



MITCH HOROWITZ
HISTORIAN OF ALTERNATIVE SPIRITUALITY

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00:00:06,190 --> 00:00:03,590
this is Lou Elizondo and you are

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00:00:08,690 --> 00:00:06,200
listening to that UFO podcast

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[Music]

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00:00:13,490 --> 00:00:11,219
hi everyone and welcome back to that UFO

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00:00:15,470 --> 00:00:13,500
podcast I am delighted to be joined by

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:15,480
an award-winning author historian of

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00:00:19,670 --> 00:00:17,760
alternative spirituality and after

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00:00:21,710 --> 00:00:19,680
hearing him speak several times I can

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say he is one of the outstanding voices

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00:00:25,630 --> 00:00:24,480
today on the occult esoterica and

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00:00:28,490 --> 00:00:25,640
mysticism

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00:00:30,529 --> 00:00:28,500
Horowitz welcome to the podcast thank

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00:00:31,970 --> 00:00:30,539

you glad to be here it's really good to

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have you on and I do have to give a

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00:00:36,350 --> 00:00:33,780

quick shout out to Priscilla Stone over

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at Quantum witch Cafe who just hosted

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you a few days ago as we record this uh

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she is part of the anomalous podcast

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Network that I produce please go and

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:43,739

check out that interview I give

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00:00:48,229 --> 00:00:46,079

Priscilla a follow and she is fantastic

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00:00:49,970 --> 00:00:48,239

her interview is definitely different to

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my own her style is different to my own

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and I know she goes into some some

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00:00:55,790 --> 00:00:54,059

details on your new book on certain

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places that we'll touch on as well so

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that is definitely worth the listen and

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I think you had a good time with

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Priscilla as well didn't you on that one

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oh very much she's a true seeker and for

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that reason the conversation flowed into

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so many different directions I don't

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think I've ever had a more satisfying

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exchange especially about controversial

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aspects of my own career because there

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are some things you can only have a rich

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exchange about with another Seeker yeah

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and she has that knowledge and interest

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and real passion for so so much of that

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conversation that she can dip into on

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that channel and it's wonderful so

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especially if you enjoy hearing midshire

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go and check that one out and also

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Priscilla's under other interviews as

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well now first off Mitch when people say

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the occult or esoteric for those who

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don't quite fully understand what those

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terms mean people like myself who go and

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Google those when I hear them just to

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double check what they mean these days

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how do you define a cult or or esoteric

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well I frequently use the term occult

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00:01:56,810 --> 00:01:54,600
and it's simply a term that derives from

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00:01:58,850 --> 00:01:56,820
the Latin occultist meaning secret or

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:01:58,860
hidden it was a term that came into

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usage including in English uh in the

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00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:05,939
early Decades of the 1500s during the

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Renaissance when

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writers thinkers Scholars translators

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clerics were attempting to describe the

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spirituality of the pre-christian world

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emanating from Egypt Rome Greece Persia

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which they were encountering for the

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first time they were discovering

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manuscripts writings techniques and

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threads and fragments of the religious

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philosophies of antiquity

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which had vanished above ground during

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their early medieval period the temple

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orders the priesthoods and so forth the

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mystery schools were gone so

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in terms of this rediscovery it was

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referenced as secret or hidden or occult

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to describe a spirituality that was

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shrouded in the midsts of antiquity for

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figures during the Renaissance so that's

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quite simply the meaning just due to

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cultural conditioning the word has

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gotten associated with things Sinister

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and such but those who who practiced

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ideas that might be classified as a cult

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for Millennia were part of nature-based

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seasonally based

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initiatory religious Traditions didn't

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view themselves in Sinister terms at all

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and wouldn't have even recognized the

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appellation and I think the term has

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historical Integrity so I've continued

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to use it yeah I was going to say in

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2022 they're still relatively

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misunderstood terms aren't they and

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there is that negative aspect of it I

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think occult and I'll be honest when I

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when I hear those words maybe less will

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never dove into some of your work and

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seeing your talks yeah immediately

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associate occult demonic you know

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rituals and it summons up certain

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imagery in your head doesn't it and what

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do you say to folks who maybe shy away

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from those terms

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well it's fascinating how our language

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changes over centuries even the word

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demonic itself the term demon in Greek

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is an entirely neutral term meaning

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spirit and it was only during

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well both late Antiquity and a backlash

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against occult experimentation during

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the Renaissance that the term demon

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began to be used to make reference to

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malevolent entities you found this late

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in biblical Antiquity you found it

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immediately in in post-biblical

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Antiquity and and that it returned as a

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backlash developed against occult

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experimentation during the Renaissance

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but our language takes on this cultural

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baggage over many many centuries and it

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seems so persuasive by force of

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familiarity that we find it difficult to

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get away from I find myself using the

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term demon and having to stop and add in

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parentheses this was a neutral term in

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its original iteration which is how I

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use it when I do

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language is very persuasive if if we as

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a culture settle around certain

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reference points and meanings the

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historic criticism gets lost and the way

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we use these terms in common

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conversation takes so deep a hold on us

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that we can't think outside of Fairly

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modern

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usages or interpretations of these terms

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but again I persist in using them

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because I don't think you can entirely

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seed a term only to its critics or only

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to those who use it as an epithet and

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quite frankly as I tell my friends on

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the alternative spiritual scene

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sometimes you can substitute in words

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like

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esoteric for a cult all you want and

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esoteric is a perfectly Noble term I use

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it all the time but if it becomes an

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Article of Faith to dispense with old

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language because it's misunderstood then

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it's going to prove a disappointing

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wager because you're going to get called

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all sorts of names anyway so you may as

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well just Embrace those terms that have

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historical Integrity explain yourself as

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best you can and March on

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I'll come back to the labeling in a

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moment in the boxing of those words and

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how they've changed over the years

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because that's something that definitely

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resonates in the UFO subject

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particularly but on that when I get

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guests coming onto the podcast their

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background usually is exclusively in the

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UFO field they've been in UFO books

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research for decades that sometimes are

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they've worked in government or or

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Academia from a UFO point of view you've

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got quite a breadth in terms of that

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you're interested in the occult the

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mysticism and the UFO subject becomes a

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part of that and that that's covered

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again like I say in your books as well

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what are some of your earliest memories

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of an interest in the UFO subject even

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if that goes back to TV shows or your

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own experiences oh sure uh when I was a

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little kid growing up in the borough of

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Queens here in New York City where I'm

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speaking from

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it was a very exciting time in the early

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to mid 70s uh the occult the esoteric

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um ESP research the UFO thesis all these

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things hung heavy in the air and it was

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very exciting to me I vividly remember

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my older sister bringing home paperbacks

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from school by Carlos Castaneda books on

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flying saucers books on Bigfoot and

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anomalies I was fascinated with folklore

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and oh I don't know I suppose you could

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say different popular mystical

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traditions and I just gobbled up these

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books from our local public library in

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the town of bellrose and where they were

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very accommodating to me and I would

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rush home to watch reruns of The

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Twilight Zone on television or Dark

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Shadows or watch daytime talk shows that

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were popular in the U.S at that time

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like Mike Douglas or Merv Griffin where

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they would interview

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astrologers or UFO researchers or Rogue

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gurus and the whole thing was just

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deeply fascinating to me all the more so

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that some of these ideas like astrology

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for example extended back to deep

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Antiquity and I was asking myself how is

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it that most people walking around today

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know their sun sign and can tell you

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something about it whether or not they

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place any stock in it how is it that

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there's a horoscope column in every

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Daily newspaper and that this has become

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part of the language of everyday life

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whereas it All Began albeit in a

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different form in ancient Mesopotamia

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how is it possible that that kind of

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religious retention would reach us

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Millennia later but it did and I wanted

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to uncover the roots of that yeah some

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folks especially younger listeners might

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be amazed to hear that star signs didn't

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always tell you the best time to put the

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lottery numbers on and uh they had they

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had very different meetings back in the

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day

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um at your talk and that you mentioned

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the conference or you live in New York

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and the conference that J Christopher

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King and James Iandoli put on uh they

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were on the podcast recently they'll be

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coming back on to discuss their upcoming

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conference again in New York on December

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3rd your talk was brilliant and is

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available on YouTube it was the inquiry

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into anomalous experiences and and the

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one you were that had a few fantastic

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speakers including Gary Nolan there as

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well now you said at the beginning of

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your talk that we're living through a

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very special moment in terms of the

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conversations people have around extra

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physicality extra dimensionality and

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that there are now a few questions that

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have gone mainstream that before were

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very much considered Fringe and I'd love

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to get into that a bit more with you and

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many people are coming round to the idea

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that what people have commonly seen in

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as the past and human mentioned ESP

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ghosts UFOs Bigfoot and and such they're

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potentially less paranormal and more

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normal than we think but they might also

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be linked and I wonder how have you

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viewed those conversations merging over

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the years you mentioned sorry for this

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being long-winded but you mentioned the

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70s there and your sister bringing home

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paperbacks of UFOs you know flying

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saucers Bigfoot did you ever consider

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these were all part of the same sort of

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umbrella

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always very different to you

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it's only more recently that I've come

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to consider them as part of the same

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conversation in the past first of all in

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the past I probably would have described

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the UFO thesis as a very indirect

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relative to study of the occult the

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metaphysical the Paranormal likewise

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Cryptids like Bigfoot and so forth

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my definition of the occult is

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at least it's a Gambit belief in an

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unseen dimension of existence whose

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forces can be felt on and through us and

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I feel that these conversations at this

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instant are starting to converge

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00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:08,339

I for a long time uh resisted in

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00:11:13,970 --> 00:11:10,560

treaties from journalists and others to

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00:11:16,670 --> 00:11:13,980

ponder the question of their their being

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00:11:19,670 --> 00:11:16,680

an occult Revival in our immediate era

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00:11:21,769 --> 00:11:19,680

because I felt that that was always a

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00:11:25,250 --> 00:11:21,779

news hook and it was never really an

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00:11:27,230 --> 00:11:25,260

Earnest Reckoning uh with the manner in

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00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:27,240

which interest in the occult has really

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00:11:31,670 --> 00:11:29,279

been an evergreen on the western scene

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00:11:34,069 --> 00:11:31,680

ever since the Renaissance it goes

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00:11:36,650 --> 00:11:34,079

through Peaks and valleys of course went

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00:11:38,449 --> 00:11:36,660

through a a big upsurge in the mid to

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00:11:41,030 --> 00:11:38,459

late 19th century thanks to the

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00:11:43,670 --> 00:11:41,040

influence of people like uh elephant

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00:11:45,769 --> 00:11:43,680

Levi and Madame h p glovatsky went

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00:11:48,650 --> 00:11:45,779

through another upsurge during the

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00:11:51,050 --> 00:11:48,660

Woodstock generation when all kinds of

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00:11:53,470 --> 00:11:51,060

traditional ideas were being upended and

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00:11:56,630 --> 00:11:53,480

people were seeking

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00:11:58,190 --> 00:11:56,640

Insight in either Eastern ideas or in

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00:12:01,069 --> 00:11:58,200

Western ideas that were considered

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00:12:02,569 --> 00:12:01,079

verboten and ever since that time I

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00:12:04,730 --> 00:12:02,579

don't think there's really been much of

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00:12:07,250 --> 00:12:04,740

an upsurge but that has changed that has

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00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:07,260

changed very recently and it's changed

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00:12:12,889 --> 00:12:09,120

specifically because of the

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00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:12,899

mainstreaming of the UFO thesis people

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00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:14,880

always think that well you know it's

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00:12:18,230 --> 00:12:16,800

technology all this stuff is spreading

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00:12:21,230 --> 00:12:18,240

over the internet and that's certainly

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00:12:23,449 --> 00:12:21,240

true but apropos my big sister bringing

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00:12:25,690 --> 00:12:23,459

home paperbacks from school there were

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00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:25,700

plenty of pipes through this information

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00:12:30,590 --> 00:12:28,079

through which this information could

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00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:30,600

travel at an earlier time so while

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00:12:35,810 --> 00:12:33,360

technology may have in some respects

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00:12:38,810 --> 00:12:35,820

altered our sensibility and and and I

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00:12:43,310 --> 00:12:38,820

would argue it has I wouldn't attribute

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00:12:45,710 --> 00:12:43,320

that alone to the upsurge of not only

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00:12:47,990 --> 00:12:45,720

interest but mainstream interest in this

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00:12:50,150 --> 00:12:48,000

subject matter that comes as far as I

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00:12:53,810 --> 00:12:50,160

can see from another place and that

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00:12:57,410 --> 00:12:53,820

place is that we now have

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00:13:01,250 --> 00:12:57,420

evidence of engineered phenomena that we

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00:13:03,949 --> 00:13:01,260

call UFOs or uaps or what have you being

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00:13:06,290 --> 00:13:03,959

aired talked about written about in very

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00:13:08,509 --> 00:13:06,300

very mainstream opinion shaping places

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00:13:11,090 --> 00:13:08,519

that's very different from when I was a

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00:13:13,850 --> 00:13:11,100

kid from when I was a kid of course if

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00:13:16,850 --> 00:13:13,860

you talked about UFOs somebody would say

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00:13:19,370 --> 00:13:16,860

oh you know swamp gas Little Green Men

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00:13:21,470 --> 00:13:19,380

You're imagining things go to the

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00:13:24,769 --> 00:13:21,480

principal's office you know and nowadays

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00:13:26,930 --> 00:13:24,779

of course you'd be you'd be hard-pressed

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00:13:30,710 --> 00:13:26,940

to find anyone of any real intellectual

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00:13:32,810 --> 00:13:30,720

depth or seriousness in our culture who

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00:13:36,050 --> 00:13:32,820

just waved off the question as if there

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00:13:37,610 --> 00:13:36,060

isn't a deep and profound question there

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00:13:40,370 --> 00:13:37,620

um I don't think anybody of any

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00:13:42,350 --> 00:13:40,380

intellectual gravity would engage in

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00:13:44,269 --> 00:13:42,360

that today and that's different from

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00:13:47,470 --> 00:13:44,279

where things were perhaps even five

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years ago I also got to thinking as

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probably this goes back to about 2019

