00:36:50,640

by experts read the mit conference with

988

00:36:55,270 --> 00:36:52,560

the experts

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00:36:56,150 --> 00:36:55,280

eminent scientists uh of all walks of

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00:36:58,790 --> 00:36:56,160

life

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00:37:00,230 --> 00:36:58,800

all fields debated this subject

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00:37:03,190 --> 00:37:00,240

seriously at an

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00:37:04,310 --> 00:37:03,200

academic um in an academic forum like

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00:37:07,430 --> 00:37:04,320

mit

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00:37:08,230 --> 00:37:07,440

um so at least give it that learn the

996

00:37:10,390 --> 00:37:08,240

arguments

997

00:37:11,910 --> 00:37:10,400

and and then you can you know figure out

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00:37:14,550 --> 00:37:11,920

why you think it's not true

999

00:37:16,230 --> 00:37:14,560

or knock it down but don't go into it as

1000

00:37:18,310 --> 00:37:16,240

you know ignorantly and say ah this is

1001
00:37:20,069 --> 00:37:18,320
nonsense it's crap it's you know

1002
00:37:22,150 --> 00:37:20,079
because that's not fair a lot of people

1003
00:37:24,710 --> 00:37:22,160
have devoted a lot of time

1004
00:37:26,390 --> 00:37:24,720
to this phenomenon a lot of expertise it

1005
00:37:28,470 --> 00:37:26,400
is a genuine mystery

1006
00:37:29,829 --> 00:37:28,480
if it was an easy answer someone would

1007
00:37:32,390 --> 00:37:29,839
have found it by now

1008
00:37:34,230 --> 00:37:32,400
but it isn't and and i think that's

1009
00:37:36,390 --> 00:37:34,240
that's what i take away from it

1010
00:37:37,670 --> 00:37:36,400
yeah i like that and you're right you

1011
00:37:40,230 --> 00:37:37,680
know so many

1012
00:37:41,510 --> 00:37:40,240
of the people who have looked into this

1013
00:37:43,990 --> 00:37:41,520

topic their whole lives

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00:37:46,470 --> 00:37:44,000

someone like stanton friedman you know

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00:37:50,150 --> 00:37:46,480

who passed away just a couple years ago

1016

00:37:51,750 --> 00:37:50,160

um left not knowing the answers and we

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00:37:53,430 --> 00:37:51,760

probably won't get them either but i

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00:37:55,829 --> 00:37:53,440

think you're right it's working off

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00:37:57,030 --> 00:37:55,839

building off of that and respecting the

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00:37:59,349 --> 00:37:57,040

work that came

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00:38:00,150 --> 00:37:59,359

before that and having an appreciation

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00:38:02,390 --> 00:38:00,160

that

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00:38:04,470 --> 00:38:02,400

people risked a lot to look into this

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00:38:06,950 --> 00:38:04,480

you know when i first got interested

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00:38:08,790 --> 00:38:06,960

uh all my friends and family and

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00:38:10,630 --> 00:38:08,800

co-workers said don't do this

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00:38:11,910 --> 00:38:10,640

like don't get it don't get involved

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00:38:14,710 --> 00:38:11,920

with this but hey

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00:38:15,349 --> 00:38:14,720

i mean again ralph you were a big part

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00:38:18,630 --> 00:38:15,359

of

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00:38:21,109 --> 00:38:18,640

that story changing and that acceptance

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00:38:21,990 --> 00:38:21,119

changing and now ufos are more

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00:38:24,710 --> 00:38:22,000

mainstream

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00:38:26,870 --> 00:38:24,720

than ever and we can start asking those

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00:38:29,270 --> 00:38:26,880

harder questions

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00:38:30,150 --> 00:38:29,280

the government is much more open as as

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00:38:35,910 --> 00:38:30,160

you know

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00:38:36,950 --> 00:38:35,920

release a report uh within a few months

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00:38:40,150 --> 00:38:36,960

uh if they do that

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00:38:43,270 --> 00:38:40,160

in the defense authorization act the uap

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00:38:45,670 --> 00:38:43,280

task force is supposed to report uh some

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00:38:46,390 --> 00:38:45,680

of it'll be public some of it may not be

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00:38:48,150 --> 00:38:46,400

um

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00:38:50,310 --> 00:38:48,160

so the government has has come a long

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00:38:53,349 --> 00:38:50,320

way i think they are genuinely

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00:38:56,390 --> 00:38:53,359

puzzled as well as as are we out

1047

00:38:57,670 --> 00:38:56,400

uh out there and um so

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00:38:59,030 --> 00:38:57,680

it's good that we're asking these

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00:39:00,150 --> 00:38:59,040

questions and it's good that we're

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00:39:02,550 --> 00:39:00,160

devoting uh

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00:39:04,150 --> 00:39:02,560

you know attention to this and it is

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00:39:06,390 --> 00:39:04,160

people like you who've taken the you

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00:39:09,190 --> 00:39:06,400

know the risk of

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00:39:11,030 --> 00:39:09,200

going public with it and studying it who

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00:39:13,589 --> 00:39:11,040

really should be commended

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00:39:15,109 --> 00:39:13,599

well thank you the same could be said

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00:39:15,670 --> 00:39:15,119

for the work you've done and i know we

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00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:15,680

have

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00:39:20,150 --> 00:39:17,680

a lot of appreciation from the listeners

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00:39:22,230 --> 00:39:20,160

of i've got a couple listener questions

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00:39:24,630 --> 00:39:22,240

everyone to stick around for those cool

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00:39:27,910 --> 00:39:24,640

i'll run right down the list here um

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so mike c through email asks uh dr max