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00:13:55,970 --> 00:13:53,040

and and it's reflected in the first

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00:13:57,850 --> 00:13:55,980

chapter of my book uncertain places I

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00:14:00,470 --> 00:13:57,860

got to thinking about the

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00:14:03,350 --> 00:14:00,480

interdimensionality thesis which Jacques

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00:14:07,129 --> 00:14:03,360

valet has so elegantly

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00:14:10,310 --> 00:14:07,139

depicted laid out and I got to wondering

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00:14:12,110 --> 00:14:10,320

whether there wasn't a conversion of

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00:14:14,530 --> 00:14:12,120

conversations

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00:14:17,750 --> 00:14:14,540

about UFOs

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00:14:19,490 --> 00:14:17,760

academic ESP research and some of the

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00:14:21,710 --> 00:14:19,500

most important theorizing that's coming

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00:14:24,850 --> 00:14:21,720

out of the field of quantum mechanics

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00:14:28,129 --> 00:14:24,860

and has for the past 80 90 years or so

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00:14:30,230 --> 00:14:28,139

and the notion to put it in the plainest

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00:14:32,810 --> 00:14:30,240

terms is that

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00:14:35,990 --> 00:14:32,820

an infinitude of events may be playing

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00:14:38,269 --> 00:14:36,000

out at once and that is a logical

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00:14:41,329 --> 00:14:38,279

conclusion that one almost has to draw

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00:14:43,730 --> 00:14:41,339

from the implications of quantum data

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00:14:45,710 --> 00:14:43,740

and that data by the way no longer just

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00:14:47,930 --> 00:14:45,720

involves little particles but but

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00:14:49,970 --> 00:14:47,940

encompasses larger objects and and

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00:14:52,430 --> 00:14:49,980

there's a degree to which macro objects

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00:14:55,610 --> 00:14:52,440

fit into that as well

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00:14:58,490 --> 00:14:55,620

and that being the case it's possible

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00:15:00,829 --> 00:14:58,500

it's possible that our psyches are

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00:15:03,050 --> 00:15:00,839

capable of traveling among these

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00:15:05,870 --> 00:15:03,060

different intersections of time which we

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00:15:08,629 --> 00:15:05,880

might call other dimensions we certainly

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00:15:12,370 --> 00:15:08,639

have some evidence of that emergent from

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00:15:15,350 --> 00:15:12,380

Decades of replicable really bulletproof

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00:15:19,670 --> 00:15:15,360

statistically driven academic research

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00:15:22,310 --> 00:15:19,680

into ESP including precognition and or

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00:15:24,170 --> 00:15:22,320

retro causation when an event from the

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00:15:26,930 --> 00:15:24,180

so-called future affects something in

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00:15:31,150 --> 00:15:26,940

the so-called present and so I began to

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wonder if maybe maybe our theoretical

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00:15:37,189 --> 00:15:34,079

understanding of the possibility of

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00:15:40,189 --> 00:15:37,199

encountering interdimensional events or

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00:15:41,389 --> 00:15:40,199

intelligences is better developed at

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00:15:45,230 --> 00:15:41,399

this point although it's still

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00:15:47,449 --> 00:15:45,240

conceptual is better developed than our

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00:15:51,009 --> 00:15:47,459

theoretical model of what would be

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required to travel these unfathomable

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00:15:58,610 --> 00:15:54,420

distances that it would require for

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00:16:00,170 --> 00:15:58,620

extraterrestrial visitors or objects to

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00:16:01,970 --> 00:16:00,180

reach us now of course there are

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00:16:05,750 --> 00:16:01,980

conceptual models of that as well like

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00:16:08,990 --> 00:16:05,760

Cosmic wormholes but as far as our

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00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:09,000

theories go I think we are

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00:16:16,329 --> 00:16:12,800

covering more ground and we have more

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00:16:20,170 --> 00:16:16,339

developed ideas around the idea of

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00:16:24,410 --> 00:16:20,180

interdimensionality than we do around

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00:16:26,629 --> 00:16:24,420

extraterrestriality and so my Gambit is

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that all of these things that we

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00:16:33,470 --> 00:16:30,480

describe as anomalies whether it be the

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00:16:35,810 --> 00:16:33,480

UFO an ET experience a Cryptid

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00:16:37,009 --> 00:16:35,820

experience

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other anomalous encounters whether it's

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00:16:45,910 --> 00:16:42,360

Poltergeist or ghost activities

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00:16:47,530 --> 00:16:45,920
the very capacity of our own minds to

402
00:16:48,769 --> 00:16:47,540
receive information

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00:16:52,310 --> 00:16:48,779
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00:16:58,569 --> 00:16:55,490
receive sensory data in ways that go

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00:17:01,850 --> 00:16:58,579
beyond understood biological or

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00:17:05,750 --> 00:17:01,860
technological faculties all of this may

407
00:17:10,189 --> 00:17:05,760
be converging to suggest that

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00:17:13,669 --> 00:17:10,199
part of the UFO puzzle

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00:17:17,210 --> 00:17:13,679
may be individuals encountering things

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00:17:19,250 --> 00:17:17,220
from different intersections of time

411
00:17:22,010 --> 00:17:19,260
um in the book I go through evidence

412
00:17:24,049 --> 00:17:22,020
that we have for that in ESP studies in

413
00:17:25,970 --> 00:17:24,059

in quantum mechanics I also have another

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00:17:28,250 --> 00:17:25,980

book called Daydream Believer where I

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00:17:30,289 --> 00:17:28,260

dedicate a very substantial chapter to

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00:17:32,690 --> 00:17:30,299

some of these questions particularly as

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00:17:35,450 --> 00:17:32,700

they relate to ESP research so I came to

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00:17:38,690 --> 00:17:35,460

feel that the conversation was perhaps

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00:17:41,210 --> 00:17:38,700

starting to converge and and that

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00:17:43,130 --> 00:17:41,220

suggests to me that we are going through

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00:17:45,710 --> 00:17:43,140

a kind of third wave occult Revival

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00:17:47,930 --> 00:17:45,720

today things are different

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00:17:52,310 --> 00:17:47,940

um in terms of the public discussion

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00:17:54,409 --> 00:17:52,320

conversation the media uh that's being

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00:17:55,909 --> 00:17:54,419

used to broadcast this conversation with

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00:17:56,570 --> 00:17:55,919

exceptions

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00:17:58,669 --> 00:17:56,580

um

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00:18:01,070 --> 00:17:58,679

things are different from where we were

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00:18:03,650 --> 00:18:01,080

just a few years ago and that is thanks

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00:18:06,950 --> 00:18:03,660

to thanks to the mainstreaming of the

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00:18:09,289 --> 00:18:06,960

UFO thesis on behalf of Leslie Keane

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00:18:11,150 --> 00:18:09,299

Ralph Blumenthal and and their immediate

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00:18:13,450 --> 00:18:11,160

colleagues among other people yeah

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00:18:16,490 --> 00:18:13,460

Helene Cooper is always the third person

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00:18:18,529 --> 00:18:16,500

she always gets left off everyone don't

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00:18:21,230 --> 00:18:18,539

worry I was I was struggling with a

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00:18:24,710 --> 00:18:21,240

guilty heart because I thought to myself

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00:18:27,230 --> 00:18:24,720

as I was responding

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00:18:29,810 --> 00:18:27,240

I always include Ralph and Leslie and I

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00:18:32,150 --> 00:18:29,820

fail to include Helene's you know what

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00:18:33,590 --> 00:18:32,160

Ralph and Leslie that's not fair they

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00:18:35,750 --> 00:18:33,600

put themselves out there and they have

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00:18:37,789 --> 00:18:35,760

done the appearances the podcast Leslie

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00:18:39,529 --> 00:18:37,799

has her Netflix specials Ralph's been on

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00:18:42,169 --> 00:18:39,539

this podcast several times Leslie's on

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00:18:43,490 --> 00:18:42,179

at the end of the month Helene kept

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herself to herself she'd done the

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00:18:48,049 --> 00:18:45,960

article and that was it she's never gone

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00:18:49,310 --> 00:18:48,059

on further so I'm sure I'm sure she

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doesn't mind but we've got our credit

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00:18:53,570 --> 00:18:52,260

where it's due yes I want to bring up

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00:18:56,029 --> 00:18:53,580

the match because you mentioned the

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00:18:58,850 --> 00:18:56,039

revivals uh of of the occult interest

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00:19:01,610 --> 00:18:58,860

late 19th century the 1960s the

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Woodstock generation immigration changes

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00:19:04,669 --> 00:19:02,940

I remember you mentioning was something

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00:19:07,490 --> 00:19:04,679

in the United States which had a big

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00:19:09,529 --> 00:19:07,500

cultural impact on those yes that made

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00:19:11,510 --> 00:19:09,539

me think in recent years what is the

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00:19:14,930 --> 00:19:11,520

difference from the 19th century to the

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00:19:16,370 --> 00:19:14,940

Woodstock to to now and there's an

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00:19:17,930 --> 00:19:16,380

integration we have in people's lives

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00:19:20,750 --> 00:19:17,940

that is social media and how we live

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00:19:22,610 --> 00:19:20,760

online and we're no longer restricted to

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00:19:25,669 --> 00:19:22,620

being citizens of a physical environment

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00:19:27,230 --> 00:19:25,679

yeah we have these your lives and we

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00:19:28,970 --> 00:19:27,240

live in this digital world where you're

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00:19:30,590 --> 00:19:28,980

almost you know you're holding your

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00:19:32,870 --> 00:19:30,600

phone or you're in front of a desktop

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but you you go in there don't you and

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00:19:37,070 --> 00:19:34,559

you're almost having an avatar as such

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and we're citizens of this digital world

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00:19:42,710 --> 00:19:39,860

and what that has done is open you up

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00:19:45,529 --> 00:19:42,720

some Sometimes good sometimes bad to

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00:19:47,570 --> 00:19:45,539

Limitless views and opinions or the

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00:19:50,090 --> 00:19:47,580

whole range of topics and ideologies and

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now we have this huge Melting Pot of

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00:19:54,590 --> 00:19:52,200

ideas that before we're maybe limited to

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your your more immediate environment and

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00:19:59,110 --> 00:19:56,760

I just wonder how how do you feel that

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00:20:02,570 --> 00:19:59,120

has changed or impacted the conversation

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00:20:05,810 --> 00:20:02,580

that you now see such a breadth of ideas

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and does that help ease us into the idea

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that you know your cat your psyche as

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you say can travel through different

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00:20:13,970 --> 00:20:11,520

dimensions realities because in a way

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00:20:15,830 --> 00:20:13,980

you're traveling to other countries and

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continents in a split second in

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00:20:20,750 --> 00:20:17,820

interacting with people or Bots

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00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:20,760

sometimes that's another another decade

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00:20:25,490 --> 00:20:23,760

you could never have done yes and that's

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a very good point and then that's why I

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I have to be careful not to be too quick

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to exclude the technology equation from

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this third wave occult Revival

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the and and there there's so much there

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I mean we could do a whole discussion on

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that alone you know Jason lewd was

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making the point to me that in a certain

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Sense Technology digital technology is

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00:20:53,390 --> 00:20:50,179
Magic as compared with what the

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00:20:56,450 --> 00:20:53,400
Alchemists and and and the Sorcerers of

503
00:20:58,130 --> 00:20:56,460
both late Antiquity the Hermetic era and

504
00:21:00,830 --> 00:20:58,140
the Renaissance Era we're talking about

505
00:21:04,610 --> 00:21:00,840
the ability to project the self the

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00:21:07,610 --> 00:21:04,620
ability to uh engage with other entities

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00:21:11,090 --> 00:21:07,620
as you and I are doing right now across

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00:21:13,310 --> 00:21:11,100
vast areas of time distance space and so

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00:21:16,070 --> 00:21:13,320
forth so there's so much that could be

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00:21:18,590 --> 00:21:16,080
unpacked there but as far as the social

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00:21:21,529 --> 00:21:18,600
impact goes look it's both good and bad

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00:21:25,310 --> 00:21:21,539
it's good in that the searching

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00:21:28,130 --> 00:21:25,320

individual can glean information in ways

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that could never have been dreamed of a

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generation ago I dig very very deeply

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00:21:36,649 --> 00:21:33,960

into research about topics that I care

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00:21:38,570 --> 00:21:36,659

about at the moment and respect for

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00:21:41,450 --> 00:21:38,580

years ahead I'm very deeply interested

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in ESP research as some of my responses

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have indicated and the wealth of

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00:21:50,210 --> 00:21:47,340

information that I can glean in a very

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00:21:53,690 --> 00:21:50,220

short space of time is just incredible

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00:21:56,210 --> 00:21:53,700

and I'm grateful for it every day at the

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00:22:00,169 --> 00:21:56,220

same time human nature is constant human

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nature hasn't changed so the voices that

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do violence to intelligent exchange have

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also multiplied and the capacity to

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00:22:12,649 --> 00:22:08,480
share information

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00:22:14,770 --> 00:22:12,659
is wonderful but the blowback to having

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00:22:19,430 --> 00:22:14,780
intelligent exchange

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00:22:21,830 --> 00:22:19,440
every bit matches uh the Splendor of of

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00:22:25,610 --> 00:22:21,840
of of being able to share and to

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00:22:29,450 --> 00:22:25,620
exchange the the level of discussion on

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00:22:32,570 --> 00:22:29,460
social media is overwhelmingly poor it's

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00:22:35,390 --> 00:22:32,580
very difficult to have any kind of

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00:22:36,190 --> 00:22:35,400
meaningful exchange outside of sharing

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00:22:37,910 --> 00:22:36,200
information

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00:22:38,270 --> 00:22:37,920

it is

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um

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it a bets laziness people expect to have

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00:22:48,169 --> 00:22:45,260

things explained to them rather than

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00:22:50,570 --> 00:22:48,179

leaving The Ether of cyberspace and

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00:22:52,010 --> 00:22:50,580

reading or listening to something or

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00:22:54,710 --> 00:22:52,020

what have you

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00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:54,720

so and of course you have a

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polemical skepticism that runs Riot on

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social media that has had a deeply

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deleterious effect to some of our

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primary reference sources most

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especially Wikipedia Wikipedia is

552
00:23:15,529 --> 00:23:11,659
terrific if you want to know about the

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00:23:18,590 --> 00:23:15,539
coastal weather you know in Finland it

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00:23:21,230 --> 00:23:18,600
is an absolute shambles and absolute

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00:23:26,409 --> 00:23:21,240
shambles if you want to know anything

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00:23:29,390 --> 00:23:26,419
about uh the ESP thesis the UFO thesis

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00:23:31,669 --> 00:23:29,400
including the lives and careers of some