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book abduction

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00:39:33,910 --> 00:39:31,119

uh mac painted a picture of something

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00:39:36,150 --> 00:39:33,920

far more transcendent than just little

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00:39:38,069 --> 00:39:36,160

scientists visiting earth and metal

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00:39:40,630 --> 00:39:38,079

flying saucers like we talked about

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00:39:43,270 --> 00:39:40,640

did you feel any need to avoid or under

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00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:43,280

play the uh the strangeness

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00:39:47,670 --> 00:39:46,160

of the personal accounts that uh dr mack

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00:39:50,150 --> 00:39:47,680

collected i know when i

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00:39:51,190 --> 00:39:50,160

first started interviewing witnesses and

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00:39:53,750 --> 00:39:51,200

experiencers

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00:39:55,510 --> 00:39:53,760

i i would often tend to leave some of

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00:39:56,470 --> 00:39:55,520

the more weirder stuff out until i

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00:39:58,230 --> 00:39:56,480

realize

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00:40:00,230 --> 00:39:58,240

you're not doing a service to anyone by

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00:40:02,390 --> 00:40:00,240

doing that that's part of the data

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00:40:04,309 --> 00:40:02,400

that's part of the story so yeah what do

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00:40:06,870 --> 00:40:04,319

you think anything like that

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that's a very good point that in a lot

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00:40:11,670 --> 00:40:09,119

of the accounts

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uh the strangeness is is left out uh

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because people are so eager to

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00:40:20,630 --> 00:40:17,599

uh preserve the core story the so-called

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00:40:22,309 --> 00:40:20,640

core narrative of alien abduction

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00:40:25,190 --> 00:40:22,319

they lose sight of all the things that

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00:40:27,990 --> 00:40:25,200

don't fit not everybody is subject to

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00:40:29,190 --> 00:40:28,000

um reproductive you know experiments in

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00:40:30,950 --> 00:40:29,200

the spaceships

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00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:30,960

uh whitney whitley streba is a perfect

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example of very strange things he

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00:40:35,990 --> 00:40:34,000

encountered

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00:40:38,069 --> 00:40:36,000

um that had nothing to do with being

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00:40:41,190 --> 00:40:38,079

taken up in a spaceship

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um and what what i'm glad this

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uh caller brought up this point because

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where mac really differs from hopkins

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00:40:50,309 --> 00:40:47,359

and jacobs probably the most

1101
00:40:51,910 --> 00:40:50,319
uh important difference is that he found

1102
00:40:53,510 --> 00:40:51,920
in the accounts he got from his

1103
00:40:56,550 --> 00:40:53,520
experiencers

1104
00:40:57,829 --> 00:40:56,560
a transformative element in their lives

1105
00:41:01,829 --> 00:40:57,839
that they were

1106
00:41:03,589 --> 00:41:01,839
uh uh prized of the threat to the planet

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00:41:04,550 --> 00:41:03,599
they became more environmentally

1108
00:41:07,270 --> 00:41:04,560
conscious

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00:41:07,910 --> 00:41:07,280
more spiritually inclined um they were

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00:41:10,309 --> 00:41:07,920
not just

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00:41:12,790 --> 00:41:10,319
traumatized and and many of them were

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00:41:14,390 --> 00:41:12,800
not traumatized at all they felt

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00:41:17,030 --> 00:41:14,400

transcendent that they were connecting

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00:41:20,390 --> 00:41:17,040

to the source to god to some

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00:41:21,589 --> 00:41:20,400

you know great power um so this went

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00:41:23,349 --> 00:41:21,599

against the

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abduction narrative that you were taken

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aboard by um

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you know evil little men and you know

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subject to horrible experiments and

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00:41:33,510 --> 00:41:32,640

some of that you know was true that

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00:41:35,349 --> 00:41:33,520

women came

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particularly women who said they were

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forced to give up their babies and their

1125

00:41:40,230 --> 00:41:38,480

pregnancies were removed

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00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:40,240

which has never been scientifically

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00:41:44,150 --> 00:41:41,760

proven um

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but it's certainly what they they

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00:41:47,990 --> 00:41:45,920

reported

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00:41:48,950 --> 00:41:48,000

but max said yeah but there's another

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00:41:51,030 --> 00:41:48,960

aspect to it

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00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:51,040

people who who felt transformed by the

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00:41:54,630 --> 00:41:52,240

experience who

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00:41:56,390 --> 00:41:54,640

who whose eyes were opened up to the you

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00:41:58,390 --> 00:41:56,400

know the beauties of the universe and

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00:42:01,670 --> 00:41:58,400

the power of the universe

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00:42:04,309 --> 00:42:01,680

etc etc so um that was also an

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00:42:05,750 --> 00:42:04,319

aspect and i i i put that in the book i

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00:42:06,069 --> 00:42:05,760

didn't feel i had to leave that out at

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00:42:07,670 --> 00:42:06,079

all

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00:42:09,510 --> 00:42:07,680

i mean that was an important part of

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00:42:12,230 --> 00:42:09,520

mac's research and

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00:42:13,510 --> 00:42:12,240

um and that is often lost really in the

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00:42:15,670 --> 00:42:13,520

stories of

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00:42:17,829 --> 00:42:15,680

uh of alien abduction that you're right

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00:42:20,230 --> 00:42:17,839

that people stick to a core story

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00:42:21,349 --> 00:42:20,240

and um they lose sight of all the things

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00:42:23,990 --> 00:42:21,359

that don't fit

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00:42:26,069 --> 00:42:24,000

but the real scholars in the field say

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00:42:27,829 --> 00:42:26,079

those are even the most important things

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00:42:29,430 --> 00:42:27,839

the things that don't fit because why

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00:42:32,069 --> 00:42:29,440

don't they fit that's

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00:42:33,109 --> 00:42:32,079

right the answer to the mystery and i

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00:42:36,230 --> 00:42:33,119

know we um

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00:42:36,710 --> 00:42:36,240

we glossed over the whole zimbabwe case

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00:42:42,470 --> 00:42:36,720

with

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00:42:45,190 --> 00:42:42,480

i'll probably put a couple clips in from

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00:42:48,390 --> 00:42:45,200

those famous interviews matt did where

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00:42:50,790 --> 00:42:48,400

you know 60 something students children

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00:42:52,309 --> 00:42:50,800

uh had a close encounter with something

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00:42:53,670 --> 00:42:52,319

and just like you said had

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00:42:56,550 --> 00:42:53,680

transformative

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00:42:58,069 --> 00:42:56,560

experiences it was scary myself it was

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00:43:03,910 --> 00:42:58,079

scary because you saw something

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00:43:07,270 --> 00:43:06,470

a little object hovering that was quite

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00:43:08,950 --> 00:43:07,280

big actually

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00:43:10,390 --> 00:43:08,960

and then there was little ones all

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00:43:15,109 --> 00:43:10,400

around it it was

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00:43:17,030 --> 00:43:15,119

silver and the ring around it was red

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00:43:18,230 --> 00:43:17,040

the light come from the whole thing

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00:43:20,790 --> 00:43:18,240

there are lights around here

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00:43:23,109 --> 00:43:20,800

lights along the edge there how many of

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00:43:26,150 --> 00:43:23,119

the strange beans did you see

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00:43:27,190 --> 00:43:26,160

i saw one over here they they had eyes

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00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:27,200

like that

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00:43:30,870 --> 00:43:29,760

and they were kind of just like looking

1177

00:43:33,670 --> 00:43:30,880

at us they were like

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00:43:35,510 --> 00:43:33,680

kind of astonished was he near the uh

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00:43:39,109 --> 00:43:35,520

the silver object or was he fought

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00:43:43,270 --> 00:43:39,119

on top on top of the silver object okay

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00:43:45,589 --> 00:43:43,280

and um did you look at him

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00:43:47,030 --> 00:43:45,599

yes did he look at you he didn't give me

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00:43:47,589 --> 00:43:47,040

the crease then i told you maybe the

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00:43:49,109 --> 00:43:47,599

creeps

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00:43:50,710 --> 00:43:49,119

actually in your drawing you showed him

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00:43:52,829 --> 00:43:50,720

standing up didn't you yes i had to

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00:43:55,190 --> 00:43:52,839

dream standing up was i couldn't room

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00:43:57,829 --> 00:43:55,200

city

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00:43:59,750 --> 00:43:57,839

i spoke to uh selma sadiq one of the

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00:44:00,550 --> 00:43:59,760

experiencers that was a child when that

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00:44:03,670 --> 00:44:00,560

happened

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00:44:06,950 --> 00:44:03,680

and now you know she's a uh

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00:44:08,069 --> 00:44:06,960

civil rights uh attorney i believe it is

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00:44:10,150 --> 00:44:08,079

she she's done

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00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:10,160

incredible things with her life that she

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00:44:13,349 --> 00:44:11,280

attributes

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00:44:14,550 --> 00:44:13,359

to this thing that happened when she was

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00:44:16,150 --> 00:44:14,560

a kid

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00:44:17,990 --> 00:44:16,160

tremendously and you know again what i

1200

00:44:19,430 --> 00:44:18,000

said about the children these were

1201
00:44:21,270 --> 00:44:19,440
you know young kids i mean they weren't

1202
00:44:23,670 --> 00:44:21,280
two years old they were you know

1203
00:44:24,309 --> 00:44:23,680
eight and nine and ten but too young to

1204
00:44:26,710 --> 00:44:24,319
really

1205
00:44:28,390 --> 00:44:26,720
make up stories you know to conform with

1206
00:44:30,230 --> 00:44:28,400
movies they'd seen or so

1207
00:44:31,430 --> 00:44:30,240
so they were good witnesses in the sense

1208
00:44:34,790 --> 00:44:31,440
that they were pure

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00:44:36,870 --> 00:44:34,800
children and um um

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00:44:37,910 --> 00:44:36,880
mac founded some of the most powerful

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00:44:40,950 --> 00:44:37,920
evidence he had ever

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00:44:42,390 --> 00:44:40,960
uh encountered and he took videos of it