558
00:23:34,549 --> 00:23:31,679
of the key researchers in these areas

559
00:23:37,610 --> 00:23:34,559
it's terrific for the Napoleonic Wars

560
00:23:41,149 --> 00:23:37,620
it's terrible for anything that is a

561
00:23:43,789 --> 00:23:41,159
topic of of current exchange and debate

562
00:23:45,470 --> 00:23:43,799
it's it's just been overcome in these

563
00:23:49,430 --> 00:23:45,480

particular areas by a polemical

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00:23:52,789 --> 00:23:49,440

skepticism that I don't think Wiki as a

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00:23:55,490 --> 00:23:52,799

source is sufficiently staffed to

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00:23:57,830 --> 00:23:55,500

editorially supervised and it's a

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00:23:59,750 --> 00:23:57,840

cultural problem I would be remiss to

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00:24:00,890 --> 00:23:59,760

ignore the fact you've mentioned ESP a

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00:24:02,450 --> 00:24:00,900

few times and there will be some

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00:24:04,490 --> 00:24:02,460

listeners thinking oh I talk about it

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00:24:05,810 --> 00:24:04,500

talk about it so let's go there and

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00:24:07,850 --> 00:24:05,820

there will also be some listeners

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00:24:10,010 --> 00:24:07,860

thinking I've heard that term I'm going

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00:24:12,590 --> 00:24:10,020

to guess is it still extra sensory

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00:24:13,909 --> 00:24:12,600

perception yeah that hasn't changed what

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00:24:15,049 --> 00:24:13,919

is that if you want to just describe

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00:24:18,529 --> 00:24:15,059

that to some of the lesson or so it

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00:24:22,430 --> 00:24:18,539

might be unsure it's a way of receiving

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00:24:26,149 --> 00:24:22,440

and sending information that

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00:24:28,310 --> 00:24:26,159

goes beyond any of our ordinary

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00:24:33,049 --> 00:24:28,320

observation in terms of biology

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00:24:34,970 --> 00:24:33,059

cognition or technology so we here in

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00:24:36,770 --> 00:24:34,980

the United States for example and this

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00:24:39,529 --> 00:24:36,780

is of course true in Europe and other

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00:24:42,770 --> 00:24:39,539

parts of the world for now about 80 or

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00:24:44,690 --> 00:24:42,780

90 years we have had a well-established

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00:24:48,770 --> 00:24:44,700

academically based

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00:24:50,990 --> 00:24:48,780

uh culture of parapsychology where tests

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00:24:54,110 --> 00:24:51,000

are performed in the ability of people

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00:25:00,110 --> 00:24:54,120

to glean information without respect to

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00:25:04,669 --> 00:25:00,120

cognition mass time space location and

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00:25:08,830 --> 00:25:04,679

we refer to this as as ESP it's a a

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00:25:15,350 --> 00:25:12,590

codify and catalog evidence for

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00:25:19,190 --> 00:25:15,360

cognition that goes beyond

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00:25:22,390 --> 00:25:19,200

all ordinary observation and the

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00:25:25,570 --> 00:25:22,400

statistical evidence that we have for

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00:25:28,310 --> 00:25:25,580

ESP thought transmission

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00:25:31,669 --> 00:25:28,320

Clairvoyance precognition or what is

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00:25:34,909 --> 00:25:31,679

sometimes also called retro causality

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00:25:38,390 --> 00:25:34,919

the statistical evidence that we have

601
00:25:41,210 --> 00:25:38,400
for this material is as good as well

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00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:41,220
replicated as juried and as bulletproof

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00:25:48,529 --> 00:25:45,360
as any that we have and it places our

604
00:25:51,230 --> 00:25:48,539
culture into a difficult spot as it has

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00:25:53,810 --> 00:25:51,240
for several decades because we do not

606
00:25:57,710 --> 00:25:53,820
understand causation and it's very

607
00:26:01,130 --> 00:25:57,720
difficult to have data without causation

608
00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:01,140
we want to know how things happen and so

609
00:26:06,710 --> 00:26:04,080
the Quest for causation usually leads to

610
00:26:09,470 --> 00:26:06,720
a theory and sometimes that theory will

611
00:26:11,990 --> 00:26:09,480
result in evidence being accepted that

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00:26:13,789 --> 00:26:12,000
has previously been controversial or

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00:26:16,090 --> 00:26:13,799

evidence being accepted that has

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00:26:18,590 --> 00:26:16,100

previously been

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00:26:20,390 --> 00:26:18,600

misunderstood or only partially

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00:26:23,330 --> 00:26:20,400

understood that's what happened with

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00:26:27,049 --> 00:26:23,340

Darwin's theory of evolution we had the

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00:26:28,310 --> 00:26:27,059

physical evidence and it was all kind of

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00:26:41,149 --> 00:26:28,320

in

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00:26:42,409 --> 00:26:41,159

much as just to the social circumstance

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00:26:44,810 --> 00:26:42,419

that

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00:26:46,610 --> 00:26:44,820

gave rise to it and gave rise to its

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00:26:48,350 --> 00:26:46,620

acceptance

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00:26:51,409 --> 00:26:48,360

um Sigmund Freud was very good at this

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00:26:55,370 --> 00:26:51,419

for example he was able to gain

626
00:26:57,350 --> 00:26:55,380
acceptance for a lot of his insights and

627
00:26:58,909 --> 00:26:57,360
he started out in his career and I would

628
00:27:00,950 --> 00:26:58,919
say ended his career with a great deal

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00:27:03,230 --> 00:27:00,960
of Sympathy for the ESP thesis something

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00:27:04,850 --> 00:27:03,240
that is often overlooked in Freud's

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00:27:07,490 --> 00:27:04,860
career he's often seen as an arch

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00:27:10,430 --> 00:27:07,500
materialist and he really was not but

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00:27:12,409 --> 00:27:10,440
what he was was a master Diplomat who

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00:27:14,870 --> 00:27:12,419
was capable of gaining acceptance for

635
00:27:17,830 --> 00:27:14,880
his theories because he would

636
00:27:20,750 --> 00:27:17,840
acceptance for his data we'll say

637
00:27:24,590 --> 00:27:20,760
gained through the psychoanalytic method

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00:27:28,370 --> 00:27:24,600

because he understood the necessity of

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00:27:31,370 --> 00:27:28,380

theory within our Western model now we

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00:27:33,830 --> 00:27:31,380

who care deeply about the ESP thesis or

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00:27:37,190 --> 00:27:33,840

the UFO thesis or both

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00:27:39,110 --> 00:27:37,200

we do not have an overarching Theory

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00:27:41,930 --> 00:27:39,120

we've made some good steps in that

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00:27:44,990 --> 00:27:41,940

direction but there's no consensus-based

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00:27:49,850 --> 00:27:45,000

overarching Theory as you had within the

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00:27:53,570 --> 00:27:49,860

work of a uh a Freud or uh an Einstein

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00:27:57,649 --> 00:27:53,580

or a Louis Pasteur uh or Darwin for that

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00:28:00,350 --> 00:27:57,659

matter and modernity Demands a theory so

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00:28:02,149 --> 00:28:00,360

we're in a tough spot and that's okay

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00:28:04,430 --> 00:28:02,159

there's nothing wrong with being in a

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00:28:07,610 --> 00:28:04,440
tough spot it can make you better

652
00:28:11,690 --> 00:28:07,620
and and what we have

653
00:28:15,230 --> 00:28:11,700
is data that

654
00:28:18,710 --> 00:28:15,240
in some cases is accepted in some cases

655
00:28:22,310 --> 00:28:18,720
is not accepted and we struggle to apply

656
00:28:25,070 --> 00:28:22,320
the implications of that data we have

657
00:28:27,310 --> 00:28:25,080
certain Fields here in the west that are

658
00:28:30,169 --> 00:28:27,320
widely accepted ones like

659
00:28:32,330 --> 00:28:30,179
neuroplasticity which demonstrates their

660
00:28:34,130 --> 00:28:32,340
brain scans that the gray matter of your

661
00:28:36,350 --> 00:28:34,140
brain the cellular matter of your brain

662
00:28:38,390 --> 00:28:36,360
will actually undergo changes based on

663
00:28:40,970 --> 00:28:38,400

thought and everyone accepts those

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00:28:42,769 --> 00:28:40,980

findings because they're so Bulletproof

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00:28:44,269 --> 00:28:42,779

what they don't accept is the

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00:28:46,190 --> 00:28:44,279

implications because the implications

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00:28:48,049 --> 00:28:46,200

are mind over matter and those

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00:28:50,870 --> 00:28:48,059

implications are a place that we are

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00:28:52,970 --> 00:28:50,880

educated in the west not to go we live

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00:28:55,490 --> 00:28:52,980

under philosophical materialism where

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00:28:58,250 --> 00:28:55,500

everything is a strict need cause and

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00:29:00,289 --> 00:28:58,260

effect based on familiar Newtonian

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00:29:02,210 --> 00:29:00,299

physics and anything that departs from

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00:29:04,630 --> 00:29:02,220

that is considered

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00:29:08,529 --> 00:29:04,640

going off into the margin somewhere

676
00:29:12,649 --> 00:29:08,539
we're in a tougher spot with respect to

677
00:29:14,570 --> 00:29:12,659
uh UFO and ESP research excuse me

678
00:29:16,789 --> 00:29:14,580
because we have data

679
00:29:20,930 --> 00:29:16,799
but we don't have a model

680
00:29:23,750 --> 00:29:20,940
yet and so the response

681
00:29:25,669 --> 00:29:23,760
that's healthy and that's positive in my

682
00:29:28,130 --> 00:29:25,679
estimation is to say okay we have the

683
00:29:30,649 --> 00:29:28,140
data let's keep Gathering data and let's

684
00:29:32,029 --> 00:29:30,659
work on a Model see where we get see

685
00:29:34,909 --> 00:29:32,039
what we do

686
00:29:37,250 --> 00:29:34,919
whereas the polemical Skeptics

687
00:29:38,870 --> 00:29:37,260
they will just say no no no no they'll

688
00:29:42,529 --> 00:29:38,880

throw out the evidence altogether they

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00:29:45,590 --> 00:29:42,539

have this secular religion that runs

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00:29:47,750 --> 00:29:45,600

counter to anything that goes outside

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00:29:50,029 --> 00:29:47,760

the parameters the philosophical

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00:29:53,889 --> 00:29:50,039

materialism which holds that common

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00:29:57,049 --> 00:29:53,899

observation more or less rules the day

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00:29:59,930 --> 00:29:57,059

implications are dancing you off into

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00:30:03,769 --> 00:29:59,940

Fairyland or something and that matter

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00:30:06,350 --> 00:30:03,779

creates itself and that all phenomena is

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00:30:07,370 --> 00:30:06,360

a result of

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00:30:10,370 --> 00:30:07,380

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00:30:12,649 --> 00:30:10,380

chemical processes biological processes

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00:30:14,510 --> 00:30:12,659

cognition motor skill and Newtonian

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00:30:17,330 --> 00:30:14,520
physics and anything that goes outside

702
00:30:19,430 --> 00:30:17,340
of that is unaccepted even in the face

703
00:30:21,230 --> 00:30:19,440
of evidence and that's the intellectual

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00:30:24,409 --> 00:30:21,240
Poverty of our era it's not the only

705
00:30:28,909 --> 00:30:24,419
problem we have to be sure but it is a

706
00:30:32,750 --> 00:30:28,919
problem and that problem of being unable

707
00:30:33,950 --> 00:30:32,760
to accept evidence even when it's

708
00:30:35,990 --> 00:30:33,960
gathered according to the most

709
00:30:38,269 --> 00:30:36,000
impeccable standards which is the case

710
00:30:40,370 --> 00:30:38,279
with a good deal of academically based

711
00:30:42,769 --> 00:30:40,380
ESP research and I make reference that

712
00:30:45,169 --> 00:30:42,779
only because it's an area of Deep

713
00:30:47,450 --> 00:30:45,179

commitment

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00:30:49,430 --> 00:30:47,460

um that problem of not accepting

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00:30:50,029 --> 00:30:49,440

evidence due to

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00:30:52,310 --> 00:30:50,039

um

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00:30:54,230 --> 00:30:52,320

both

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00:30:56,210 --> 00:30:54,240

um the prejudices of materialist

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00:30:58,490 --> 00:30:56,220

philosophy which has held Sway in the

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00:30:59,870 --> 00:30:58,500

western world for about 300 years it

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00:31:03,470 --> 00:30:59,880

ain't a Prejudice that's going to go

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00:31:05,450 --> 00:31:03,480

away easily and at least to critics who

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00:31:07,490 --> 00:31:05,460

are capable of intelligently discussing

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00:31:09,950 --> 00:31:07,500

it the problem of lacking a theory which

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00:31:11,990 --> 00:31:09,960

is the problem is a legit problem it

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00:31:13,730 --> 00:31:12,000

doesn't mean you smash Galileo's

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00:31:16,269 --> 00:31:13,740

telescope it doesn't mean you burn the

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00:31:19,570 --> 00:31:16,279

fleet that doesn't mean you discontinue

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00:31:22,610 --> 00:31:19,580

Discovery it's a totally impoverished

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00:31:25,130 --> 00:31:22,620

response to this material and that's one

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00:31:27,710 --> 00:31:25,140

of the problems that we face today I'm

732

00:31:28,970 --> 00:31:27,720

glad you mentioned Galileo because uh an

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00:31:30,889 --> 00:31:28,980

argument I often bring up that

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00:31:32,510 --> 00:31:30,899

frustrates me greatly and I think speaks

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00:31:34,850 --> 00:31:32,520

to what you're saying about about this

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00:31:36,470 --> 00:31:34,860

skepticism and throwing away you know

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00:31:39,230 --> 00:31:36,480

ideas in spite of the evidences

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00:31:42,169 --> 00:31:39,240

Professor Brian Cox here in the UK very

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00:31:44,990 --> 00:31:42,179

well respected physicist he's on the BBC

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00:31:47,510 --> 00:31:45,000

quite a lot he does spoken word tours he

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00:31:49,310 --> 00:31:47,520

he often speaks down about the UFO

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00:31:51,889 --> 00:31:49,320

subject and the possibility of alien

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00:31:54,470 --> 00:31:51,899

life and spite of the the evidence the

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00:31:56,690 --> 00:31:54,480

testimony out there Professor Brian Cox

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00:31:58,510 --> 00:31:56,700

will also on his shows often cite that

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00:32:01,490 --> 00:31:58,520

Galileo as one of his great Heroes

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00:32:04,070 --> 00:32:01,500