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00:44:43,109 --> 00:44:42,400

and the videos are on his you know

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00:44:46,390 --> 00:44:43,119

website

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00:44:46,710 --> 00:44:46,400

and uh i found it very persuasive i must

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00:44:48,390 --> 00:44:46,720

say

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00:44:50,230 --> 00:44:48,400

i have some of the children's drawings

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00:44:53,030 --> 00:44:50,240

in my book um

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00:44:55,109 --> 00:44:53,040

and i think it people who are trying to

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00:44:56,950 --> 00:44:55,119

explain this phenomenon away

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00:44:58,710 --> 00:44:56,960

and say that it's crazy it couldn't

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00:45:01,349 --> 00:44:58,720

happen you know it's a

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00:45:02,230 --> 00:45:01,359

mental illness etc they have a very hard

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00:45:05,109 --> 00:45:02,240

time

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00:45:06,309 --> 00:45:05,119

dealing with the facts of that episode

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00:45:09,430 --> 00:45:06,319

the rua

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00:45:12,630 --> 00:45:09,440

zimbabwe you know uh episode because

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00:45:15,670 --> 00:45:12,640

it does not fit anything that can easily

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00:45:17,670 --> 00:45:15,680

you know knock down exactly it's

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00:45:19,430 --> 00:45:17,680

uh it's definitely a case everyone

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00:45:22,790 --> 00:45:19,440

should look into um

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00:45:24,550 --> 00:45:22,800

well kevin on twitter asks ralph um

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00:45:26,550 --> 00:45:24,560

kind of playing into the abductees

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00:45:29,109 --> 00:45:26,560

seeing how deeply traumatized

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00:45:29,990 --> 00:45:29,119

many of them were uh in your research

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00:45:32,470 --> 00:45:30,000

with mac

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00:45:34,150 --> 00:45:32,480

did he feel that the truth was owed to

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00:45:35,270 --> 00:45:34,160

these abductees to learn what happened

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00:45:38,309 --> 00:45:35,280

to them or

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00:45:41,190 --> 00:45:38,319

should it just remain a mystery

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00:45:43,750 --> 00:45:41,200

well he was very insistent that they

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00:45:47,430 --> 00:45:43,760

should at least be validated

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00:45:50,550 --> 00:45:47,440

that what happened to them is is worth

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00:45:51,510 --> 00:45:50,560

investigating um as he told the harvard

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00:45:54,069 --> 00:45:51,520

uh you know

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00:45:55,990 --> 00:45:54,079

committee he didn't tell people yeah you

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00:45:59,109 --> 00:45:56,000

were abducted by aliens

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00:45:59,589 --> 00:45:59,119

um he never said it that way um but he

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00:46:02,069 --> 00:45:59,599

said

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00:46:02,870 --> 00:46:02,079

uh he felt they were owed a serious

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00:46:04,950 --> 00:46:02,880

study

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00:46:06,390 --> 00:46:04,960

and he didn't and other psychiatrists

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00:46:08,069 --> 00:46:06,400

who had treated some of these people

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00:46:11,109 --> 00:46:08,079

before they got to mac

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00:46:14,630 --> 00:46:11,119

did uh you know blow them off and say

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00:46:16,630 --> 00:46:14,640

um couldn't you know it's it's some

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00:46:18,950 --> 00:46:16,640

uh fantasy of yours it couldn't possibly

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00:46:21,109 --> 00:46:18,960

be true how could you can't believe this

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00:46:22,069 --> 00:46:21,119

and they left very unhappy because they

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00:46:25,430 --> 00:46:22,079

were really

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00:46:26,069 --> 00:46:25,440

puzzled because they knew they knew what

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00:46:28,630 --> 00:46:26,079

had happened

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00:46:30,870 --> 00:46:28,640

so these people somehow whatever

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00:46:34,309 --> 00:46:30,880

happened to them on whatever level

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00:46:36,230 --> 00:46:34,319

they knew what had happened um

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00:46:37,750 --> 00:46:36,240

and when someone would would say to them

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00:46:38,950 --> 00:46:37,760

well that couldn't be true or that

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00:46:40,069 --> 00:46:38,960

couldn't have happened the way you

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00:46:42,069 --> 00:46:40,079

remember it

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00:46:44,630 --> 00:46:42,079

there were all kinds of experiments uh

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00:46:45,430 --> 00:46:44,640

they did to try to implant memories to

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00:46:48,150 --> 00:46:45,440

see whether

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00:46:49,750 --> 00:46:48,160

people could make up you know uh

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00:46:52,870 --> 00:46:49,760

abduction scenarios

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00:46:56,710 --> 00:46:52,880

um um but uh

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00:47:00,470 --> 00:46:56,720

i think mac showed pretty conclusively

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00:47:03,670 --> 00:47:00,480

that these people had deep seated

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00:47:06,630 --> 00:47:03,680

memories actual memories of something

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00:47:08,069 --> 00:47:06,640

that happened to them on some level and

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00:47:10,630 --> 00:47:08,079

what level that was

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00:47:12,550 --> 00:47:10,640

is the mystery because it's not on an

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00:47:14,230 --> 00:47:12,560

everyday level because we don't see it

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00:47:17,030 --> 00:47:14,240

happening in the street all around us

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00:47:18,069 --> 00:47:17,040

obviously um when this had happened it

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00:47:20,390 --> 00:47:18,079

always happens

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00:47:21,829 --> 00:47:20,400

when other people are switched off or no

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00:47:24,150 --> 00:47:21,839

one else is around

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00:47:24,950 --> 00:47:24,160

or they're not it's not happening in a

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00:47:26,710 --> 00:47:24,960

reality

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00:47:28,549 --> 00:47:26,720

where you catch it on film there's

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00:47:29,430 --> 00:47:28,559

videos of it everybody has a video

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00:47:30,870 --> 00:47:29,440

camera today

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00:47:32,549 --> 00:47:30,880