Galileo himself during his time was

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00:32:05,630 --> 00:32:04,080

house under house arrest because his his

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00:32:08,330 --> 00:32:05,640

colleagues and peers all the time

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00:32:09,769 --> 00:32:08,340

thought his ideas were so wild that they

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00:32:12,110 --> 00:32:09,779

must be wrong even though he had

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00:32:16,010 --> 00:32:12,120

evidence he had proof

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00:32:17,990 --> 00:32:16,020

um and I see Professor Brian Cox doesn't

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00:32:20,750 --> 00:32:18,000

see the you know the irony and

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00:32:23,210 --> 00:32:20,760

he being so dismissive of the UFO topic

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00:32:25,370 --> 00:32:23,220

that I hope and see one day being much

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00:32:27,350 --> 00:32:25,380

more of the normal because people like

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00:32:29,269 --> 00:32:27,360

him could get involved and really help

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00:32:31,490 --> 00:32:29,279

push this conversation forward is it

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00:32:33,310 --> 00:32:31,500

just that that Human Condition you see

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00:32:36,470 --> 00:32:33,320

this this won't go away anytime soon

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00:32:39,049 --> 00:32:36,480

that even respected intelligent

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00:32:42,289 --> 00:32:39,059

individuals like a professor Brian Cox

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00:32:44,450 --> 00:32:42,299

and holding up Heroes like Galileo won't

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00:32:46,789 --> 00:32:44,460

see how they're being dismissive of what

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00:32:47,990 --> 00:32:46,799

the UFO conversation how they are and it

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00:32:50,570 --> 00:32:48,000

could be the greatest scientific

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00:32:52,010 --> 00:32:50,580

discovery of all time you know finding

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00:32:54,470 --> 00:32:52,020

something else out there they don't want

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00:32:57,049 --> 00:32:54,480

to be involved in that discovery

771

00:32:59,389 --> 00:32:57,059

it's fascinating you cannot invent these

772

00:33:02,570 --> 00:32:59,399

ironies you cannot invent these ironies

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00:33:04,730 --> 00:33:02,580

and if you were to have a relaxed

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00:33:07,909 --> 00:33:04,740

conversation in private and say to him

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00:33:11,510 --> 00:33:07,919

don't you see how heroizing Galileo

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00:33:14,810 --> 00:33:11,520

while talking down a radical thesis is

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00:33:16,549 --> 00:33:14,820

in contradiction I suspect just based on

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00:33:18,649 --> 00:33:16,559

human nature it's true of me it's true

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00:33:20,930 --> 00:33:18,659

of all of us it wouldn't even penetrate

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00:33:25,250 --> 00:33:20,940

it wouldn't even get through we as a

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00:33:30,529 --> 00:33:27,049

a Brokenness

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00:33:32,210 --> 00:33:30,539

an inability to permit in contradictions

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00:33:34,909 --> 00:33:32,220

including in our own psychology

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00:33:36,350 --> 00:33:34,919

including in our own approach and this

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00:33:40,370 --> 00:33:36,360

is true

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00:33:42,830 --> 00:33:40,380

across the human situation may I be so

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00:33:44,570 --> 00:33:42,840

fortunate as to see it in myself as

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00:33:46,730 --> 00:33:44,580

easily as I'm able to see it in

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00:33:49,789 --> 00:33:46,740

Professor Cox

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00:33:53,090 --> 00:33:49,799

um we can often see it in others and not

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00:33:58,250 --> 00:33:53,100

see it in ourselves and it is a human

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00:34:00,590 --> 00:33:58,260

problem and I hope I hope in my own work

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00:34:03,889 --> 00:34:00,600

I am not succumbing to that myself

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00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:03,899

because I recognize that it's just part

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00:34:08,869 --> 00:34:06,000

of the human situation that when we get

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00:34:11,030 --> 00:34:08,879

turned on to a certain thesis or we

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00:34:12,829 --> 00:34:11,040

declare ourselves in agreement with

798

00:34:15,470 --> 00:34:12,839

something which can be a very emotional

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00:34:17,210 --> 00:34:15,480

decision we all want a world in which we

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00:34:19,129 --> 00:34:17,220

feel safe we all want a world that's

801
00:34:20,750 --> 00:34:19,139
somewhat familiar none of us want to

802
00:34:23,450 --> 00:34:20,760
wake up Thursday morning and discover

803
00:34:25,970 --> 00:34:23,460
that our Paradigm has been shattered

804
00:34:29,570 --> 00:34:25,980
none of us really want that We crave

805
00:34:31,790 --> 00:34:29,580
familiarity We crave sameness and we

806
00:34:35,089 --> 00:34:31,800
glean information that way as well so

807
00:34:37,609 --> 00:34:35,099
shame on me if I'm succumbing to that in

808
00:34:41,089 --> 00:34:37,619
my own work I have to be really really

809
00:34:44,089 --> 00:34:41,099
careful of that that is why I want there

810
00:34:46,790 --> 00:34:44,099
to be a healthy skeptical apparatus

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00:34:49,970 --> 00:34:46,800
William Blake wrote In The Marriage of

812
00:34:52,849 --> 00:34:49,980
Heaven and Hell in 1790 opposition is

813
00:34:56,389 --> 00:34:52,859

true friendship it's really worth living

814

00:35:00,109 --> 00:34:56,399

with that maxim of Blakes

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00:35:02,810 --> 00:35:00,119

we do not Advance unless we meet with

816

00:35:05,630 --> 00:35:02,820

friction unless we meet with barriers

817

00:35:08,829 --> 00:35:05,640

I want there to be can a capable

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00:35:11,450 --> 00:35:08,839

committed responsible dedicated Skeptics

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00:35:13,790 --> 00:35:11,460

I want there to be people who will tell

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00:35:16,490 --> 00:35:13,800

me where I'm wrong who believe that I am

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00:35:17,990 --> 00:35:16,500

wrong and who will debate me

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00:35:21,050 --> 00:35:18,000

intelligently

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00:35:23,150 --> 00:35:21,060

from which I can only benefit from which

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00:35:26,270 --> 00:35:23,160

I can only benefit

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00:35:29,810 --> 00:35:26,280

I give a lot of presentations and I am

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00:35:31,490 --> 00:35:29,820

only human and from time to time I am

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00:35:34,550 --> 00:35:31,500

going to make a mistake in those

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00:35:37,310 --> 00:35:34,560

presentations I have never once I hope

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00:35:39,470 --> 00:35:37,320

failed to get better

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00:35:41,390 --> 00:35:39,480

um for that mistake being pointed out

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00:35:44,450 --> 00:35:41,400

sometimes by people who are not friends

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00:35:46,190 --> 00:35:44,460

of mine but nonetheless

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00:35:47,870 --> 00:35:46,200

um in fact Emerson wrote that there's no

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00:35:49,790 --> 00:35:47,880

greater plague on us than our friends

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00:35:52,550 --> 00:35:49,800

they allow us to sleep we want

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00:35:54,349 --> 00:35:52,560

adversaries but those adversaries have

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00:35:56,030 --> 00:35:54,359

to be people who know what they're

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00:35:59,329 --> 00:35:56,040

talking about who are dedicated to

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00:36:01,790 --> 00:35:59,339

Serious exchange and who don't just

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00:36:04,430 --> 00:36:01,800

throw over the chess board if the game

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00:36:06,650 --> 00:36:04,440

is going against them it has to be about

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00:36:09,589 --> 00:36:06,660

more than that so I'm also very

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00:36:12,530 --> 00:36:09,599

concerned about the paucity of real

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00:36:15,290 --> 00:36:12,540

intellectual depth within the Skeptics

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00:36:17,270 --> 00:36:15,300

Community you mentioned and I suppose

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00:36:18,770 --> 00:36:17,280

well I hope this is a good example of it

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00:36:21,530 --> 00:36:18,780

you mentioned Leslie K and Ralph

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00:36:23,089 --> 00:36:21,540

Blumenthal Helene Cooper and and I know

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00:36:25,849 --> 00:36:23,099

Leslie and Ralph have worked on several

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00:36:29,510 --> 00:36:25,859

articles for the New York Times on on

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00:36:31,970 --> 00:36:29,520
various UFO UAP related issues recently

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00:36:34,730 --> 00:36:31,980
a counter article to that has gone up on

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00:36:36,349 --> 00:36:34,740
the New York Times by Julian Barnes and

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00:36:38,810 --> 00:36:36,359
a bit of a

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00:36:41,150 --> 00:36:38,820
a fire stalking headline declaring most

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00:36:43,910 --> 00:36:41,160
UFO reports are clutter or Airborne

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00:36:46,730 --> 00:36:43,920
trash now that's spat in the face of

858
00:36:49,130 --> 00:36:46,740
much of the UFO Community are fans of

859
00:36:51,650 --> 00:36:49,140
the conversation you know Die Hard UFO

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00:36:53,150 --> 00:36:51,660
enthusiasts and I can see why I'd like

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00:36:55,069 --> 00:36:53,160
to think as much as I'm a fan of the

862
00:36:56,990 --> 00:36:55,079
subject I can also take a step back and

863
00:36:59,810 --> 00:36:57,000

just view things I've learned that in my

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00:37:01,970 --> 00:36:59,820

job in just life in general do you think

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00:37:03,589 --> 00:37:01,980

there's as much bias on both sides of

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00:37:06,170 --> 00:37:03,599

the fence that you can just I think

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00:37:08,270 --> 00:37:06,180

you've said as much they are you get so

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00:37:11,150 --> 00:37:08,280

stuck and ingrained in your argument

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00:37:13,310 --> 00:37:11,160

that you can't see the middle ground and

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00:37:15,470 --> 00:37:13,320

there are people who are Gatekeepers

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00:37:17,390 --> 00:37:15,480

of the subject almost who who won't

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00:37:19,609 --> 00:37:17,400

allow a skeptical eye now I'm not saying

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00:37:22,130 --> 00:37:19,619

Julian bonds I feel he was very biased

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00:37:25,310 --> 00:37:22,140

and the article he wrote and even in his

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00:37:26,569 --> 00:37:25,320

writing that oh 150 or so cases have

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00:37:28,190 --> 00:37:26,579

been solved yeah but what about the

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00:37:29,510 --> 00:37:28,200

other half that haven't you know you're

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00:37:31,250 --> 00:37:29,520

just ignore you're leaving that out and

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00:37:33,829 --> 00:37:31,260

you talked about cherry picking data

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00:37:36,410 --> 00:37:33,839

with the ESP research very much the same

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00:37:38,150 --> 00:37:36,420

thing whereas that happy medium how do

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00:37:40,910 --> 00:37:38,160

we arrive at a place where you do have

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00:37:42,950 --> 00:37:40,920

healthy skeptical debate but also you

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00:37:44,630 --> 00:37:42,960

know UFO enthusiasts on the other side

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00:37:47,569 --> 00:37:44,640

and you could you can have that

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00:37:48,770 --> 00:37:47,579

conversation how do we get there

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00:37:52,130 --> 00:37:48,780

right

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00:37:55,490 --> 00:37:52,140

I wondered honestly if we can get there

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00:37:58,370 --> 00:37:55,500

because humanity is so tribalist and so

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00:38:00,410 --> 00:37:58,380

emotional in its decision making and we

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00:38:02,390 --> 00:38:00,420

in the west at least are trained to

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00:38:03,950 --> 00:38:02,400

think in opposite something is true or

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00:38:08,089 --> 00:38:03,960

something is false and that probably

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00:38:10,970 --> 00:38:08,099

stems from Aristotle and that's not

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00:38:13,010 --> 00:38:10,980

helpful in times like ours we live in

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00:38:15,290 --> 00:38:13,020

uncertain places whether we like it or

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00:38:17,270 --> 00:38:15,300

not and there are things that are going

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00:38:19,730 --> 00:38:17,280

to be unintelligible there are things

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00:38:23,329 --> 00:38:19,740

that have to be sustained as a question

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00:38:25,310 --> 00:38:23,339

and the true false polarity makes it

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00:38:27,890 --> 00:38:25,320
very difficult sometimes to sustain

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00:38:30,589 --> 00:38:27,900
questions and to have meaningful debate

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00:38:32,690 --> 00:38:30,599
it hobbles us not only in the areas that

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00:38:35,210 --> 00:38:32,700
we're talking about but it hobbles Us in

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00:38:37,430 --> 00:38:35,220
policy making as well you know here in

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00:38:40,030 --> 00:38:37,440
the United States we have a shambles of

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00:38:42,589 --> 00:38:40,040
a Health Care Health Insurance system

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00:38:44,390 --> 00:38:42,599
that many many people are dissatisfied

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00:38:45,710 --> 00:38:44,400
with but we can't do anything about it

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00:38:48,530 --> 00:38:45,720
because every time we start talking

911
00:38:49,970 --> 00:38:48,540
about it emotions hold Sway and all

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00:38:52,250 --> 00:38:49,980
we're really talking about is the

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00:38:55,310 --> 00:38:52,260

delivery system there's got to be a

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00:38:57,050 --> 00:38:55,320

better delivery system so let's try to

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00:38:58,730 --> 00:38:57,060

find this better delivery system but

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00:39:00,710 --> 00:38:58,740

that simple exchange is rendered

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00:39:04,250 --> 00:39:00,720

impossible even though the majority of

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00:39:06,050 --> 00:39:04,260

people care about it because of emotions

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00:39:08,030 --> 00:39:06,060

um and also because of a kind of

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00:39:10,069 --> 00:39:08,040

tribalism where as soon as we settle on

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00:39:12,530 --> 00:39:10,079

an emotionally held position we feel

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00:39:14,210 --> 00:39:12,540

threatened by anybody who doesn't hold

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00:39:16,130 --> 00:39:14,220

that same position and we think there

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00:39:18,170 --> 00:39:16,140

must be something that they're not

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00:39:20,030 --> 00:39:18,180

telling us they're using this as a smoke

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00:39:22,430 --> 00:39:20,040
screen for something else that's one of

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00:39:24,109 --> 00:39:22,440
the reasons why I try to use very blunt

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00:39:25,790 --> 00:39:24,119
language and I try to be very

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00:39:28,329 --> 00:39:25,800
transparent

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00:39:31,730 --> 00:39:28,339
um apparently uh I'm I'm not always

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00:39:34,609 --> 00:39:31,740
successful according to the lights of uh

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00:39:39,770 --> 00:39:34,619
those who see themselves as set into the

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00:39:44,349 --> 00:39:39,780
opposite position from my own but I I do

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00:39:49,250 --> 00:39:47,089
indirectness we need to be very direct

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00:39:51,950 --> 00:39:49,260
it seems to me about what we stand for

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00:39:54,470 --> 00:39:51,960
what we believe in for example I refer

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00:39:56,750 --> 00:39:54,480
to myself as a believing historian and

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00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:56,760

I'm very disclosing of that because I

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00:40:02,329 --> 00:39:59,760

want people to realize that I do emerge

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00:40:04,069 --> 00:40:02,339

from and interact with some of the very

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00:40:06,710 --> 00:40:04,079

movements that I write about and I think

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00:40:08,690 --> 00:40:06,720

rather than compromising one's critique

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00:40:10,670 --> 00:40:08,700

that can enrich one's critique because

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00:40:11,810 --> 00:40:10,680

you're at the center of things and you

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00:40:18,950 --> 00:40:11,820

can see

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00:40:21,589 --> 00:40:18,960

maybe you can understand the values that

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00:40:23,569 --> 00:40:21,599

emanate from certain movements how those

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00:40:26,710 --> 00:40:23,579

values fall short there's an intimacy

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00:40:31,130 --> 00:40:26,720

that can enrich documentation

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00:40:34,609 --> 00:40:31,140

so I think transparency of all players

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00:40:36,829 --> 00:40:34,619

is important it's it's very important

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00:40:38,390 --> 00:40:36,839

whether it will go the distance in

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Bridging the Gap that you've rightly

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00:40:43,730 --> 00:40:41,460

described I do not know uh now with

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00:40:47,630 --> 00:40:43,740

regard to this uh New York Times

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00:40:50,030 --> 00:40:47,640

situation where we have uh Helene Ralph

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00:40:52,190 --> 00:40:50,040

and Leslie perhaps one could put it

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00:40:55,370 --> 00:40:52,200

standing off to one side and a Julian

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00:40:56,810 --> 00:40:55,380