if people are getting abducted off the

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00:47:35,270 --> 00:47:32,559

streets with ufos landing

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00:47:36,390 --> 00:47:35,280

someone have a video of it i mean come

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00:47:39,430 --> 00:47:36,400

on

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00:47:41,109 --> 00:47:39,440

uh but it doesn't happen that way so

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00:47:42,790 --> 00:47:41,119

something else is going on it's

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00:47:45,750 --> 00:47:42,800

happening on some

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00:47:46,790 --> 00:47:45,760

other level whatever it is that it

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00:47:54,069 --> 00:47:46,800

defies

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00:47:56,870 --> 00:47:54,079

evidentiary you know procedures

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00:47:57,270 --> 00:47:56,880

um it's subtle it's subtle matt kept

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00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:57,280

saying

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00:48:01,030 --> 00:47:59,119

you know and whenever he was asked in

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00:48:02,790 --> 00:48:01,040

interviews or so

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00:48:04,790 --> 00:48:02,800

you know what is this thing that's gonna

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00:48:05,990 --> 00:48:04,800

it's subtle it's subtle we don't know we

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00:48:08,470 --> 00:48:06,000

don't understand

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00:48:10,470 --> 00:48:08,480

but that doesn't mean it's not real to

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00:48:14,069 --> 00:48:10,480

the people who encountered it

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00:48:16,710 --> 00:48:14,079

uh and very real to them yeah

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00:48:18,710 --> 00:48:16,720

yeah and again you can see the empathy

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00:48:22,230 --> 00:48:18,720

with mac if these aren't just

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00:48:23,030 --> 00:48:22,240

you know patience or uh you know numbers

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00:48:26,230 --> 00:48:23,040

to him

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00:48:28,950 --> 00:48:26,240

these were actual people who he felt

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00:48:29,750 --> 00:48:28,960

genuinely had some sort of either

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00:48:33,750 --> 00:48:29,760

mystical

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00:48:35,030 --> 00:48:33,760

or consciousness experience or physical

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00:48:38,150 --> 00:48:35,040

kidnapping

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00:48:39,589 --> 00:48:38,160

aboard a ship so yeah it's it's really

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00:48:40,549 --> 00:48:39,599

fascinating the entire abduction

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00:48:43,190 --> 00:48:40,559

phenomenon

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00:48:43,829 --> 00:48:43,200

i think we've really only scratched the

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00:48:46,630 --> 00:48:43,839

surface

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00:48:49,030 --> 00:48:46,640

of what it could possibly be ralph even

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00:48:50,870 --> 00:48:49,040

mac did as well but um

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00:48:52,790 --> 00:48:50,880

i have to thank you for writing this

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00:48:55,430 --> 00:48:52,800

book i think it was needed

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and it was necessary for a name that is

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so big

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in the ufo field uh it never got

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he never got you know i feel the credit

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he deserves

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00:49:08,790 --> 00:49:06,880

so um yeah this was the right time i

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think for this book to come out

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00:49:15,109 --> 00:49:12,079

well took 16 years

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00:49:15,910 --> 00:49:15,119

wow there you go i mean i had a lot of

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00:49:17,910 --> 00:49:15,920

material to go

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00:49:19,589 --> 00:49:17,920

through it it was not an easy book to

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00:49:21,510 --> 00:49:19,599

write i've written books before

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00:49:22,710 --> 00:49:21,520

but this this was one of the toughest

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00:49:24,870 --> 00:49:22,720

because uh

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00:49:26,950 --> 00:49:24,880

just putting it fitting all these pieces

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00:49:30,069 --> 00:49:26,960

together it was very complicated

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00:49:32,069 --> 00:49:30,079

and uh um and he was a complicated

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00:49:33,190 --> 00:49:32,079

guy i mean he was not a simple character

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00:49:35,670 --> 00:49:33,200

he uh

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00:49:37,750 --> 00:49:35,680

they operate on many levels but i think

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00:49:40,069 --> 00:49:37,760

you put your finger on it when you said

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00:49:42,390 --> 00:49:40,079

he had the empathy that allowed people

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to come forward to him and whereas

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some of them had gone to other

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00:49:48,950 --> 00:49:46,640

therapists and psychiatrists before

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00:49:50,309 --> 00:49:48,960

and were you know were blown off or they

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00:49:51,589 --> 00:49:50,319

didn't feel they got the proper

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00:49:54,790 --> 00:49:51,599

attention he

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00:49:55,589 --> 00:49:54,800

communicated that willingness to to hear

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00:49:59,030 --> 00:49:55,599

their story

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00:49:59,829 --> 00:49:59,040

and to to fight for their their right to

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00:50:03,349 --> 00:49:59,839

be

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00:50:06,230 --> 00:50:03,359

heard uh to have their stories examined

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um and that that took a lot of courage

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00:50:12,230 --> 00:50:08,160

to you know to be out there with them

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and to be laughed at and um so

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00:50:15,349 --> 00:50:14,640

that's why i do think he's he's a worthy

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00:50:17,670 --> 00:50:15,359

um

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00:50:18,630 --> 00:50:17,680

you know someone to to follow and study

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00:50:21,109 --> 00:50:18,640

well i mean

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00:50:21,829 --> 00:50:21,119

yeah sometimes it's just someone there

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00:50:24,549 --> 00:50:21,839

to listen

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00:50:26,549 --> 00:50:24,559

and uh our last listener question ralph

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00:50:28,790 --> 00:50:26,559

this is the our most popular one

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00:50:30,790 --> 00:50:28,800

um if you're willing to discuss this at

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00:50:33,270 --> 00:50:30,800

all i'm just going to read this here

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there's been rumors that uh the july

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00:50:37,589 --> 00:50:34,880

2020 article you co

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00:50:38,790 --> 00:50:37,599

wrote with leslie kane was edited down

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00:50:40,390 --> 00:50:38,800

drastically

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00:50:42,390 --> 00:50:40,400

by the new york times i'll leave it to

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00:50:44,950 --> 00:50:42,400

you to either uh

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00:50:46,549 --> 00:50:44,960

say that's true or not um and that there

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00:50:48,390 --> 00:50:46,559

was a lot more that you both wish to

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00:50:50,950 --> 00:50:48,400

cover are you willing to share

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if that's true at all and anything you

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wish had made it into that one

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uh the off-world vehicle as everyone has

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00:50:57,829 --> 00:50:56,160

called it

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00:50:59,430 --> 00:50:57,839

it's probably time to stop calling

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00:51:02,069 --> 00:50:59,440

people who believe in ufos

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00:51:02,630 --> 00:51:02,079

crackpots after the recent revelation

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00:51:05,109 --> 00:51:02,640

that there's

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00:51:05,990 --> 00:51:05,119

actually a pentagon task force looking

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00:51:07,910 --> 00:51:06,000

into them

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00:51:11,109 --> 00:51:07,920

one astrophysicist who has worked for

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00:51:12,870 --> 00:51:11,119

the pentagon's ufo program since 2007

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00:51:14,549 --> 00:51:12,880

told the new york times that he gave a

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00:51:15,829 --> 00:51:14,559

classified briefing to a defense

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00:51:18,390 --> 00:51:15,839

department agency

1401
00:51:19,270 --> 00:51:18,400
about retrievals from quote off-world

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00:51:22,069 --> 00:51:19,280
vehicles

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00:51:22,549 --> 00:51:22,079
not made on this earth are we on the

1404
00:51:24,950 --> 00:51:22,559
brink

1405
00:51:26,150 --> 00:51:24,960
of full disclosure about visitors from

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00:51:28,549 --> 00:51:26,160
outer space

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00:51:30,630 --> 00:51:28,559
um well there was a lot of speculation

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00:51:31,190 --> 00:51:30,640
uh about that article before it ever

1409
00:51:33,990 --> 00:51:31,200
appeared

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00:51:35,589 --> 00:51:34,000
people knew exactly what we were doing

1411
00:51:36,069 --> 00:51:35,599
what we were reporting what we were

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00:51:37,990 --> 00:51:36,079
holding

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00:51:39,109 --> 00:51:38,000

back and they didn't have they didn't

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00:51:39,910 --> 00:51:39,119

know what they were talking about

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00:51:43,030 --> 00:51:39,920

because

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00:51:45,829 --> 00:51:43,040

you know they were not there um yeah

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00:51:47,829 --> 00:51:45,839

look uh i'm not gonna discuss you know

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00:51:50,790 --> 00:51:47,839

the backstage at the new york times

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00:51:51,829 --> 00:51:50,800

um and you know the editing process i'll

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00:51:54,790 --> 00:51:51,839

say that

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00:51:57,670 --> 00:51:54,800

um this was a very difficult story to

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00:52:00,870 --> 00:51:57,680

report it was a story on materials

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00:52:04,069 --> 00:52:00,880

um and you know to what extent

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00:52:07,270 --> 00:52:04,079

uh material may have been recovered from

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00:52:10,710 --> 00:52:07,280

crashes or retrieved you know objects

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00:52:13,990 --> 00:52:10,720

it required a lot of

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00:52:15,670 --> 00:52:14,000

backup and reporting as often happens

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00:52:16,870 --> 00:52:15,680

with difficult subjects a lot of

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00:52:21,030 --> 00:52:16,880

material

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00:52:23,349 --> 00:52:21,040

um that is uh gathered by reporters

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00:52:24,870 --> 00:52:23,359

is gone over by editors and it's

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00:52:26,790 --> 00:52:24,880

winnowed and

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00:52:28,549 --> 00:52:26,800

you know editors and reporters together

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00:52:30,470 --> 00:52:28,559

decide what is

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00:52:32,390 --> 00:52:30,480

worthy of reporting what can be backed

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00:52:36,549 --> 00:52:32,400

up

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00:52:37,750 --> 00:52:36,559

so um it moved the needle

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00:52:40,069 --> 00:52:37,760

it may not have been everything

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00:52:41,670 --> 00:52:40,079

everybody wanted to hear but it you know

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00:52:43,109 --> 00:52:41,680

it was what the new york times could

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00:52:46,870 --> 00:52:43,119

could back up and

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00:52:48,870 --> 00:52:46,880

um i'm i'm happy with it i think there's

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00:52:50,710 --> 00:52:48,880

room for more reporting certainly leslie

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00:52:52,710 --> 00:52:50,720

and i are continuing to

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00:52:54,549 --> 00:52:52,720

you know poke around and to see what

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00:52:55,349 --> 00:52:54,559

else we can do to move the story forward

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00:52:59,030 --> 00:52:55,359

there's a lot to be

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00:53:01,589 --> 00:52:59,040

said still it's not the end um

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00:53:02,309 --> 00:53:01,599

but um you know that's all i'll say

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00:53:05,670 --> 00:53:02,319

about that

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00:53:07,589 --> 00:53:05,680
you know uh there was a lot of internet