Barnes standing off to other to another

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00:40:58,490 --> 00:40:56,820

you know maybe that's not a fair

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00:41:01,250 --> 00:40:58,500

formulation but for the sake of

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00:41:04,069 --> 00:41:01,260

generalism I'll make it

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00:41:05,870 --> 00:41:04,079

um I was just interviewing uh my old

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00:41:07,910 --> 00:41:05,880

friend Whitley strieber before we got on

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00:41:10,370 --> 00:41:07,920

together which I mentioned

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00:41:12,530 --> 00:41:10,380

um I'm part of a UFO Film Festival here

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00:41:14,270 --> 00:41:12,540

in New York City and and we're showing

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00:41:16,190 --> 00:41:14,280

communion and another movie of which

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00:41:19,609 --> 00:41:16,200

Whitley was apart so we were talking

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00:41:22,310 --> 00:41:19,619

largely about film but this very topic

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00:41:24,890 --> 00:41:22,320

came up and Whitley said something that

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00:41:27,770 --> 00:41:24,900

I'll repeat I agree with it entirely he

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00:41:31,670 --> 00:41:27,780

said look you know when

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00:41:34,250 --> 00:41:31,680

the the the the Cooper Blumenthal Keen

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00:41:36,650 --> 00:41:34,260

article made it to the front page or the

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00:41:38,450 --> 00:41:36,660

New York Times it was a miracle it was

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00:41:41,270 --> 00:41:38,460

an extraordinary breakthrough and it

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really was I mean there were antecedents

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to that but that was the Bell sounding

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00:41:48,290 --> 00:41:46,140

that issued the UFO thesis into the

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00:41:50,690 --> 00:41:48,300

mainstream and it's since repeated in

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00:41:52,250 --> 00:41:50,700

other widely read and opinion shaping

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00:41:53,270 --> 00:41:52,260

media including the New Yorker for

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00:41:57,290 --> 00:41:53,280

example

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00:41:59,870 --> 00:41:57,300

so then we're all waiting for the other

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00:42:02,870 --> 00:41:59,880

shoe to drop and out comes Julian Barnes

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00:42:06,410 --> 00:42:02,880

article saying well most of it according

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00:42:08,569 --> 00:42:06,420

to my interviews is Just Junk and or a

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00:42:10,010 --> 00:42:08,579

Chinese drone or what have you and

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00:42:12,530 --> 00:42:10,020

there's a couple of things to unpack

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00:42:15,050 --> 00:42:12,540

there the first is we have to be very

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00:42:16,609 --> 00:42:15,060

careful as you were alluding with the

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00:42:18,410 --> 00:42:16,619

word most

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00:42:20,750 --> 00:42:18,420

um because

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00:42:25,190 --> 00:42:20,760

um if one were to apply the standard of

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00:42:27,770 --> 00:42:25,200

of of most uh we would have some

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00:42:29,569 --> 00:42:27,780

extraordinary evidence that doesn't get

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00:42:32,089 --> 00:42:29,579

considered

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00:42:34,310 --> 00:42:32,099

um there's a meta-analysis that was

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00:42:36,290 --> 00:42:34,320

recently published of precognition

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00:42:38,930 --> 00:42:36,300
experiments that were done at Cornell

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00:42:41,810 --> 00:42:38,940
University well most of the replications

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00:42:42,970 --> 00:42:41,820
didn't work but those replications that

1004
00:42:46,550 --> 00:42:42,980
did work

1005
00:42:48,170 --> 00:42:46,560
surpassed The Benchmark for statistical

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00:42:51,010 --> 00:42:48,180
significance according to the

1007
00:42:54,349 --> 00:42:51,020
methodology by which we conduct

1008
00:42:56,990 --> 00:42:54,359
meta-analyzes so most is a very tricky

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00:42:59,809 --> 00:42:57,000
word as a friend of mine Robert shock

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00:43:02,510 --> 00:42:59,819
puts it he's a geologist at Boston

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00:43:04,250 --> 00:43:02,520
University something only has to be a

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00:43:06,710 --> 00:43:04,260
little bit true in order to change

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00:43:10,190 --> 00:43:06,720

everything so you could say I've

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00:43:13,069 --> 00:43:10,200

investigated 100 episodes of so-called

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00:43:14,930 --> 00:43:13,079

Poltergeist activity and most were

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00:43:16,730 --> 00:43:14,940

mistakes it's like let's talk about that

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00:43:19,430 --> 00:43:16,740

other five percent you know let's start

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00:43:22,730 --> 00:43:19,440

digging there I mean that's where the

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00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:22,740

Explorer goes that's where there's

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00:43:26,690 --> 00:43:24,720

something around the corner and we don't

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00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:26,700

know what it is and we have to go there

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00:43:31,870 --> 00:43:29,760

so most is a tricky thing now Whitley

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00:43:35,210 --> 00:43:31,880

pointed out to me that

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00:43:37,910 --> 00:43:35,220

when these unnamed military sources tell

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00:43:38,809 --> 00:43:37,920

barns for example that

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00:43:41,390 --> 00:43:38,819

um

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some of these sightings that might exist

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on video or radar or other methods of

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measurement

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are nothing but

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uh proposed Chinese drones well that

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doesn't Encompass the historical and

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00:44:04,670 --> 00:44:01,680

Technical record because we have the US

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00:44:08,870 --> 00:44:04,680

military for example has documented

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00:44:10,329 --> 00:44:08,880

flight patterns going back to 1947 that

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00:44:13,490 --> 00:44:10,339

share

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00:44:17,230 --> 00:44:13,500

significant commonalities with the

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00:44:21,109 --> 00:44:17,240

flight patterns of that more reasonably

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00:44:23,530 --> 00:44:21,119

recently released data so if there's a

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00:44:28,309 --> 00:44:23,540

congruency of flight patterns between

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00:44:30,650 --> 00:44:28,319

1947 data and 21st century data that

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00:44:34,069 --> 00:44:30,660

obviously calls into question the

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00:44:36,170 --> 00:44:34,079

Chinese drone uh thesis because we're

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00:44:38,750 --> 00:44:36,180

seeing flight patterns back at a time

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00:44:40,370 --> 00:44:38,760

when there were no such thing as drones

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and

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00:44:43,970 --> 00:44:42,000

they're

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these are the issues that are going to

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fuel this debate and this is why we get

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00:44:52,609 --> 00:44:49,260

into this kind of intellectual trench

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00:44:54,589 --> 00:44:52,619
warfare because current authorities say

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00:44:58,790 --> 00:44:54,599
something it gets reported in a

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00:45:00,829 --> 00:44:58,800
prominent place and then those who are

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00:45:02,990 --> 00:45:00,839
deeply dedicated say well that's a

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00:45:05,030 --> 00:45:03,000
historical that's simply a historical

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00:45:07,130 --> 00:45:05,040
that doesn't cover the basis of

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00:45:09,470 --> 00:45:07,140
commonality between these objects and

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00:45:11,770 --> 00:45:09,480
objects from Generations ago that

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predate the technology that you're using

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00:45:16,910 --> 00:45:15,480
as an off-ramp from taking seriously the

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00:45:19,309 --> 00:45:16,920
UFO thesis

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00:45:22,490 --> 00:45:19,319
now

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00:45:24,290 --> 00:45:22,500

this debate for such reasons is going to

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drag on

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um I presume that most of us myself

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included and I have to be really careful

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about this we propose a thesis and we

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often find uh evidence for that thesis

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and

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social scientists love to call it

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00:45:45,770 --> 00:45:43,619

confirmation bias they throw around that

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term it's just a term for prejudice we

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all suffer from it including the people

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00:45:52,370 --> 00:45:49,859

who use that term themselves to dispel

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00:45:53,690 --> 00:45:52,380

legitimate evidence which I suppose is

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um

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indicative of its validity but people

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never apply it back to themselves so I I

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read that article and the Barnes article

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00:46:07,490 --> 00:46:05,640

and I thought that morning that I read

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00:46:08,990 --> 00:46:07,500

it about sharing it on social media

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because I thought well look you know

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00:46:13,250 --> 00:46:11,280

it's just a something that's on the

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00:46:14,930 --> 00:46:13,260

public agenda go ahead and share it I'm

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00:46:17,450 --> 00:46:14,940

not endorsing it one way or the other

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00:46:18,890 --> 00:46:17,460

but I opted against sharing it because I

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00:46:21,290 --> 00:46:18,900

thought you know there's a background

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00:46:24,290 --> 00:46:21,300

conversation here that needs to occur

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00:46:25,910 --> 00:46:24,300

and that background conversation is part

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00:46:27,650 --> 00:46:25,920

of what you and I are doing it's part of

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the exchange I just had with Whitley

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which which will which will be published

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00:46:34,329 --> 00:46:31,859

soon there are of course much more

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00:46:38,450 --> 00:46:34,339

intensive and deeper exchanges going on

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and one thing I will add is this

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00:46:41,930 --> 00:46:39,240

um

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at the anomalous experiences conference

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00:46:45,470 --> 00:46:43,560

here in New York a couple of weeks ago

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Gary Nolan made a very important point

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that I think is worth amplifying He was

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asked by a member of the audience about

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00:46:54,829 --> 00:46:51,540
the

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00:46:58,790 --> 00:46:54,839
efforts of people in government people

1104
00:47:01,250 --> 00:46:58,800
on the military to stymie disclosure and

1105
00:47:02,990 --> 00:47:01,260
Gary said and I think this is is very

1106
00:47:04,730 --> 00:47:03,000
important and I think this is the kind

1107
00:47:05,930 --> 00:47:04,740
of thing that helps leaven the

1108
00:47:08,829 --> 00:47:05,940
discussion

1109
00:47:11,809 --> 00:47:08,839
he said look you know there are people

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00:47:13,490 --> 00:47:11,819
in government in military in

1111
00:47:16,370 --> 00:47:13,500
intelligence services

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00:47:19,130 --> 00:47:16,380
who do want to stymie disclosure

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00:47:22,250 --> 00:47:19,140

absolutely there are also whistleblowers

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00:47:24,829 --> 00:47:22,260

who release documents who release facts

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00:47:26,930 --> 00:47:24,839

and figures why there are whistleblowers

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00:47:29,569 --> 00:47:26,940

for as many reasons as there are people

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00:47:31,250 --> 00:47:29,579

we have them in corporations we have

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00:47:33,829 --> 00:47:31,260

them in media we have them in government

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00:47:35,809 --> 00:47:33,839

we have them in finance there are a lot

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00:47:37,309 --> 00:47:35,819

of injustices that wouldn't be brought

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00:47:39,890 --> 00:47:37,319

to light if it were not for

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00:47:43,190 --> 00:47:39,900

whistleblowers so you have both

1123

00:47:46,670 --> 00:47:43,200

Tendencies those who seek to suppress

1124

00:47:49,970 --> 00:47:46,680

information those who seek to disclose

1125

00:47:52,970 --> 00:47:49,980

or render public information and both

1126
00:47:55,069 --> 00:47:52,980
things are are going on at once and um

1127
00:47:58,309 --> 00:47:55,079
you know with respect to the Barnes

1128
00:48:00,470 --> 00:47:58,319
article I just don't know enough to

1129
00:48:02,870 --> 00:48:00,480
um offer further supposition but I

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00:48:07,130 --> 00:48:02,880
thought Ralph's statement

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00:48:08,750 --> 00:48:07,140
um uh Gary's statement was valuable yeah

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00:48:12,230 --> 00:48:08,760
and I think you're right around that

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00:48:13,609 --> 00:48:12,240
word most was if I approach Mr Barnes

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00:48:14,990 --> 00:48:13,619
and threw a hundred lottery tickets at

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00:48:17,569 --> 00:48:15,000
him and said most of those aren't

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00:48:18,950 --> 00:48:17,579
Powerball or jackpot winning tickets I'm

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00:48:20,150 --> 00:48:18,960
sure they would do his research and dig

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00:48:22,609 --> 00:48:20,160

through every one of those tickets to

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00:48:24,530 --> 00:48:22,619

find the ones that were right and right

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00:48:27,589 --> 00:48:24,540

same with the ESP conversation remote

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00:48:30,650 --> 00:48:27,599

viewing Bigfoot UFOs we're only looking

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00:48:33,770 --> 00:48:30,660

for that one concrete bang that it is

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00:48:35,630 --> 00:48:33,780

and that may not even exist it may be

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00:48:36,530 --> 00:48:35,640

the weight of evidence that has to come

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00:48:38,089 --> 00:48:36,540

up

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00:48:39,829 --> 00:48:38,099

um but yeah that that's that's what

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00:48:43,069 --> 00:48:39,839

troubled me most about it it was kind of

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00:48:45,170 --> 00:48:43,079

disappointing you you you said something

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00:48:48,770 --> 00:48:45,180

that I loved in your talk that was

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00:48:50,569 --> 00:48:48,780

testimony over time becomes a record and

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00:48:52,730 --> 00:48:50,579

many will argue that testimony

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00:48:54,290 --> 00:48:52,740

especially in the UFO conversation as

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00:48:56,870 --> 00:48:54,300

I'm sure it is for much of what the

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00:48:59,210 --> 00:48:56,880

esoteric as you see or the occult is is

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00:49:00,890 --> 00:48:59,220

dismissed because it's not a video or a

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00:49:01,910 --> 00:49:00,900

photograph when even those get argued

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00:49:03,650 --> 00:49:01,920

over

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00:49:05,650 --> 00:49:03,660

did you think

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00:49:08,630 --> 00:49:05,660

at this point

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00:49:11,450 --> 00:49:08,640

testimony is enough for any of those

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00:49:14,150 --> 00:49:11,460

conversations we hear a lot of stories

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00:49:16,730 --> 00:49:14,160

and testimony from pilots from citizens

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00:49:18,650 --> 00:49:16,740

from from airline pilots from you know

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00:49:21,770 --> 00:49:18,660

medical people from people in government

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00:49:24,829 --> 00:49:21,780

about the UFOs or experiences they've

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00:49:27,410 --> 00:49:24,839

had what weight do you put on testimony

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00:49:30,710 --> 00:49:27,420

in the immediacy as being valuable

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00:49:32,690 --> 00:49:30,720

evidence well I'm very influenced by the

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00:49:35,690 --> 00:49:32,700

philosopher William James he was my

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00:49:37,069 --> 00:49:35,700

intellectual hero and James back in his

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00:49:38,569 --> 00:49:37,079

era and we're still having the same

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00:49:41,390 --> 00:49:38,579

arguments today

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00:49:43,609 --> 00:49:41,400

he deeply valued testimony he felt

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00:49:47,390 --> 00:49:43,619

testimony uh

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00:49:49,010 --> 00:49:47,400

is empiricism uh particularly when we're

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00:49:50,930 --> 00:49:49,020

talking about the well-being of the

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00:49:54,410 --> 00:49:50,940

individual what else other than

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00:49:59,329 --> 00:49:54,420

testimony do we have to go on

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00:50:04,010 --> 00:49:59,339

um in some respects entire swaths of our

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00:50:05,870 --> 00:50:04,020

body of medicine uh pertaining to mental

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00:50:09,109 --> 00:50:05,880

and emotional health but also pertaining

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00:50:11,870 --> 00:50:09,119

to individual pain is

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00:50:14,530 --> 00:50:11,880

based in testimony

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00:50:19,370 --> 00:50:14,540

um the placebo response is based in

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00:50:21,410 --> 00:50:19,380

testimony uh so many fields that are

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00:50:22,609 --> 00:50:21,420