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00:53:08,950 --> 00:53:07,599
chatter about that story which made our

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00:53:11,349 --> 00:53:08,960
lives difficult

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00:53:12,230 --> 00:53:11,359
because every time we call somebody you

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00:53:13,829 --> 00:53:12,240
know

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00:53:15,829 --> 00:53:13,839
the word was already out that we were

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00:53:17,589 --> 00:53:15,839
working on this and um

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00:53:19,829 --> 00:53:17,599
so that didn't make it easy and i

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00:53:21,270 --> 00:53:19,839
actually said that and afterwards i said

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00:53:22,470 --> 00:53:21,280
that people made our lives more

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00:53:25,030 --> 00:53:22,480
difficult because

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00:53:25,510 --> 00:53:25,040
of the gossip but it's it's a difficult

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00:53:28,309 --> 00:53:25,520

field

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00:53:29,829 --> 00:53:28,319

and it has to be handled in a way that

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00:53:33,270 --> 00:53:29,839

is responsible

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00:53:35,510 --> 00:53:33,280

and uh you know with proper sourcing and

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00:53:37,109 --> 00:53:35,520

you can't just put in everything you you

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feel or think you know

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until you can you know can establish it

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00:53:42,950 --> 00:53:40,880

verify it

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00:53:44,870 --> 00:53:42,960

so some things are easy to report

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00:53:48,230 --> 00:53:44,880

another the first story was

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00:53:51,349 --> 00:53:48,240

probably easier um than

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00:53:53,270 --> 00:53:51,359

stuff that that is coming out now so

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00:53:55,190 --> 00:53:53,280

that's that's all i'll say about that

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i'm happy to hear that like you said

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00:53:59,910 --> 00:53:56,960

this isn't the end of the story this is

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00:54:00,950 --> 00:53:59,920

a subtle thing it's a developing story

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00:54:04,150 --> 00:54:00,960

as it always

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00:54:05,829 --> 00:54:04,160

is so um that's exciting and also your

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00:54:07,270 --> 00:54:05,839

most recent article we gotta touch on

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00:54:07,829 --> 00:54:07,280

this right before we go if you don't

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00:54:10,790 --> 00:54:07,839

mind

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00:54:12,549 --> 00:54:10,800

um your article about robert bigelow in

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00:54:14,470 --> 00:54:12,559

his formation of the uh

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00:54:15,589 --> 00:54:14,480

the bigelow institute for consciousness

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00:54:17,829 --> 00:54:15,599

studies um

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00:54:19,670 --> 00:54:17,839

anything share about that one well

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robert bigelow was one of the

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um supporters of john mack um he

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financed a poll that became you know

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very uh

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central to the study of abduction

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experiences to try to figure out how

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many people have been abducted

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and this is a very difficult thing to

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establish because you can't just ask

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people have you ever been abducted

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you have to find some trigger

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experiences that might indicate that so

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00:54:50,349 --> 00:54:47,359
anyway bigelow financed that um

1502
00:54:51,510 --> 00:54:50,359
he's been very uh out front with

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00:54:54,230 --> 00:54:51,520
financing

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00:54:56,390 --> 00:54:54,240
um research into paranormal experiences

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00:54:59,510 --> 00:54:56,400
you know he bought skinwalker ranch

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00:54:59,910 --> 00:54:59,520
which is it was was uh is still a hotbed

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00:55:02,230 --> 00:54:59,920
of

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00:55:03,190 --> 00:55:02,240
very strange things it was a movie and a

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00:55:07,510 --> 00:55:03,200
book about it

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00:55:10,549 --> 00:55:07,520
george knapp did a wonderful uh book and

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00:55:13,109 --> 00:55:10,559
uh study of what was going on there um

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00:55:15,829 --> 00:55:13,119
so bigelow again has got to be commended

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00:55:17,670 --> 00:55:15,839

he's a scientist he's got you know uh

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00:55:19,349 --> 00:55:17,680

a uh module attached to the

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00:55:22,630 --> 00:55:19,359

international space station

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00:55:25,990 --> 00:55:22,640

he's you know he's very solidly

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00:55:29,270 --> 00:55:26,000

founded you know founded in um

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00:55:30,230 --> 00:55:29,280

in science and research um but he's got

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00:55:33,430 --> 00:55:30,240

an interest in

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00:55:35,270 --> 00:55:33,440

in in the paranormal and

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00:55:36,789 --> 00:55:35,280

now he's interested in what happens

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after death and mac was interested in

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that too that was his last uh

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00:55:42,549 --> 00:55:41,680

project really life after death you know

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00:55:44,630 --> 00:55:42,559

what happens and

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00:55:46,630 --> 00:55:44,640

as i say at the end of the book there's

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00:55:48,390 --> 00:55:46,640

some experiences people reported that

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00:55:49,349 --> 00:55:48,400

they thought he came back to them after

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00:55:51,190 --> 00:55:49,359

he died

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and i said look i'm not vouching for

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00:55:54,710 --> 00:55:53,359

that in the book but

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00:55:57,349 --> 00:55:54,720

these are stories that people are

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00:55:59,510 --> 00:55:57,359

telling um and i think it's it's kind of

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00:56:02,069 --> 00:55:59,520

interesting that

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00:56:04,470 --> 00:56:02,079

it became part of the mythology of john

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00:56:07,020 --> 00:56:04,480

mack that he reappeared afterwards

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00:56:08,230 --> 00:56:07,030

uh to various people who you know

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00:56:11,510 --> 00:56:10,640

were dealing with mediums and seances

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00:56:14,309 --> 00:56:11,520

and stuff

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00:56:14,710 --> 00:56:14,319

um but so bigelow is interested in that

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00:56:18,150 --> 00:56:14,720

and

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uh you know near-death experiences are a

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well-known

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00:56:26,230 --> 00:56:22,319

um phenomenon um

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it's not just you know science fiction

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00:56:29,589 --> 00:56:28,160

it's real that people have encountered

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strange things

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as they physically actually died

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and then they were able to come back uh

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leslie kane's

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series now on netflix um

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00:56:46,470 --> 00:56:44,000

you know surviving death points that out

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00:56:47,430 --> 00:56:46,480

so uh you know i said somewhere the

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other day that

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john mack had two billionaires

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00:56:52,230 --> 00:56:51,520

supporting him he not only had robert

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bigelow

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he had lawrence rockefeller who was very

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eminent and very supportive and lawrence

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rockefeller gave a lot of money

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uh for his uh you know research and uh

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lawrence arkham was

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again very brave for a member of the

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rockefeller family to support

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research in you know ufos alien

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abduction

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uh very courageous um

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and uh he was also involved in

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conservation and a lot of other things

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but he

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he gave a lot of his money to research

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into strange areas

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and so i said john mack had two

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oh you've right a boy can dream right

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maybe someday

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but uh but he attracted that support uh

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people and he you know he um um

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people reached out to him because they

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00:57:52,870 --> 00:57:49,920
trusted him

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00:57:54,390 --> 00:57:52,880
yeah yep absolutely and i think the work

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00:57:56,390 --> 00:57:54,400
speaks for itself he

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00:57:57,430 --> 00:57:56,400
he clearly not only had a passion like

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00:58:00,549 --> 00:57:57,440
you have in your

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00:58:02,549 --> 00:58:00,559
your subtitle but he had a uh an

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00:58:04,710 --> 00:58:02,559
understanding and a care for these

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00:58:06,069 --> 00:58:04,720

people who were going through this again

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i always say

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this topic these issues with uap ufos

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alien abductions they say more about us

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than i think they

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say about the phenomena itself or what

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we're dealing with

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00:58:21,990 --> 00:58:20,079

that mirror seems to always come back to

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us as human beings and uh

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00:58:27,109 --> 00:58:25,119

how we perceive it so i i i

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i really do think that mac was on to

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something and now it's up to the next

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generation

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00:58:34,870 --> 00:58:33,040
to build off of that and they now have

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this amazing book to do that but of

1603
00:58:37,589 --> 00:58:36,400
course the most important question ralph

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00:58:39,510 --> 00:58:37,599
before we go

1605
00:58:41,030 --> 00:58:39,520
where can we find the book and where can

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00:58:43,030 --> 00:58:41,040
we find everything you're up to

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00:58:44,230 --> 00:58:43,040
well it's uh officially being published

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00:58:46,230 --> 00:58:44,240
march 15th

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00:58:48,069 --> 00:58:46,240
but it's already making its way out

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00:58:48,630 --> 00:58:48,079
amazon has it bonds and nobles taking

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00:58:50,150 --> 00:58:48,640
orders

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00:58:51,910 --> 00:58:50,160
bookstores we're going to be making

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00:58:52,630 --> 00:58:51,920

appearances at bookstores leslie kane

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00:58:54,390 --> 00:58:52,640

and i

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are doing a virtu everything is virtual

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today so it's a virtual appearance

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at shakespeare and company on lexington

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avenue in manhattan so they'll have the

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book stocked

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so um dan aykroyd by the way who gave me

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a nice blurb

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he and i had doing an event at a

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bookstore in l.a

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on st patrick's day um dan aykroyd is a

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uh he wrote a book he actually wrote the

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forward to his grandfather's book about

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ghosts

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so he doesn't just do busting he

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actually

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00:59:26,710 --> 00:59:23,920
his family

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00:59:27,190 --> 00:59:26,720
um and he was very supportive of my book

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00:59:31,109 --> 00:59:27,200
and

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00:59:33,109 --> 00:59:31,119
event but the book

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00:59:34,549 --> 00:59:33,119
it's easy to find out if the stores

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00:59:35,349 --> 00:59:34,559
don't have it already they're shipping

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00:59:43,910 --> 00:59:35,359
it

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00:59:47,510 --> 00:59:43,920
instantly for people who can't

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00:59:50,950 --> 00:59:47,520

possibly wait to have it uh you know

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00:59:53,430 --> 00:59:50,960

access it so um um

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00:59:54,630 --> 00:59:53,440

it's it's available already awesome and

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00:59:56,789 --> 00:59:54,640

again you know

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00:59:58,470 --> 00:59:56,799

you're the guy who's tackled everything

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from the mafia

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to uh nazi war criminals and everything

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in between

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and now you have abductions on that list

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ralph and um i think it's awesome man so

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01:00:10,309 --> 01:00:08,720

again

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01:00:12,230 --> 01:00:10,319

thank you for the book and thank you for

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01:00:13,270 --> 01:00:12,240

coming on the show today thank you ryan

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01:00:20,890 --> 01:00:13,280

real pleasure

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01:00:20,900 --> 01:00:40,829

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