Fields today

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00:50:25,750 --> 00:50:22,619

um

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00:50:30,109 --> 00:50:25,760

including exploration itself

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00:50:32,870 --> 00:50:30,119

began as as testimony testimony over

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00:50:36,290 --> 00:50:32,880

time becomes record and we're able to

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00:50:38,870 --> 00:50:36,300

use it to navigate and to determine some

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00:50:41,210 --> 00:50:38,880

reasonable iteration of reality I think

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00:50:42,770 --> 00:50:41,220

I joked in the talk what is the

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00:50:45,589 --> 00:50:42,780

difference between testimony and

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00:50:48,410 --> 00:50:45,599

anecdote the belief of the Observer you

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00:50:51,770 --> 00:50:48,420

know uh people love to use the term

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00:50:54,290 --> 00:50:51,780

anecdote as a dismissal and that was

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00:50:56,450 --> 00:50:54,300

true in the Victorian age as well and

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00:51:00,109 --> 00:50:56,460

James uh who was the father of

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00:51:03,170 --> 00:51:00,119

pragmatism and positivism or the search

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00:51:07,430 --> 00:51:03,180
for causality he had

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00:51:10,309 --> 00:51:07,440
a tremendous uh brief against the

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00:51:13,370 --> 00:51:10,319
dismissal of so-called anecdote because

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00:51:15,589 --> 00:51:13,380
it it's our only empiricism when

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00:51:17,030 --> 00:51:15,599
we're talking about perceptions of life

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00:51:19,210 --> 00:51:17,040
including

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00:51:22,670 --> 00:51:19,220
our own medical

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00:51:25,609 --> 00:51:22,680
well-being and in in many respects not

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00:51:28,030 --> 00:51:25,619
all but many and

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00:51:31,609 --> 00:51:28,040
if we

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00:51:33,829 --> 00:51:31,619
dismissed testimony

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00:51:36,650 --> 00:51:33,839
um we not only neglect record but it

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00:51:39,370 --> 00:51:36,660

just becomes a device at a certain point

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00:51:43,910 --> 00:51:39,380

so if we had no physical evidence

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00:51:46,549 --> 00:51:43,920

whatsoever for the ESP uh thesis and and

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00:51:49,190 --> 00:51:46,559

we do but if we had none

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00:51:52,670 --> 00:51:49,200

uh that record of testimony would still

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00:51:57,109 --> 00:51:52,680

be valuable it's it's it's a record and

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00:52:00,770 --> 00:51:57,119

it's coming from people who are trained

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00:52:03,589 --> 00:52:00,780

to observe aerial phenomena uh such

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00:52:06,470 --> 00:52:03,599

people will also make mistakes but over

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00:52:10,730 --> 00:52:06,480

the course of decades and decades and

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00:52:15,109 --> 00:52:10,740

decades where there is a Confluence of

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00:52:18,490 --> 00:52:15,119

recorded detail where there is a

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00:52:22,309 --> 00:52:18,500

convergence of experience

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00:52:23,170 --> 00:52:22,319
data eyewitness account to neglect that

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00:52:26,270 --> 00:52:23,180
record

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00:52:28,849 --> 00:52:26,280
would be almost to neglect a mountain

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00:52:30,829 --> 00:52:28,859
that's right in front of us but that

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00:52:33,290 --> 00:52:30,839
we're perhaps not able to reach out and

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00:52:35,690 --> 00:52:33,300
immediately touch so it's extremely

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00:52:38,870 --> 00:52:35,700
important it's not all we have but it's

1233
00:52:40,790 --> 00:52:38,880
it's extremely important in fact

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00:52:43,309 --> 00:52:40,800
um my friend Jeff greipel at Rice

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00:52:46,190 --> 00:52:43,319
University who I love and who has been a

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00:52:48,530 --> 00:52:46,200
mentor to me has criticized me and quite

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00:52:50,990 --> 00:52:48,540
rightly for being excessively attached

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00:52:53,630 --> 00:52:51,000

to the laboratory model when it comes to

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00:52:56,930 --> 00:52:53,640

ESP and Clairvoyance and telepathy and

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00:52:59,210 --> 00:52:56,940

such for whatever reasons I gravitate

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00:53:02,990 --> 00:52:59,220

towards the laboratory model that may be

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00:53:05,510 --> 00:53:03,000

because I deeply admire

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00:53:08,210 --> 00:53:05,520

um a man named JB Ryan who was the

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00:53:10,730 --> 00:53:08,220

founder of parapsychology as an academic

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00:53:14,630 --> 00:53:10,740

science here in the United States

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00:53:16,250 --> 00:53:14,640

a JB is an intellectual hero to me uh JB

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00:53:18,470 --> 00:53:16,260

was very attached to the laboratory

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00:53:21,049 --> 00:53:18,480

model it may be that my affections for

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00:53:24,890 --> 00:53:21,059

him are such that I have gotten into

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00:53:27,589 --> 00:53:24,900

that Groove and Jeff argues that if you

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00:53:30,530 --> 00:53:27,599
want the ESP effect to go away the best

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00:53:32,950 --> 00:53:30,540
place to go is in the linoleum tile

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00:53:35,990 --> 00:53:32,960
white coat lab

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00:53:39,650 --> 00:53:36,000
with electrodes and so on and so forth

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00:53:41,150 --> 00:53:39,660
and tedium setting in and repetition and

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00:53:44,750 --> 00:53:41,160
they said you know it's like going to

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00:53:46,430 --> 00:53:44,760
the North Pole to look for zebras now of

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00:53:48,170 --> 00:53:46,440
course we do have evidence that comes

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00:53:49,690 --> 00:53:48,180
from the laboratory model but he feels

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00:53:52,849 --> 00:53:49,700
that better evidence comes from

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00:53:54,890 --> 00:53:52,859
testimony more steady more reliable more

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00:53:56,690 --> 00:53:54,900
remarkable evidence comes from testimony

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00:53:59,230 --> 00:53:56,700

so

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00:54:01,790 --> 00:53:59,240

I write about this in Daydream Believer

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00:54:04,490 --> 00:54:01,800

I may be

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00:54:06,410 --> 00:54:04,500

well Jeff believes that we have reached

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00:54:09,290 --> 00:54:06,420

the limits of what we can discover about

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00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:09,300

ESP in a lab setting I'm not sure that's

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00:54:15,470 --> 00:54:12,240

the case but I recognize his criticisms

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00:54:17,930 --> 00:54:15,480

that I and others are so attached to

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00:54:19,609 --> 00:54:17,940

that model that maybe that's one of the

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00:54:22,010 --> 00:54:19,619

reasons why the ball never seems to move

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00:54:24,290 --> 00:54:22,020

down the field yeah so at least in

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00:54:28,970 --> 00:54:24,300

admitting Tito and confirmation bias as

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00:54:30,109 --> 00:54:28,980

you said before we try we try yeah I

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00:54:32,030 --> 00:54:30,119

want to get to some lesson our questions

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00:54:33,589 --> 00:54:32,040

before we finish up but just before we

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00:54:35,329 --> 00:54:33,599

do and obviously we've mentioned that

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00:54:37,549 --> 00:54:35,339

Julian bonds New York Times article

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00:54:38,990 --> 00:54:37,559

you've spoken about the article that

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00:54:41,450 --> 00:54:39,000

occurred in the New York Times in

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00:54:43,670 --> 00:54:41,460

December 2017 that Leslie Ralph and

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00:54:45,770 --> 00:54:43,680

Helene wrote that opened a Floodgate to

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00:54:47,450 --> 00:54:45,780

the mainstream media and I think it

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00:54:49,430 --> 00:54:47,460

knocked open a door that never quite

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00:54:52,250 --> 00:54:49,440

closed which is great and it's allowed

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00:54:54,470 --> 00:54:52,260

the UFO UFO conversation to manifest in

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00:54:56,210 --> 00:54:54,480

a more serious way and it's made its way

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00:54:58,970 --> 00:54:56,220

through science and Academia people like

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00:55:01,730 --> 00:54:58,980

Avi lueb at Harvard being involved in

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00:55:04,970 --> 00:55:01,740

getting serious funding NASA now being

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00:55:06,829 --> 00:55:04,980

of the UAP task force publishing reports

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00:55:09,530 --> 00:55:06,839

albeit as we record this it's still

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00:55:11,089 --> 00:55:09,540

delayed from the 31st of October you've

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00:55:13,190 --> 00:55:11,099

mentioned that these moments don't occur

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00:55:16,010 --> 00:55:13,200

in isolation and that they tend to have

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00:55:18,470 --> 00:55:16,020

follow-on events as well and I wonder

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00:55:20,510 --> 00:55:18,480

what do you think are based on your

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00:55:22,670 --> 00:55:20,520

other research in other areas where do

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00:55:25,430 --> 00:55:22,680

you see the conversation with UFOs going

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00:55:27,650 --> 00:55:25,440

in the mainstream this time is there any

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00:55:30,170 --> 00:55:27,660

precedent for what you think may happen

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00:55:31,549 --> 00:55:30,180

or could happen in the coming months and

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00:55:33,890 --> 00:55:31,559

years

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00:55:35,390 --> 00:55:33,900

wow that's a good question

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00:55:39,349 --> 00:55:35,400

um

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00:55:41,870 --> 00:55:39,359

first of all a lot of our efforts to

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00:55:44,089 --> 00:55:41,880

gain knowledge are tied to funding

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00:55:47,329 --> 00:55:44,099

people have to be able to fund these

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00:55:50,630 --> 00:55:47,339

things uh we have the catastrophic loss

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00:55:53,450 --> 00:55:50,640

of the Arecibo telescope system in

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00:55:55,250 --> 00:55:53,460

Puerto Rico uh a couple of years ago

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00:55:56,630 --> 00:55:55,260

where it collapsed I was fortunate

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00:55:58,849 --> 00:55:56,640

enough to visit it just about a year

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00:56:00,710 --> 00:55:58,859

before the collapse

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00:56:02,750 --> 00:56:00,720

um there's money to rebuild it there's

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00:56:06,589 --> 00:56:02,760

not money to maintain it it's a terrible

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00:56:09,710 --> 00:56:06,599

situation unfortunately it's a loss and

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00:56:12,230 --> 00:56:09,720

the the the funding situation for ESP

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00:56:15,109 --> 00:56:12,240

research has been really tough over the

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00:56:18,650 --> 00:56:15,119

past 30 40 years or so partly

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00:56:20,270 --> 00:56:18,660

as a marker of the success of the

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professional Skeptics movement they've

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00:56:25,190 --> 00:56:22,980

they've helped uh kind of paint ESP

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00:56:26,569 --> 00:56:25,200

research with a Scarlet Letter so that

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00:56:28,069 --> 00:56:26,579

people are afraid to perform it they're

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00:56:30,589 --> 00:56:28,079

afraid to fund it they're afraid to

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00:56:34,250 --> 00:56:30,599

write about it I'm not an academic so I

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00:56:35,630 --> 00:56:34,260

don't face those same problems precisely

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00:56:38,329 --> 00:56:35,640

um

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funding needs to be there whether it

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00:56:43,609 --> 00:56:40,619

comes from institutions whether it comes

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00:56:45,410 --> 00:56:43,619

from individuals hopefully the

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00:56:48,349 --> 00:56:45,420

mainstreaming of some of these questions

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00:56:51,530 --> 00:56:48,359

will loosen up the funding atmosphere

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00:56:53,930 --> 00:56:51,540

it's asking so much of a researcher to

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00:56:56,750 --> 00:56:53,940

write Grant proposals and to do his or

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00:56:59,870 --> 00:56:56,760

her research whereas they're both entire

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00:57:04,549 --> 00:56:59,880

careers in and of themselves

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00:57:09,230 --> 00:57:07,190

I couldn't Venture you know honestly I I

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00:57:12,470 --> 00:57:09,240

couldn't Venture I'd be engaged in pure

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speculation Whitley for his part and and

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I'm referencing the conversation he and

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00:57:19,730 --> 00:57:17,880

I just had before you and I got together

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00:57:21,589 --> 00:57:19,740

he believes that we're going to go

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00:57:24,049 --> 00:57:21,599

backwards he believes that the counter

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00:57:26,089 --> 00:57:24,059

voices are going to come in and and and

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00:57:28,069 --> 00:57:26,099

we're going to see more articles like

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00:57:29,890 --> 00:57:28,079

the Barnes one and and we're just going

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00:57:34,190 --> 00:57:29,900

to take a step backwards

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00:57:36,890 --> 00:57:34,200
and that's certainly true I I don't have

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00:57:37,910 --> 00:57:36,900
very much faith in human nature

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00:57:42,049 --> 00:57:37,920
um

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00:57:46,309 --> 00:57:42,059
but the cultural rollback might not be

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00:57:48,049 --> 00:57:46,319
as Extreme as all that because it seems

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00:57:50,450 --> 00:57:48,059
to me that

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00:57:53,150 --> 00:57:50,460
public belief in something is not a

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00:57:55,730 --> 00:57:53,160
valid measure of Truth the the public on

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00:57:57,290 --> 00:57:55,740
mass has believed horrible things over

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00:58:01,010 --> 00:57:57,300
the course of Millennia and will

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00:58:04,250 --> 00:58:01,020
continue to nonetheless nonetheless the

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00:58:07,609 --> 00:58:04,260
ability of the public to sustain books

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00:58:11,630 --> 00:58:07,619

funding podcasts like this one research

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it does make a difference now six months

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ago I was not really involved in the UFO

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00:58:19,849 --> 00:58:17,700

question but I was invited to the

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00:58:22,069 --> 00:58:19,859

anomalous experiences conference I'm

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00:58:25,250 --> 00:58:22,079

grateful for that invitation I had been

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00:58:28,370 --> 00:58:25,260

thinking heavily about UFOs ever since

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00:58:30,290 --> 00:58:28,380

the 2017 coverage that you referenced

1371

00:58:32,930 --> 00:58:30,300

started thinking about it again because

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00:58:35,569 --> 00:58:32,940

in the summer of 2019 the Guggenheim

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00:58:37,430 --> 00:58:35,579

Museum here in New York City held a

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00:58:39,470 --> 00:58:37,440

standing room only panel discussion on

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00:58:42,410 --> 00:58:39,480

the UFO question and it was it was a

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00:58:44,270 --> 00:58:42,420
moment it was really a moment and it was

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00:58:47,630 --> 00:58:44,280
a panel discussion of very very high

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00:58:49,609 --> 00:58:47,640
quality and at that time I started

1379
00:58:51,530 --> 00:58:49,619
thinking about these things more fully

1380
00:58:54,230 --> 00:58:51,540
in connection with my own work and so I

1381
00:58:55,730 --> 00:58:54,240
become kind of an in-law to the UFO

1382
00:58:57,770 --> 00:58:55,740
Community you know I'm the guy who

1383
00:59:02,089 --> 00:58:57,780
visits for Christmas or Thanksgiving

1384
00:59:03,890 --> 00:59:02,099
depending where you live and um and so

1385
00:59:05,510 --> 00:59:03,900
there's a change you know there's a

1386
00:59:08,270 --> 00:59:05,520
change in my own life

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00:59:10,309 --> 00:59:08,280
um six months ago you and I might not

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00:59:12,049 --> 00:59:10,319

have even known one another uh but but

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00:59:13,789 --> 00:59:12,059

now we know one another and we can

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00:59:14,870 --> 00:59:13,799

compare notes and we can talk about this

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00:59:17,809 --> 00:59:14,880

so

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00:59:20,210 --> 00:59:17,819

I have to believe that culturally

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00:59:22,130 --> 00:59:20,220

culturally this opening is gonna is

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00:59:24,289 --> 00:59:22,140

gonna sustain itself and it's going to

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00:59:26,329 --> 00:59:24,299

grow I know sometimes during

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00:59:28,849 --> 00:59:26,339

Thanksgiving as you see or Christmas or

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00:59:31,370 --> 00:59:28,859

other holidays the in-laws can be a good

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00:59:32,930 --> 00:59:31,380

and a bad thing can't if Julius if

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00:59:34,250 --> 00:59:32,940

Julian Barnes is the uncle you don't

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00:59:36,289 --> 00:59:34,260

want to turn up I think you're the uncle

1401

00:59:37,549 --> 00:59:36,299

that you do want to turn off I hope I'll

1402

00:59:39,829 --> 00:59:37,559

be judged the in law that people look

1403

00:59:41,329 --> 00:59:39,839

forward to seeing you know yes yeah you

1404

00:59:45,490 --> 00:59:41,339

bring the cool presence and give her the

1405

00:59:47,390 --> 00:59:45,500

beers that's it exactly I bring liquor

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00:59:49,010 --> 00:59:47,400

let's get to some lesson our questions

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00:59:50,450 --> 00:59:49,020

to finish up and these jump all over

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00:59:52,849 --> 00:59:50,460

which is great

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00:59:54,109 --> 00:59:52,859

um first up from Stacy Stacy Says there

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00:59:56,210 --> 00:59:54,119

seems to be a lot of similar

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00:59:58,490 --> 00:59:56,220

similarities between modern encounters

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01:00:01,549 --> 00:59:58,500

with aliens and folkloric encounters

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01:00:03,170 --> 01:00:01,559

with ghosts bedroom visitations chills

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01:00:05,210 --> 01:00:03,180

vibrations The Hitchhiker can affect

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01:00:07,069 --> 01:00:05,220

what is your opinion regarding the

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01:00:08,930 --> 01:00:07,079

similarities and differences between

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01:00:11,809 --> 01:00:08,940

ghosts and aliens do you think there

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01:00:14,990 --> 01:00:11,819

could be one and the same phenomenon yes

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01:00:16,609 --> 01:00:15,000

I do I absolutely do you know we need to

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01:00:18,530 --> 01:00:16,619

put labels on things in order to

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01:00:22,329 --> 01:00:18,540

communicate with one another so somebody

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01:00:26,210 --> 01:00:22,339

might say ghost visitor Poltergeist

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01:00:30,230 --> 01:00:26,220

alien encrypted unknown entity Spirit

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01:00:31,849 --> 01:00:30,240

angel demon you name it we are trying to

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01:00:33,650 --> 01:00:31,859

describe the unknown we're on a key

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01:00:36,109 --> 01:00:33,660

we're on our knees peeking through a

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01:00:37,609 --> 01:00:36,119

keyhole and and and and putting a name

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01:00:40,190 --> 01:00:37,619

on what we see and there's nothing wrong

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01:00:43,069 --> 01:00:40,200

with that we need to describe this

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01:00:46,309 --> 01:00:43,079

phenomena in such a way that it bets our

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01:00:48,650 --> 01:00:46,319

ability to have an exchange uh but yes I

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01:00:51,650 --> 01:00:48,660

would say it's absolutely possible and

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01:00:54,470 --> 01:00:51,660

back in my publishing days before I uh

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01:00:56,870 --> 01:00:54,480

wrote and delivered lectures and

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01:00:58,670 --> 01:00:56,880

presentations full time as I have for

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01:01:00,410 --> 01:00:58,680

some years now

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01:01:02,809 --> 01:01:00,420

um I was a publisher for many many years

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01:01:05,329 --> 01:01:02,819

and I published a book by uh Jacques

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01:01:08,870 --> 01:01:05,339

valet which was called wonders in the

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01:01:11,530 --> 01:01:08,880

sky which was a comparison of ancient

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01:01:15,049 --> 01:01:11,540

and contemporary

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01:01:17,870 --> 01:01:15,059

UFO accounts uh to put that term on it

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01:01:20,630 --> 01:01:17,880

but you could and to some degree within

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01:01:22,210 --> 01:01:20,640

the folds of that book will be found you

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01:01:25,370 --> 01:01:22,220

could create a comparative record

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01:01:28,910 --> 01:01:25,380

between so-called Ghost Encounters and

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01:01:31,490 --> 01:01:28,920

visitor encounters and and and find deep

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01:01:34,730 --> 01:01:31,500

points of correlation so I think that

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01:01:36,829 --> 01:01:34,740

that discussion is very important

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01:01:38,870 --> 01:01:36,839

uh following on from that a really good

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01:01:40,430 --> 01:01:38,880

question from Newman and Newman gives a

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01:01:42,049 --> 01:01:40,440

lot about context with has as well and

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01:01:44,690 --> 01:01:42,059

they always make sense so I'll read that

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01:01:47,630 --> 01:01:44,700

out to why do you think higher beings

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01:01:49,549 --> 01:01:47,640

seem to follow overly strange protocols

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01:01:52,370 --> 01:01:49,559

when they communicate with us and for

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01:01:54,410 --> 01:01:52,380

example uh presenting themselves with

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01:01:56,270 --> 01:01:54,420

strange avatars such as hooded beings

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01:01:58,370 --> 01:01:56,280

Jim semivan and Whitley strieber have

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01:02:00,410 --> 01:01:58,380

both said as such or as a woman of

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01:02:02,990 --> 01:02:00,420

Marian appearance like the lady in the

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01:02:05,210 --> 01:02:03,000

bledso case or requiring people to

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01:02:08,270 --> 01:02:05,220

perform special kinds of rituals like

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01:02:10,370 --> 01:02:08,280

Seance meditation or ce5

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01:02:12,770 --> 01:02:10,380

are these protocols rather to be

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01:02:15,470 --> 01:02:12,780

understood as having an intent to change

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01:02:17,390 --> 01:02:15,480

the behavior of the contactee rather

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01:02:18,950 --> 01:02:17,400

than being a mere technical means to

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01:02:20,750 --> 01:02:18,960

initiate contact

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01:02:22,849 --> 01:02:20,760

that's a wonderful question and there's

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01:02:24,770 --> 01:02:22,859

so much to unpack there

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01:02:26,630 --> 01:02:24,780

um what I would say is that first of all

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01:02:28,849 --> 01:02:26,640

I think another of the possibilities

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01:02:33,410 --> 01:02:28,859

that we are facing at this cultural

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01:02:37,190 --> 01:02:33,420

moment is that we may require less and

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01:02:41,630 --> 01:02:37,200

less of the ritual so to speak in order

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01:02:43,789 --> 01:02:41,640

to document these experiences the very

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01:02:45,710 --> 01:02:43,799

belief in the possibility of something

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01:02:50,569 --> 01:02:45,720

seems to

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01:02:53,329 --> 01:02:50,579

open up an onrush of similar and related

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01:02:54,650 --> 01:02:53,339

experiences now of course if you're

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01:02:56,690 --> 01:02:54,660

looking at it from a strictly

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01:02:58,609 --> 01:02:56,700

materialist social science perspective

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01:03:01,549 --> 01:02:58,619

you would say oh well see it's just the

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01:03:03,170 --> 01:03:01,559

power of suggestion or what have you

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01:03:04,849 --> 01:03:03,180

um although in other context when I

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01:03:06,710 --> 01:03:04,859

write about the power of suggestion as I

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01:03:09,289 --> 01:03:06,720

often do my critics say there's no such

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01:03:11,589 --> 01:03:09,299

thing but it always comes into play when

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01:03:15,470 --> 01:03:11,599

it's a useful excuse to explain away

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01:03:17,990 --> 01:03:15,480

metaphysical or paranormal phenomena so

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01:03:21,289 --> 01:03:18,000

it must be granted that that that's the

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01:03:23,089 --> 01:03:21,299

counter but regardless it's fascinating

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01:03:26,510 --> 01:03:23,099

the manner in which ideas and

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01:03:28,849 --> 01:03:26,520

experiences go viral so to speak Kenneth

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01:03:31,970 --> 01:03:28,859

Arnold's cites something in Washington

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01:03:34,430 --> 01:03:31,980

state in 1947 and suddenly the same

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01:03:37,309 --> 01:03:34,440

thing is going on in Los Angeles

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01:03:38,569 --> 01:03:37,319

Washington DC New York City and so forth

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01:03:40,609 --> 01:03:38,579

and so on

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01:03:42,289 --> 01:03:40,619

um and maybe because it's just

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01:03:44,210 --> 01:03:42,299

empirically occurring at that moment

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01:03:45,950 --> 01:03:44,220

which is something that many journalists

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01:03:47,930 --> 01:03:45,960

just prime a face you want to take off

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01:03:50,870 --> 01:03:47,940

the table but the fact is that's

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01:03:53,150 --> 01:03:50,880

empiricism uh you can arrive at your

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01:03:56,150 --> 01:03:53,160

sociological theories as to why ideas go

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01:03:59,210 --> 01:03:56,160

viral but the fact is uh they do and

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01:04:01,849 --> 01:03:59,220

they could be due to events plain and

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01:04:03,710 --> 01:04:01,859

simple it seems to me that the belief in

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01:04:06,829 --> 01:04:03,720

the possibility of something

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01:04:09,410 --> 01:04:06,839

at bets the actual occurrence this has

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01:04:11,630 --> 01:04:09,420

been observed in ESP phenomena this has

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01:04:13,970 --> 01:04:11,640

been observed across the field of

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01:04:16,010 --> 01:04:13,980

placebo studies if it were not for

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01:04:17,930 --> 01:04:16,020

hopeful expectancy which is to say

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01:04:21,770 --> 01:04:17,940

belief there would be no Placebo

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01:04:24,109 --> 01:04:21,780

response at all and so the very fact

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01:04:27,770 --> 01:04:24,119

that we as a human Community are opening

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01:04:31,190 --> 01:04:27,780

up to these ideas might mean that ritual

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01:04:33,470 --> 01:04:31,200

becomes less and less necessary ritual

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01:04:36,650 --> 01:04:33,480

could be attached to just the cultural

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01:04:38,690 --> 01:04:36,660

reference points that an individual has

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01:04:41,450 --> 01:04:38,700

you know something suits people in a

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01:04:43,609 --> 01:04:41,460

certain time place culture and it's

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01:04:46,490 --> 01:04:43,619

necessary in order to make sense of

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01:04:49,130 --> 01:04:46,500

something it's necessary in order to see

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01:04:50,109 --> 01:04:49,140

or experience something it has to reach

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01:04:53,750 --> 01:04:50,119

us

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01:04:57,109 --> 01:04:53,760

enfolded within the cultural

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01:05:00,470 --> 01:04:57,119

reference points that we know it's

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01:05:02,510 --> 01:05:00,480

possible that right now we are requiring

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01:05:04,309 --> 01:05:02,520

a fewer and fewer such cultural

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01:05:07,430 --> 01:05:04,319

reference points

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01:05:09,710 --> 01:05:07,440

question from Tree of Life asks as a

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01:05:12,289 --> 01:05:09,720

willingness or urge to believe in the

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01:05:16,849 --> 01:05:12,299

Unseen religion spirituality other life

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01:05:23,510 --> 01:05:20,170

I would say yes to that question because

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01:05:27,170 --> 01:05:23,520

we find across

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01:05:31,010 --> 01:05:27,180

the entire human story going back to

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01:05:34,730 --> 01:05:31,020

deepest Antiquity across every culture

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01:05:38,329 --> 01:05:34,740

from Polynesia to Siberia

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01:05:41,210 --> 01:05:38,339

a record of similar experiences for

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01:05:44,150 --> 01:05:41,220

example identifying and personifying

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01:05:47,390 --> 01:05:44,160

certain energies in nature calling these

1546

01:05:50,109 --> 01:05:47,400

things gods or deities or Messengers or

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01:05:53,690 --> 01:05:50,119

what have you seeking petitionary

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01:05:55,990 --> 01:05:53,700

relationships seeking to enter into some

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01:05:59,210 --> 01:05:56,000

kind of communion with these

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01:06:01,849 --> 01:05:59,220

personified energies that's just one of

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01:06:05,450 --> 01:06:01,859

many many such examples that dot the

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01:06:08,630 --> 01:06:05,460

human story across time culture

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01:06:12,530 --> 01:06:08,640

geography language custom and when you

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01:06:15,950 --> 01:06:12,540

start to see these common practices that

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01:06:17,990 --> 01:06:15,960

cut across the whole human story I do

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01:06:20,510 --> 01:06:18,000

think that that's a scent trail of some

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01:06:22,789 --> 01:06:20,520

kind of universal truth uh it's

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01:06:25,490 --> 01:06:22,799

remarkable to me when you find parallel

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01:06:28,549 --> 01:06:25,500

insights among cultures both

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01:06:31,130 --> 01:06:28,559

contemporary and ancient that had no

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01:06:34,190 --> 01:06:31,140

other commonality whatsoever and yet

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01:06:37,490 --> 01:06:34,200

they have certain parallel insights for

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01:06:40,069 --> 01:06:37,500

example identifying a snake or a serpent

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01:06:46,609 --> 01:06:40,079

as a

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01:06:48,770 --> 01:06:46,619

symbol of wisdom of Awakening of higher

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01:06:51,470 --> 01:06:48,780

knowledge you find that among the Maya

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01:06:55,309 --> 01:06:51,480

you find that among the Hebrews you find

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01:06:57,589 --> 01:06:55,319

that uh in the South Pacific uh you find

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01:07:00,410 --> 01:06:57,599

that in different parts of uh Asia East

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01:07:02,510 --> 01:07:00,420

Asia it's extraordinary

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01:07:05,450 --> 01:07:02,520

um one can't bypass these things it goes

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01:07:06,950 --> 01:07:05,460

back to testimony and effect testimony

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01:07:09,109 --> 01:07:06,960

becoming a record

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01:07:11,150 --> 01:07:09,119

I'll give a little shout out to Dan who

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01:07:13,250 --> 01:07:11,160

I think you met at the conference in New

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01:07:15,109 --> 01:07:13,260

York in November

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01:07:17,089 --> 01:07:15,119

um Dan comes on the podcast and provides

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01:07:19,069 --> 01:07:17,099

analysis and critique on various parts

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01:07:20,930 --> 01:07:19,079

of the UFO subject he got a tattoo today

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01:07:22,130 --> 01:07:20,940

which is a serpent and he's going to get

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01:07:24,770 --> 01:07:22,140

it filled and as he goes around his

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01:07:26,690 --> 01:07:24,780

travels which are kind of sweet I've got

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01:07:30,289 --> 01:07:26,700

a serpent somewhere here oh here where

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01:07:32,089 --> 01:07:30,299

is he where is you know I forget I get

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01:07:34,069 --> 01:07:32,099

tattooed oh yeah here we go I got the

1586

01:07:35,150 --> 01:07:34,079

Aruba Rose over here if you're not the

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01:07:36,829 --> 01:07:35,160

conference if you're going to the

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01:07:38,510 --> 01:07:36,839

conference on the 3rd of December Dan's

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01:07:40,670 --> 01:07:38,520

traveling back over for that one too in

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01:07:41,750 --> 01:07:40,680

New York so if anyone in the listing is

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01:07:43,730 --> 01:07:41,760

going to it I know a few listeners

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01:07:45,770 --> 01:07:43,740

bought tickets in the last few days

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01:07:47,270 --> 01:07:45,780

um I can't wait I'll be there I won't be

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01:07:49,010 --> 01:07:47,280

speaking I spoke at the previous one

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01:07:52,010 --> 01:07:49,020

I'll be there with my partner Jacqueline

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01:07:54,230 --> 01:07:52,020

Castel at this conference Leslie will be

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01:07:56,089 --> 01:07:54,240

there Whitley will be there Jeff

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01:07:57,890 --> 01:07:56,099

will be there many others it's just

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01:07:59,990 --> 01:07:57,900

going to be the Winston Christopher

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01:08:02,150 --> 01:08:00,000

melon is going to be that which yeah is

1601
01:08:03,109 --> 01:08:02,160
that this is not to be missed absolutely

1602
01:08:04,849 --> 01:08:03,119
not

1603
01:08:07,609 --> 01:08:04,859
um last two questions first up from

1604
01:08:10,309 --> 01:08:07,619
Barry Barry asks if you believe the

1605
01:08:12,049 --> 01:08:10,319
entity known as lamb has manifested more

1606
01:08:14,150 --> 01:08:12,059
than once other than for Alistar

1607
01:08:16,970 --> 01:08:14,160
Crowley's Conjuring this is when I had

1608
01:08:19,309 --> 01:08:16,980
to go and look up myself I love that

1609
01:08:23,090 --> 01:08:19,319
question and I saw it on social media

1610
01:08:27,110 --> 01:08:23,100
and thank you Barry uh Crowley the Great

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01:08:30,229 --> 01:08:27,120
British uh artist magician occultist uh

1612
01:08:34,910 --> 01:08:30,239
record supported being in contact with a

1613
01:08:37,550 --> 01:08:34,920

phenomenal being called lamb I-a-m and I

1614

01:08:39,169 --> 01:08:37,560

guess this was in the 19 and and forgive

1615

01:08:42,669 --> 01:08:39,179

me if anybody if I'm getting the date

1616

01:08:46,669 --> 01:08:42,679

wrong but I think it was in the 1930s

1617

01:08:52,430 --> 01:08:46,679

he sketched a very Vivid haunting

1618

01:08:56,390 --> 01:08:52,440

portrait of lamb this otherworldly

1619

01:08:58,390 --> 01:08:56,400

phenomenal entity with whom he was in

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01:09:01,610 --> 01:08:58,400

contact for a Time

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01:09:03,829 --> 01:09:01,620

and you'd just be astonished to look at

1622

01:09:06,289 --> 01:09:03,839

this drawing and say my God that's the

1623

01:09:10,370 --> 01:09:06,299

cover of Whitley strieber's communion it

1624

01:09:12,769 --> 01:09:10,380

is the image itself of the Grays uh the

1625

01:09:14,289 --> 01:09:12,779

visitors as described in Whitley's work

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01:09:18,169 --> 01:09:14,299

and other work

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01:09:21,050 --> 01:09:18,179

uh a generation plus uh before such an

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01:09:23,090 --> 01:09:21,060

image was popularized and if that

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01:09:25,010 --> 01:09:23,100

doesn't stop a person cold in his or her

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01:09:27,709 --> 01:09:25,020

tracks nothing will it's very

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01:09:29,510 --> 01:09:27,719

interesting I do have to add

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01:09:31,729 --> 01:09:29,520

um I was speaking to Dan about this

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01:09:34,669 --> 01:09:31,739

before and he mentioned that there has

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01:09:37,010 --> 01:09:34,679

some who would say that Crowley or

1635

01:09:39,590 --> 01:09:37,020

Crowley was actually manifesting himself

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01:09:41,209 --> 01:09:39,600

and it was the version of he himself he

1637

01:09:44,090 --> 01:09:41,219

saw in the mirror well he was under

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01:09:46,729 --> 01:09:44,100

various gateway drugs psychedelics for

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01:09:48,289 --> 01:09:46,739

for the the technique he was trying to

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01:09:50,150 --> 01:09:48,299

use so there's always that possibility

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01:09:51,890 --> 01:09:50,160

and it's always fair to when I'm talking

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01:09:52,970 --> 01:09:51,900

about both sides of the fence yeah if

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01:09:54,709 --> 01:09:52,980

that's something you've got real

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01:09:57,709 --> 01:09:54,719

interest and I've got to mention that so

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01:10:00,770 --> 01:09:57,719

oh it's a very fair possibility

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01:10:03,229 --> 01:10:00,780

um though still so extraordinary that he

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01:10:06,050 --> 01:10:03,239

would construct an image emerging from

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01:10:08,709 --> 01:10:06,060

his own subconscious that matched the

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01:10:12,350 --> 01:10:08,719

image that was encountered by a man

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01:10:14,630 --> 01:10:12,360

generation later plus as well as others

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01:10:17,030 --> 01:10:14,640
so you know one time the poet James

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01:10:18,470 --> 01:10:17,040
Merrill who used a Ouija board was asked

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01:10:19,610 --> 01:10:18,480
well look you know what if all this

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01:10:21,890 --> 01:10:19,620
stuff that you're encountering through

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01:10:23,689 --> 01:10:21,900
the Ouija board is just from your own

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01:10:25,850 --> 01:10:23,699
subconscious and he said look it could

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01:10:28,490 --> 01:10:25,860
be but if that's the case how

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01:10:30,530 --> 01:10:28,500
extraordinary do the mediums become

1659
01:10:32,570 --> 01:10:30,540
and I'm going to finish off with a

1660
01:10:34,729 --> 01:10:32,580
question from Jeff and I'm going to live

1661
01:10:36,229 --> 01:10:34,739
paraphrase and edit this as I see it

1662
01:10:38,450 --> 01:10:36,239
because Jeff gave me a lot of context

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01:10:41,390 --> 01:10:38,460

and funny you mentioned Wikipedia

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01:10:43,790 --> 01:10:41,400

earlier and this talks about uh the the

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01:10:45,830 --> 01:10:43,800

group gorilla skepticism on Wikipedia

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01:10:47,750 --> 01:10:45,840

who are an organized group who distort

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01:10:50,990 --> 01:10:47,760

the world's understanding as Jeff says

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01:10:53,390 --> 01:10:51,000

including uh the UFOs and alternative

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01:10:55,610 --> 01:10:53,400

medicine crop circles dowsing mediums

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01:10:57,169 --> 01:10:55,620

remote viewing and such

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01:10:58,970 --> 01:10:57,179

um does Mitch see any hope that this

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01:11:00,830 --> 01:10:58,980

pernicious influence can be turned

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01:11:03,110 --> 01:11:00,840

around given that Wikipedia is the

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01:11:05,689 --> 01:11:03,120

world's go-to place to make a first

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01:11:07,610 --> 01:11:05,699

inquiry about some new topic and is

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01:11:10,490 --> 01:11:07,620

there anything individuals can do about

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01:11:12,169 --> 01:11:10,500

this to started coverage in Wikipedia of

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01:11:13,930 --> 01:11:12,179

any topic that's not endorsed by

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01:11:16,790 --> 01:11:13,940

mainstream science

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01:11:19,550 --> 01:11:16,800

that's a a wonderful question that's

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01:11:25,970 --> 01:11:19,560

well framed that's well put

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01:11:31,010 --> 01:11:28,010

is

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01:11:31,669 --> 01:11:31,020

as I alluded earlier

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01:11:33,350 --> 01:11:31,679

um

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01:11:36,290 --> 01:11:33,360

understaffed

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01:11:41,810 --> 01:11:36,300

uh lacking in appropriate editorial

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supervision and that group is uh so

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activist oriented uh so large so

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01:11:53,649 --> 01:11:51,060

energetic so well organized and I would

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01:11:57,910 --> 01:11:53,659

say so

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01:12:03,830 --> 01:11:57,920

corrupt in a single-minded polemical

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dedication to dispelling diffuse topics

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uh of which its members have only the

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most cursory understanding that no

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01:12:18,169 --> 01:12:15,620

change will occur uh within the ordinary

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01:12:21,530 --> 01:12:18,179

functioning of crowdsourcing that

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01:12:24,229 --> 01:12:21,540

prevails on Wikipedia the only change

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that will occur will have to emerge from

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01:12:32,709 --> 01:12:28,500

within Wikipedia itself if there is an

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editor who makes the determination that

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01:12:37,310 --> 01:12:36,060

one group waging a kind of activist

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01:12:40,729 --> 01:12:37,320

campaign

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ought not be able to write reference

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history I'll give you a funny example I

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gave a talk in January of 2022 on ESP at

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01:12:58,370 --> 01:12:54,239

a conference in Miami and in that talk I

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01:13:01,130 --> 01:12:58,380

mentioned that as of this presentation a

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series of experiments within UF within

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01:13:05,570 --> 01:13:03,360

ESP research called the gansfeld

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01:13:08,209 --> 01:13:05,580

experiments a very highly respected

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01:13:10,790 --> 01:13:08,219

series of experiments that went on in

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01:13:14,570 --> 01:13:10,800

the 70s and 80s testing for mental

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01:13:17,870 --> 01:13:14,580

telepathy are described on Wikipedia as

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01:13:20,270 --> 01:13:17,880

pseudoscience without sourcing and I

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01:13:22,370 --> 01:13:20,280

said if if if if after all the evidence

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I've provided that can be described as

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01:13:26,990 --> 01:13:24,540

pseudoscience then that term itself has

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01:13:29,330 --> 01:13:27,000

lost all meaning well lo and behold if

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01:13:31,370 --> 01:13:29,340

you go upon if you go on Wikipedia right

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01:13:34,189 --> 01:13:31,380

now go to the gansfeld experiments

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01:13:36,770 --> 01:13:34,199

article again this is crowdsourcing so I

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have to say as of this presentation it

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may change by the time you know we're

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01:13:44,510 --> 01:13:41,060

done with this podcast

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01:13:48,590 --> 01:13:44,520

but as of this presentation

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01:13:50,689 --> 01:13:48,600

uh you'll find some four or five odd uh

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reference notes suddenly magically

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appended to the reference that I called

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out the notes all go to sources uh

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magazines books articles published by

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um a arch skeptical a professionally

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skeptical press called Prometheus books

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in the town of Buffalo New York which

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has been around for a long time and

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their basic mission is to publish works

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of polemical skepticism so it would be

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as if you were writing an article and

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all your reference notes went back to

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one widely known partisan Source or the

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output of that Source sometimes in the

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form of an article a pamphlet a magazine

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an online piece a book what have you but

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they all go back to these sources and I

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would venture that the at least the

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plurality of sources uh that seek to

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render skeptical arguments in opposition

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01:14:46,970 --> 01:14:44,040

to many of these widely diffused topics

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01:14:50,390 --> 01:14:46,980

or our reference to Prometheus or the

1749

01:14:53,930 --> 01:14:50,400

output from Prometheus so for example if

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01:14:56,149 --> 01:14:53,940

an ethical editor at Wikipedia were to

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01:14:58,669 --> 01:14:56,159

stroke his or her chin and say well yeah

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that is the case I think we're going to

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have to start to you know look at some

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of these articles identify you know some

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of the kind of repeat players who are

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revising these things identify the

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sources it would be a very time

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consuming exercise and not an easy

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exercise but that kind of editorial

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supervision is the only thing I can see

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in the short term that is going to help

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fix this problem which is why by the way

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it behooves those of us in the seeking

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Community to speak very clearly maturely

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and intelligently about this problem

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because we're not going to win any

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friends uh among the gorilla Skeptics

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they have their mission and they are

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going to continue at it in a very

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one-track fashion but whether there are

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supervisors

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editors intellects at Wikipedia and it's

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very opaque uh but whether there are

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um they might hear this and and and and

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elect to

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um to bring greater scrutiny and

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supervision some of these articles as it

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currently stands I don't contribute to

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Wikipedia at all it's a waste of time

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because the crowdsourcing model is just

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too heavily uh bent against us there's

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just only so many hours in a day and

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um some of these people seem to have

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Limitless amounts of time to spend on

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this

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well match whether it's your hypnotic

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background or your eloquency in speaking

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it's been fascinating listen to you

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thank you um your latest book on certain

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places is available to pre-order now you

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mentioned it is released on November 8th

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in print digital and audiobook form

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which is becoming increasingly popular I

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would encourage folks to go please and

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check that one out where would be the

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best place for them to pick that up

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oh they could pick it up anywhere they

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01:16:49,850 --> 01:16:46,620

buy books whether it's Amazon or

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anyplace else uh to stay up to date with

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me I'm on Twitter at Mitch Horowitz I'm

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on Instagram at midraro it's 23. I have

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a website Mitch horowitz.com which I

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quite love but I'm I'm I'm very tardy

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and updating the things so if you want

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01:17:07,010 --> 01:17:04,980
to stay up to date about appearances and

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01:17:09,290 --> 01:17:07,020
things of that nature social media right

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now is the best way to go and all of

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those links will be in the description

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for this podcast as well so Mitch thank

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you very much for joining me and I hope

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in the future for sure really enjoyed it

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thank you that is all for this week's

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show thank you very much for listening

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looking up you never know what you might

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